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- 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 30
- Choir Practice, May 3, 7pm
- 4th Sunday of Easter, May 7
- Choir Practice, May 11,

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Curing vs. healing

In *We Know How This Ends* (Univ. of Minnesota Press), Bruce Kramer writes about "living while dying" from Lou Gehrig's disease. While not denying his impending death, Kramer focuses on getting as much out of life as possible. Part of that involves the following distinction:

"Know the difference between curing and healing," he writes. "Curing implies that things will be brought back to the way they were. ... Expecting a cure will only result in frustration and disappointment. But healing can take place."

In Scripture, curing and healing are generally used interchangeably, yet one can happen without the other. We know people with disease or disability whose spirits are vibrant and faithful. Though they haven't been cured, their lives are marked by God's healing touch. Even in the Gospels, Jesus' curing of ailments was often a sign of his greater healing: sins forgiven, community restored, faith embraced.

For what have you prayed for a cure? Might healing be the greater need?

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Christ risen and realized

Author George Thompson tells of a Jewish rabbi's appeal to Christians during the tumultuous 1930s. On Easter Eve, the rabbi wrote in a newspaper: "I challenge the Christian world to measure itself by the standards of Christ. As long as any group is judged by its creed or color or country in place of its character, Christianity is a sacrilege rather than sanctity. To this end, I summon Christians everywhere to make this Easter to signify Christ realized and not merely Christ risen."

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

WARDEN'S WORDS

Joyful Easter Season to you and to those whom you love! Easter season represents a time in the liturgical year of anticipation, celebration, and rejoicing. It is a time when we can focus and reflect on the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We reflect on God's great love for us and his miraculous power in resurrecting his son from the dead. This resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that provides us with the life that we live in Christ. It provides us with hope, joy, and peace. It provides the impetus for holy living and a blessed assurance that there, too will be a resurrection of our bodies. We wait patiently for this hope that will be revealed in us. While watching, waiting, and working, let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth—But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Debbie Gillespie
Senior Warden
CECX



Keep the Flowers Blooming!

There is now a general flower fund to donate money for flowers when no memorial or celebration is allocated. See Maxine Thomas for details.



Altar Flowers

Please consider bringing food for the pantry - the suggestion is pasta choices (dry pasta, cans of pre-cooked pasta, etc). Also, please bring chocolate bunnies and other candies for the Easter Baskets.



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED



07	Caedan Nieves	03
08	Lily Thomas	
10	Jack Kitch	13
12	Barbara Bonham	
13	Vikki Carter	



Kathy & Bob Geyer,
Anniversary
Camilla & Tyson Davis,
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March Vestry Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is April 9th



- Senior Warden – Debbie G. reported on efforts to meet our requirement for Anti-racism training. This discussion was tabled until next meeting after the Warden's have a discussion with Canon Lynn due to conflicting information.
- Debbie G. made a motion to grant to non voting Vestry members Doug P. and Tanya E. discussion and committee participation as needed and appropriate for the Vestry 2017 business activities; Jean S. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Debbie G. announced coverage of supply priests through April. Canon Lynn is in conversation with Mother Ruth Paulus. We need to discuss in April and have a budget to frame our options. Debbie G. asked vestry to write down pros and cons of options to discuss at the next meeting.
- Debbie G. led the discussion on whether or not to hold a Maundy Thursday service and of Good Friday service. It was decided to discuss with St. Christopher and St. Mark on their plans.
- Debbie G. announced we can do safe church training online at the DSO website.
- Junior Warden - Barbara B. reported the next obstacle is air conditioning. Jean S. reported problems with dishwasher. Cheryl E. reported functions and best practices for the dishwasher use. Bradley reported on the dryer needs and Barbara is going to purchase the new dryer as voted on in the February meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Doug P. reported we are doing fine financially and are not expected to go into the red this year. Doug P. reported the need to discuss altar flowers because currently if there is no volunteer, the Church eats the cost. Barb B. made a motion that if people have not bought flowers for the altar that we do not buy out of church funds; Cheryl E. seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Maxine T. volunteered to bring awareness in six months by bringing people to just contribute to a fund to use for flowers, place notice in newsletters and bulletins, and keep money under alter flower fund. Maxine T. suggestion was agreed upon by consensus.
- Doug P. reported that the Parochial Report was submitted.
- Doug P. reported there was no report on Parking Lot Status, because we are having trouble making contact. Wardens need to discuss what will be included with the grant. Barb B. asked for people to submit to her a list of repairs needed.
- Outreach - Cheryl E. announced plans for doing Easter baskets.
- Communications - Tanya E-K discussed Basecamp vs Dropbox; Maxine T. Made a motion to stay with Dropbox and the senior warden will use Basecamp for communication with the Diocese, making Basecamp optional for vestry members and it was accepted by acclimation.
- First Fridays - Doug Pultz report the need to take a break from First Fridays and change First Fridays to Evangelism.
- Parish Life – Pam F reported there will be a memorial for Bill Huddleston. Bradley A. Reported people are enjoying the Community Meals.
- Stewardship – Barb B reported first meeting of the year will be in April.
- Barb B. announced clean up day will be the Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 8.
- Debbie G reported on the Basic Community Needs Assessment Process. Maxine T. made a motion that the Vestry establish a working committee to review the initiative list that has already been done, determine whether we need another community assessment and/or identify further participation the church would like to do in the community. This committee will report and make recommendations to the Vestry beginning at the May Vestry Meeting starting April 2017 and will continue as appointed at successive Vestry meetings until the process is well defined and/or no longer needed. Joyce G. Second; motion passed by acclimation.
- Rod & Reel Grant Program – Cyndamarie G reported Budget for Fishing Project. She is applying for the grant and has the volunteers. She is requesting the Vestry's Tax ID number to proceed in acquiring this grant. The grant application is due in July. Maxine T. suggested we explore it further to make sure that it's the church that is committing to this. This needs to be decided by June meeting.
- Emergency Preparedness – Nigel G requested to install a radio station on the church premises, including antennas and use of the room below the bell tower. It would be a relay and part of a community effort of communication in an emergency. Motion for resolution postponed until next meeting.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP BY BECKY GENTRY

You've heard the phrase: "Spring is just around the corner" or "April showers bring May flowers."

Well, April is upon us, that's true. We need to be proactive in loving and respecting all God's creations, but where to start? The task is so large!

Some suggestions:

1. Look around our Church property and Parish House— there are several areas that need our help: cleaning-up, raking, cutting, and planting. Just ask Jim and Joyce Goins! I've seen them cleaning up the Arbor yard and trimming the plants back. Thanks for your help!
2. Constantly check for debris in the yards. People throw "stuff" there and "stuff" blows in on the windy days. Please stop and pick it up.
3. See any dead trees or shrubs? Ask the Building and Grounds Team about planting new ones. Jim Goins is the Team Leader.
4. Any ideas for yard decorations? Bring them to the B&G Team or the Vestry. We'd love to hear them.



For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. —Ephesians 2:10



A LETTER FOR THE PARISH BY JACK KITCH

To members of Christ Church--

I thank you all for the privilege of worshiping with you the past several years; your love and affection have meant a great deal to me and my family, and I miss you all very much. I am now comfortably living in Kirkland Village, a Presbyterian retirement home in Bethlehem, PA close to my daughter Anne and her family, who have all assumed caretaker duties for the old man, for son David is in CA and son Bill in TX (They both are very good about staying in touch via phone and EMail and mush out for a visit as often as feasible; I am most blessed with my children.)

My health has not been very good lately. I was in hospital for several days with a severe lung infection and am just starting to recover; I have discovered what being 83 means My cane and walker move me about fairly well, and a wheel chair does the trick for infrequent outside excursions like getting to services at Nativity Cathedral, which I make regularly thanks to Anne. My doctors, of which I have more than any human needs, tell me not to expect my health to improve; I just smile and say I'll wait for real healing in the next life, a view that perplexes some of them. I remain in good spirits and am more than content to enjoy the time I have left. The parish office has my current contact information. I especially thank all of you who have sent notes and cards--your thoughtfulness means much to me.

Thanks for the memories. I pray you will continue manifesting for all what it means to be true children of God and trust the Lord will remain with you.

Shalom,
Jack Kitch

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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!)

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.


What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.







> NEW LIFE <



How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

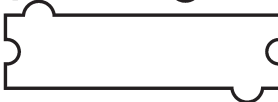


Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

dead	hope	resurrection	given	of
birth	living	Christ	mercy	great
				Jesus

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1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Answer: In his great mercy of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

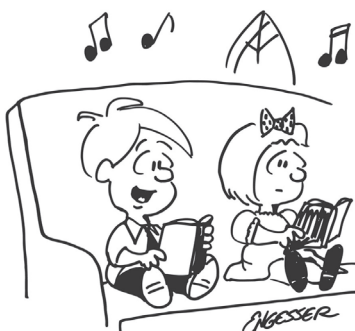
By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

BIBLE QUIZ



Answer: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV).



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"

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April Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	4/2	4/9 Palm	4/13 M.Th	4/14 G.Fr	4/16 Easter	4/23	4/30
Worship Leader	MP - Barb	HE - Father Babb	Father Elaine	Father Babb	HE - Father Elaine	HE - Father Babb	MP -Pam
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	Pam, Doug	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Becky, Nancy, Debbie	Mark, Barb	Barb, Becky	Nancy, Becky	Pam, Becky	Ruth, Nancy	Barbara, Mark, Debbie
Ushers	Clariss, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Brad	Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad	Brad, Clariss
Intercessor	Barb	Ruth	Ruth	Mark	Debbie	Barb	Rick
Chalice	-	Rick	Debbie	Pam	Barb	Ruth	-
Vestry Member of the week	Cheryl	Bradley			Joyce	Doug	Jean
Eucharistic Visitors		Barb, Jennie (Barbara)					
Healing Prayer Ministers		JoAnne, Jennie			Pam, Debbie	Doug, Mark	

May Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Worship Leader	HE - F. Elaine	HE - Father Babb	HE - F. Babb	MP - Rick
Altar Guild	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	Doug, Pam	Pam, Becky
Lector	Becky, Ruth	Nancy, Debbie	Barb, Mark	Pam, Becky, Debbie
Ushers	JoAnne, Brad	Rick, Elizabeth	JoAnne, Doug	Clariss, Brad
Intercessor	Doug	Barb	Ruth	Debbie
Chalice	Barb	Mark	Pam	-
Vestry Person of the Week	Debbie	Barbara	Pam	Maxine
Eucharistic Visitors		Jennie (Barbara)		-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Mark, Jennie	JoAnne, Doug	Debbie, Mark	-