



Upcoming Events:

- Heart and Hands, February 6th 1PM
- Shalom Eucharist February 7th
- Annual Meeting, February 7th
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 9th 5-6:30PM
- Ash Wednesday, February 10th Imposition of Ashes - Noon, Ashes & Eucharist-7PM
- Absalom Jones Service February 14th
- Saint Valentine's Day, February 14th
- Vestry Meeting February 14th
- St Brigid Fish Fry, February 19th 6PM
- Heart and Hands February 20th 1PM
- Shelter closes tentatively March 15
- Passion Sunday, March 20
- Maundy Thursday, March 24, Seder Dinner 6PM Holy Eucharist 7PM
- Good Friday, March 25 -Liturgy 7PM
- Easter Sunday, March 27

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

When we lived in southern Pennsylvania, we began to look forward to Spring at this time of year. We knew that February would fly by with increasingly mild days, and with March would come the first of the spring flowers, warming breezes, and renewed energy for early garden cleanup. Then we moved to northern Pennsylvania, and found that March could be the harshest of the winter months. Of course, our next move to New York, 20 miles south of Lake Ontario, strongly reinforced our experience of the "endless winter".

It was never that the months of the calendar had changed; it was that our perspective had changed. It seems to me that the church's liturgical year offers us that same change of perspective. The months follow, one upon another, as they always do – but our perspective in Advent changes for Christmas, and differs again at Epiphany. We look at our life in the church in a new way each season. Now we are moving into Lent, and we are invited to look at our lives in God and in the church in yet another way.

While each of the liturgical seasons offers a unique perspective, they all share one thing in common: we, the people of God—we are beloved. Lent, with its focus on repentance, on turning our lives around, should never cause us to feel unloved. Rather, it should reassure us that, with all our frailties and "growing edges" – with all the things for which we need to be forgiven – with all the ways we miss the mark – God never ceases to love us. Whatever steps we take this Lent toward changing our lives, God will meet us more than halfway. We can trust that we are safe in the reality of God's love – safe enough to do whatever work is needed to bring us nearer to God.

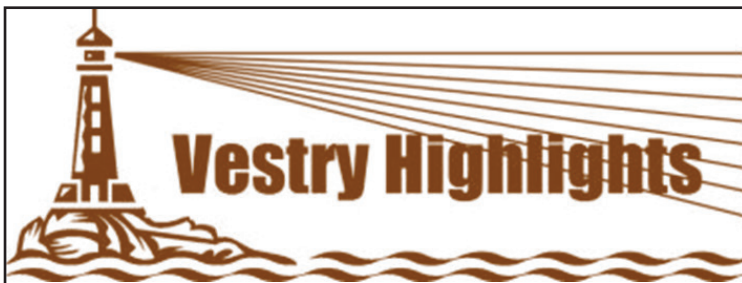
So – let's enter Lent prepared for an honest appraisal of our lives – and an absolute trust in God's love.

In peace,

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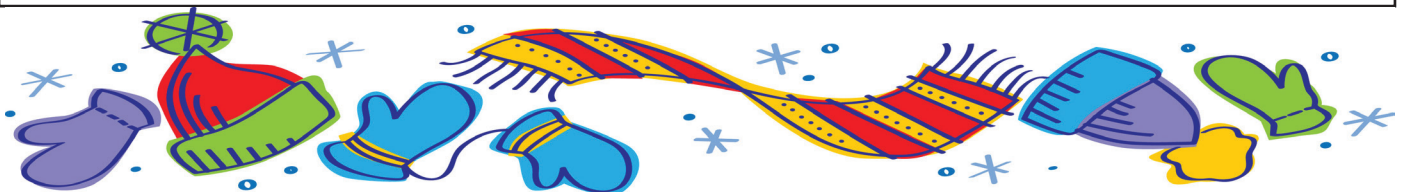
Ash Wednesday February 10th
12 Noon ~ Imposition of Ashes
7 PM ~ Ashes & Holy Eucharist



for January 10, 2016

Next Vestry Meeting is February 14th

- Shelter Record-Keeping – Paula Lowe presented her system of documents.
- Bylaws – review for Annual Meeting. Dana R. made a motion that the bylaws as amended shall be presented at the annual meeting for approval, Pam F. seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- Wedding Contract – tabled; Tshirts – tabled until it is warmer.
- Vestry Elections 2016 discussed
- Parking lot issues were discussed
- Team Liaison Reports were made
- Sr. Warden's Report – Dana R. made her report
- Jr. Warden's Report – Barbara B. made her report
- Treasurer's Report – Doug P. made his report.
- Revised Draft Budget Presented. Dana R. made a motion to approve the budget and present it to the congregation as amended, Mark C. seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Priest's Report – Mother Lynn made her report.



"The Vestry"

What is it?

A ministry of serving the church

A call to leadership, even if you've never served in that capacity before

An opportunity to learn how the church "works"

Relationships with others who love CECX

An overnight retreat each year

Prayer and consultation; cooperation and decision-making and.....

Something everyone should do - at least once in a lifetime!

Talk with a Vestry person and get the perspective of a parishioner who really knows



WARDEN'S WORDS by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

February is the Super Bowl (or Puppy Bowl if you're me), Valentine's Day, and time for our Annual Meeting! It has been an honor to serve as your Senior Warden for the last two years. And unless something changes at the Annual Meeting, I look forward to serving you again. But there is no way that I could be Senior Warden without the help that I receive from all of you. Our church is small, but mighty. And because we're small, every voice is important. All of you are part of the reason that Christ Church accomplishes all that it does. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



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

01	Auburn Thomas
04	Tommy Thomas
08	David Ormarato
11	Cynda Gunn
13	Doug Pultz
21	Fr. Elaine Silverstrom
23	Laura Stookey
28	Cheryl Eskridge



03 Maria & Linc Thomas

On February 14 Christ Church will celebrate the life of Absalom 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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2016 Annual Meeting

February 7, 2016



Breakfast preceding the meeting

Get Ready, Everyone!

Our Annual Meeting is February 7th!

All Reports are due January 29th

Pray about our Vestry elections, and your own possible part in that process

Talk with your Vestry – find out how they feel about being Vestry members and Wardens

Our Vestry is a fabulous group of folks who have fun together, doing good work for Christ Church

If you feel led to join our team & see what the fun's all about, please see one of the Wardens or Mother Lynn

Laugh, Talk, Share, Eat, Enjoy – and still be home in time for Superbowl! (What more could anyone ask??)

Ash Wednesday

12 Noon
Imposition of Ashes



February 10th

7 PM
Ashes & Holy Eucharist

Lent Madness 2016

The Saintly Smack Down!

For the seventh year running, people worldwide are gearing up for Lent Madness, the “saintly smackdown” in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo.

Yes, the world’s most popular online Lenten devotion is back for another round of saintly thrills and spills. With its unique blend of cut-throat competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness is really about being inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across the generations.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, this unique competition pits saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season of Lent.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John’s Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church’s calendar of saints, Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born.

Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement (the same folks that publish Forward Day by Day) executive director Scott Gunn, to bring Lent Madness to the masses. Schenck and Gunn form the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee, a more-or-less benevolent dictatorship that runs the entire operation. The formula has worked as this online devotional has been featured in media outlets all over the country including national television, the Washington Post, NPR, USA Today, and even Sports Illustrated (seriously).

Here’s how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at <http://www.lentmadness.org> about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. The 2016 heavyweights include Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Clare of Assisi, Julian of Norwich, Sojourner Truth, Joseph, and Albert Schweitzer. The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website.

This all kicks off on “Ash Thursday,” February 11. To participate, visit the Lent Madness website, where you can also print out a bracket to see how you fare or “compete” against friends and family members. Like that other March tournament, there will be drama and intrigue, upsets and thrashings, last-minute victories and Cinderellas.

Eleven “celebrity bloggers” from across the country have been tapped to write for the project: the Rev. Amber Belldene of San Francisco, CA; the Rev. Laurie Brock of Lexington, KY; Anna Fitch Courie of Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Dr. David Creech of Morehead, MN; the Rev. Megan Castellan of Kansas City, MO; Neva Rae Fox of Somerville, NJ; the Rev. David Hansen of Woodlands, TX; Beth Lewis of Minneapolis, MN; Hugo Olaiz of Cincinnati, OH; Dr. Derek Olsen of Baltimore, MD; and the Rev. David Sibley of Manhasset, NY. Information about each of the celebrity bloggers and the rest of the team is available on the Lent Madness website.

If you’re looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn’t be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

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An early start to spring cleaning

from Newsletternewsletter.com

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



Art in the Sanctuary at St. Peter's, Delaware

During the season of Lent, St. Peter's, Delaware, will hold the special art exhibition, Take Up Your Cross. This visual meditation on the theme of bearing the cross features 25 paintings, drawings, prints, and collages by artists from 11 countries.

The first half of the exhibition depicts Christ carrying the cross and explores its theological meaning. The second part of the show presents individuals or groups who have taken up the cross as an act of self-sacrifice. The show includes works by German Expressionist Otto Dix, Haitian "Primitive" Painter Gerard Fortune, and a specially commissioned carved wood panel painting from Southern Visionary Artist Carl Dixon.

Take Up Your Cross opens the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 7, and runs through Easter Sunday, March 27. Visitors are invited to see the show on Fridays from 12 to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 to 1 p.m. The exhibit will also be open on Holy Week from Wednesday through Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. Individuals and groups are welcome to visit on other days by appointment.

For more information call 740.972.8592 or e-mail sacredartpilgrim@gmail.com. St. Peter's is located at 45 W Winter St. in Delaware.

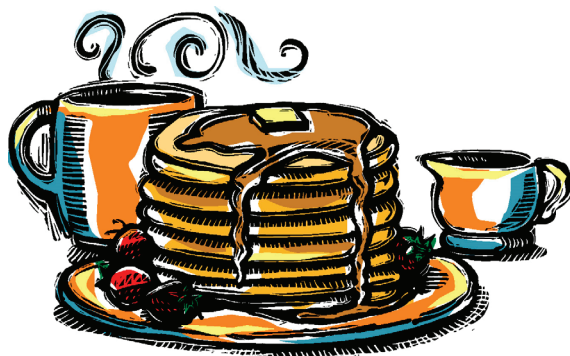
News from the Diocese of Southern Ohio



Check out more news at
<http://www.dsoconnections.org/2016/02/02/take-up-your-cross/>

Such as:

- Evensong at Holy Trinity
- School of Ministry Offerings for March
- Rushian White Nights Celebration
- High School Vocalist invited to Join St. James Sacred Chorale



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper
February 9
5 pm - 6:30 pm
at the Parish Hall



Christ Church Easter Flowers To Honor Your Loved Ones

Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter flowers. The selection of flowers are Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips. Please place your order by Friday, March 4, 2016.

NAME: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Please indicate your choice and quantity below:

	<u>Quantity:</u>		
Lilies		X \$9.50 =	\$
Daffodils		X \$7.50 =	\$
Tulips		X \$7.50 =	\$
TOTAL:			\$

Place the order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment. **The due date for your order is Friday, March 4, 2016.**

If you have questions, please contact Chandra Hightower at 937.376.3990 or via e-mail cclns793@gmail.com.

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Received: \$ _____ Cash / Check # _____

Date: _____/2016

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.

Please

remember to sign up for providing a meal or helping staff the Homeless Shelter. See Mark Cummings for questions or visit our website: www.christ-episcopal-xenia.org and see the ad on that page about how you can help or email cecxtanya@gmail.com

Our remaining dates that need meals are as follows:
Saturday 2/6, Friday 2/12, Saturday 2/23, Friday 2/19, Saturday 2/20, Friday 2/26, Saturday 2/27, Friday 3/4, Saturday 3/5, Friday 3/11, and Saturday 3/12.

Or drop a meal off in the freezer and let Mark Cummings or Tanya Kimmet know.



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET

is especially in need of hangers, toiletries, sanitary products, and undergarments.



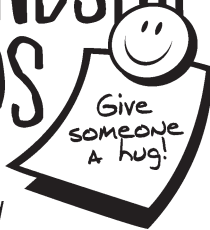
Clothing Closet

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!)

FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.

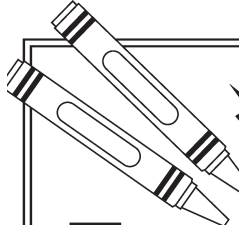


What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
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27:9, NIV pleasant_____

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• ad_____ • a

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from •

_____ 27:9, NIV

BIBLE QUIZ

Proverbs 27:9, NIV

At a time of deep struggle in Elijah's life, God made his presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence



MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 9 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-6:30 pm
- 10 Ash Wednesday, Noon - Imposition of Ashes & 7 PM- Ashes & Eucharist
- 14 Absalom Jones Service - 9:30 am

March

- 20 Passion Sunday - 9:30 am Palms, Passion Narrative & Holy Eucharist
- 24 Maundy Thursday 6 pm Seder Dinner, 7 pm Holy Eucharist
- 25 Good Friday - 7 pm Liturgy of Good Friday
- 27 Easter Sunday - 9:30 am Festal Holy Eucharist



LENTEN SCHEDULE

for 2016

NOTE~

New Address:

This is Glenn & Claris' new address and phone:
(Home) 979-1161
2393 East Rahn Rd
Kettering OH 45440



Roxanne update: She is home and is tentatively planning to return February 14. She wants to thank you all for the cards and good wishes!!!

St Brigid's Fish Fry February 19th

6 pm - \$12 in advance and \$15 at door -
fried fish, cold beer, fun games



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 cecxlst@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions:

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



February Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	2/7	2/10	2/14	2/21	2/28
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	MP (Ruth)
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Ruth, Nancy	Pete, Becky	Barbara, Mark	Pam, Becky	Tommy, Ruth
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Brad, Rick	Clariss, JoAnne	Elizabeth, Tommy	Brad, Rick
Intercessor	Dana	-	Rick	Doug	Debbie
Chalice	Debbie	Barbara	Ruth	Kim	—
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	Dana (Bill)	-	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Mark	-	JoAnne & Doug	Pam & Ruth	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Barbara		Tanya	Mark	Dana

March Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/24	3/25	3/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Nancy, Pete	Debbie, Barbara	Mark, Pam	Becky, Tommy	Tommy, Nancy	Pete, Debbie
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Elizabeth, Tommy	Brad, Clariss	Brad, Rick	JoAnne, Elizabeth
Intercessor	Dana	Rick	Doug	Barbara	Mark	Dana
Chalice	Mark	Pam	Rick	Debbie	Barbara	Kim
Eucharistic Visitors	Dana (Bill)	-	-			
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Ruth	Debbie & Doug	Ruth & JoAnne	-	-	Pam, JoAnne
Vestry Member of the Week	Pam	Maxine	Mark	Carol	Brad	Tanya