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- Choir Practice, March 1, 7pm
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- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26

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Relentless prayers

Are you reluctant to bring the same prayers to your heavenly Father over and over? Maybe you don't want to trouble God; after all, he already knows what you're going to say. Plus, you're not worthy to ask for anything!

If those thoughts surround you, think about Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. At 16, he was dragged from his home to be a slave. Patrick tended sheep in the cold. Hungry and miserable, he begged God for mercy and deliverance.

In his Confessio, Patrick recalls praying "a hundred times in the day and almost as many at night." Without ceasing, he told God of his needs, wants, thanksgiving and confession. And God heard his prayers.

Pray relentlessly. God is always listening!

—MaryAnn Sundby

Giving up guilt

Rev. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest who ministers to high-risk youth in Los Angeles, once quipped, "I ... don't do guilt. I gave it up for Lent years ago." Many Christians give up something for Lent but usually not guilt! Rather, Lent is seen as a time to somberly examine our sinful nature.

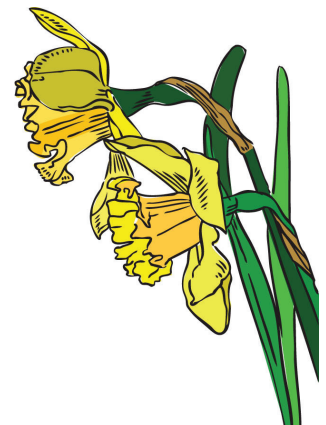
Having witnessed sin's tragic effects through addiction, violence and gang warfare, Father Boyle realizes that dwelling on guilt doesn't lead to hope or healing. Instead, he helps young people discover their God-given strengths and their ability to make life-affirming choices. His nonprofit Homeboy Industries provides positive alternatives for teenagers, who are reminded not of their guilt but of their identity as God's beloved children.

On Good Friday Jesus conquered sin and death so we don't have to wallow in guilt. Giving our lives to God frees us to live in the joy of forgiveness.

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"Music comes from an icicle
as it melts,
to live again as spring water."
—Henry Williamson



WARDEN'S WORDS

One of my inspirations during the season of Epiphany came from a quilt pattern called "Hand" illustrated in a book named The Bible Sampler Quilt by Laurie Aaron Hird. The theme is taken from Mark 1:9-15 and as you recall it depicts, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. God reveals his immense pleasure and the glory bestowed on his son by speaking from heaven and saying, "You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased". As the scripture goes, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist and after John is imprisoned, Jesus begins his ministry. He began preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel". What is at hand? The kingdom of God is at hand. So when I reflect on what this means to me personally, in God's kingdom, we are loved and valued. We have joy and peace. Not the peace that the world gives, but the peace that can only come from God. In God's kingdom we are comforted and blessed. In God's kingdom, Jesus is Lord and we have rest! So as we are inspired and enlightened throughout this season and the seasons that follow, let us see, and know the Lord has manifested forth his glory: O come let us adore him.

Debbie Gillespie
Senior Warden



It would seem that spring is blowing in at a pretty good clip. Temperatures very hot/cold. I would not be surprised if we had an early March snow.
Please consider helping out on our CLEAN UP CHRIST CHURCH DAY. this will be before Easter. Exact date to be posted in March.
Jobs can be signed up for before the actual day. Doug has been wanting to REVAMP the kitchen garden for YEARS, lets help him out 🌱🌸🌻🌼

Barbara Bonham
Junior Warden



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Dana Rhyne
Heather Holland Schroeder
Russell Walker
Elizabeth Clark
Jonathon Feinour
Pam Feinour
Summer Watts

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February Vestry Minutes

Ongoing Work and Ministry

- Parking Lot Status Update: Dana. R. reported she had filled out what she could of the grant proposal and handed the paperwork off to Doug P. She reported we had received a quote. They have just finalized plans for the parking lot.
- There was a reminder that the Annual Meeting was the following week and that Vestry were to bring pastries.

New Work & Ministry

- Cheryl E. discussed Shrove Tuesday plans and stated if people show up to help, she would be ready. Times would be 5pm-7pm.
- The Vestry was not able to Review & Approve Parochial Report because it is not ready; it will be emailed for approval.
- Pews Discussion: Peg S. made a request to remove the front pew on baptismal fount side for traffic ease while she's conducting. Vote pending review.
- Wardens' Reports: Dana R. reported on her last meeting and that it was nice working with the Vestry and that she encouraged the Vestry to continue the work Mother Lynn put into motion; Barb B. reported furnace problem. Jim G. is working hard with Buildings and Grounds and these addressing these issues. We are no longer contracted with Hauck due to service issues; we are now looking for a new service for boiler system.
- Treasurer's Report: Doug P. reported his part of parochial is done. Meeting with Becky G. for review. Last month it was decided to use some of the Shirley Ellis memorial fund for piano repairs and music, this came to \$1475, and there is around \$1800 remaining in that account. A thank you note is being sent.
- Transition Discussion with Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands: She discussed options of services and finding clergy for the parish.
- Rev. Lynn set up a Base Camp account for the Vestry to use for the transition period and priest search, allowing vestry members to post files and discuss with each other and Rev. Lynn.
- Barb. B. made a motion to take money for replacing the refrigerator, which was later donated, to use for a new dryer, Cheryl E. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of guidance for vestry retreat

Next Vestry Meeting is March 12th



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

CHOIR BY PEG STOCTON



Greetings! It's not too late to join the choir in preparing for a splendid Easter anthem. All levels of experience and talent are welcome. We rehearse 7pm-8pm on Wednesday evenings, and 8:45am-9am on anthem Sundays. Please join us!

REMEMBER:



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET BY JOANNE EARLEY

2016 was a good year for the Share-One-to-One Ministry (Clothes Closet). We are very blessed with donations from the community. We still accept anything and everything except large furniture and large appliances. Bedding, linens, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, books, especially children's, are examples of things we don't receive very often, but go quickly when we do.

Bradley Alexander and Nigel Gunn are the other members of the parish who weekly work at the Clothes Closet. Besides the three of us we have at least an additional 6 faithful volunteers. Doug Pultz's family once again were very generous with their Christmas donations of assorted items for our families. Poor Becky Gentry deals with the community almost on a daily basis multiple times a day sometimes accepting donations. Thank you Brad, Nigel and Becky.

Bradley does a weekly calculation of the number of clients we serve. His grand total for the 2016 year was 6798 people. Actual people who came into the closet were 3147. Weather permitting, Cheryl Allen puts racks of clothes outside in the yard on Tuesday morning. That really draws attention to the clothes closet. I am certain several folks took advantage of our giveaway outdoors without coming inside to sign our book.

Bible Baptist Church on W. Second Street, Xenia and IHN on S. Detroit St., Xenia were both weekly contributors to the closet. We are thankful for them dropping off their donations.

A group of Cedarville University young men donated \$65 to the clothes closet. I was able to purchase 20 pairs of men's socks, 20 pairs of ladies' socks, 10 deodorants, 10 (12 ounce) body washes and 10 (12.5 ounce) shampoos with their donation.

Every week clients tell us how thankful they are for the clothes closet and how we have helped them get clothes for job interviews, clothes for work, clothes for their children and their grandchildren as well as for themselves. They tell us what a blessing we are and have been for them. They don't know what they would have done without our help. Cheryl Allen also takes things to the Beavercreek/Dayton area for the refugees.

Our hours for the clients are still 10 to 2 on Tuesdays, weather permitting. If Xenia Community Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are closed also.



Clothing Closet

We are grateful to this congregation for providing us with a place to house the Clothes Closet. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP BY BECKY GENTRY

Money Talk

Jesus talked a lot about money; why do we Episcopalians find it so difficult? As tax time fast approaches, we think of money owed or being refunded. We seem to be able to talk about the economy of our nation, the Church, or even about personal financial situations. But why do we find it so difficult to talk to each other and with new members of the congregation about giving and tithing? What is it that makes this subject so difficult to discuss, or even mention? When we receive new members, we tell them about the Church, our goals, meetings, and ministries, etc. All this is important, but we should also talk about pledging and tithing.

Many organizations tell their new members what their responsibilities are and how much membership will cost. Should we be any different? Is the Church failing its new members by not teaching what the responsibilities, as well as the blessings, are? How will the congregation know if we don't tell them or stress the importance of giving? Jesus talked about money often, why not follow his example in our stewardship teaching!



SUNDAY SUPPER (AKA COMMUNITY DINNER) BY BEV KROUSKOP

We held our latest Sunday Supper on Feb. 19. We served a meal of Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, and Jell-O with Fruit to 25 guests. We also served fruit salad and pastries left from our annual meeting. (The fruit salad proved to be a special treat for them and something they probably don't get often!) With second helpings, carry-out meals, and staff we served a total of 50 meals and could have served another 10 or 12.

We had a great group of volunteers: Cynda, Nigel, Jean Stetzler, Jonathan, Karen Ingraham, Father Elaine, Bradley, Jim Goins, Claris, Glen, and Tim all pitched in. (Thanks to all for helping me make this happen!)

As you can see, I have changed from Community Dinners to Sunday Suppers, hoping to make it sound more informal and inviting. Bradley and others are distributing a large number of flyers each month to advertise the meal and hopefully improve attendance.

A couple of good suggestions were discussed at the meal. One was to put flyers on the tables with dates of future meals, for attendees to take with them. The other was to take monthly flyers to the Board of Education for distribution to the homeless teen community. Please email me with any suggestions you may have for how we can improve our process for this ministry and make it more effective. All ideas and/or recommendations are welcome and appreciated!

Please volunteer to help with a future meal so we can keep this ministry going strong!



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 March 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.

Christ Church Easter Flowers To Honor Your Loved Ones



Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter flowers. The selection of flowers are Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips. Please place your order by **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

NAME: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Please indicate your choice and quantity below:

	<u>Quantity:</u>		
Lilies	_____	X \$9.50 =	\$ _____
Daffodils	_____	X \$7.50 =	\$ _____
Tulips	_____	X \$7.50 =	\$ _____
TOTAL:	_____		\$ _____

Place the order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment. **The due date for your order is Friday, March 24, 2017.**

If you have questions, please contact Chandra Hightower at 937.376.3990 or via e-mail cclns793@gmail.com.

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Received: \$ _____ Cash/Check # _____ Date: ____/____/2017

A LETTER FOR THE PASSPORT TO FISHING PROJECT BY CYNDAMARIE GUNN

RE: Fishing Camp in Xenia Ohio

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cyndamarie Gunn. I am requesting for assistance in obtaining a grant from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, in order to do a community event. This grant is called "Passport to Fishing"
The proposed idea of this project is to :

- Teach the youth about fishing
- Teach fundamentals of fishing, such as the following
- Tying a swivel to line
- How to place a hook
- Where to place a sinker and why and when to use different weight sinkers
- How to tie and place a bobber
- How to safely cast a line
- How to untangle a line
- Respecting the wild life at the parks
- Respecting other people's fishing gear
- The importance of keeping the park clean of trash and litter.

I fish at Shawnee Park nearly every day. There are many children who cannot afford fishing poles, tackle, or bait. These youth have nothing better to do, than to get into trouble and annoy the ducks and geese.

I see it as a community need, to get these kids active in something. After spending nearly 2 full summers at the park, I have observed the real need to show youth how to fish. I have had the privilege to also mentor some of these youth as just someone they can talk to. They are not bad children; they just have no one to spend time with.

Here's a little story. A couple years ago, there were a few youths in the park causing a major disturbance. After many adults had asked the youths to simmer down, one teenager got rather verbally abusive. I got up and walked over to the teen. After having a bit of a stern chat with the teen, the teen ran to get their parents/guardian. At which time, said person came to me, and explained that teen had a hard road to haul right now and gave me their number. The adult told me if any more problems arose, I should call their guardian and thanked me for caring. Fast forward 1 year, the teen was now a bit older and I did not recognize her. She came past me at the park and asked me if it was OK to sit and talk. I responded yes. She then went on to tell me that she was the youth that I had approached a few years prior and that she had just graduated from Xenia High School with honors. She wanted to thank me for caring. This made me feel great, and that ladies and gentlemen, is when this idea was born. You never know how exactly you can mentor to a youth, but is it not important to mentor to youth in a hobby you love?

My father once said to me, "Teach a person to fish, they will have a hobby. Teach a person to catch a fish, they will eat for a lifetime."

I have to have an organization behind me to apply for this grant, but I would like to involve other organizations. BRACA does a fishing derby every June, has a list of sponsors, and may be able to advise. This group may be able to get this grant and assist me in leadership.



Christ Episcopal Church Xenia, for youth mentoring.

I need guidance and community to assistance to take this project on; this is a true need in this area.

Thank you for your time,
Cyndamarie Gunn
1865 El Camino Erive,
Xenia Ohio 45385-1115

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!)

PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.

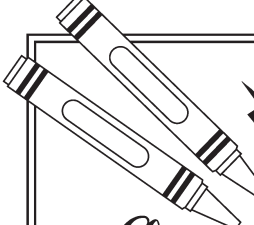


What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



PUZZLE

The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	_____
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV



"It's titled 'Call for Volunteers.'"

In John 4, Jesus talks with a woman about living water. Where does that conversation take place?

- Sychar
- Samaria
- Galilee
- Jacob's well

BIBLE QUIZ



Answer: A, B and D (See John 4:4-7ff)

March Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Worship Leader	HE - F. Elaine	HE - Rev Babb	HE - F. Elaine	MP - Barb
Altar Guild	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	-

April Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	4/30
Worship Leader	MP - Ruth	HE - ? (Palm Sunday)	HE - ? (Easter)	HE - ?	MP -Pam
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	Pam, Doug	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Becky, Nancy, Debbie	Mark, Barb	Pam, Becky	Ruth, Nancy	Barbara, Mark, Debbie
Ushers	Clariss, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad	Brad, Clariss
Intercessor	Barb	Ruth	Debbie	Mark	Rick
Chalice	-	Rick	Barb	Ruth	-
Eucharistic Visitors		Barb/Jennie (Barbara)		Bill (Rick)	
Healing Prayer Ministers		JoAnne, Jennie	Pam, Ruth	Doug, Mark	
Vestry Member of the Week	Cheryl	Bradley	Joyce	Doug	Jean