

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Meeting, February 8, 11:30am
- Choir Practice, February 11, 7pm
- Rededication of Organ, February 15, 3pm
- Pancake Dinner, February 17, 5-7pm
- Liturgy of the Ashes, February 18, noon
- Holy Eucharist and Imposition of the Ashes, 7pm
- Heart and Hands- February 21, 1pm
- First Sunday in Lent- Holy Eucharist, February 22
- Day of Caring, February 22, 9-1pm
- Choir Practice, February 25, 7pm
- Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist, March 29
- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, 6pm Holy Eucharist & Foot-washing , 7pm

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

This month we see, once again, the beginning of the Lenten season. Our liturgy will change to reflect the meaning of this season in our lives – the music becomes more somber, the readings help us to reflect, and the message becomes one of metanoia – change; turning around.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are very, very mortal. We really don't have endless time or endless opportunity to work on focusing our lives more accurately toward God. We have limited time, and the only opportunity we really have is right now. This moment is the only moment we have--the moment in which we can look at our lives as honestly as we are able, and see what we must do to turn them around. There will be something – *something!* – in each of us that we can address.

There will be something that can be dealt with that we've been avoiding for years. There will be something we can make more holy, and there will be ways we can focus more surely on God.

Let's pray for each other during this time—that this Lent will be for each of us a time of holiness and metanoia and movement toward

God. Remembering that we are as ephemeral as the grasses of the field and the dust that blows in the wind, let's give thanks for this time.

In peace and prayer,
ML+



2015 Lenten Morning of Reflection



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Breidenthal will lead a consideration of

“ISIS (ISIL) and Ebola: Christian Responses to Moral and Natural Evil”

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
33 West Dixon Avenue
Dayton OH 45419
Saturday, February 28,
9:00 until Noon

Annual meeting 2015 called to order, prayer and song commenced

- ✦ Vote Tellers appointed: Joanne Earley, Rick Feinour, Terry Holcomb
- ✦ Clerk appointed: Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet
- ✦ Minutes for 2014 were skipped
- ✦ Nominations read by Vikki Carter:
- ✦ Vestry nominees: Cyndamarie Gunn, Bradley Alexander, Maxine Thomas, and Pam Feinour
- ✦ Delegate nominees: Elizabeth Clark, Kim Bayless, Pam Feinour, Rick Feinour, Becky Gentry, Dana Rhyne, Bradley Alexander
- ✦ No nominations from the floor, nominations were closed
- ✦ Treasurer appointed: Doug Pultz
- ✦ Votes reported:
- ✦ New Vestry members: (until 2018) :
 - ✦ Maxine Thomas
 - ✦ Pam Feinour
 - ✦ Junior Warden: Lee Silverstrim (until 2017)

- ✦ Convention delegates:
 - ✦ Elizabeth Clark
 - ✦ Kim Bayless
 - ✦ Pam Feinour
 - ✦ Becky Gentry
- ✦ Convention alternates:
 - ✦ Rick Feinour
 - ✦ Vikki Carter
 - ✦ Dana Rhyne
 - ✦ Bradley Alexander

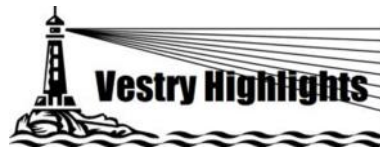


Christ Church
Annual Meeting 2015

- ✦ Welcome presentation was viewed by all
- ✦ Senior Warden Dana Rhyne made her report, Pete Sinnott reported on repairs made, Pam Feinour reported for Altar Guild and Breakfast Sunday, Cheryl Eskridge reported for A Caring Place (CECX scheduled for March 7, May 12, 2015), Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet reported on Communications, Mark Cummings reported for the Green Team, Joe Beal presented on Choir, Joanne Earley reported on Clothing Closet.
- ✦ Mother Lynn Sinnott reported on Christian Education and Formation - Bishop will be here in November 8 and confirmation will be held then.
- ✦ Barbara Bonham reported on outreach -Tommy Thomas has resigned from chair of outreach; Dana Rhyne & Barbara Bonham have formed a team looking at revising outreach.
- ✦ Claris Donovan reported on Caring, M Cummings reported on Homeless Shelter, Barbara Bonham reported on Stewardship, Mother Lynn Sinnott re-

ported on worship team, Barbara Bradfute reported on Xenia Area Association of Churches and Missions.

- ✦ C Hightower reported on the Treasury Audit Report - turned in and budget made.
- ✦ Mother Lynn Sinnott thanked departing vestry and delegates, welcome new vestry and delegates and treasurer.
- ✦ Lee Silverstrim, taking on Junior Warden, reported on his work with HVAC to reduce bills.
- ✦ Mother Lynn Sinnott made her report. Doug Pultz reported on First Fridays.
- ✦ Meeting adjourned with prayer and song.



For January 11,
2014

- ✦ D. Rhyne made a motion to approve the January agenda; B. Bonham seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ D. Rhyne made a motion to approve the December Minutes; B. Bonham seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ Drapery question research presented, Panels suggested, B. Bonham will get pricing.
- ✦ Review of vestry election options: B. Alexander, M. Thomas, D. Pultz, P. Feinour, L. Silverstrim (jw)
- ✦ Outreach Study Team: B. Bonham, C. Conway, and D. Rhyne are going to work on this and bring recommendations in April 2015
- ✦ Discussed costs estimates of repair/replacement of boiler/furnace \$800 to start. Discussed finance options such as the Chamberlain fund.
- ✦ Discussed cost of repair of bathroom fan and finance options such as Chamberlain fund
- ✦ Discussed responsibilities of Jr. Warden: L. Thomas will put together a job descriptions
- ✦ Discussed Annual Meeting , vestry signed up for food
- ✦ Next year – liaisons of vestry on every team
- ✦ Final Report of Pledge Drive
- ✦ Ministry Reports heard: Clothes Closet – Jeremiah Tree is petition for the Jeremiah school rent-free for year round day/night shelter and business clothes closet
- ✦ Discussion on involving Congregation in Welcome – ML+ will take the congregation through the powerpoint at the Annual Meeting



ITEMS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS NEEDED - Glenn Donovan

Hi everyone, this is our February ingathering of personal items for the homeless students in our area. We will accept items thru the month of February.

Things are somewhat better now, but the need is still great. We have been very generous in the past and I hope we can continue. I will be in rehab the last 2 weeks of February, but Claris will see that things go well.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 01 Aubyrn Thomas 03 Maria & Linc
- 04 Tommy Thomas Thomas
- 11 Cynda Gunn
- 13 Doug Pultz
- 21 Fr. Elaine
Silverstrom
- 23 Laura Stookey
- 28 Cheryl Eskridge



Just a Reminder...

The next Vestry Meeting will be March 15th - the third Sunday of March, and will be Orientation and a brief business meeting.

Please remember to sign up for providing a meal for the Homeless Shelter. See Carol Conway for questions or visit our website:
www.christ-episcopal-xenia.org



Relationships by Ruth Hazel

Relationships do not occur in a vacuum. They are fluid and unpredictable; they may be satisfying or may be challenging.

Although relationships stem from every quarter of our lives, the family is the unit with which most of us are familiar. The dynamics differ as do the needs of its members. Each interacts with the other – caring and loving or quarreling and striving to secure his or her identity.

My church family reminds me of what it was to be part of the boisterous group my home once claimed. The awareness that, even now, I am not alone sustains me. On Sundays when I enter into fellowship with others, I see enthusiasm and spontaneity. I feel the warmth of my church family, symbolically and overtly expressed in the exchange of the Peace.

Relationships may be fostered through a shared meal, a common interest, or in response to an apparent need of another member. Whether it is in lifting someone up in prayer or in acknowledging a milestone reached by another, relationships develop in God’s house. To this octogenarian’s aid came a young man, whom I dub “my angel” and who calls me “Mother Hazel.” He volunteered to tame my flower beds last summer. More recently he did a house and yard check when I was out of town.

In Christ Church we reach out to one another – young and old – and we are touched by God’s love.

On February 8 Christ Church will celebrate the life of
Absolom Jones



Absalom Jones was America's first black priest. Born into slavery in Delaware at a time when slavery was being debated as immoral and undemocratic, he taught himself to read, using the New Testament as one of his resources. At the age of 16, Jones was sold to a shopkeeper in Philadelphia where he attended a night school for blacks, operated by Quakers. Following the purchase of his own freedom in 1784, Jones served as lay minister for the black membership at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church.

The active evangelism of Jones and that of his friend, Richard Allen, greatly increased black membership at St. George's. Alarmed by the rise in black attendance, the vestry decided to segregate blacks into an upstairs gallery without notice. When ushers attempted to remove the black congregants, the resentful group exited the church. This exodus triggered the establishment of the Free African Society by Jones and Allen in 1787 to aid in the emancipation of slaves and to offer sustenance and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and the poor.

In 1794 Jones and Allen, with the assistance of local Quakers and Episcopalians, established the "First African Church" in Philadelphia. Shortly after the establishment that same year, the African Church applied to join the Protestant Episcopal Church, laying before the diocese three requirements: the Church must be received as an already organized body; it must have control over its own affairs; and Jones must be licensed as lay-reader and if qualified, ordained as its minister.

Upon acceptance into the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the church was renamed the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The following year Jones became a deacon but was not ordained a priest until 1804, nine years later. At 58 years old, he became the first black American priest. He continued to be a leader in his community, founding a day school (as blacks were excluded from attending public school), the Female Benevolent Society, and an African Friendly Society. In 1800 he called upon Congress to abolish the slave trade and to provide for gradual emancipation of existing slaves. Jones died in 1818.

Stained glass window in St. George's Episcopal Church, Dayton, Ohio, crafted by Willet Stained Glass © 2000
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Submissions:

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





25TH ANNIVERSARY
ANNUAL DAY OF CARING PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

WHERE: CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

63 EAST CHURCH STREET

XENIA

WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

TIME: 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

PRICE: \$6 FOR ADULTS

\$4 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12

You can make a difference

A single act of caring reaches many others

MENU

Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Orange Juice

All money that is raised through the Pancake
Brunches is given
to the local Hunger and Housing Coalitions.

Please bring family and friends



ORGAN CONCERT

REDEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Ms. Roxanne Harrison, Organist

FEBRUARY 15TH 3 - 4 PM

Reception follows the concert



