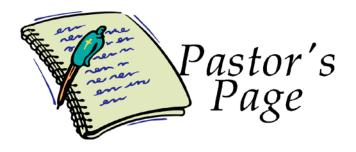
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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this as the last of our latest snow is melting on the fields around our farmhouse. Pete keeps telling me that the moisture is a boon to the land, and we'll be grateful in a few weeks to have it.

It's spring, and like every season, this one is a blessing from our creator. I am so troubled by the harm we do to our planet every day. I can just imagine my parents' reaction if I had treated their car (loaned oh so very occasionally to me!) with the same disregard we treat the astonishing gift of this world our Creator has given into our care. Just as my parents' car was meant for the good of the entire family, the earth has been intended for the good of all God's people – the family of God – past, present, and to come.

Having an herbalist, small-scale farmer, and conservationist in my own home (Pete, of course) means that I hear daily about the diminishing varieties of plants on our world, and the diminishing quality of what remains. I see the damage our neighbor's sprays do to our tender young trees and plants, and I grieve our short-sightedness in the pursuit of yet more profit. How much money do any of us really need???

Our "Green Team" here at Christ Church, supported by our wonderful Vestry, has committed to helping us become good and thankful stewards of our earth and our own tiny piece of it. Please pray for them, and for all of us, that we might become ever more awake to our stewardship of creation. God will be so very glad--and our children and grandchildren so grateful.

In peace, and with gratitude for all of you,

Mother Lynn+

#### Warden's Words

One of the thoughts that crosses my mind as I get older is the end of my life here on earth, not in a morbid sense but in the realization that I won't be around much longer, a concept that never passed my mind when I was sixteen and immortal. Some of us joke about "getting old" as if to minimize an often frustrating and sometimes painful process. The great baseball pitcher Satchel Paige once advised, "Don't look back: something may be gaining on you."

Then there is that bit of doggerel:

My hearing aid works
My dentures are fine
My spectacles fit
But I do miss my mind . . .

And Mark Twain's quip: "It's a pity that youth is wasted on the young."

But regardless of our attempts to trivialize aging and its eventual outcome, we must understand that none of us will live forever on this earth, that our Christian anticipation of Life Eternal does not guarantee our "hanging around" avoiding death.

Just as we must accept death, we must prepare for it, and one of the first steps to do so is by drawing up a Last Will and Testament, a legal document which states how our assets are to be distributed after our death. Each of us ought to have such a Will: should we die without one, the State of Ohio through its courts will decide for us. Regardless how small we believe our assets, they are worth providing for: in fact, we are

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obligated as stewards of our wealth to prayerfully stipulate its disposal. A thoughtful Will can provide for our loved ones, favorite charities, and even Christ Church (Witness the assets left the Church by the Nickel and Chamberlain estates, the proceeds of which we all enjoy).

Whatever we want to do with our assets after we die, we must leave behind a clear record of our desires--a Will.

Yours in Christ,

Jack Kitch



### Leadership Lines

#### News from the Ministries



Authority is always built on service and sacrifice. — James C. Hunter, The Servant

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#### Share One –to –One Closet

The Share One -to- One Ministry (Clothes Closet) continues to have a steady stream of folks. I received a call from a Xenia High School teacher recently concerning one of her students who was in need of jeans specifically. I cleaned my closet out of the jeans I can't zip anymore and met the student and her mother one Friday afternoon after school at the clothes closet. They were both able to get some things and plan to return spring break with other family members to "shop" some more. Another new client came who needed smaller clothes as she had had surgery and has lost considerable weight. She tried articles of clothing on over her clothes and was thrilled to find several outfits for church and especially Easter. She plans to bring us her too big clothes in exchange for the smaller sizes. Both families were very appreciative and grateful. If you know of anyone in need of clothing please tell them about the clothes closet. We are open Tuesdays from 11 to 2.

## Arbor Day



Arbor Day is fast approaching... the last Friday in April. In addition this month, we also have Earth Day on the  $22^{nd}$ .

Arbor Day is about connecting to nature and comprehending what trees bring us in our daily lives – shade, flowers, fruit, wood, colors, rustling leaves, homes for wildlife, etc.

Earth Day is about conservation, climate change, and preservation of natural resources. Planting trees on the sunny side of your house will help with energy efficiency while air conditioning. Collecting rain will help water gardens during dry spells.

What would you like to see us do at CECX to help with the environment? Do you have any ideas on what we can do to be better care takers of God's green earth?

http://www.arborday.org/states/statepages/Ohio.pdf http://www.earthday.org/

By the Green Team

## Stewardship



Thoughts on Stewardship By Jack Kitch

An often neglected part of being a good steward of the bounty God has bestowed upon us is our responsibility to care for our environment: we somehow fail to be mindful of the role each of us can play in protecting the good earth the Lord has provided us.

One of the easiest ways to exercise this obligation is to be careful and avoid making needless messes, <u>and</u> to clean up after ourselves when we do make a mess. These acts of good stewardship do not require joining protest groups or writing letters to public officials, they ask merely that we stay aware of the impact we are having on our immediate surroundings.

Here at Christ Church we can each do our part by picking up small bits of paper and other easily retrievable trash we see outside the Church, gathering and stacking leftover bulletins and inserts in the pews where the ushers can conveniently collect them after service, cleaning up after ourselves at coffee hour (using the marked recycle can by the kitchen door as appropriate), and so on: small things perhaps, but the corporate impact--and the personal one on each of us as we become more aware-- can be great.

## Notice from the Green Team: Buy Local, Fresh Produce – Xenia Farmers' Market

The "Green Team" encourages you to purchase your fresh produce from the Xenia Towne Square Farmers' Market. The market is open every Tuesday from 2 pm to 6 pm in the K-Mart parking lot from June to October.

Reference: Xenia Communicator – Spring 2013 Issue



#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

By now I'm sure that you are aware that I have replaced Mike Taint as Junior Warden. I appreciate the service that Mike has given Christ Church and wish him well at whatever he pursues next.

I'm excited and nervous about this opportunity – excited because I feel like I have something to offer to Christ Church, and nervous because I am inexperienced in the ways of buildings and grounds. For this reason we have decided to create a Buildings and Grounds Committee, harnessing in a formal way the knowledge and experience that we've been using informally for quite some time. I have asked Bradley Alexander, Glen Donovan, Pete Sinnott, and Larry Thomas to be on this committee with me. I think you'll agree that these gentlemen will bring a lot of experience and love for our church to this endeavor and I appreciate their willingness to serve.

Traditionally, the Junior Warden has been called the "People's Warden." And while I want to make sure that the environment where we worship is safe, clean, and comfortable, without the people our building is just a pretty building. My goal is for our pretty building to be a church, a place where we're nourished so that we can take God's love out into the world and I welcome your assistance in making that happen.

If you have questions or concerns or suggestions please let me know. You can accost me at church, send me an email (<u>dana.rhyne@woh.rr.com</u>) or give me a call (937-356-9481).

#### Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>		Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering at St Paul's Church			
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	_	Diana Butler Bass Keynotes Diocesan Best Practices			
Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	_	Interim Task: Identity Part 2 @ Coffee Ho	our		
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	_	Earth Day			
Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	_	Arbor Day			
Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	_	Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Su	nday		
All April	_	Pinwheels for Prevention			
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 11am/parking lot	_	Blessing of the Bikes and Motorbikes	TAKE NOTE OF WHAT IS		
May 29 <sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00pm	_	Cancer Prevention Study	HAPPENING!		
All Spring and Summer		Farmer's Market			

## **Announcements**

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, either in memory of or in honor of a loved one, just sign up on the Flower Chart on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Send the check into the office with 'Altar Flowers' on the memo line - or see Pam Feinour or Doug Pultz. (Cost is \$20)

**Coffee Hour:** We need volunteers for the coffee hour. Sign up is in Parish Hall.

**Food Banks:** Please bring in food for the local food banks, they are in dire need.

**Recycling:** Reminder to all, we are recycling. There is a recycling bin in the Parish Office for paper, glass bottles, plastic bottles, and the like. Help us out by sorting. Help us out by reading the newsletter online. Help us out by suggesting ideas to your local vestry member.

#### Invitation:

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church cordially invite the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Xenia for an afternoon of fellowship and finger foods with others just like you. Theme: Your favorite Outreach project Share ideas, current projects, favorite patterns, and the occasional trade secret! Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 33 W. Dixon Avenue Dayton, Ohio 45419 When: Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 1 – 3pm Heads of Ministries, please RSVP to Wendy Thornewill at 299-3504 by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 07 **Caedan Nieves**
- 08 **Lily Thomas**
- **10 Jack Kitch**
- 12 Barbara Bonham
- 13 Vikki Carter
- Joyce Murnahan 25
- 29 **Faith Patterson**

#### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Kathy & Bob Geyer
- 13 **Camilla & Tyson Davis**

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

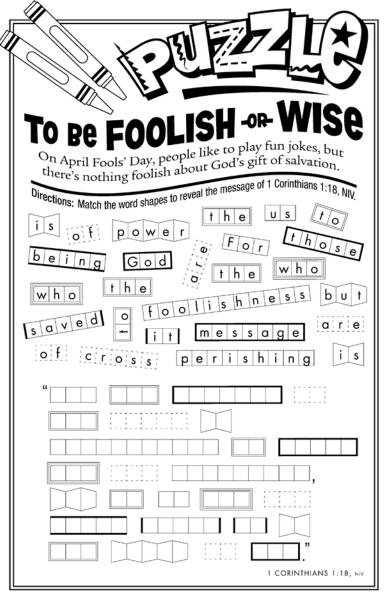
Keep the Church Directory "up to date"... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know. Thanks!

**Check out our Church website:** www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com

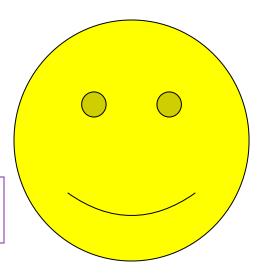
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# hildren's Corner

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!)



J Corinthians 1:18, NIV perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Answer: "For the message of the cross is toolishness to those who are





Believing in the message of the cross makes you wise. This treat is a great reminder to be wise in God's ways.

#### What you need:

- · Slice of whole wheat bread
- Circle cookie cutter (or jar lid)
- Butter knife
- Nut butter (peanut, hazelnut, etc.)
- · Toasted oat cereal
- 2 banana slices 1 cashew
- · 2 chocolate chips

#### What you do:

- 1. Cut a circle from the bread to be the owl's head. Then cut out a small semi-circle atop that bread circle to resemble pointy ears.
- 2. With a knife, spread the nut butter on the bread.
- 3. Place cereal along the top of head, from ear to ear.
- 4. Place banana slices for eyes.
- 5. Dip the chocolate chips in nut butter and place them in the middle of the banana slices.
- 6. Place a cashew for the nose between the bananas.
- 7. Enjoy and be wise to God's message!

### Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, April 2013

Ministry	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Worship Leader	MP Pam	ML	ML	MP Rick
Altar Guild	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Tommy	Ruth	Pam	Barb
Ushers	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy
Intercessor	Mark	Dana	Barb	Doug
Chalice	_	Summer	Ruth	_
Vestry Member of the Week	JoAnne	Chandra	Larry	Jack

#### Service Calendar, May 2013

Ministry	5/5	5/12	5/18	5/26
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP Ruth
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	Pam, Becky	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Pete Sinnott	Mark	Chandra	Nancy
Ushers	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy
Intercessor	Ruth	Summer	Rick	Mark
Chalice	Barb	Pam	Ruth	
Vestry Member of the Week	JoAnne	Kim	Tanya	Dana

If you can't be there for your assigned position, please find a replacement and let Becky know of the change.

## **Christ Episcopal Church Xenia Hosting Cancer Prevention Study-3**

#### Be part of Cancer Research Today for a Cancer-Free Tomorrow!

We all want to know we have made a difference in the life of another. Once again, our community has a unique opportunity to make an impact on the lives of many. Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) of the American Cancer Society will be enrolling participants at nine locations in the Miami Valley including Christ Episcopal Church on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. As part of enrollment, individuals who choose to participate will simply fill out a comprehensive survey packet about health history, provide a small blood sample (to be collected by trained phlebotomists) and provide a waist measure. Enrollment will take approximately 20-30 minutes. From that point forward, study participants will be followed over time to update information via periodic, mailed surveys.



Your involvement in CPS-3 will help American Cancer Society researchers understand the causes of, and ultimately determine ways to prevent, cancer. If you are willing to make a long-term commitment to the study (which involves completing followup surveys periodically over the next 20-30 years), are between the ages of 30 and 65 years old and have never been diagnosed with cancer, then you will want to participate in this study.

If you don't meet the eligibility requirements, your significant participation comes from telling everyone you know about the opportunity to help prevent cancer.

Visit MiamiValleyCPS3.org to schedule your appointment to enroll or call 1-888-604-5888 for additional information on the difference you can make to save lives in the fight against cancer.

## Pinwheels for Prevention

On Sunday, April 28, we will focus our prayer on the hundreds and thousands of children who suffer abuse every day. We will pray as well for those who abuse



them, that God will make the difference in their lives that will enable them to make the difference in their children's lives.

For the entire month of April we'll display a "garden" of pinwheels, reminding our community of the need for prayer and the need for reporting when we see a child being abused.

This issue of the trumpet will contain additional information about child abuse in our nation and state.

Diana Butler Bass to keynote Best Practices Conference

COCL Best Practices Conference Saturday, April 20 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. London High School 336 Elm Street, London 43140

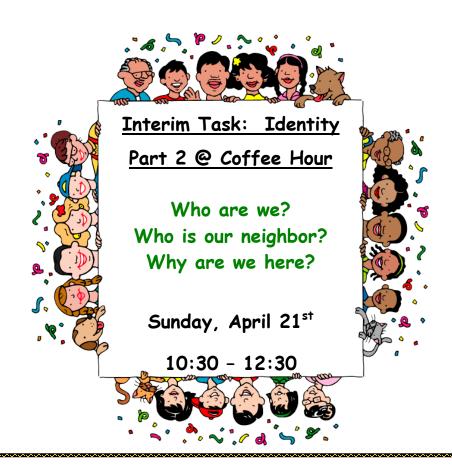
Christianity After Religion is Bass's call to approach faith with a newfound freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. And it is a hope-filled plea to see and participate in creating a vital and contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.

Butler Bass will lead us in a day filled with challenge, hope and practical ways for us to embrace our Hallmarks of Health, re-energize our thinking and create a plan for continued success.

You do not want to miss this event! To reserve your space, register online at <a href="http://diosohio.org/digital\_faith/events/3155200">http://diosohio.org/digital\_faith/events/3155200</a>.



Keynote Speaker



## BLESSING OF THE BIKES & MOTORBIKES



## SUNDAY, MAY 5TH ~ 11:00 AM

LIBRARY PARKING LOT NEXT TO CHRIST CHURCH

XENIA POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO CONDUCT SAFETY CHECKS ON

BICYCLES



Christ Episcopal Church 63 E. Church Street, Xenia For more information: 937-372-1594

## PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

For two decades, market research consistently has shown that the public views child abuse and neglect as a serious problem. As a national organization whose mission is "to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children," our emphasis is to now transform that awareness into action. We now have that opportunity through the pinwheel, which reminds us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve.

Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign among our chapters in Georgia, Florida and Ohio. Their success and our desire to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention led us to take this effort nationwide in 2008.



Photo Courtesy of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota

Prevent Child Abuse America, founded in 1972 in Chicago, works to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide. The organization promotes that vision through a network of chapters in 50 states and 581 Healthy Families America® home visitation sites in 41 states, all the territories, Puerto Rico and Canada. A major organizational focus is to advocate for the existence of a national policy framework and strategy for children and families while promoting evidence-based practices that prevent abuse and neglect from ever occurring. To learn more about what we're doing to prevent child abuse and neglect and how you can help, please visit our websites, preventchildabuse.org and healthyfamiliesamerica.org.

Taken from www.pinwheelsforprevention.org

#### Often I try

To analyze the quality

Of its silences. Is this where God hides

From my searching? I have stopped to listen,

After the few people have gone,

To the air recomposing itself

For vigil. It has waited like this

Since the stones grouped themselves about it.

These are the hard ribs

Of a body that our prayers have failed

To animate. Shadows advance

From their corners to take possession

Of places the light held

For an hour. The bats resume

Their business. The uneasiness of the pews

Ceases. There is no other sound

In the darkness but the sound of a man

Breathing, testing his faith

On emptiness, nailing his questions

One by one to a vacant cross.

The Church

-R.S. Thomas

Wishing you all a most blessed Easter.

- Sarah & David

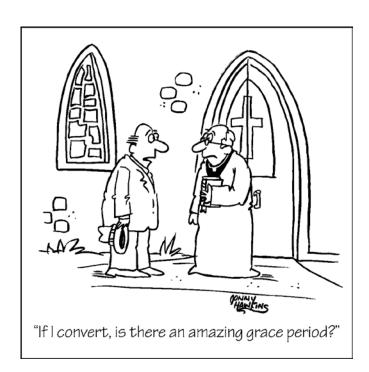
## Missionary Report







The Chancel Choir is looking for singers! Even if you feel you do not sing "well", but enjoy making a joyful noise to the Lord, we will welcome you with open arms. Rehearsals are from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays at the church and we sing about once a month during Sunday Service. Come join this fun group of people as we sing God's Praises!



From Newsletternewsletter.com



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

#### **Submissions:**

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Anyone who wishes to submit information or creativity (links of information, upcoming events, shoutouts of recognition) for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. **Deadline** for submissions is April 25th. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.