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### Upcoming Events:

- Stewardship mtg, January 10, 10:00am
- Vestry Meeting- January 11, 11:30am
- Choir Practice, January 14, 7pm
- Annual Meeting reports due January 16
- Heart and Hands, January 17, 1pm
- Narrated Eucharist, January 18
- M. L.King Day, January 19
- Choir Practice, January 21, 7pm
- Worship Team mtg, January 24, 1pm
- Choir Practice, January 28, 7pm
- Annual Meeting, February 1, 11:30am
- Choir Practice, February 4, 7pm
- Heart and Hands- February 7, 1pm
- Rededication of Organ, February 15, 3pm

## PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

There is much to talk about as the new year begins. You and I, in a sense, live in two worlds – in the church, this is Epiphany, the season of *showing forth*. God extends the gift of salvation to all, and the Magi heed the invitation and come bearing gifts. We carry the wonder of Christmas into their visit and then into our lives in the world.

In that world, it's winter – raw, damp, cold and rainy, with some glorious sunshine days thrown in. But it remains cold, and we continue to offer shelter to people who have no home – no four walls, heat, electric, furniture, stove and refrigerator to make life manageable and comfortable. Carol's plan this year to insist that our guests become involved in the private and government systems that can benefit them is going well. Already some of our guests have found homes. The flip side of that is the awful fact that we're seeing more homeless children than ever – some are sick and all are absolutely powerless to effect change in their lives. Never has the need been greater to carry our life in the church into the world. Never has Christ needed us more, and never have you been more important to the mission of God.

There are some things happening in our community that might change our ministries to our brothers and sisters. Pastor Greg Delaney of Jeremiah Tree and

a group of other pastors and lay folk are negotiating with the city to obtain the old Simon Kenton school building. They plan to open a year-round shelter and a clothing closet. Both have been Christ Church ministries for several years, and we need to be praying very lovingly about that effort. If that is indeed where God is taking this work, they have our support and our prayer. The Vestry and I have advised the City Council that we'll continue our ministry at least until they are solidly established. God may then ask us to continue to provide what we are currently providing, or may ask instead that we move toward another of the many needs in our community. But of this we may be certain – God will not leave us idle. We have been the hands and heart of Jesus for many years to those without homes. If that need no longer exists, that does not mean that the heart and hands of Jesus become idle. God always will call us to serve sisters and brothers; to be a light in this community of God's love for all. God uses us all and needs us all – regardless of health, busyness, commitments, and (heaven help us!) age and wellbeing. There is always something we can do.

So, dear friends, I ask your prayers – both for the Simon Kenton effort, and for our ongoing labor for our loving God. In both of these, may God's will be done!

A blessed New Year to you all,  
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## Advent

John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness,  
“Make ye straight the path of the Lord!”

Ah Lord, our paths to you are  
infinite,  
meandering.

We look left and right,  
to neighbors or senators,  
to gold gloves  
and golden globes.

But it's quite simple, really.  
I've filled my flask  
with wild honey.

There, just ahead, is a light  
shining in the darkness.

I think I'll follow it  
to Bethlehem.

Nations shall come  
to your light,  
and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



For December 14, 2014

- ✦ K. Bayless announced that it was mentioned on Facebook we were one of two shelters taking donations (IHN was the second).
- ✦ Jon Feinour will be doing shirts for fundraiser, “Top 10 Reasons for Episcopal” on back, shield on front, he will get estimate for 50 shirts.
- ✦ We formed small outreach study group, then will have another “Mission Sunday.” B. Bonham, C. Conway, D. Rhyne will meet to discuss outreach through our Vision and the 5 Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; to teach, baptize and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform unjust structures of society; to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation & sustain & renew the life of the earth.
- ✦ Discussion on replacing stage curtains or simply removing them due to fire safety issues.
- ✦ L. Silverstrim will consider and respond on interest by January Vestry meeting on the position of Grounds Team and Junior Warden concepts.
- ✦ Report of Stewardship Pledge Drive – B. Bonham reports two more pledge cards.
- ✦ Vestry elections were discussed and the need for two vestry, Jr. Warden, and Treasurer.
- ✦ Green Team reports still working on calling about recycling bins.
- ✦ Shelter reports three moms with kids placed. Stewardship Team will have a meeting after the first of the year.
- ✦ Worship Team reports P. Feinour will be joining them.
- ✦ Welcome process was discussed
- ✦ Utility bills were discussed
- ✦ Senior Warden reported about the budget review.
- ✦ Treasurer presented 2015 Budget. D. Rhyne made a motion to approve, B. Bonham seconded, motion was approved unanimously.



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## NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES:

### ONE-TO-ONE (CLOTHES CLOSET) - Joanne Earley

We have called ourselves the clothes closet for years . That implies that we only distribute clothing items when in reality we accept and need other things also. We accept everything except large pieces of furniture and large appliances. Obviously we have NO place to store those items. Marlene Elliot might be able to help you find a home for those items.

We have need for household items, books, DVDs, CDs, kitchen utensils, toys, small appliances, shoes, knickknacks, dishes, bed linens, towels, etc. While cleaning out the old to make room for the new Christmas items think of us. I might even be able to pick up some things if you have a problem hauling them.

Tanya told a friend about us and we received some very needed books and toys just in time for Christmas. Thanks, Tanya.

Look around and count your blessing. Happy New Year!

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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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| 03 | James Eskridge          | 30 | Heidi & Bill |
| 13 | Robert Geyer            |    | Huddleson    |
|    | The Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott |    |              |
|    | Rick Bayless            |    |              |
| 23 | Maxine Thomas           |    |              |
| 24 | Roth Patterson          |    |              |
| 25 | Michael Stookey         |    |              |
| 27 | JoAnne Earley           |    |              |



Please remember to sign up for providing a meal for the Homeless Shelter. See Carol Conway for questions or visit our website:

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### Thomas Merton: *Thoughts in Solitude*

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”





# STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING

Stewardship  
Giving Thanks - Taking Care



## Father Time.....

Non-inclusive language aside, we all have a relationship with time. It may be argumentative, and it may be frustrated. It may be combative. The traditional picture of “Father Time” as an old gentleman with a scythe is hardly conducive to amiability, and may have something to do with the fact that our relationships with time seem rarely friendly. For one thing, time seems parsimonious – there’s never enough of it!

But the fact is – we have what we have. And whatever time we have is a gift from God. Maybe we go about the whole time management thing the wrong way. Rather than trying to crowd every moment and fill every hour, perhaps we could look on time in a more kindly fashion – truly as a gift. And then, in kindness to ourselves, our loved ones and our world, to carefully decide what of the many demanding things around us we will honor with our time.

What will bring about the best outcome for the world around us? What will most benefit our cherished relationships? What will be a loving gift to loved ones? What will bring us peace and calm fulfillment? And what uses of our time best honor God, the giver of the gift?

This, too, is stewardship.

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**Get Ready, Everyone!**

**It’s February 1st!**

## 2015 Annual Meeting



All Reports are due January 16th

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

Laugh, Talk, Share, Eat, Enjoy – and still be home in time for Superbowl!

(What more could anyone ask??)

*If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails, 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 anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. **Deadline for submissions is December 26th.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).



## NEVER ENDING CHRISTMAS

Oh me oh my... Can you imagine what would happen if Macy's, Best Buy, Elder Beermans, J.C. Penney's, Kohls, Sears, WallMart, Krogers, and all the rest discovered that Christmas is NOT over till January 6th. Having just gone through the secular madness of pre Christmas preparations by what seem to be the entire population of Greene, and Clark county, and a smattering of Montgomery county... Did you try to get a parking place at Krogers any time before 8:00 at night, or heaven forbid, at the mall ?

Did you perhaps try to find a Crèche, ( you know, that stable thing ) as it was referred to by a sales person at a mall department store. I did not find one that didn't look like an afterthought.

Advent candles were definitely not stacked in the end caps of any store.

Yes, the tree is up and will be so till Epiphany, and there were gifts under that tree. There was a star on the top of the tree, and an old family crèche set on a table in the living room. There was grace at every meal, at home or out. Family, lots and lots of family. Food in abundance.

The ribbons flew, tags stuck, lists made and rewritten, lost and rewritten, marketing accomplished, and a last gift purchased. Christmas china, polished silver, candles everywhere, and treasures appeared that only show themselves during the Christmas season. The 'Christmas' music on the car radio was enough to do you in, but still we listened.

However, I was aware, every day, of other peoples small kindnesses. Letting several cars go ahead, helping someone unload their groceries when they were obviously struggling. Digging out 60 cents for a stranger who went over her allotted gas money at the pump, thanking every single service man in uniform, there were not only handshakes, but hugs and kisses. Dropping a dollar in the red kettles letting someone go ahead when they had two items and you had 30.

The waiting, the wonder of the Christ child's arrival, the church before and during the Christmas season, the hymns, candles, and worship.

Let all around us be Peace.

In a far different way, The Never Ending Christmas.

Barbara Bonham, Stewardship Committee

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.

There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

for•give

/fər'gɪv/

To Love

- stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.
- cancel (a debt)



Have you ever wondered about the way we worship, why we do what we do, and where it all comes from?

This is your chance to find out! Our Confirmation/Affirmation Class will provide the narration as Mother Lynn celebrates.

There will be no sermon, but Mtr. Lynn will attempt to incorporate answers to any questions you may have into the narration.

So – if there is anything you'd like to know, place your questions in the offering plate this week and next.



## Narrated Eucharist

January 18th



### ORGAN CONCERT

REDEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Ms. Roxanne Harrison, Organist

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 3 - 4 PM

Reception follows the concert



# 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**

## One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

*Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.*

hope			
Spirit			
body		n _ nce	
baptism			
Lord			v _ n _ _
Father			
God			



## Bible Quiz

Which Jericho woman hid the two Israelite spies, and where did she hide them?

- A. Joanna, in her stable
- B. Bathsheba, at her neighbor's house
- C. Milkah, under a pile of blankets
- D. Rahab, on her roof

Answer: D (See Joshua 2:3, 6.)

Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

## Service Calendar, January 2015

Ministry	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25
<b>Worship Leader</b>	ML	ML	ML	MP-Pam
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya
<b>Lector</b>	Pete	Ruth (1) Dana (2)	Pam (1) Mark (2)	Barbara (1) Tommy (2)
<b>Ushers</b>	JoAnne, Doug	Glenn (u) Claris (g)	Elizabeth,(g) Tom- my (u)	Rick (u) Brad (g)
<b>Intercessor</b>	Dana	Mark	Rick	Doug
<b>Chalice</b>	Mark	Ruth	Debbie	n/a
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>		Jennie, Rick (Faith)	Dana & Mark (Bill)	n/a
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	Jenny, Eve	JoAnne, Doug	Pam, Ruth	n/a
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	Larry	Mark	Vikki	Carol

## Service Calendar, February 2015

Ministry	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22
<b>Worship Leader</b>	ML	ML	ML	MP - Rick
<b>Altar Guild</b>	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
<b>Lector</b>	Chandra (1) Nancy (2)	Pete (1) Becky (2)	Dana (1) Ruth (2)	Mark (1) Pam (2)
<b>Ushers</b>	JoAnne (u) Doug (g)	Claris (u) Glenn (g)	Elizabeth (u) Tommy (g)	Brad (u) Rick (g)
<b>Intercessor</b>	Barbara	Dana	Debbie	Ruth
<b>Chalice</b>	Kim	Barbara	Rick	-----
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	Barbara	Tanya	Chandra	Dana
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>		Jennie, Rick (Faith)	Dana, Mark (Bill)	
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We now have 2 Lectors do the readings: #1 will read the Old Testament, we sing the Psalm, #2 will read the New Testament. Also, we now have 1 usher and 1 greeter.

