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Upcoming Events:

- Stewardship Team meeting, August 9th, @ 10:30am
- Worship Team , August 23rd@ 1pm
- Heart & Hands meeting, September 9th @1pm
- Vestry Meeting , September 14th @11am
- Heart&Hands meeting, September 20th@1pm
- Stewardship Team meeting, September 20th @10:30am
- Confirmation Classes begin September 21st @ 11:15am

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

The heat of August is upon us, but I think we've had an easy summer this year. It's been cooler than usual—so cool, in fact, that our tomatoes are not doing as well as expected. But we know a change is coming: first the beautiful, cooling days of Fall, then the cold (and snow and sleet!) of winter. We can count on change, always.

Many of us are undergoing significant life changes just now. These are always challenging, even when they are healthy and positive. We have to relearn how we are going to live – and even when the relearning is toward a better thing, it is work and change. When the relearning is toward an unknown, or perhaps not willingly undertaken, then our challenge is even greater—and finding the motivation to undertake the change becomes more difficult. These are the moments when prayer is so important, and staying close to God the only way to maintain our well-being—and sometimes our sanity! Change for the sake of change may not be good or healthy. In fact, such changes may be a strong indication that something else is going on in our lives that we might not want to face. But when change comes, as it inevitably does, then God is the one

constant in our lives. God is the ever-present source of our strength and our joy, and it is God who will lead us through all things in freedom and peace.

In prayer, in peace, and in hope,
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Submissions:

Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP.

Deadline for submissions is July 25th. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



WARDEN'S WORDS

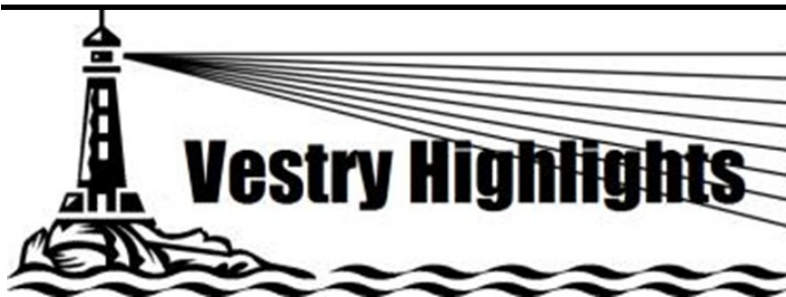
by Larry Thomas, Junior Warden

The curse of the red tags continues! Some jobs have been completed and others have not. The leak from the air conditioner over the stage area has been fixed and we are waiting for the ceiling to be repaired.

Lawn mowers have been worked on and should last the rest of this grass cutting season. The roof over the kitchen door does not have a gutter and this allows water to run off and freeze on the steps. We are working on a solution for this problem. The roof over the main floor bathroom still needs to be repaired. We are trying to get additional bids on this

repair. Hopefully this will happen soon.

There are numerous small jobs yet to be done and "God willing and the creek don't rise" we'll "get er done!"



For June 8th, 2014

- ✦ To Do List: Paper copy of Trumpet opt-out sent via email. Emailed diocese about how they handle fundraising on the web. Office door is installed.
- ✦ Our church is nominated to be on national register of historic places – generally agreed that none of the advantages would be a boon. Disadvantages - may prevent remodels, repair, demolish, sale. Vestry will pondered if we'd qualify for federal funding for ADA compliance. B. Bonham made a motion to not opt out in being considered a national register of historical places unless reasons to opt out are made before the 20th. M. Cummings seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- ✦ Shelter yard sale will be the 28th. Drop off items (not large appliances or clothes) Wednesday - Friday from 2-6 - Becky will send out email reminders. Library parking isn't available; we'll need signs.
- ✦ Junior Warden report: L. Thomas is still looking into roof repair, repairs to Sacristy door and bathroom ceiling leak will be part of the roof repair bids.
- ✦ Senior Warden report: Mother Lynn's surgery went well. D. Rhyne attended 1st Friday event with Doug Pultz, and it was great. The Prayer Box was well received. D. Rhyne also reported an incident with Shelley Sprinkle, our mower. Ms.

Sprinkle was insistent on doing her laundry at the Parish House and was resistant to begin mowing. She further rudely complained that she did not like how the senior warden spoke to her on these matters. She will not be mowing anymore.

- ✦ V. Carter reported that Doug Pultz wants mulch on side around furniture and that the furniture needs umbrella.
- ✦ Treasurer's Report: audit committee will meet July 13 consisting of Patricia Renick, Debbie Gillespie, Dana Rhyne, Doug Pultz, Maxine Thomas, and Carol Conway. Diocesan overpayment refund is still pending release. Treasurer report is arranged as requested. Chandra contacted David Robinson - for 2015 budget preparation. The Schedule K-1 of the federal tax return 1041 from Battelle Rippe Kingston LLP was received for the Nickell Trust distribution for 2013. No tax returns are filed for the church therefore, the information is filed for the record. Chandra contacted independent auditor for quote for an external audit to be budgeted in 2015. V. Carter made a motion to accept C. Conway seconded. Vote was unanimous.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES:

ONE TO ONE CLOTHING CLOSET – WILL RETURN NEXT TIME

FROM THE GARDEN– WILL RETURN NEXT TIME

GREEN TEAM - BY MARK CUMMINGS



I recently read an article discussing the Lynn White Thesis of 1967, a widely publicized paper (The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis) blaming Judeo Christian beliefs that man has dominion over nature to exploit it as he sees fit. In it White is quoted as saying that “Environmental concern can only improve if Judeo Christian institutions were rejected and if society converted to a ‘communion with nature’ social structure”.

At some time or another, most of us have encountered people who consider Christians to be generally lacking in concern for environmental issues. Dr. Charley Dewberry, a scientist and Dean of Gutenberg College wrote an article entitled “Is there a Christian Environmental Ethic?” In it he shares: “as a working scientist, I meet people who view all Christians as ultra-right-wing conservatives. They believe that Christians view the environment through the lens of economic expedience and that Christians like other conservatives are working to gut the existing environmental regulations on public and private land, so that supply and demand market forces can work. Viewed this way, Christians have no morals with regard to man’s relationship to nature. Christians have no environmental ethic.”

Dr. Newberry also shares that Christians ask him how he can be an environmentalist as well as a Christian since the former means “someone who worships the environment and cares for nature more than people. Both the Christians and the non-Christians described here share the common perception that only two environmental ethics exist... the free market perspective and the environmental perspective.” He goes on to describe both of these views and I encourage you to read them. But for now, I will share a third perspective he suggests and subscribes to: the biblical perspective.

According to Dr. Newberry, the biblical perspective

- 1) Acknowledges God and His purposes
- 2) Reflects nature’s inherent worth because God created it
- 3) Stresses that man is distinct from the rest of nature because God created him to be so

He writes that “God created nature in part to provide for man’s material needs, and in turn He gave man the responsibility to care for the natural world to be a steward over it.”

We know that God has entrusted us with a great responsibility to care for His creation and we must acknowledge that we have at times failed miserably. We also know that the world is watching and that the only way that we can bring about change in our world is to start in our homes, churches and other places of involvement by creatively seeking ways to live responsibly and sustainably. Otherwise, our words are empty.

In their article, ‘Beyond the Lynn White Thesis’, Djupe and Hunt begin with the following statement: “We find that social sources of information in the church shape the dimensions of religious beliefs and exert stronger effects on attitudes on the environment than do doctrinal or religious measures.” So as we go forward, let us begin by practicing those disciplines and principals as we become aware of them. Wherever possible seek to educate, encourage and motivate others to seek new and exciting ways to be faithful stewards of God’s creation. We can do this, not only in our congregation, but also in our workplaces, our families, and other places of influence.

References:

Beyond the Lynn White Thesis: Congregational Effects on Environmental Concern; Paul A. Djupe and Patrick Kieran Hunt; <http://static.squarespace.com/static/5084639de4b0f4598aa9423d/t/50cdddaae4b01020c34f170e/1355668906151/Djupe%20and%20Hunt%202010.pdf>

Is There a Christian Environmental Ethic; Charley Dewberry; <http://msc.gutenberg.edu/2008/01/is-there-a-christian-environmental-ethic>

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

Birthdays July 31 Roxanne Harris

01 Margie Ridgeway
04 Vivian Rose Smith
05 Jarrett Davis
08 Evelyn Jan Schotts
16 Jack Harrison
20 Karen Ingraham
23 Barbara Bradfute
29 Clay Thomas
Madysun Huff

August
01 Larry Thomas
06 Jackson Davis
09 Beverly Krouskop
10 Elaina Walker
12 Kathleen Taylor
14 Nerak Patterson
16 Mark Cummings
23 Violetta Thomas

Anniversaries

July
01 Marilyn and Clarence Thomas
07 Claris & Glenn Donovan

August
04 Angie & Ed Lowe
08 Maxine & Larry Thomas



STEWARDSHIP — Mother Lynn Sinnott



Stewardship is being thankful for, and taking care of,
all that we have been given – all the time.

On August 6 we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus was transfigured by the nearness – the Presence – of God.

And to bring himself nearer to God, he practiced these...

Generosity
Thankfulness
Compassion
Faith
Prayerfulness

Love
Humility
Gratitude
Loving honesty
Joy

We all need to practice all of these, of course. But we can begin by choosing one – just one! – and making a mindful, intentional effort to practice this one thing every day. We will find we have come closer to God....and we will be transfigured.

Confirmation preparation begins September 21 @ 11:15 AM

*If you would like to be confirmed,
or are already confirmed and would
like a "refresher", you are welcome!*



Stewardship Team **Meetings**

...to finalize plans for this year's Campaign...

Saturday, August 9 – 10:30 AM

Saturday, September 20 – 10:30 AM



Worship Team Meeting

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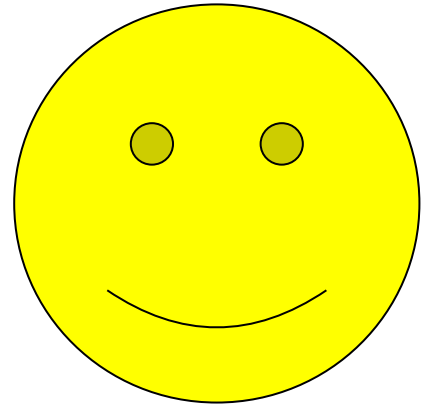
Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1 PM

### **Just so you know.....**

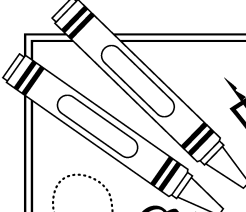
The Diocese is arranging for a virtual online tour of all Southern Ohio churches. The tours will be available on the diocesan website. There is no cost to the church, and we will be "filmed" at some point between the end of August and the end of September. We'll polish, shine and spruce up, and be ready to look our best.



# 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!)



## PUZZLE

### BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

|                                         |                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. "Happy are the <b>POOR IN SPIRIT</b> | hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."             |
| 2. "Happy are those who _____"          | pure in heart, for they will see God."                                     |
| 3. "Happy are the _____"                | peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."                 |
| 4. "Happy are those who _____"          | persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." |
| 5. "Happy are the _____"                | poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."                      |
| 6. "Happy are the _____"                | merciful, for they will be shown mercy."                                   |
| 7. "Happy are the _____"                | meek, for they will inherit the earth."                                    |
| 8. "Happy are those who are _____"      | mourn, for they will be comforted."                                        |



## Bible Quiz

According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

- A. 12
- B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)
- C. 490 (70 times 7)
- D. 144 (12 times 12)



Answer: B (See Luke 10:1.)

## Service Calendar for August 2014

| Ministry                         | 8/3                      | 8/10                       | 8/17                    | 8/24               | 8/31              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>            | <b>ML</b>                | <b>ML</b>                  | <b>ML</b>               | <b>MP Rick</b>     | <b>MP Pam</b>     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | JoAnne, Becky            | Dana, Becky                | Ruth, Pam               | JoAnne, Tanya      | Dana, Pam         |
| <b>Lector</b>                    | <b>Tommy</b>             | <b>Debbie</b>              | <b>Barbara</b>          | <b>Pam</b>         | <b>Mark</b>       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | <b>JoAnne, Doug</b>      | <b>Donovans</b>            | <b>Elizabeth, Tommy</b> | <b>Tommy, Brad</b> | <b>Rick, Brad</b> |
| <b>Intercessor</b>               | <b>Debbie</b>            | <b>Ruth</b>                | <b>Dana</b>             | <b>Barbara</b>     | <b>Doug</b>       |
| <b>Chalice</b>                   | <b>Kim</b>               | <b>Mark</b>                | <b>Pam</b>              | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>n/a</b>        |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>      | <b>Rick, Kim (Joyce)</b> | <b>Rick, Jenny (Faith)</b> | <b>Dana (Bill)</b>      | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>n/a</b>        |
| <b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>  | <b>Jenny, Eve</b>        | <b>Ruth, JoAnne</b>        | <b>Doug, Jennie</b>     | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>n/a</b>        |
| <b>Vestry Member of the Week</b> | <b>Tanya</b>             | <b>Chandra</b>             | <b>Dana</b>             | <b>Larry</b>       | <b>Mark</b>       |

## Service Calendar for September 2014

| Ministry                         | 9/7                      | 9/14                       | 9/21                    | 9/28                 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>            | <b>ML</b>                | <b>ML</b>                  | <b>ML</b>               | <b>MP-Ruth Hazel</b> |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Ruth, Tanya              | JoAnne, Becky              | Dana, Pam               | Ruth, Tanya          |
| <b>Lector</b>                    | <b>Nancy</b>             | <b>Chandra</b>             | <b>Becky</b>            | <b>Tommy</b>         |
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If you can't be there for your assigned position, please find a replacement and let Becky know of the change.





## A Stroke Doesn't Have to Happen!

### ***Did you Know...***

- ***Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death in the US***
- ***4 out of 5 people who have suffered a stroke had no apparent warning signs***
- ***80% of all strokes can be prevented***

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

*This event is also being sponsored by Premier Health*

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package. Packages range from only \$139.00 - \$199.00, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. Register today by calling 1-800-324-9458 or visiting

[www.helpinghandsforhealth.com](http://www.helpinghandsforhealth.com). ***Not only will you receive \$10 off any package priced \$139 and up, but Christ Episcopal Church will ALSO receive a \$10 donation for any member that signs up through this number and attends the screening!***

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). Have you heard about it?

- **8 to 12 million people in the US have PAD, and unfortunately only half know it**
- **Only 10% of persons with PAD have classic symptoms**
- **Risk factors include smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol**

PAD screenings are normally not part of a routine physical. Protect your health by finding out your risk of PAD by registering for an ankle brachial index test. Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

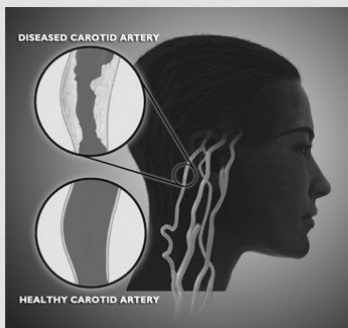
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## **Your Health is in Your Hands**

***Every 40 seconds someone suffers a stroke.  
Every 3 minutes someone dies from one.  
You have the power to take control of your health.***



We are pleased to announce that we will be offering ultrasound screenings to scan for Stroke, Vascular Disease and Osteoporosis. These simple non-invasive tests detect abnormalities **BEFORE** they cause a stroke or other serious event.

Screenings for Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm) and Blood tests for complete lipid panel, high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein\* and diabetes are also offered. These are all health factors that put us at higher risk of developing vascular and heart disease.

**In conjunction with the Helping Hands program, Life Line Screening is proud to offer us \$10 back for every member who signs up and attends this screening. To help us, while bettering your own health (and receiving your own \$10 discount), please register for the screening now through one of the three exclusive Helping Hands methods.**

**See the bulletin announcements for more information.**

\*Blood not offered in every state. Specific blood offerings vary by state.



### Healing Prayer Ministry

| Date     | Team Member | Team Member |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 09/07/14 | Mark        | Debbie      |
| 09/14/14 | JoAnne      | Doug        |
| 09/21/14 | Pam         | Ruth        |
| 09/28/14 | Morning     | Prayer      |
| 10/05/14 | Jenny       | Evening     |
| 10/12/14 | Ruth        | JoAnne      |
| 10/19/14 | Doug        | Pam         |
| 10/26/14 | Morning     | Prayer      |
| 11/02/14 | Jenny       | Eve         |
| 11/09/14 | Pam         | Ruth        |
| 11/16/14 | JoAnne      | Doug        |
| 11/23/14 | Mark        | Debbie      |
| 11/30/14 | Pam         | Ruth        |
| 12/07/14 | Jenny       | Eve         |
| 12/14/14 | Ruth        | JoAnne      |
| 12/21/14 | Doug        | Pam         |
| 12/28/14 | Morning     | Prayer      |

### **PEACE LABYRINTH: QUILTING THE GOLDEN RULE**

The Dayton International Peace Museum will present two programs on August 9 and 10 in conjunction with the current exhibition “Peace Labyrinth: Quilting the Golden Rule.”

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children to the Peace Museum on Saturday, August 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM to enjoy some special family time as you walk the labyrinth of quilts, and share your stories about how your family practices and lives “The Golden Rule.” After the children listen to a story and discuss “The Golden Rule,” they will design a paper quilt and experience walking a labyrinth. You also may have a professional family photo taken, which will be sent to you by e-mail. Enjoy some refreshments, and relax in the midst of the beautiful and inspirational exhibit of quilts.

On Sunday, August 10, at 2:00 PM Brother Victor M. Forlani will address the challenge of “Bringing your Faith into the Workplace,” exploring the value, personal commitment and meaning of your chosen life’s work. As the Marianist-in-residence at the University of Dayton, Bro. Forlani is the founding director of the University’s new Center for the Integration of Faith and Work. His teaching focuses on ethics and the role of faith and religion in the business world.

“Peace Labyrinth: Quilting the Golden Rule” is a collection of 17 quilts, created by Janet B. McTavish from Minnesota, which portray the teachings of the Golden Rule in 17 major faiths and humanistic philosophies and which will remain on view through September 14.

Both programs are free and open to the public. The Peace Museum is located at the 208 Monument Avenue at the corner of Wilkinson and Monument. For more information, call [937-227-3223](tel:937-227-3223) or visit [www.daytonpeacemuseum.com](http://www.daytonpeacemuseum.com).





From: **David & Sarah Kitch** <[sdkitch80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdkitch80@sbcglobal.net)>

Date: Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 9:12 PM

Subject: Of Sarah and of David



Dear Friends:

Egads – it's the dawn of August!

But then you knew that. Smile.

We wanted to give you a quick update on life-n-times since our note in early June. David was able to spend a good stretch of time in Ohio with his Dad, sister and brother closing out his Mom's estate. Sarah was able to join them all for the last few days. It was a blessed time for us all. David's Dad seems to be adjusting well to the new circumstances. In September, David's brother and sister-in-law will travel with Dad to the University of Illinois campus in Champaign/Urbana, Illinois. Mom and Dad met at U of I and were married in the Chapel of St. John the Divine on campus.

Mom's ashes will be interred there.

Thanks again for all your prayer and care.

Sarah completed her coursework in June in Boston in good order and is on track to graduate in May of next year. This means David and Sarah will graduate "together" with MDiv's next May – from two different institutions. Just keeping it fun.

As we mentioned in the June letter, David will be serving as Chaplain for St. Martins-in-the-Fields Episcopal School this next year. There have been some developments in that department, as there will be a change in leadership at the church this month. The new priest who is coming to the church is a good friend of David's – and is coming with a mandate to re-vision the mission of the faith community in this place. The two of them will make an exciting (and perhaps dangerous) combination (smile). We (with others) believe that this is one example of God at work in this situation. Woot-woot!

We have attached two photos from David's time at the school this last year. The "Welcome Back" sign was out for David the day he returned from his Mother's funeral. It was made by the 4th & 5th Grades and signed by all the students and staff. The school community was beautifully supportive through Betsy's death, and it became an opportunity for David to do some teaching for the school community about death and dying. The second picture is of a plaque the school presented David at the end of the year. Some of you will recognize the photo it contains – which was taken when David was leading the entire school in an interactive telling of the Resurrection narrative for Easter. [If have any trouble with the photos, let us know.]

So – we ask your prayers for this new ministry. There is currently no room in the school's budget for David's position, and with Sarah returning to school we are looking for some financial support for David's work. With some folks from the school we are working on a variety of possibilities to see what God might want to do with this. As always, we are blessed to be "amongst you" all as friends – and your prayers and encouragement are precious.

**If you would like to contribute financially, the school has set up a Chapel Fund to support David and the program. You may send donations directly to the school and they will issue a receipt. Make the check payable to "St. Martin's Episcopal School" and write "Chapel Fund" in the memo. Feel free to include a short note as well. Address as follows:**

**Mrs. Wendy Byrnes, Head of School**

**St. Martin's Episcopal School**

**7136 Winnetka Ave.**

**Winnetka, CA 91306**

**As always, if you have any questions, let us know! We try not to overload these letters - but we want to respond to all of you.**

**Our own love and care come with this note. You are truly special to us. The refurbished deck will soon await your arrivals!!!! Blessings on you all! Please know our love and prayers are with you.**

**Pax Christus,**

**- Sarah & David**

