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- 4th Sunday of Easter, May 7
- Choir Practice, May 10, 7pm
- 5th Sunday of Easter, May 14
- Mother's Day, May 14
- Vestry Meeting, May 14
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- Heart & Hands, Parish House, May 20, 11 am – 1 pm
- Armed Forces Day, May 20th
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- Day of Pentecost, June 4th

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Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

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A sign of honor

Even he who died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought — the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight to heaven.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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

WARDEN'S WORDS

It has been a quiet month.

Lee and Elaine Silverstrim have begun work on kitchen garden.

The Goins' have been doing a pick up about church property along with raking.

These projects are being done on as seen and needed to be addressed.

Huge thank you to all doing the work.

There will be a general pick a project day, probably in June.

There will be a sign up list with deadlines for said projects... of which there are are about a half a dozen substantial projects/improvements.

Barbara Bonham
Junior 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

So far in 2017 we have donated 137 pounds of food to the Fish Pantry.

Way to go. In all of 2016 we only collected 158 pounds. Way to go Christ Church Xenia!!! After all the Fish Pantry had its beginning in our basement. We should support it. At least that's how I feel.

May's suggested items are household cleaning items (spring house cleaning time)



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED



09

Matt Gillespie

Kim Hazel

02

Lisa Ann Smith

09

14

Barbara Symonds

12

19

Camilla Davis

Marilyn Thomas

28

Amber Conley

30

Maria Thomas



Pam & Rick Feinour
Chris & Jennie Hudson
Elizabeth & Max Clark

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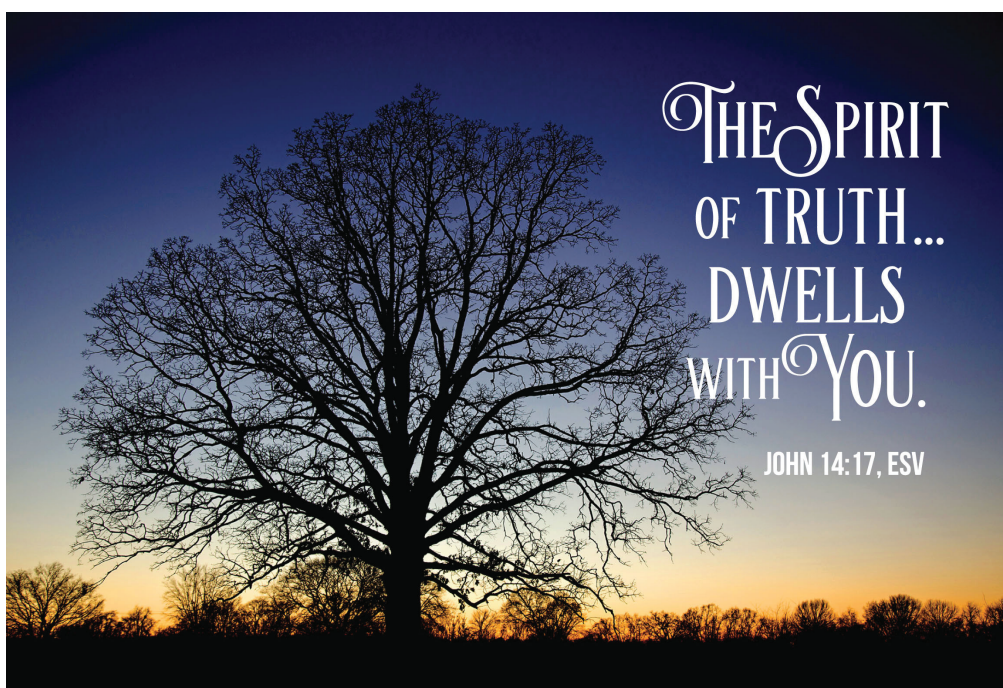
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March Vestry Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is April 9th



- Meeting called to Order (11:28 – when we achieved quorum) with prayer. Bradley Alexander, Barbara Bonham (junior warden), Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet (vestry clerk), Cheryl Eskridge, Debbie Gillespie (senior warden), Doug Pultz (treasurer), and Jean Stetzler were in attendance.
- Doug P. made a motion to approve the March minutes; Jean S. seconded. Motion passed. To follow up the minutes, Easter baskets will not be handed out as planned in the minutes. April agenda accepted without vote. Debbie G. explained the Basic Community Needs Assessment Process discussion from March minutes. Team consists of Cheryl Eskridge, Doug Pultz, and Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet.
- Reports of Officers (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer Reports) – reports were posted on Drop Box for April Meeting; Debbie G discussed her report, the offer for Stewardship guidance, the concept of Congregational Formation Gatherings.
- Discussion on Supply Clergy:
 - Advantages: we get amazing people, less expensive, a chance to try out possible prospects, we have Fr. Elaine as a back up
 - Disadvantages: there are cancellations, we don't have a chance to get to know them, it does not give the parish a chance for growth – may indicate the end of the life cycle
- Permanent supply priest/interim priest/transition priest
 - Advantages: the interim priest shakes the church up and prepares them for the incoming priest, consistency
 - Disadvantages: sometimes causes angst and may drive off members, sometimes hard to find, it could be expensive with retirement and insurances (we could only afford a retired part time priest)
 - Merge with a church like Saint Christopher (having a sister church)
 - Advantages: affordable
 - Disadvantages: time change possible, struggle with growth, not having a priest readily available, could wear out the clergy
- Vestry agreed on preference to sharing the priest though also agreed to wait until deciding in the Fall.
- Committee Reports – Posted on Drop Box for April Meeting
 - To Do List (2-3 minutes)
- Unfinished and New Business
 - Choir Matters – Jean S. presented for Peg Stockton that she is requesting section leaders for the choir. 1. Hire 3 section leaders at \$150 a week, 2. \$50 a week for just Sophia and \$150 per anthem, 3. \$150-200 per anthem. Barbara B made a motion that we do not need section leaders at this time due the low membership of the choir, Jean S. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Basic Community Needs Assessment Process/Committee to assess new proposals for church work – need to make sure we have that formed. This committee will address the fishing and disaster proposals.
 - Church Directions/Merger discussion
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment (12:41) Debbie G motioned to adjourn. Cheryl E. seconded.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP BY BECKY GENTRY

“All things come of thee, O Lord.”

(from God’s Stewards Trust & Share, 1994)

Becky Gentry

This opening statement of an offertory acclamation describes the first and most challenging step in being a faithful people – that of recognizing how we come to have what we have.

Many of us act as though we have all that we have through our own efforts. But the message of the Creation story and the Christian story is that there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. We can say we have used our talents wisely and managed our money well, but we cannot say we are self-made. We are God-made, every step along the way; birth, death, beyond. All of our accomplishments and even our access to opportunity rely on God’s gifts.

When we realize this, then we are ready to become stewards. For a loyal steward knows that what he or she has is the result of another’s graciousness. A steward is not the source of the gift, but the manager of it on behalf of another. “All things come of Thee, O Lord” expresses our realization that all that we are and all that we have – life itself, our energy and time, our talents and wisdom, our money and our possessions, our family and friends – is a gift from our Creator. All is gift. This is a radical notion.

It has been suggested that in our society we hold to a belief in God without expressing any need for God. It is one thing to say “I believe in God” and quite another to depend on God. To experience our dependence on God and to celebrate it; to recognize all that we have is through the graciousness of God...that is the beginning of faithful stewardship.



Hello to All,

My heartfelt thanks to all for making our past eight months of providing free meals to the community a great success! However, as of now, we do not have any volunteers signed up for our next meal on Sunday, May 21st!

The congregation has been great in volunteering thus far, and our turnout of people coming in to enjoy a good meal has been increasing. For our April meal we had 52 people, our biggest number ever!

We now need volunteers (a team of 6 or so each month) for May through August. (Not to worry: Once a team

is formed, it all comes together pretty quickly!) Teams have a budget to work with and can prepare from scratch, or combination buy/prepare, or purchase a ready-made entrée and team members provide the sides, etc. Teams are encouraged to "do it your way," and I provide guidance and support to each team for whatever is needed.

If you can help in any way at all, please put your name on the whiteboard in the Parish Hall. We need your support and hands-on help to keep this ministry going strong! Once again, thanks for all your help so far.

Peace,
Bev

P.S. If you have any questions, or any suggestions/ideas for changes or improvements, please shoot me an email.

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!)



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

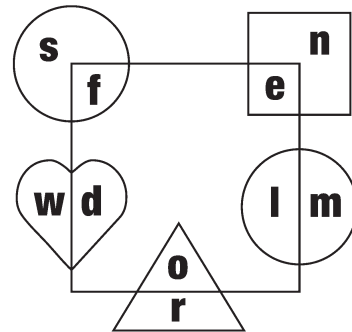


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

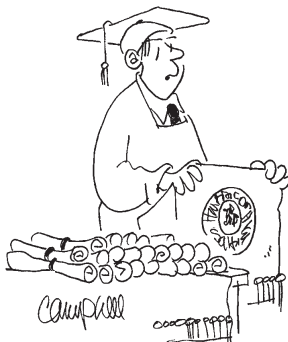
Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

- A. The Panathenaic Stadium
- B. The Areopagus
- C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon
- D. The Temple of Hephaestus

BIBLE QUIZ



Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)



"You'll never forget your high school experience, though grades indicate you've tried."

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May Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Worship Leader	HE - F. Elaine	HE - F. Babb	HE - F. Babb	MP - Rick
Altar Guild	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Pam	Doug, Becky	JoAnne, 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	Pam	Mark	-
Vestery Person of the Week	Debbie	Barbara	Brad	Maxine
Eucharistic Visitors		Jennie (Barbara)		-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Mark, Jennie	JoAnne, Doug	Debbie, Mark	-

June Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
Worship Leader	HE	HE	HE	MP
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya	Doug, Becky
Lector	Debbie, Barb	Mark, Pam	Becky, Pam	Ruth, Nancy, Becky
Ushers	Elizabeth, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Mark	Rick	Doug	Barb
Chalice	Rick	Debbie	Ruth	-
Vestry Member of the week	Cheryl	Bradley	Jean	Joyce
Eucharistic Visitors			Jennie (Barbara)	
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie, Debbie	JoAnne, Ruth	Pam, Mark	-