



### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 11 – HE, Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Father Elaine
- Feb 11 – Annual Meeting after Church service
- Feb 13 – Shrove Tuesday, 4:30 – 6 pm
- Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m., Father Greg
- Feb 18 – HE, 1st Sunday in Lent, Father Greg
- Feb 18 – Community Meal for February, time 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 25 – Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday in Lent
- Mar 03 – HE, 3rd Sunday in Lent, Father Greg
- Mar 11 – MP, 4th Sunday in Lent
- Mar 18 – HE, 5th Sunday in Lent
- Mar 18 – Community Dinner for March, time 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 25 – Palm Sunday, Father Greg
- Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday, Father Greg



## ANNUAL MEETING

February 11th after Services

Important Information,  
Voting for Representation on Vestry/  
Convention, and FOOD!

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**Submission deadline is February 20th. Submit articles by hand to Tanya or email to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com)**

A preacher who had always feared death felt powerless to comfort others who were facing it. Toward the end of his life, he moved to another house. When all the furniture had been packed, he lingered in the home where he'd raised his children and prepared many sermons. An assistant interrupted those reflections by saying, "Everything's gone, sir, but the new house is better than this one. Come away."

The preacher never forgot this lesson. God has prepared for his children a home infinitely better than earth — "an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands" (2 Corinthians 5:1, NIV).

# December Vestry Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is February 14th



- The meeting was called to order at 11:18 by Debbie Gillespie with prayer and a reading from Genesis 19:1-6a.
- We did not have the minutes from our November meeting for review but they were available on line along with the reports on current matters. We will approve them next month.
- Senior Warden Report - Debbie Gillespie gave an introduction of Canon Lynn and a description of the way the invitation was extended. She stated that at the retreat they noted that we have all the necessary pieces to start the process for a decision for the beginnings of a search. It was, therefore, time to connect back with Lynn. Father Elaine also joined us.
- We have recommended a search committee of: Joyce Gaines, Karen Ingraham, Pam Feinour and Elizabeth Clark. We also will ask Doug Pultz or Larry Thomas to consider joining as well.
- We reviewed the Family Violence Prevention Center contract. We will send the contract back to them with our approval.
- Jr Warden Report - Barbara Bonham said there are several church needs. The heating plant which was reported to vestry by email. On motion by Maxine Thomas and second by Pam Feinour the vestry approved the heating plant repair at a cost of \$1400. She also reported that the thermostats are working on the outside sensors and they need to be repaired. The work is being done by AABel. There will be a warranty of the work as well.
- Treasurer's Report - Doug Pultz gave the treasurer's report. The budget committee met and worked on a \$20,000 budget overrun due to lower pledges. We have cut \$2000. After that the vestry will approve the budget and present it to the church. We have \$56,000 in pledges and we are in need of reimbursements for repairs for the Nickell house and the church.
- COMMITTEE reports - Maxine Thomas reported that she received more surveys than we appear to have members. But there seems no consensus. Barbara Bonham suggested there were many who did not vote who were also against it. On motion by Maxine Thomas and second by Pam Feinour it was agreed to put together a Parking ministry group and report back to the vestry. Thomas will follow up with easement rights on the west side of the church.
- Jean Stelzer reported on the choir director search. Maxine Thomas will join Jean and three other choir members to start a choir director search.
- Discussion with Canon Lynn – Lynn then talked about Pastoral leadership. We need to have conversation now. Leadership here comes from a process. She affirmed this vestry as a leadership body.
- Search Process: Surveys and conversations even if after church on Sunday are a necessary part of the process. What we are doing now with surveys and coffee hour conversations works well for the process.
- A search committee is very involved. Lynn has information on a search that she will share with us. The vestry will create a parish narrative and put it on the website. Tammie Vanoss, Information Tech, [tvanoss@diosohio.org](mailto:tvanoss@diosohio.org) can work with Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet to accomplish this and get it on our website. An example of her work is on Christ Church Springfield and Washington Courthouse websites. She can help us set up our narrative and attach it to our ministries.
- What we have so far is good. We might want to do our narrative by decade rather than by clergy. Alternatively, we might want to highlight ministries like the homeless shelter or the clothing closet. Clergy have a ministry here but we do not need to be defined by our clergy.
- Father Elaine talked about the one-page history that Ruth Hazel did. We can then use tabs to put together what is on the website. We will have Tanya and Tammie connect.
- Canon Lynn has 11 questions from the Office of Transition Ministry that need to be answered. The search committee should be the ones to answer these.
- The information would go live and would come out of our surveys. We could also look at forced priority cards that Canon Lynn will send to us. We will do us at a coffee hour. Canon Lynn will send us the template so we can do it at our Christmas Eve dinner. It also talks about the amount of time we need a priest.
- Our constraints are our creativity, the budget and the availability of a part time priest. A full-time priest costs around \$156,000 with a \$50,000 salary and fees and 18% for benefits for benefits, mileage, etc.
- Point Priest - We could join another church. A Lutheran church is a possibility as is a potential link with St Christopher's. Finding a part time priest is getting harder as many churches are considering part-time priests.
- Canon Lynn will meet with St Christopher's to see their preference. Lynn then talked about a clergy couple that is interested. Lynn's thought is that the couple might have a joint set of priests and 4 churches. The priests then would not have to leave us. Three or four other combinations were considered with Riverside, Christ Church Dayton etc.
- Father Elaine supported the idea of a point priest and several other team clergy. It is not a joining of 2 congregations etc. This is about sharing a priest not sharing ministry.

- It needs to be an engagement. Father Elaine expressed interest in being a part of such a team. The priest couple would be a team and we would interview them to see whether we want to do the arrangement. We would share the priest, not the ministry.
- The benefit would also be that you get a team who can give and take and help to do the ministry for us.
- Debbie asked about all of the possibilities.
- Part Time Priest - Canon Lynn noted another possibility is to call a part – time priest individually. It is really hard to do this. St Paul's in Greenville has been looking for a new priest for some time.
- Extended Supply Priest -There is also the option of an extended supply priest which is sort of what Father Sammons is doing now. That might not work either.
- If we decide to go with this couple we do not need to have a search committee. We will work on our parish narrative and put it on our website. Canon Lynn will work on point priest plan. She just wanted to know if we liked that idea.
- Canon Lynn will let us know the outcome of her conversation with St Christopher's.
- The meeting adjourned with prayer at 12:33 pm. (minutes submitted by Maxine Thomas)

## January Vestry Minutes

Debbie (senior warden) reported about bad weather and the calling tree. Barbara made a motion that we accept the calling tree as amended, Cheryl seconded. Motion carried unanimously. She announced we have new members.

Snow removal was discussed. Bradley suggested Steve Kidd. Tanya will write up job description for snow removal job as an on call position; we will pay per removal. Barbara will call city hall to confirm requirements. Topic tabled until we have more information

Barb B. (Junior warden) reminded us to wear name tags. She reported the meter needed replaced to actually display gas used. Our gas usage has not been reported since June. She also reported on the Bell tower: structure is falling in. Barbara, Joyce, and Jim reported on the condition of the tower. The damage is due to the poor reroofing job. The business that reroofed the church is now out of business. Joyce suggests Chris and Jim be the point of contact for this project, since they are both most familiar with the situation. Chris is unable to take the full project. Perry and Dart are our other estimates. Dart is most familiar with historical structure repairs. Jim suggests we should not start repairs until he can finish the job – weather wise. Barbara made a motion to go ahead with the restoration of the bell tower pointing and the stonework with Dart with Chris Hudson, Joyce Goins, and Jim Goins to be contact people for \$21512, with possible further contracting with them in the future. Cheryl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug reported on budget. .092 raise to all employees. Joyce made a motion to approve as submitted at the meeting. Cheryl seconded. Budget was approved unanimously. The Nickel trust has been closed. We will receive \$50,000 plus interest from Nickel Trust in April. Doug has written to Chamberlain estate for \$14,437 to take care of the overspending for the boiler. Doug announced he would stay as treasurer until December 21st, 2018.

Committee Reports and Unfinished business was postponed until next meeting, except for the Parish Life report: Cheryl reported Christmas Eve dinner was awesome. We will have a meal Shrove Tuesday. We'll have a potluck for the annual meeting; finger foods only.

New Business included nomination of members for vacant offices: Maxine, Pam, Tanya for vestry and a discussion on Pastoral Leadership options. Discussion on Canon Lynn's option as per email – sharing priests, not ministries. Consensus is that we are interested in sharing a full-time priest with St Christopher's but are not readily interested in a multiple church arrangement (St Paul – Greenville, St -Piqua). Joyce made a motion that we respond to Canon Lynn, that we are interested in sharing a full time priest with St. Christopher. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting/Team Leader Reports; February 11th for the annual meeting. Discussion of acknowledgment of new members. Reports due by January 26th of term. Barbara and Joyce suggests that the leaving member should approach their replacement. Cheryl made a motion that the investment team should make their own decisions on replacement members and report back to the vestry; Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (minutes submitted by Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet)

Sunday the 4th of February Minutes an emergency meeting was held after church

Attendees: Pam F, Brad A, Debbie G., Cheryl E, Joyce G.  
Also in attendance was Doug P. Treasurer

Subject: New Roof Leak in Bell Tower additional \$5,000 needed for additional repairs to Greg Dart Construction. Motion made by Joyce G. to approve the additional monies. Seconded by Pam F. Vote to approve unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by Cheryl Eskridge



# Warden's Words

by **Debbie Gillespie**

It has been an exciting year finishing up Dana Rhyne's term! I have renewed faith in what God can do when we put our little in the Master's hands. It has been encouraging to see individuals operate in faith, especially when they are challenged with personal trials and struggles.

It is encouraging to see individuals carry on ministries and church activities in face of daily grinds and conflicts. I have grown, too. Every day, I am learning to acknowledge God and not lean to my own understanding. God is truly amazing. Thank you for your support and prayers during the past year—I look forward to our co-labor as continuing and new members in the New Year and all of the promise that it holds for us all at Christ Episcopal Church and the greater community.

Peace and Love,  
Debbie Gillespie

by **Bev Krouskop**



Father Elaine has been very interested in and impressed with the Outreach ministry within our church. For such a small congregation, we do have a lot going on! As a result of Elaine's question about how we could go about "naming and claiming" these ministries, I volunteered to identify

and document our Outreach efforts. I also want to capture any other volunteer efforts our members do as a service to the community. Here is the list I have compiled so far:

1. Clothes Closet
2. Fish Pantry
3. Community Dinners
4. Caring Place
5. Helping Hands Prayer Shawls, Premie Hats and Mortality Blankets
6. Homeless Teens Hygiene Products
7. Respite Area and Prayer Box
8. Gathering and reading community prayer requests.
9. Birthday, Get Well and Sympathy Cards to current and past members.
10. "Reach Out" cards that we include in small treat bags we hand out at the community dinners.

These cards express our desire to help and provide our church's contact information.

11. Meals on Wheels Delivery
12. Handouts during the community dinners with the days and times of other free meals within our community

13. Use of our Parish Hall for AA meetings
14. Donation of hats, gloves, sox, and blankets by our congregation, handed out at our Community Dinners in December and January

One of our goals with this "naming and claiming" is to make the broader church aware of all that we do. We are not sure they know, and we need to remind them! And the other is to put further emphasis and visibility on our Outreach Ministry by possibly forming an Outreach Committee. The committee could serve to:

Better communicate our ministry efforts.

Examine how we can better support our people and our existing ministries to make them more effective.

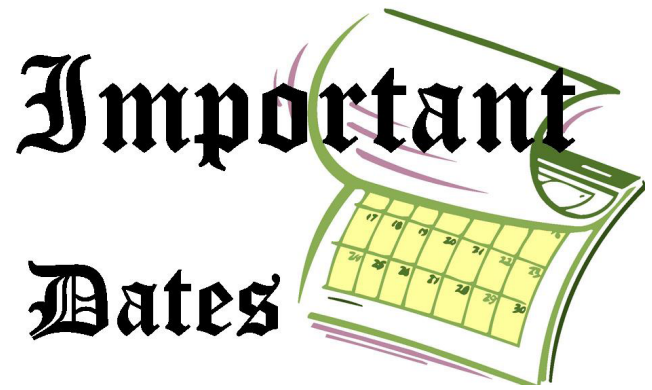
Gather input on any other ways we can make a difference using the gifts and talents we have within our membership.

Communicate to others and the broader community how we are "exercising our faith in action."

Evaluate our current ministries and identify any other areas where we can help and make a difference in our community. In other words, "are there other ways to be the caring presence of Christ in our little corner of the world?"

All this being said, Thank You to everyone who has contributed to our Outreach efforts (and that is probably everyone at one time or another!) Thanks to all for your current and past efforts in the above "labors of love."

Please email me at [bevkrouskop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevkrouskop@sbcglobal.net) with comments, suggestions, or any of our Outreach efforts I need to add to the above list.



03 James Eskridge  
 13 Robert Geyer  
 The Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott  
 23 Maxine Thomas  
 25 Michael Stookey  
 27 JoAnne Earley



01 Aubryn Thomas 03  
 04 Tommy Thomas  
 08 David Ornarato  
 11 Cynda Gunn  
 13 Doug Pultz  
 21 Fr. Elaine Silverstrom  
 23 Laura Stookey  
 28 Cheryl Eskridge

Maria & Linc Thomas,

## And also...

- ♦ African-American History Month
- ♦ Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2018
- ♦ Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018
- ♦ Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018
- ♦ First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2018
- ♦ Presidents Day, February 19, 2018
- ♦ Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, 2018
- ♦ World Day of Prayer, March 2, 2018
- ♦ Third Sunday in Lent, March 4, 2018
- ♦ Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11, 2018
- ♦ Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 11, 2018
- ♦ Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2018
- ♦ First day of spring, March 20, 2018
- ♦ Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25, 2018
- ♦ Holy Week, March 25-31, 2018
- ♦ Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018
- ♦ Good Friday, March 30, 2018



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Services

February 14th - 7pm

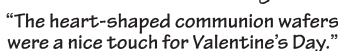
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- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



A graphic featuring two crayons on the left and the word "PUZZLE" in a large, bold, stylized font on the right. The letter 'P' has a jagged, puzzle-piece-like edge. The 'Z's contain dashed lines, and the 'L' has a wavy line. The 'E' ends in a star. The entire graphic is set against a background of a grid of squares, some of which are shaded gray.

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Paul declares that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God’s love?

- ## BIBLE QUIZ

ANGELS  
LIFE depth  
FUTURE present HEIGHT  
demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

## Readings for the Exodus Program:

Feb 4 Goldingay 102-112 / Fretheim 272-278 / Meyers 201-220

Feb 11 Exodus 32, 33, & 34

Feb 18 Goldingay 112-126 / Fretheim 279-310 / Meyers 221-240

Feb 25 Exodus 35, 36, & 37

March 4 Goldingay 126-129 / Fretheim 313-316 / Meyers 241-60

March 11 Exodus 38, 39, & 40 (end)

March 18 REFRESH for Easter: Goldingay 53-67 / Fretheim 133-136, 161-170 / Meyers 261-end

March 25 Holy Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter, re-read Ex 12-15

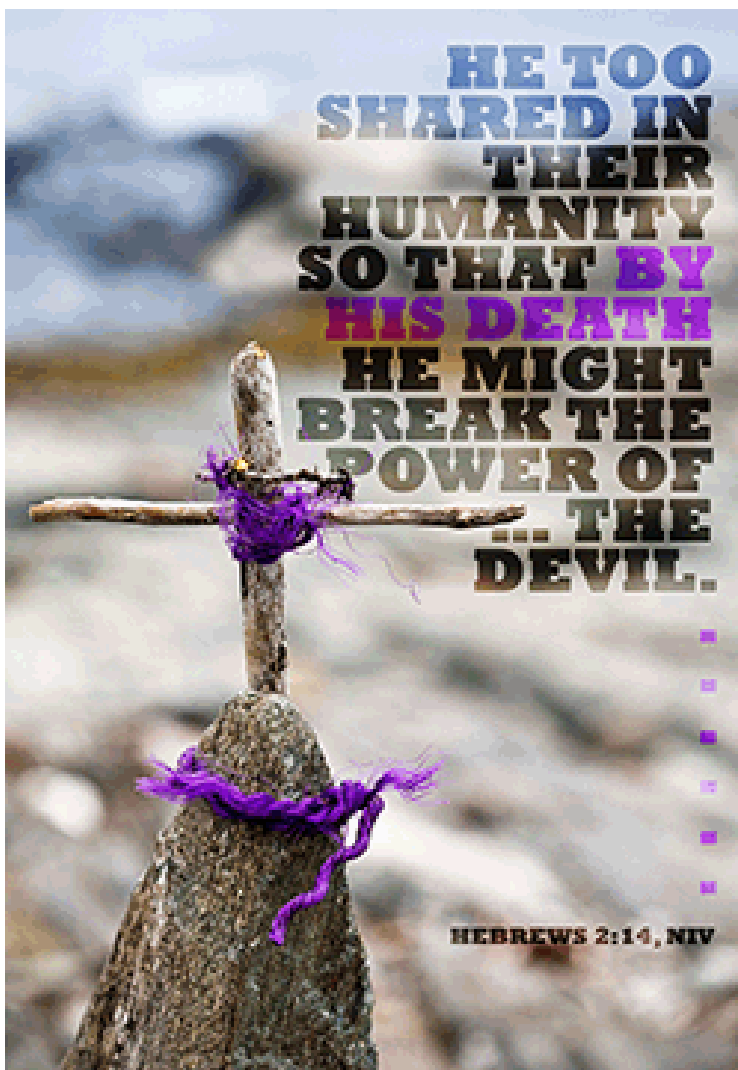
April 1 Easter Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter, re-read Ex 12-15

April 8 Concluding Colloquium is Sat April 7

*Readings from*



# Exodus



**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**

The suggested February grocery supplies are  
Homeless personal hygiene items for Glenn and Claris' project  
Each month will be a new suggested item.



# Volunteer Service SCHEDULE

Ministry	2/4	2/11	2/14 (Ash)	2/18	2/25
Worship Leader	MP - Ruth	HE - Father Elaine	HE - Father Greg	HE - Father Greg	MP - Barb
Altar Guild	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky	Doug/Pam	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Pam
Lector	Barb/Debbie	Mark/Pam	Becky/Tommy	Ruth/Debbie	Barb/Mark/Elaine
Ushers	Brad, Rick	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, Brad	JoAnne, Rick	Clariss, Doug
Intercessor	Mark	Pam		Jennie	Becky
Chalice	-	Pam	Ruth	Barb	-
Vestry Member of the week	Brad	Jean		Joyce	Tanya
Healing Prayer Ministers	-	Barb, Jennie		Debbie, Mark	

Ministry	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25	3/29 (M. Thurs)	3/30 (G. Fri)
Worship Leader	HE- Father Greg	MP - Rick	HE - Father Greg	HE Palm Sunday - Father Elaine	HE - Father Greg	?
Altar Guild	Doug/Tanya	Ruth/Becky	JoAnne/Pam	Doug/Tanya	Ruth/Becky	?
Lector	Becky/Mark	Pam/Tommy	Elaine/Ruth	Becky/Barb	Mark/Pam	?
Ushers	JoAnne, Rick	Clariss, Brad	Elizabeth, Doug	JoAnne, Rick	Clariss, Brad	?
Intercessor	Barb	Ruth	Debbie	Jennie	Pam	?
Chalice	Mark	-	Pam	Debbie	Ruth	?
Vestry Person of the Week	Doug	Barb	Pam	Maxine		?
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie/Barb		Ruth/Mark	Pam/Debbie		?