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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

This time of year always seems to rush by so quickly. We move from Advent into Christmas and then into Epiphany in no time at all. We have our Stewardship Sunday and our Annual Meeting, and this year an Interim Task Workshop also, as well as our gathering to celebrate the life of Joanne Brooks, our former choir director. And now, in just a couple of weeks, we enter into Lent.

This season of Lent is such a gift to the Church. We are human beings, and it is far more common for us to hide from and deny our sins than to take the time to encounter and deal with them. But if there is anything more certain than death and taxes, it is sin. We may not like to think about it – we may even avoid the word itself – but sin is part of our reality and part of what it means to be human and alive on this earth. And

the very worst thing about sin is that it creates a wall between us and God – it divides us from the God who loves us.

We know we are God's people, beloved and cherished by our God. We know that sin makes us want to avoid God, when God desires only to forgive and welcome us. And that's why we have Lent. This is our time, sisters and brothers, to deal with the things that keep us from God. In this time we are reminded that there is nothing we have done that God will not forgive. In this time we can take joy in humbly coming before God and seeking the pardon and welcome that is always available to us. This is our time to turn it all around – and God will give us all we need to do that.

I pray for each of us a Lent filled with repentance and filled with forgiveness – our own, our neighbor's, and God's. I pray for a Lent when the walls come tumbling down!

In peace,
ML+

Warden's Words

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Amazingly another year has rolled by us. During 2012, the vestry and wardens continued the work begun in July of 2011 when we acquired The Rev'd Dr. Lynn Sinnott as part time Priest-in-charge for the parish. The goal of the team throughout this period has been first and foremost to build a spiritually healthy and sustainable future for Christ Episcopal Church Xenia. Therefore, the vestry and wardens, with the guidance of Mother Lynn, continued to be thoughtful & prayerful while creating more new policies, procedures, and processes that have helped facilitate building a spiritually fulfilling and thriving foundation for the parish.

In addition to this work, during 2012 the vestry and wardens have sponsored several initial tasks workshops with Mother Lynn and the parish. The first of which was the Leadership workshop conducted via individual cottage meetings in parishioners homes and a follow-up meeting in the parish hall. Later in the year, we met on several occasions in the parish hall for vestry sponsored luncheons and workshops about our denominational history & structure as Episcopalians nationally & within our diocese, our current identity as a parish, and the future identity we would like to have as we move forward as a strong, spiritually thriving, and healthy parish.

Now as we look forward to the year ahead, there is no doubt that the 2013 vestry team and Mother Lynn will continue to prayerfully and thoughtfully guide our parish. As a warden who is "rolling off" the vestry team, I would like to truly thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you, Our Lord, and our parish as Senior Warden during the last two years ('11-'12), and the previous four years as treasurer ('10) and vestry member ('07-'09). Although the responsibilities have been great and at times even difficult, these six years of service have strengthened my prayer and spiritual life beyond anything I would have imagined. For that I am truly blessed and grateful! We have a phenomenal parish!! Please remember to pray for each vestry Member of 2013. Their stewardship gift of their

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time and talent to our parish ministry is essential. May God direct and sustain them as they work to serve our parish and its ministry!
Peace of the Lord be always with you,

Summer L. Watts,
Senior Warden

The results for our 2013 Vestry Elections:

Sr. Warden

Jack Kitch (1 yr. term)

Jr. Warden

Mike Taint (2 yr. term)

And New Vestry Members are:

Ms. Dana Rhyne

Mr. Larry Thomas

Ms. Chandra Hightower *

**to complete Jack Kitch's term.*



To the wonderful people of Christ Episcopal Church Xenia:

Sometimes I question if the clothes closet is helping people or enabling them. Well...I'm sure the answer is both. As I tell the other volunteers: "There are a large amount of low-income that are "down on their luck" and could really use help. There are a few, however, that won't work and have no intention of ever working. You have to help a few of the second group (enabling them) to be able to help the large amount of the first group (truly help). That's why I'm so glad for the stories. It helps you know, really know, that we truly give this community.

A lady came to the clothes closet looking for pants. She couldn't believe that we gave the items away for free. We even helped her find her size. She told us that she had recently gotten a job and the manager told her that she was not allowed to wear blue jeans. She only owned two pairs of pants and both pairs were jeans. Our outstanding volunteer ladies helped her find not only several pants, but shirts and other items that she could use. She came back two weeks later and told us that we had literally saved the job for her. Apparently she is learning her job and the managers seem to think she doing well.

A man came into the clothes closet just as we were closing. Against my better judgment I stayed open and helped him find clothes. He needed a pair of nice pants and a jacket. We found two pairs of pants and then found a jacket and two shirts that fit him. As he was leaving, he told me that he had a job interview the next day. I have not seen him again. Hopefully that means he got the job. I am so glad I stayed late that day.

During the fall we gave away well over 300 coats and jackets. We stopped counting at 300. At least one third of the coats were good, heavy winter coats. The rest varied from warm to light jackets. We had coats for men, women, children, and infants. Unfortunately, we did not have coats for everyone who requested one. We also gave away a lot of hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and sweat shirts as well as the usual clothing. Several people thanked us profusely stating that they did not own any coat.

Before Christmas we pulled out all the Christmas items, toys, household items, knick-knacks, extra blankets and bedding, books, etc. Some were new, most were used. The down-stairs area was full of these items. Nearly every item was taken.

With the rate of unemployment in Xenia (which is higher than the national rate of unemployment), inflation rising, and jobs dwindling, the volunteers at the clothes closet feel that we are truly helping and providing a valuable service.

Thank you for the space for the clothes closet and your patience with us.

Cheryl Allen, Director

Leadership Lines:



Is it really the ministry that's important???

Angela's work for the parish bazaar was, literally, the backbone of the effort. She was the most organized, indefatigable person most people at St. Swithin's had ever encountered. She kept all her suppliers, sources schedules and procedures in her head. True, she was a perfectionist, and everything had to be done her way, but the parish bazaar was always a great success.

Unfortunately for the bazaar, Angela was transferred by her employer to another state, and the people of St. Swithin's sadly waved goodbye. And the bazaar never really happened again. The two or three people Angela had allowed to help disagreed about how, when and why things needed to happen, and no one else in the parish had any experience or interest in doing the work. The first effort to produce the bazaar fizzled out and no one ever renewed the effort. The parish lost a substantial and important source of income.



Dates to Remember

Saturday, February 9 th	—	Memorial for Joanne Brooks
Sunday, February 10 th	—	Shalom Eucharist
Wednesday, February 13 th	—	Ash Wednesday: Dist.of Ashes 12pm, Eucharist and Ashes 7pm
Sunday, February 17 th	-	Absolom Jones Sunday
Saturday, February 23 rd	-	Altar Guild Workshop
Sunday, March 24 th	—	Palm Sunday
Friday, March 30 th	—	Good Friday
Sunday, March 31 st	—	Easter Sunday

Announcements

Alter 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.

Shelter Time: See Mike Taint to find out how you can help with the Homeless Shelter.

Website has moved and is rebuilt.
Come visit it at
www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com

RECYCLING:

Reminder to all, we are recycling. Pete Sinnott takes our paper plates from Coffee Hour for composting. 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 **Aubyrn Thomas**
04 **Tommy Thomas**
13 **Doug Pultz**
23 **Laura Stookey**
28 **Cheryl Eskridge**

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

03 **Maria & Linc Thomas**

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!

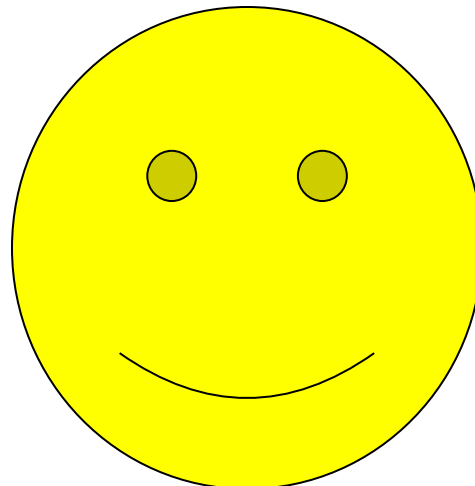
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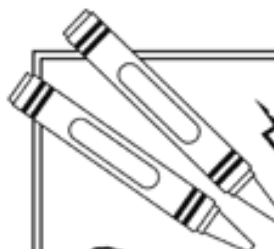
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Children's Corner

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!)





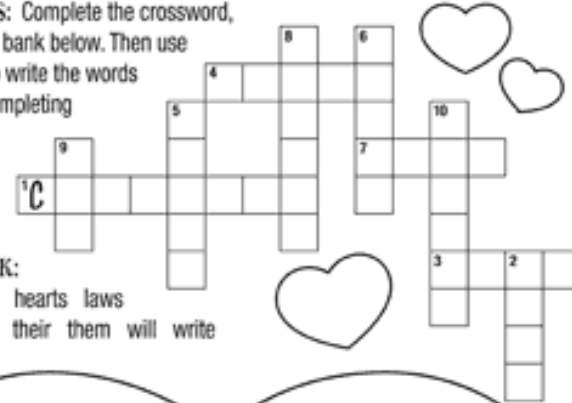
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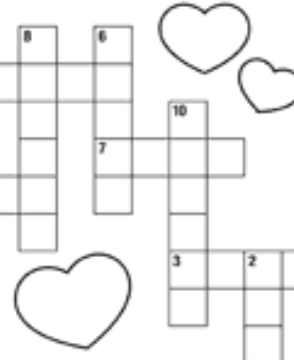
ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.

WORD BANK:
covenant God hearts laws
minds people their them will write





"This is the 1) _____ ... I 2) _____
 put my 3) _____ in 4) _____ 5) _____ and
 6) _____ 7) _____ on 4) _____ 8) _____.
 I 2) _____ be 4) _____ 9) _____,
 and they 2) _____ be my
 10) _____."

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."
Hebrews 8:10, NIV



Crayon Heart

Make heart-shaped crayons as a reminder that the things of God should be written on our hearts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Oven
- Oven mitt
- Heart-shaped silicon mold (available at craft stores)
- Old crayons

What you do:

1. Heat oven to 230 degrees.
2. Remove paper wrappers from crayons. (This is easier if you soak crayons in cool water first.)
3. Break crayons into small pieces. Place pieces into heart-shaped mold, filling them about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until crayons have completely melted.
5. When the heart-shaped crayons are cool, remove them from the mold.

Service Calendar, February 2013

Ministry	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne & Tanya	Ruth & Becky	Pam & Tanya	Dana & Becky
Lector	Barb	Mike	Mark	Ruth
Ushers	Summer & JoAnne	Rick & Bradley	Elizabeth & Tommy	Donovans
Intercessor	Rick	Summer	Dana	Barb
Chalice	Ruth	Barb	Summer	Pam
Vestry Member of the Week	Jack	JoAnne	Tanya	Chandra

Service Calendar, March 2013

Ministry	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Chandra	Tommy	Nancy	Dana	Barb
Ushers	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy
Intercessor	Doug	Barb	Summer	Ruth	Rick
Chalice	Barb	Pam	Ruth	Summer	Pam
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Michael	Kim	Chandra	Tanya

If you can't be there for your assigned position, please find a

Dear Eucharistic Visitors,

The schedule for December 2012 through February 2013 is below. If you cannot take Holy Eucharist on a date you're scheduled, please contact another Eucharistic Visitor and arrange a trade, and then let Becky Gentry know what the change is. Contact information for EVs is on the reverse. Many thanks!

1. Joyce Murnahan
2. Mary Kidd
3. Shirley Ellis

4. Faith Patterson
5. Joanne Brooks
6. Bill Huddleston

EV'S NAME	Date 12/09/12	Date 12/16/12	Date 12/23/12	Date 01/06/13	Date 01/13/13	Date 01/20/13	Date 02/03/13	Date 02/10/13	Date 02/17/13	Number of Visits
Barbara Bonham				3		5		1		3
Mark Cummings	6		2					1		3
Rick Feinour					4		6		2	3
Kim Holbert		1		3						2
Jenny Hudson					4		6			2
Dana Rhyne		1				5			2	3
Summer Watts	6		2							2



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 13

Liturgy of the Ashes - 12 Noon

Holy Eucharist and Ashes - 7 PM

Diesel Emissions Awareness

WHERE YOU LIVE GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

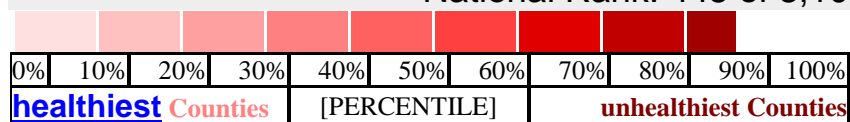
The *lifetime* cancer risk from *diesel soot* in your community exceeds the risk of all other air toxics tracked by EPA combined.

- The average lifetime diesel soot cancer risk for a resident of Greene County is 1 in 13,297.
- This risk is 75 times greater than EPA's acceptable cancer level of 1 in a million.

[Find out how this risk was calculated](#); [understand how your risk might be higher](#); [an explanation of 1-in-a-million acceptable risk](#)

How the Risk from Diesel Soot in Greene County Compares to Other Counties Nationally:
86%

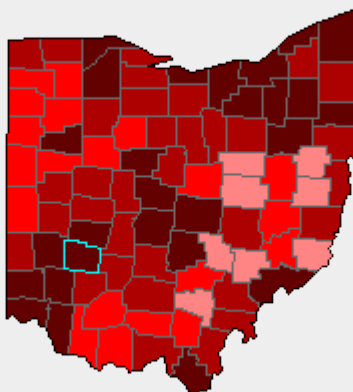
National Rank: 445 of 3,109 counties



[What are percentiles?](#)

How the Risk from Diesel Soot in Greene County Compares to Other Ohio Counties:

Rank Within State: 17 of 88 counties



Lifetime Cancers per Million People in Greene County:

	75		37	
	Inhaled Diesel Soot		Other Inhaled Toxics	

How did CATF compare the risk of diesel particulate to other air toxics?

Diesel Emissions (2005):

Pollutant	Annual Tons per Year	Highway (on road)	Heavy Equipment (non road)
NOx	2,092	1,256	835
PM2.5	110	37	73
PM10	119	43	75
CO	790	396	394
VOC	157	76	80
SO2	151	33	118

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WHERE YOU LIVE GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

Did you know that there is an organization that calculates the health risks associated with diesel emissions? Diesel exhaust is one of the nation's most persistent sources of toxic air pollution. America's 11 million diesels—buses, trucks, trains, ships, and construction equipment—emit pollutants that lead to several health risks. The public health effects, including asthma attacks, heart attacks, stroke, cancer, and premature death.

Statistic: Greene County ranks 445 of 3,109 counties nationally from the risk from diesel soot.

Black carbon, a component of diesel pollution, is also one of the largest drivers of climate change. Black carbon is a form of particulate matter emitted by diesels and other sources that warms the atmosphere by absorbing sunlight and radiating heat into the air. It can also darken snow and ice, and directly accelerate melting. The United States has the highest per-capita emissions of black carbon in the world, with more than half coming from diesel engines.

<http://greenfaith.org/resource-center/justice/ej-impacts-in-your-area/ej-impacts-in-your-area>

Clean Air Task Force 18 Tremont Street, Suite 530, Boston, MA 02108

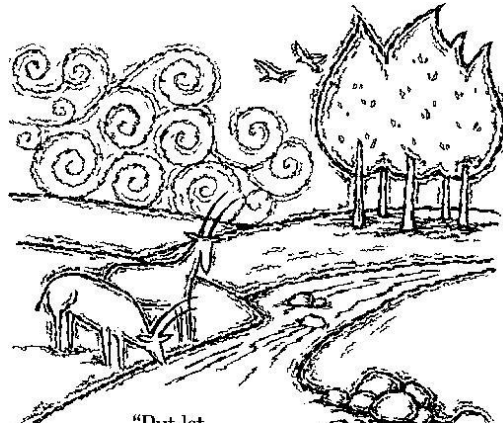
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By the Green Church Team

What is Shalom?

Hebrew words go beyond their spoken pronunciation. Each Hebrew word conveys feeling, intent and emotion. *Shalom* is more than just simply peace; it is a complete peace. It is a feeling of contentment, completeness, wholeness, well-being and harmony.

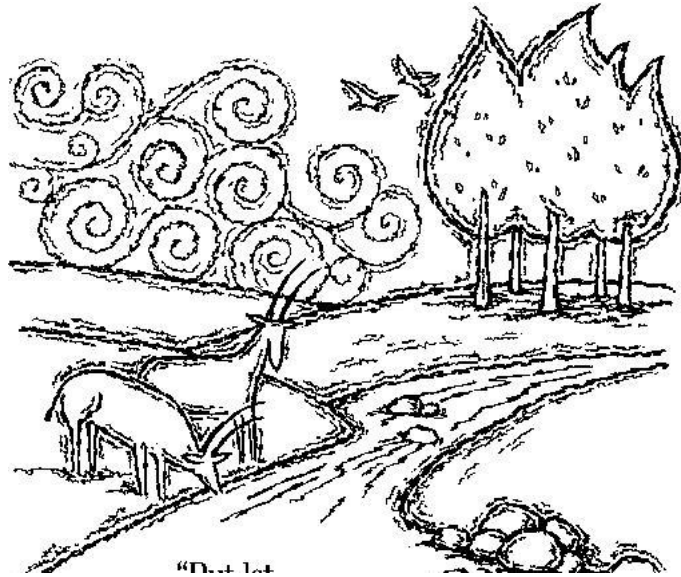
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Shalom

Shalom means completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord. *Shalom* comes from the root verb *shalom* meaning to be complete, perfect and full.

Strong's Concordance 7965



Shalom

Shalom Eucharist

9:30 AM February 10, 2013

The Last Sunday of Epiphany



Enter the holy Season of Lent

With open hearts and spirits

Remembering Joanne Brooks



Joanne Brooks was born in Middletown in 1935. Her mother had been a professional accompanist and once accompanied for a future star of the Metropolitan Opera. Joanne began learning music around 3 years of age. She was versed in most instruments. She grew up in a Presbyterian church, but became involved with the Episcopal Church in 1948 because the church ran a teenage dance party after the ballgames. She was the assistant director of music and principal soloist in the Presbyterian Church. She also was chief soloist and assistant director of music at the Episcopal Church. She would perform at the services of the Presbyterian Church and then race to the Episcopal Church which started ½ hour later for her performance in their services. She finally joined the Episcopal Church in 1960, because she preferred the Episcopal services and the structure of the liturgy. She was confirmed Episcopal in 1963. In 1982, Joanne moved to Xenia. She was interim director of the Presbyterian Church in Middletown and bell choir director at Westminster Presbyterian in Xenia. In 1984, Bill Roberts called Joanne to become assistant director of music at Christ Episcopal Church Xenia. She started with a 7 member choir and built up to 31 people at one point.

Joanne received her B.A. from the College of Wooster and her Masters at Miami University. She started her doctorate at U.D focusing on the works of the great English composer, conductor, and pianist, Benjamin Britten. Joanne taught music at public schools from 1957-1960. She taught at Miami University from 2000-2010. She has taught private lessons from 1956 until present.

Joanne has taken her love of music frequently into many directions. She was a soloist for Christian Science Church, director of the Middletown Civic Chorus in the 1960's, and founder/arranger for the Wayfarers folk group which toured the Ohio-Kentucky-Missouri area. She was the principle soloist in a group called Pro Musica and a music critic for the newspapers in the 1960's and 1970's. She developed a lecture series comparing black and white spirituals. She gave choral workshops where they worked on manuscripts for women composers and conductors. She formed, composed music, and directed a semi-pro women's chorus from 1983-1985. She worked with the Choral Belles, whom toured with the Bonnie Lad's. She also assisted Zenobia Perry, Professor of Music Composition at Central State, in the editing of her CD of music compilations.

Joanne Brooks has had many noted musical accomplishments. She has brought us her love of liturgy and we have benefited with her musical direction and guidance. She went to sing with the angels on January 17th, 2013.



**There will be a Memorial Service for
Joanne Brooks Saturday, February 9th at 2
PM.**



Christ Church Easter Lilies To Honor Your Loved Ones

*Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter Lilies for \$10.00. Please place your order by **Sunday, March 17.***

Place the following order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment.

Name: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you for your contribution.

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ALTAR GUILD WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 23

9:30 am – 1:00 pm



~Refresh and share your skills and knowledge~

~Meet the new Altar Guild Manual~

~Coffee & Munchies, Lunch & Dessert provided~



Dayton – Five Rivers Deanery Lenten Series

You are invited to join the members of the other area Episcopal churches for our Deanery's 2013 Lenten series. The Rev. Ruth Paulus, Rector of St. Christopher's in Fairborn, will lead the five sessions, which will include portions of the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" followed by a discussion based on the movie.

As we have done in previous years, the sessions will be held on the first five Tuesdays of Lent, and each will take place at a different area church. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a simple dinner (soup, salad, bread), followed by the program (from 6:45 until 8:00). This year's locations are:

- February 19: St. Mark's, 456 Woodman Dr., Riverside
- February 26: Christ Church, 63 East Church St., Xenia
- March 5: St Margaret's, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
- March 12: St. Christopher's, 1501 N. Broad St., Fairborn
- March 19: Christ Church, 20 West First St., Dayton

Please make plans to join us for as many sessions as possible!



Lent

Lent for Everyone:

a Discussion Whenever and Wherever You Choose!

This Lent, we invite anyone who is interested -- within the parishes of the Dayton-Five Rivers and Northwest Deaneries or anywhere else -- to join us in listening to the gospel according to Luke in a new way. We will be using a recently published book that offers a brief (usually about two-page) entry for each day, from Ash Wednesday (February 13) through Easter Saturday (April 6). Each of these entries provides a short reading from the gospel (in an engaging, contemporary translation), a brief comment on it, and a thought-starter titled "Today."

The book is *Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C*, written by New Testament scholar and Bishop N.T. Wright (October 2012, Westminster John Knox Press). It is available from [Amazon](#) (paperback or Kindle) and from [Barnes and Noble](#) (paperback or Nook).

We invite each of you to consider using this book as the basis for your daily Lenten reflections. You may want to stop there, with your personal thoughts and prayers.

But, if you are willing to share your thoughts on what you have read with others, please consider visiting either St. Mark's web site, <http://stmarksdayton.org/> (and clicking on the image of our Lenten book), or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksdayton>, and joining in the conversation (those commenting via our web site can use their Yahoo, AOL or Hotmail IDs to do so). The blog format will allow many people to discuss together what they see in each passage and how the gospel story pertains to and touches their own lives. Also, please consider inviting other people, especially young adults who are not currently church-goers, to join us as well.

This is an innovative and inviting way for all of us to do what we have promised in our baptismal vows: listen to, live, and share with others the Good News of God in Christ.

If you have any questions, please contact St. Mark's Church at st_marks@ameritech.net or (937) 256-1082.

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as SAMS missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

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Sustainability and New Wine

We are shifting gears. We are cleaning house. We are preparing new wineskins.

December 2012 was the end of a five-year project that expanded and consolidated the community health promoter program that began in 2001.

Community surveys showed that health indicators related to the causes of preventable childhood deaths, women's health, and HIV/AIDS improved throughout the years, including the last two years when the groups were working without the benefit of resources from outside of their communities.

The groups' ability to carry-on and continue improving health conditions using only local community assets is a good sign. There is a lot of talk about sustainability in social ministry programs these days – this is one example of what sustainability looks like.

We will continue working with the health promoter groups, but in a different way. A new multi-year project starts in 2013. Over the past 18 months, domestic and gender-based violence emerged as a priority of the health promoter groups and as a focus of Dominican Public Health, Lambeth Palace, the Anglican Communion, World Council of Churches, and Episcopal Relief & Development, among others.

The community health staff is shifting gears to work with young people and communities to address and prevent domestic violence. The new project is both narrow (targeting seventh and eighth graders) and broad (involving health promoters, community leaders, parents, teachers, the public prosecutor's office, the national police, etc.). The project will assist people to examine gender roles, relationships, and cultural norms.

We expect the community health promoter groups to continue improving health in their communities for years to come. An aim with the new project is to equip young people to make a difference throughout a lifetime.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael



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 cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions:

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