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## Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a blessed and happy Christmas! Pete and I had all three of our children and the accompanying grandchildren home, and had a wonderful visit. Of course, the grandchildren brought colds, from which we're just beginning to recover, but we wouldn't have given up this visit for all the unstuffy noses in existence! I know you understand...

January brings Epiphany, a wonderful feast of the church year; and this year we celebrate Epiphany on the first Sunday of the month. At Holy Eucharist on the 6<sup>th</sup> you'll see some of our folk robed as Kings and bringing your gifts to the altar. Don't forget to bring in warm gloves and hats and scarves for that day; we'll make certain our Shelter guests have them, and give the excess to JoAnne Earley for the Clothes Closet.

Also on Epiphany Sunday is our next Interim Task: Identity. We'll have a light continental breakfast as we begin our work, break for a warming lunch, and then finish up. Bring your best thoughts and ideas, and we'll brainstorm together. Epiphany means "showing forth", and this day will help us to bring forth God's vision for Christ Church.

February 3 brings our 2013 Annual Meeting. We have important choices in our Vestry election, with many wonderful nominees for the available positions. This election will require our prayer and thought – any of our nominees would be wonderful Vestry members, and God will help us choose those with the gifts we will most need in this coming time.

We are beginning another year that will be filled with the blessings of God. Let's pray together that we have hearts and spirits so open that we will be ready and able to receive all that God will give!

In peace and thanksgiving,  
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## Warden's Words

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*More later in this issue...*

## News from the Ministries

### Share 1-to-1 Ministry

The Share 1-to-1 Ministry (Clothes Closet) is quite busy these days. We are very blessed with donations, blessed with volunteers to work at least every Tuesday, blessed to have CECX willing to put up with us, blessed with clients.

One client recently said to me that she is so thankful for us because if it were not for us she would not have any winter clothes. Another client has been getting baby clothes in preparation for the birth of her son expected on December 24. Well, if you watched the TV on December 12 or 13 you saw the woman who gave birth to her son on 12/12/12 at 12:12. That was our client, Destiny.

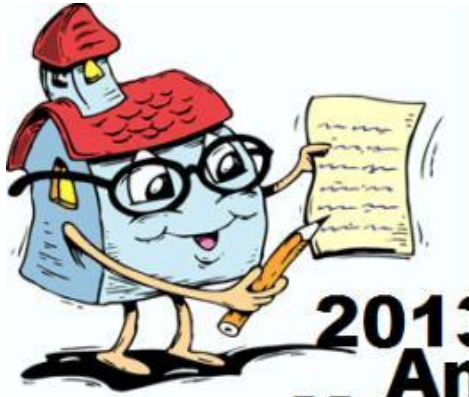
Our numbers vary from week to week, but one Tuesday Bradley noted that we had almost 70 actual clients visit the clothes closet in that three hour period we are open. That's a lot of bodies in our crowded space. That was not counting the number of people they were getting items for. Some get clothes for friends, relatives, nursing home patients, fellow fire victims, etc. They leave on Tuesday with kitchen trash bags full or regular trash bags full. Yet we have plenty of clothes to give away due to the generous donations of the public. We have given over 200 coats away this year. We have had stuffed animals, books and a limited number of toys to give for Christmas. These folks need household items, bedding, linens, underwear, socks, gloves, hats. You name it and we can use it. Just no large appliances or furniture, please. Although, one volunteer gave us her old dryer. Larry Thomas hauled it to the garage for us and guess who ended up using it. We did, as our dryer in the office recently "died".

Thank you Becky and Mother Lynn for your support and tolerance of us on Tuesdays. Becky also receives donations during the week for us. Bradley Alexander, Michael Taint, and Mark Cummings help us tremendously by carrying bags of clothing up the stairs to the bathroom so we can hang them. Summer helps by spreading the word about us to her Hospice families. Thanks to all of you who bring us item - toys, clothes, bags, etc. I feel very blessed to be a part of this ministry and to have a community and such wonderful people who so willingly share their time, talents and possessions.

God bless.

JoAnne Earley, Christ Church representative to the Share 1-to-1 Ministry





## 2013 Annual Meeting

February 3, 2013

Be here to elect your new Vestry, to talk about the life of the church, to enjoy good food (as always!) and to be home in time for whatever game is being played that day! What more could you ask.....?

**We'll have a great meeting because you're here!**

### Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>	—	Breakfast Sunday
Sunday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	—	Absalom Jones Sunday
Wednesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	—	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	—	Palm Sunday
Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	—	Good Friday
Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	—	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](http://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.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**03 James Eskridge**  
**13 Robert Geyer**  
**The Rev Dr. Lynn Sinnott**  
**22 Betsy Kitch**  
**23 Maxine Thomas**  
**24 Roth Patterson**  
**25 Michael Stookey**  
**27 JoAnne Earley**

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**30 Heidi & Bill Huddleson**

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!*

**Check out our Church website:**  
[www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com](http://www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com)

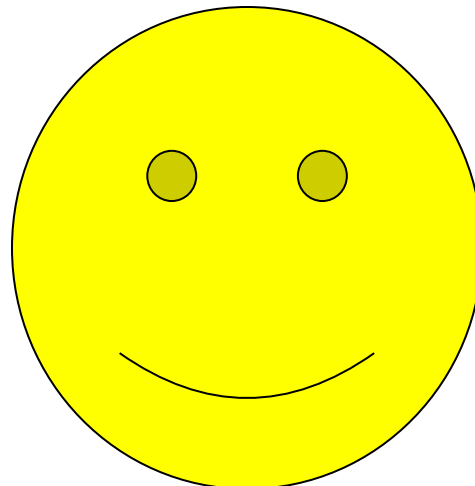
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# Children's Corner

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!)



**PUZZLE**

**PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Want to start the new year off right?  
Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

JANUARY 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV



As you head into 2013, create a special journal for the new year.

#### What you need:

- Spiral notebook (with a plain-colored cover)
- Foam letters, numbers and shapes
- Stickers
- Jewels and glue (optional)

#### What you do:

- Decorate the notebook cover with letters and numbers. Options include "2013," "Journal" or your name.
- Decorate with foam shapes, stickers or jewels.
- Write in the journal daily — or whenever possible — recording life events, thoughts, prayer requests and more.
- Keep the journal private or share it with your friends and family.



## Service Calendar, January 2013

Ministry	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP (Jack)
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky
Lector	Nancy	Jack	Dana	Tommy
Ushers	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug
Intercessor	Doug	Barb	Summer	Ruth
Chalice	Barb	Pam	Ruth	—
Vestry Member of the Week	Vikki	Michael	Summer	Kim

## Service Calendar, February 2013

Ministry	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP (Pam)
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	Dana	Summer	Barb
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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. Joann 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



## AFTER THE HOLIDAYS – RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Since each one has picked a very special live tree to decorate for Christmas, and your celebrations were the most delightful, now we need to consider the best method to extend its usefulness after the holidays.

Perhaps these examples might stir one up to re-cycle more effectively, such as:

- Place the tree in the garden so birds and other wildlife can use the branches for shelter. Spread peanut butter and top with nuts in a pine cone for food.
- Prune the branches for mulch.
- There is no cost to take the tree to the Greene County Environmental Services called the Yard Waste Sites. The tree branches, once pruned, can be no more than four feet long or four inches in diameter. The address of the Yard Waste Site is 2145 Greene Way Boulevard in Xenia.
- Some hunting and fishing organizations collect the trees to provide habitat for wildlife and fish.

Keep recycling.



### References:

<http://www.care2.com/greenliving/green-christmas-trees.html>

<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/1994/12-9-1994/xmas.html>

**By the Green Church Team**



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*Following are brief submissions from Dana and Larry, who previously have not served on Vestry at Christ Church. Larry has long experience in administrative positions, and Dana has served as Treasurer and Jr. Warden in her previous church.*

Dear Mamaw:

## Dana Rhyne's Submission

I am writing this letter to you the day before I'm to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. I suppose Mom & Dad have told you of my decision. I just wanted you to know that you have only yourself to blame! All of my life you have shown me how to be a woman of faith (and I must say you are a hard act to follow!). I have watched you work in the church, you and all the other strong women I grew up with--Lil Stepp, Lillian Holsclaw, Brenda Fox, my mother, just to name a few. And I have watched that same wonderful welcoming church slam its doors in the face of my generation, just because we wanted to follow God all the way to the altar and beyond. At the time I thought, "Fine, I don't think I can ever be other than Baptist, so I'll just put church on the back burner of my life. I don't really feel welcome there with all I have to offer." And I did put church on the back burner.

For a while I attended and even joined the First Baptist Church of Asheville, a nice middle-of-the-road Baptist church. But then the minister let me down (ala Bill Clinton). So I stopped going there. And a precious part of my life was missing.

When we moved up here, I visited the Church of Our Saviour because I knew one of the members (the sister of one of my seminary friends). I went sporadically last year, enjoying the warm, friendly atmosphere, enjoying the new type of service, finding peace in the words of the ancient church. Then I started going more regularly, thirsty for what I had missed during those years away from the church. Then I was asked to supervise Sunday afternoon coffee hour goodies and cleanup. Then I was asked to be the treasurer on the vestry. All the time I was never asked to become an Episcopalian or join the church, just that I be there!

And so I asked myself why it was that I was there so often, when never before have I willingly gone to church "eight days a week & twice on Sundays." I realized that our priest, Mother Paula, while being thoroughly traditional in many ways, had a broad interpretation of Christ's welcome table. Everyone is welcome. Everyone. White, black, man, woman, gay, straight, alcoholic, tee-totaler, everyone. We are all affirmed and prayed for, by the congregation as a whole. And it's not just welcoming words from the priest--everyone at church welcomes everyone else. During the service we "pass the peace of Christ" and we all go and hug or touch everyone in the sanctuary as if we mean it. And we do! I feel Christ's love in that sanctuary, in a way I never have since I was a teenager in a church that hadn't told me yet that I wasn't welcome behind the altar.

Because of that I have decided to join the church. I know it isn't necessary. I know that I am giving up my heritage, a heritage that, while it rejected me, also brought me to Christ. But I would rather start a new heritage in church, than contemplate my old heritage sitting in my living room on Sunday mornings. I am so glad to have found my way again. The least I can do is join the people who held the light before me.

I love you Mamaw, and I hope that you are happy for me. I'll be thinking of you tomorrow, and of all those strong women (and men!) on both sides of my family. I'm doing this because of you all.

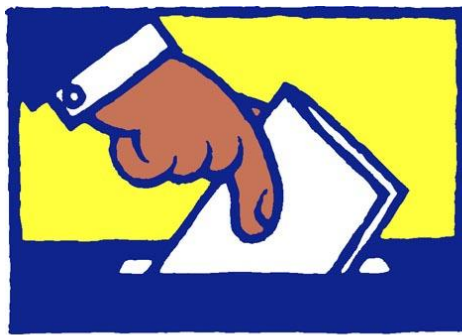
Love, Dana

Larry is a Christian, a father, a grandfather, and a husband. I met him when we were 17 and still in high school. He joined me in teaching Sunday School at the Baptist Church where I was raised. We fell in love and dated for 5 years. He married me 42 years ago.

Anyone who meets Larry is taken by his affable style. He is inquisitive by nature and always seeks to see how something works or how it might be fixed. He taught himself carpentry and building after a friend taught him to build furniture. He is a master furniture maker, a handyman, and good at building and remodeling and fixing things. He took this talent to his career, where after receiving a degree in agricultural education from The University of Georgia, he served as administrator in job training for young adults and later as assistant principal at Stivers School for Visual and Performing Arts. He is talented in working with young people who respect and love him because he "listens." His daughters, the late Lauryn Thomas and Noel Thomas Lester; and grandchildren the late Maya Thomas and twins Malia and Brighton Lester love him for the same qualities.

When he joined Christ Episcopal Church Xenia, he seemed to find his niche. He loves the church and the people in it and is committed to it in a way that only he can fully explain. I see it in the way he participates and gives so generously of his time and talents. It does not surprise me, then, that Vestry would be something that would appeal to him. The church will be better because of his caring participation.

Maxine Thomas



*Don't Forget  
to Turn in  
Your Vote*

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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## Kings & the Ecclesiastical Calendar

The Board of the Clinic met in late November. The Board is less than a year old, having been commissioned by Bishop Holguín at the 2012 diocesan convention here. Meetings have mostly been about getting the Board Members up-to-speed on the Clinic's operations and issues. Ercilia, the Clinic administrator, has also been keen on getting the Board Members to meet the Clinic employees and get involved in some of the Clinic's activities.

At the end of the November meeting, Ercilia invited the Board Members to attend the HIV/AIDS Children's Christmas Party. She explained about the annual event. Participation in the Christmas pageant would be welcomed – particularly if anyone felt called to play one of the Three Kings (we sometimes have trouble finding people to play the three Wise Men).

While Ercilia and I just sat there in amazement, an animated discussion ensued as to whether the Kings even belonged in a Christmas pageant – they are after all more appropriately Epiphany people. Epiphany is a bigger deal here than in the US. It is the day of gift-giving, when the Three Kings bring presents for children and people exchange gifts.

The priests and attorneys on the Board bantered back and forth. The thinking was that Epiphany has its own story and the Kings really belong there. Ercilia and I knew that the Clinic staff was not going to forsake including the Kings in the pageant (their golden, bejeweled "crowns" fashioned from cardboard Burger King crowns from years ago are stored above the health promoter manuals in our office).

The final decision was inconclusive regarding the Kings, but it did seem that Santa Claus might be making an appearance (mostly because one of the Board Members has his own Santa suit).

It will be interesting to see what the official minutes say about all this.

Keep praying, 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!



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*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](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com) Make sure any spam filters allow email from [cecxlist@googlegroups.com](mailto:cecxlist@googlegroups.com) and [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).