



Upcoming Events:

- January 23 Martin Luther King Day
- African-American History Month
- February 1 Choir Practice
- February 4 Heart and Hands, 11am-1pm
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2017
- February 5 Reports for Annual Meeting due
- February 8 Choir Practice
- February 12 Vestry Meeting
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017
- February 15 Choir Practice
- February 18 Heart and Hands, 11am-1pm
- February 19 Annual Meeting
- February 19 Community Dinner
- Presidents Day, February 20, 2017
- February 22 Choir Practice
- March 1 Ash Wednesday



FEBRUARY 2017

Commandment #11

During the 17th century, an archbishop traveling through Scotland met theologian Samuel Rutherford but kept his identity secret. Rutherford invited the man to stay with him. When Mrs. Rutherford gathered the servants on Saturday to prepare for worship the next day, the guest joined in and was asked a basic question: "How many commandments are there?"

When the guest replied "11," Mrs. Rutherford said, "What a shame it is for you, a man with gray hairs, in a Christian country, not to know how many commandments there are!"

The next morning, Rev. Rutherford went out in the woods to pray and heard his guest doing likewise. When he discovered the archbishop's identity, Rutherford invited him to preach that morning. The archbishop's topic? The 11th commandment, based on Jesus' words in John 13:34 — "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another" (ESV).

*Love ever gives,
forgives, outlives
and ever stands
with open hands.*

And while it lives, it gives.

*For this is love's prerogative —
to give, and give, and give.*

—John Oxenham

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WARDEN'S WORDS

It's a new year, and Christ Church is about to experience a few changes. Our beloved Mother Lynn is retiring this month. She has been such a gift to our church, and she will be missed in almost every way, as will Pete. We wish them well on their next adventure. (Dry words, with a lot of emotion behind them!) We will be working with Rev. Canon Lynn Carter-Edmonds during this transition. In the meantime, I have scheduled supply priests for the next few months so that we can maintain our current schedule of three Eucharists a month.

As many of you have heard by now, Mike and I are moving back to North Carolina. We made the decision after our Thanksgiving visit to our fathers. We felt a strong need to move closer to Mike's father, in particular. He is in his 80s and needs both of his sons to be there to support him. And because I am able to keep my same job and work from a home office we thought this was the right time to go. We found a new rental home (in Newton, not too far from Charlotte) at Christmas and will be moved by the end of February.

Christ Church is filled with leaders who will step up to accomplish what needs to be done. We already have a few folks who have committed to running for Vestry, and a person who is willing to run as Senior Warden to fill out my term. But this might be the time that God is calling YOU to say yes. I would like a few more people to consider running for Vestry. And in addition to Vestry members, we need folks who will attend the Diocesan Convention in November. If you haven't served in either capacity before, this might just be the time for you to say yes. Please prayerfully consider it.

I'll miss Christ Church and our Ohio home. If any of you visit North Carolina & will be in the Charlotte area please let me know!

Dana Rhyne
Senior Warden



Upcoming Events

February 4 & 18 – Heart & Hands, 11 am – 1 pm
February 5 – Reports for Annual Meeting due
February 12 – Vestry Meeting
February 14 - Valentine's Day
February 19 – Annual Meeting
February 20 - President's Day
February 26 – Morning Prayer



March 1 - Ash Wednesday
March 5 - Holy Eucharist service (Father Elaine) - First Sunday in Lent
March 12 - Holy Eucharist service (possibly Father Babb)
March 19 - Holy Eucharist Service (Father Elaine)
March 26 - Morning Prayer



03 - James Eskridge
13 - Robert Geyer
The Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott
Rick Bayless
23 - Maxine Thomas
24 - Roth Patterson
25 - Michael Stookey
27 - JoAnne Earley



30 - Heidi & Bill Huddleson



01 - Aubryn Thomas
04 - Tommy Thomas
08 - David Ornarato
11 - Cynda Gunn
13 - Doug Pultz
21 - Fr. Elaine Silverstrim
23 - Laura Stookey
28 - Cheryl Eskridge



03 - Maria & Linc Thomas

December Vestry Minutes



Ongoing Work and Ministry

- Parking Lot status update made. Plans were viewed and discussed. After the lot is created, Chain the access to the police department and only use during an emergency if they request it. Issue tabled until May 2017.
- Grant App. for parking lot, kitchen (Dana R.-tabled until 1/2017)
- Disaster Preparedness Plan to video of church items table to 1/2017, Pam F. Has begun work on the records.
- Piano: Assessment/cost \$1225; moving would be \$250; they recommend switching the two piano places. We will use Memorial Funds, Designated project fund is for the bathrooms; Doug P. Recommended use of Shirley Ellis fund Pam F motioned, Cheryl E. Seconded; motion passed unanimously. Cheryl E. Made a motion to put in new washer and dryer to basement of church, Pam F. Seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- Pledge Update 2016 31 pledges \$66,107; 2017 21 pledges for \$46,732
- Sr. Warden update – Dana R. Reported she will be moving back to North Carolina as February; Lynn Carter Evans will be at Mother Lynn's last Sunday and return on Sunday February 12th and the 19th to be the celebrant and attend the Vestry meeting. (this was later ammended - see January minutes))
- Community Dinners review – Barbara B. reported we're under budget; Cheryl E. reported she is not receiving support; Mother Lynn suggested she announce to the church what it entails (4 times a year and backup, 1hr commitment)

New Work & Ministry

- Budget – Doug P. Reviewed the budget with the Vestry Maxine made the motion to approve the budget as presented by Doug, Pam F. Seconded; motion passed unanimously
- Transition work – soup, sandwich, and salad at dinner (4pm) on 1/8; Jim and Joyce Goins have offered the community building at Stone Hill. Gift: Amish Country Retreat Maxine T. made a motion to use 501.130 Continuing Ed. for funding an Amish Country Retreat for a gift for Pete and Mother Lynn Sinnott, Pam F. Seconded; motion passed unanimously; and general consensus to take up a collection for cash gift.

January Vestry Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is February 12th

Dana R. announced Lynn Carter-Edmunds will be here on February 12th.

Ongoing Work and Ministry

- Parking Lot status – Grant App. for parking lot, kitchen is waiting on the achieving of 3 bids and for Spring to do the work.
- Video of church items has been done.
- Pledge Update – have received one additional pledge
- Budget: Doug reported on adjusted budget for approval; Dana R. made a motion to approve the amended budget, Barbara B. seconded; motion passed unanimously.

New Work & Ministry

- Organ Lessons for Peg Stockton; Cheryl E. made a motion to pay \$500 for organ lessons to come out of music budget; Maxine T. seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- Wardens' Reports: Dana reported on preparing for tasks ahead of us. Jean Stetzler and Joyce Goins have agreed to run for vestry. There is a call for more to run for vestry. There is a call for 4 delegates and 2 alternates. Names should be in by next vestry meeting.
- Barbara reported that Jim Goins is taking over buildings and grounds. We are still having problems with our furnace. Apparently, the boiler was put on emergency possibly by Hauck and we are considering how to address the issue, since that will consume our winter heating budget. A letter will be sent to Hauck on the issue.
- Team Liaison Reports:
- Christian E&F: Maxine T. is working on it, Clothes Closet: Brad A. reports it has had an all time record of visitors, Creation Care: Tanya EK reported that we received the Arbor Day membership/donation form, Hearts & Hands: Barbara B. – Patricia R. turned over our donation of baby hats to the heroin addicted babies, Outreach: Cheryl E. discussed Shrove Tuesday, Dana R. thanked Cheryl for her arranging of the retirement party for Mother Lynn, Parish Life: the vestry shored up decisions on the Annual Meeting; Stewardship: Barbara B. announced she needed the final tally and first meeting will be in March.
- Dana R. announced about the Welcome Team; that we do welcome one person a month

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

HEART AND HANDS BY TANYA ELLENBURG-KIMMET Heart & Hands

Patricia reported she dropped off the hats for Bridget's Path. We are continuing to knit premie and newborn size hats since most of the women will be full term. When the hats are ready we can take them in again AND they still need cuddlers, it will take 24 hours of training up front but they will need volunteers to sit and cuddle these babies.



Fish Food Pantry Donations ideas from JoAnne Earley

We are not, most of us, very good about remembering to bring non-perishable food items with us to church on Sunday mornings. Many Sundays the ushers do not have any food items to take to the Altar to be blessed along with our alms.

I have been trying to help Bev Krouskop with the Fish Food Pantry delivery. I didn't think at first to write down the number of pounds I was delivering to the food pantry. When I did think about doing it, I didn't always remember to do it. I did record 6 of our donations from late April through December, 2016. We donated over 158 pounds of non-perishable food items in 2016. I will try to do better with my record keeping this year. Let's try something different this year. Let's have a specific type non-perishable item each month as a suggested item to bring on Sunday.

February - Homeless personal hygiene items for the Donovan's project

March - how about a can of vegetables

April let's bring a pasta item either sauce or a package of pasta

May - household cleaning items (spring house cleaning time)

June maybe boxed mac and cheese

July let's bring a can of fruit or apple sauce.

August perhaps peanut butter and jelly.

September - Homeless personal hygiene items for the Donovan's project.

October - paper products

November - powered milk, hot chocolate mix

December - dish washing soap or laundry detergent

Of course ANY non-perishable item on ANY Sunday would be wonderful. These are merely suggestions.

STEWARDSHIP BY BECKY GENTRY

Awareness of the environment
Becky Gentry



Building awareness is essential to the proper stewardship of "this fragile earth, our island home." Prayer and worship can be used to enhance our sensitivity to caring for God's creation. This can be accomplished by: Recycling whenever possible, at church and in our homes. Picking up trash in our yards and whenever and wherever we see it (if possible). Asking our "Green Team" for ideas on how to promote environmental awareness in our work and play as well as at our church. Maybe we could find out about the "Adopt a Highway" program and if Greene County participates. Encourage folks to visit the Recycling area off Progress Road across from Rural King to dispose of items like cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I'm sure you have ideas along this line. Let's share them and practice them to the benefit of God's world.

From the Book of Common Prayer (p.840): The following prayer seems appropriate for this topic:

"We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen."

Breakdown of Pledges for 2017

Annual Total Pledge	Number of Parishioners
10,001 – 11,000	1
7,001 – 8,000	1
5,001 – 6,000	1
4,001 – 5,000	2
2,001 – 3,000	5
1,001 – 2,000	9
0,001 – 1,000	6
	25

Pledge Report



25 families/individuals have pledged their financial support for Christ Church Xenia. 2 families/individuals have pledged their time and talents only. We have 7 folks who pledged last year who have not done so this year. We have 2 new pledges this year. Those monetary pledges total \$59,652 for 2017 - \$6455 less than last year. We have a projected deficit of \$21,842.52 for 2017.

Our thanks to those of you who did not pledge in 2016, but contributed \$10,464 to the support of Christ Church Xenia.

It's not too late to pledge for 2017, if you desire to do so. Pledges can always be adjusted upwards or downwards depending on your circumstances.



Now planning for the February meal and **WE NEED HELP!**

You can add your name as a team member to help with shopping, cooking, set-up, serving or clean-up—or, add your name as a volunteer willing to show up and help on the day of the meal.

Please bring your talent and expertise to this ministry and join us in making this a successful endeavor. It is a rewarding experience, as well as a chance for CECX to provide a much-needed service to our community. Thank you.



Community Dinner

Bev Krouskop, Meals Coordinator



If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails, email Tanya at cecxtanya@gmail.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxlist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions: Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is February 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



Christ Church
Annual Meeting 2017

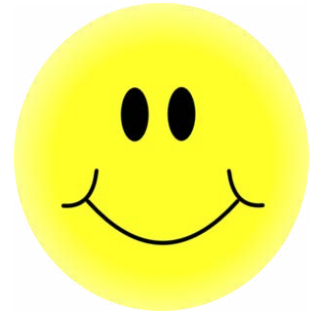
It's the important meeting where members hear what is going on, elect their representatives, and voice their opinions to official record... **and of course, there will be food!**

Christ Episcopal Church 161st Annual Meeting February 7, 2016

Order of Business

- Blessing of the food & Breakfast 10:45
- Call to Order/Opening Prayer
- Hymn #711 Seek ye first was sang
- Appointment of Clerk – Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet
- Appointment of Tellers – Nigel Gunn, Jean Stetzel, and JoAnne Early
- Reading of Approval of 2015 Minutes; Barbara Bonham made a motion to accept the minutes; Becky Gentry seconded. Motion passed.
- Reading and Approval of 2015 Minutes
- Report on the Nominations by Carol Conway; Dana Rhyne is running unopposed for Senior Warden again; running for Vestry Bradley Alexander, Cheryl Eskridge, Paula Lowe; running for delegates for Convention are Bradley Alexander, Carol Conway, Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet, Pam Feinour, Rick Feinour, Dana Rhyne
- Nominations from the floor; none was heard. Nominations from the floor are closed
- Call for Voice Vote for Senior Warden from Mother Lynn. Her election was unanimous. First ballot was presented
- Church Bylaws as amended and approved by Vestry; the bylaws presented were not correct. New bylaws will be sent out and voted on in a later congregational meeting.
- Reports of the Wardens: Dana Rhyne and Barbara Bonham; Dana Rhyne reported on mission share and how it is calculated. Dana reported on the fire drill to prepare the shelter, discussions on extra parking, and a call to serve vestry. Barbara Bonham discussed signage, building codes, the locked heating system, and the formation of the new building and grounds team. Pete Sinnott, Lee Silverstrim, Glenn Donovan, Chris Hudson, Nigel Gunn, Mike Lowe, and Larry Thomas.
- Team and Committee Reports
 - o Altar Guild, Parish Nursing, and Breakfast: Pam Feinour reported the Altar Guild welcomes more help; Cynda Gunn volunteered to join.
 - o Buildings and Grounds was reported on in the Junior Warden report.
 - o Caring Place and Special Receptions/Meals: Cheryl Eskridge reported on breakfasts and meals. March 10th, November the 10th, and then some emergency dates.
 - o Christian Education and Formation
 - o Clothing Closet: JoAnne Early reported on Caring Closet and passing out of hygiene products.
 - o Communications/Newsletter: Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet reported on communications and the website.
 - o Evangelism/First Fridays: Doug Pultz was absent but his report was viewed and discussed. We reach over 300 kids/families each Friday through First Fridays.
 - o Green Team: Mark Cummings reported we are adding Jonathan Feinour and would welcome more members.
 - o Music & Choir: Joe Beal reported on music and the choir. Organ was refurbished. Roxanne Harris' performance was celebration the culmination of the refurbishment. Service music is in the process of consistently changed by season.
 - o Shelter: Mark Cummings reported on Shelter. He talked of policies they had to change. He talked of the need of female volunteers to stay over night. Faith Community Church is having an Ash Wednesday meal with proceeds going to the shelter.
 - o Stewardship: JoAnne Early reported that they would welcome more members. There will be High Tea in October. They had a good stewardship meal at the Sinnotts.
 - o Welcome: Claris Donovan reported on welcoming; need volunteers to stand at the back of the church to welcome people in.
 - o Worship & XAAC: Mother Lynn reported on needs of the church; the needs of parking and volunteers for service. She spoke on the needs for pledging so that we can secure our budget and continue our programs. This team is combination of welcomers, greeters, and many other parts. She reported that Buildings and Grounds will be led by Pete Sinnott and they will be taking over the red tags, this team has been separated from the Junior Warden's position. Mother Lynn asked that people ask her if one wishes to experience being on one of the teams; consider when asked to write an article or donate items.
- Priest's Report: Mother Lynn reported on Budget, Pledges, and Ministries. She reported on the new set up to the Outreach team. She reported on the ministries of Outreach.
- Tellers' Report for delegates: Pam Feinour, Rick Feinour, Dana Rhyne, and Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet.
- Tellers' Report on second ballot for vestry: Cheryl Eskridge and Bradley Alexander.
- Thanks to departing Vestry & Delegates
- Welcome to incoming Vestry & Delegates
- Closing Prayer & Hymn #158 LEV

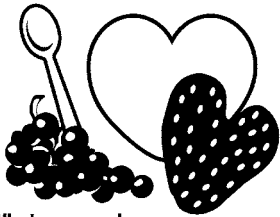
Children's Corner



For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)

Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! _____

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____



"Honor _____ and

_____, and _____ your

_____."

Matthew 19:19, NIV



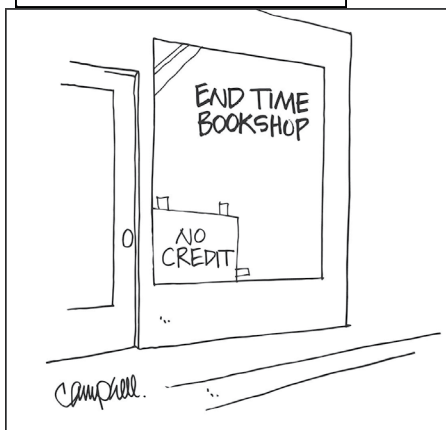
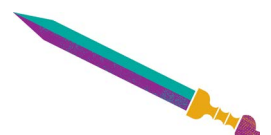
Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

What unique characteristic of the judge Ehud enabled him to outsmart King Eglon of Moab, who had been oppressing ancient Israel?

- A. He was left-handed.
- B. He was blind.
- C. He was very fat.
- D. He was exceedingly strong.

Answer: A (See Judges 3:12-26.)

BIBLE QUIZ



From Newsletternewsletter.com

February Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
Worship Leader	HE - F. Elaine	HE - Rev. C-Edmands	HE - F. Elaine	MP -Rick
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth,Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Ruth, Nancy	Becky, Barb	Debbie, Dana	Becky, Mark, Pam
Ushers	Brad, Rick	JoAnne, Doug	JoAnne, Rick	Clariss, Brad
Intercessor	Doug	Rick	Dana	Barb
Chalice	Mark	Debbie	Ruth	
Eucharistic Visitors	Dana (Bill)			-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie, Doug	Pam, Ruth	Debbie, Mark	
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Barbara	Cheryl	Bradley

March Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	3/1 Ash Wed.	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Worship Leader	?	HE - F. Elaine	HE - Rev Babb	HE - F. Elaine	MP - Barb
Altar Guild	Ruth/Becky	JoAnne/Tanya	Ruth/Becky	Pam/Tanya	JoAnne/Pam
Lector		Ruth, Becky	Pam, Nancy	Debbie, Barb	Mark, Pam, Becky
Ushers		Brad, Rick	JoAnne, Doug	JoAnne, Rick	Clariss, Brad
Intercessor	-	Doug	Debbie	Mark	Rick
Chalice	-	Barb	Mark	Pam	-
Vestry Person of the Week		Debbie	Barbara	Pam	Maxine
Eucharistic Visitors	-		Rick(Bill)		-
Healing Prayer Ministers	-	Jennie, Debbie	Pam, Ruth	Doug, Mark	-