



Upcoming Events:

- Vestry Meeting
April 10
- Buildings and
Grounds Walk-
about, April 10-
May 22
- Heart and Hands
Fieldtrip, 11am
April 19
- Earth Day April 22
- Worship Team mtg
April 23 1-3pm
- Heart and Hands
May 7 11am-2pm
- Stewardship
May 7 1-3pm
- Vestry Meeting,
May 8
- Pentecost Sunday,
May 15
- Heart and Hands
May 21 1pm-3pm
- Heart and Hands
June 4 1pm-3pm
- Heart and Hands
June 7 1pm-3p
- Faith Patterson
Memorial - ten-
tatively June 18

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

It seems so quiet this month. All the busyness of Holy Week and Easter; the Easter basket Outreach project; the closing of the shelter; the absence of Roxanne and our concern about Barbara – all of these occupied our minds and hearts throughout March. And now things seem to have settled down – to have quieted.

That can be a very good thing. Wonderful things happen in quiet, and goodness knows, we don't have very much of it in our lives.

In the quiet of late winter and early spring, bulbs buried in the earth begin to stir and reach up into sunlight. On the trees around us we see buds swelling and waiting for the light and the warmth to nudge them into bursting. The earth is moving out of its sleep into life and growth – and it all happens in quiet. There is no noise in the earth or on the branches, no noise to assault us into attention. If we pay attention, it must be in quiet times when we have space to watch and wait. When we do that, we are gifted with beautiful things.

In our relationships with God, also, quiet is needed. God

listens always and always answers. We may not get exactly the answers we want, but God is answering, and we cannot hear God in noise and chaos and busyness. We hear God only in quiet – when we can listen with hearts and spirits as well as ears.

If you can, take some time to go aside with God. An overnight retreat in a place designed to offer quiet and an atmosphere of prayer would be a wonderful gift to yourself. If that's not possible, spend the day or even a few hours at Procter or one of the retreat places listed elsewhere in this Trumpet. Take your bible and prayer book, your knitting, your easel and paints. Take yourself and settle into quiet time with God. You will never be sorry you did.

In peace,
ML+



WARDEN'S WORDS by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

Easter has come and gone – the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! All through Lent there was a little pause at the end of the service, as if we were all waiting for the Alleluia so we could echo it back. We're a people of the risen Lord, after all. But the Lenten season reminds us of the price that was paid – the cost of our Alleluia. It always takes me a little while to move fully into the light of the Easter season. I want to spend just a little longer with the bare altar, remembering. A bare wooden cross, an empty tomb, a weeping woman, who belatedly whispers alleluia...



Call for Medicine Bottles

Do you take prescriptions? If you say no, I bet you are the exception! I have often thought about something to do with all these empty prescription bottles. Now we have an answer. We have been told about an organization called The Links Incorporated, which is an international organization located throughout the world and in 41 of the states. There is a chapter in Wilmington, Ohio. We are going to support a project that this chapter is involved in to help the poorest people throughout the world with their medications. In very poor countries, patients often walk long distances for medical help. They wait hours or days to be treated. They are given medication to tie in a scarf or put in a pocket to carry back to their homes. Few get containers that protect the medicine against accidents, dirt, liquids, or being eaten by animals. We can help by bringing our empty medicine bottles to the Center. We will have a collection box and the Links organization will get the bottles to another organization called Mathews 25 Ministries in Cincinnati who will see that they are sent where they are needed the most in the world. We will start the collection this month and continue it as long as there is interest.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April
2016

07	Caedan Nieves	03	Kathy & Bob Geyer,
08	Lily Thomas		Anniversary
10	Jack Kitch	13	Camilla & Tyson Davis,
12	Barbara Bonham		Anniversary
13	Vikki Carter		
21	Bill Huddleson		



for March 13, 2016

Next Vestry Meeting is April 10th

- Dana reported about CoCL Conference on church structuring.
- Barbara B. discussed bathroom remodeling. Maxine T. made a motion that we approve the upstairs remodel; Dana R. seconded; motion approved unanimously. Maxine T. made a motion that we approve the second restroom remodel after and seek other funds if necessary to pay for it; Barbara B. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- Doug P. reported that proximity to Detroit St. does not seem to be a problem for a parking lot access on Church St.
- Christian Education & Formation report – Mother Lynn reported on programs discussion with possible teachers.
- Clothes Closet – Brad A. reported that there is a need for infant clothing.
- Doug P. reported needing \$125 application fee Maxine T. made a motion to pay the fee, Pam F. seconded; motion passed unanimously
- Hearts & Hands – Barbara B. reported they have moved from baby hats back to knitting shawls
- Outreach – reported on Easter Basket outreach
- Parish Life – Pam F. brought a discussion on Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday
- Shelter – Mark C. reported we close in a few days and commends Paula L. for her hard work/Paula L. reported numbers of help we were able to provide and ideas for gearing up for next year
- Stewardship – Barbara B. reported on plans
- Worship – Dana R. reported on Holy week.
- Sr. Warden's Report – Dana R. reported her thoughts on possibly starting a study group on In Search of Sunday by Evans and other books, and thanked Paula L. and Mark C. for their work on the shelter.
- Jr. Warden's Report – Barbara B. reported on meetings with Buildings and Grounds.
- Treasurer's Report - Doug P. reviewed of monthly Treasurer's Report; money has not moved yet due to other options possible. Mother Lynn asked that we start the Parochial report earlier. Mother Lynn pointed out that memorial funds need to be spent to make improvements to the church that would have delighted the deceased.
- Priest's Report – Mother Lynn reported her stats. She discussed the shelter and how it has become less of a ministry of the church and more of a ministry of a handful of members. She reported there will be a meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 8:30 AM to talk about the SHALOM Co-sheltering Ministry.
- Vestry voted not to reopen the Shelter in November 2016, and to advise the parish of this decision. If there are objections from the parish, Vestry will reconsider the question in April. A letter will be sent to the parish requesting feedback.



Spiritual Notes: Beauty appears to all in the same way, but is silent to one and speaks to the other....they understand it who compare the voice received on the outside with the truth that lies within. The Confessions of St. Augustine



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject Racism
Fight for the Powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity.
Love God. Enjoy this life. (United Church of Christ)

First Fridays are upon us!

By Doug Pultz

- Planning for First Fridays 2016 is underway. The theme for each month will be based off The United Church of Christ's slogan Be The Church.
- The theme for May 6 is Protect the Environment and Share Earthly Resources. With the help of the Green Team, we will have available for the guests at our tent: shopping bags, flyers for the home with green helpful hints, plants, seed packets, and garden books. The game for the evening will be Plinko.
- The theme for June 3 is Share Spiritual Resources. Our goal is to distribute the Good News Bible to our guests. The game for the evening is a beanbag toss.
- The theme for July 1 is Fight for the Powerless. Our goal is to distribute whirligigs and flyers about Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. The game for the evening is a ring toss.
- The theme for August 5 is Forgive Often. Enjoy this Life. Our goal is to provide information/resources about forgiveness to those who visit our tent. The game for the evening is Duck Matching.
- The theme for September 2 is Fight for the Powerless. Care for the Poor. With the help of Paula Lowe and Mark Cummings, our goal is to provide information about and seek support for the upcoming homeless shelter.
- We will also continue to distribute coloring pages with a Biblical theme, church information, crosses, and have a prayer box available.
- Many thanks go to those who volunteered last year in the tent. Your energy, enthusiasm, and presence made all the difference.
- I look forward to seeing you in Xenia on first Fridays this summer, whether you are volunteering or simply enjoying the evening.

One to One



There is a need for infant clothing. Please bring donations to the Parish office.

Clothing Closet

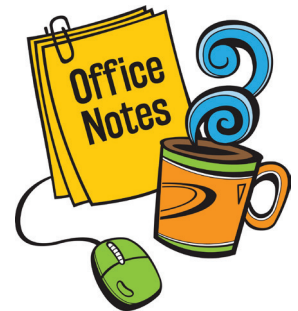
HEART AND HANDS BY PATRICIA RENICK

Our next annual Field Trip will be on April 16, we will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. We are going to visit Fiberworks at 1350 N Fairfield Rd. Beaver Creek, Ohio. I stopped into today to let her know we were coming and she said she would make brownies for us, but reminded me that she will have two classes going at that time so check out for purchases may take a little longer. However she is excited to have us visit her shop. It is truly wonderful. After our visit we are going to head to Fairborn, to Chantilly Cream Desert Shop, which is a lovely tea shop and has wonderful homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts. That address is 407 West Main Street, Fairborn Ohio. Patricia will call and ask her to keep a table for us.

Looking forward to our field trip.
Let Patricia know if you are able to make it.



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET



Mother Lynn will be on vacation from the end of May until the beginning of July....for the first time, taking her entire vacation time. She and Pete will be heading out to California for an extended visit with their son and daughter-in-law, and then on to visits with the Baltimore, MD part of the family, and to PA to visit family there as well. Anyone remember the days when family members all lived within five miles of where they were born?

STEWARDSHIP BY TANYA ELLENBURG-KIMMET

*The Earth is our Mother, we must take care of Her;
The Earth is our Mother, we must take care of Her!
Hey yanna, ho yanna hey yan yan; Hey yanna, ho yanna hey yan yan
Her sacred ground we walk upon, with every step we take;
Her sacred ground we walk upon, with every step we take!
(Traditional chant, Hopi)*



Stewardship, by definition, is the management or care of something. (vocabulary.com) The Green Team at Christ Episcopal Church has a focus for stewardship in the care taking of the world we live in. In the Bible, God told Adam to “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (ESV Genesis 1:28) Some take the words subdue and dominion to mean to do whatever you want with it, it is yours. However, is it my planet? Is it your planet? Is it my future great grandchild’s planet (the one who comes long after me)? Is it Dr. Neil Degrasse Tyson’s planet or Sarah Palin’s planet? When I hear dominion, I think of it as one’s domain. In the 1970’s, there was a cartoon for Tarzan; each episode opened with him talking about his jungle and saying “This is my domain, and I protect those who come here.” He protected his friends – the animals and his friends – the humans. He stopped people who would harm his jungle or as well as when the inhabitants wished to harm each other, without judging whether Tantor or Sheba had more right to live – stating that the resources within the jungle belonged to all who dwelt there. His message was that he would protect all life, nurture it, and care for it so that it would be there tomorrow. In the commercial breaks, there would also be a message from Smokey the Bear to “prevent forest fires” or the “crying Indian” to keep America beautiful. Perhaps we need to consider this blue/green planet a gift from God, given to us as our domain and placed in our care. Perhaps we should see Genesis 1:28 as a mandate to be stewards to our planet; it is hard to be fruitful tomorrow, if we abuse the resources today.

If you have any interest in helping us or any ideas on preservation of natural resources, reach out to Mark, Jonathon, Pete, Bradley, or I.



Healing and community

In [the] healing texts, Jesus does not just cure people’s diseases and cast out their demons and then say, “Mission accomplished.” He’s always after something more than that because the healing is never fully accomplished until there is a restoration to community. People are healed of disease, and then he tells the folks just standing around watching to go get them something to eat. The widow’s son is raised from the dead and then [Jesus] gives him back to his mother. And ... the man healed of demons is then told to stay with his people and speak of what God has done. In the Jesus business, community is always a part of healing. Even though community is never perfect.

—Nadia Bolz-Weber, Accidental Saints

The Buildings and Grounds Walkabout has been rescheduled from April 10 to May 22

We hosted a meeting on Tuesday, April 5, to begin the process of helping our local churches to consider how to share sheltering the homeless next year. Mr. Bill Fugate from SHALOM homeless ministries in Middletown OH came to speak.



Happy Easter from Christ Episcopal Church

March 27, 2016

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Dana Rhyne, and Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet)







THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION



The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Between 1984 and 1990 the Anglican Consultative Council developed the Five Marks of Mission, above. These constitute a “checklist” for churches seeking to follow the life and example of Jesus.

Worship and Mission are the two reasons the Church exists. A healthy church does many other things, of course. It provides a network of holy relationships for its members. It can be the source of great comfort and support when we’re in need, in trouble, grieving, struggling, etc. It can be a “family” with whom we share our joys and triumphs.

But let’s be certain about this. If a church does only, or even primarily, the things in the immediately preceding paragraph, and is not doing at least some of those “five marks”, then it’s become more social club than church, even though it continues to gather regularly for worship. Churches honestly seeking to follow Jesus Christ, regardless of their demographics, will always find the “Five Marks” that God is asking of them. And Jesus Christ will never tell us we’ve done enough, or we’re too old, or there isn’t enough money. Being a church is like being married: there’s never a time when it’s OK to sit on our laurels. There may be a time to quit being a church completely, just as there may be a time to quit being a marriage – but as long as we’re together, we are willing to do God’s will.

We at CECX have for several years been the life-saving and life-changing source of help for the homeless in our community. It has not always been easy, and we’ve lived with our homeless brothers and sisters as they’ve “camped out” in our parish hall for months every winter. There has been occasional damage, hurt floors, and stuck toilets. And we all know that’s the price of doing ministry. When you consider how many people we have housed and helped, the cost has been low. And we’ve made a difference – a huge difference. People have not died because of us. People have been helped through the bureaucratic system to find jobs, housing, food, mental and emotional support, help from the VA, and a host of other forms of assistance. We have made a huge difference.

And we’re a small church with a congregation consisting of few people with the physical means and ability to really work in the shelter. Many of you have faithfully provided meals, and the local churches have been generous with their money. But the greatest need has been – and remains – people. People to stay overnight – people to offer help with GED, reading, job applications, etc. – people to just come and spend time.

Because we have not been doing this for at least the past two years, I’ve been increasingly convinced that the shelter is no longer a ministry of this congregation. That leads to two conclusions: --we are being called by God into something that truly is our ministry; and, --others are being called to help do this work with our homeless brothers and sisters.

So - we will not reopen Christ Church Emergency Overnight Shelter. But we most assuredly will have work. And our work right now is to begin the process of praying to discern what God is calling us to do in our community. It’s already there – right in front of us. God is already pointing us toward that mission. We will pray and pay attention and give thanks that God finds us willing. And when we find that mission, it will be a source of joy for us, and something that many of us will be willing and able to do. We need not rush – this will be a process of peace – of asking God to open hearts and minds and eyes as we seek God’s will for us at Christ Church.

In peace, and with faith and hope – ML+

THE BEST MEDICINE

Although the Bible never refers to Jesus laughing, he clearly had a sense of humor — and needed one to deal with his critics and even his disciples. James Martin, S.J., author of *Between Heaven and Mirth* (HarperOne), writes, “If we accept the idea of [Jesus] as a human being, we must accept all human attributes for him — laughing as well as suffering.”

The ancient church marked the Sunday after Easter with humor and laughter to celebrate Jesus’ triumph over death. Today some congregations designate their post-Easter worship as Hilarity Sunday or Bright Sunday. Faith is serious business, but that doesn’t mean Christians must always be serious!



MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

March ... April... May

- Vestry, April 10
- Heart & Hands, April 16, 11 am-? pm, Field trip
- Earth Day April 22
- Worship Team meeting, April 23, 1-3 pm, Parish House
- Buildings and Grounds Walkabout has been rescheduled from April 10 to May 22
- Stewardship Meeting, May 7 1-3, Parish House
- Vestry, May 8
- Pentecost Sunday, May 15
- Last Sunday for Choir before summer hiatus, May 15
- Mother Lynn's vacation end of May to the beginning of July



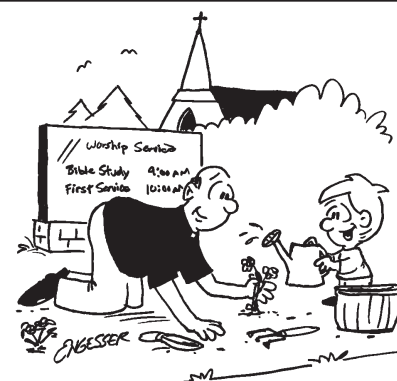
Faith Patterson Memorial service:
The family has tentatively scheduled Faith’s memorial service for Saturday, June 18. No other information is available at this time. However, we will let you know time and place when the family has made the final arrangements.

Intercession List: The first Sunday of each month will start off with a new Intercession List. If you want to keep names on there, please let me know. Otherwise, the names are removed at the end of the month.

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 cecclist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

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.



“Let’s give ‘em a good start with some holy water!”

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!)

SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

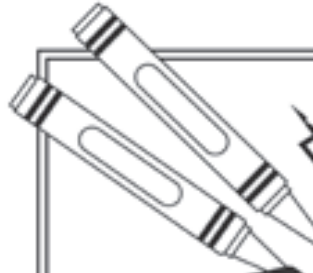
What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate



What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.




PUZZLE

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



The _____ is _____, and _____, the _____, and _____ 24:1, NIV

 5 1 18 20 8 20 8 5 12 15 18 4 19

 5 22 5 18 25 20 8 9 14 7 9 14 9 20

 23 15 18 12 4 1 12 12 23 8 15 12 9 22 5

 9 14 9 20 16 19 1 12 13

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

BIBLE QUIZ

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



Answer: C (See Esther 2:7)

April Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
Worship Leader	MP (Barbara)	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Debbie, Mark, Dana	Pam, Barbara	Tommy, Pete	Becky, Debbie
Ushers	Brad/Rick	Clariss, Doug	JoAnne, Elizabeth	Elizabeth, Tommy
Intercessor	Doug	Rick	Debbie	Dana
Chalice	-	Mark	Pam	Barbara
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	Dana (Bill)	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	-	JoAnne & Ruth	Debbie & Mark	Jenny & Doug
Vestyr Member of the Week	Cheryl	Barbara	Maxine	Mark

May Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29
Worship Leader	MP	ML	ML	ML	MP
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth,Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Ruth, Dana	Barbara, Pete	Ruth, Pam	Becky, Mark	Tommy, Nancy
Ushers	Rick, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Clariss, Tommy	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Mark	Doug	Barbara	Ruth	Debbie
Chalice	Mark	Pam	Rick	Debbie	Barbara
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	-	Dana (Bill)	
Healing Prayer Ministers		Pam & Ruth	JoAnne & Doug	Mark & Debbie	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Barbara	Tanya	Cheryl	Maxine