



Upcoming Events:

- Worship Team meeting, Jan 9, 1-3 pm
- Vestry Meeting, Jan 10, 11:30 am
- XAACM Jan 12 8:30-9:30 am
- Stewardship meeting, Jan 16, 10-12 pm
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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Another year has passed by. It's the time, we are told, for New Year's resolutions. We promise ourselves a new start; a fresh effort to become the people we want to be.

It's been years since I last made New Year's resolutions. I guess I don't believe in them. I agree – a new year is a great time to reevaluate our lives. It's a great time to take a new look at who we are and how well our lives reflect the best of all that we believe. Are we the people we want to be? Does our thinking and our acting demonstrate all that we say we believe about God and what God expects from us?

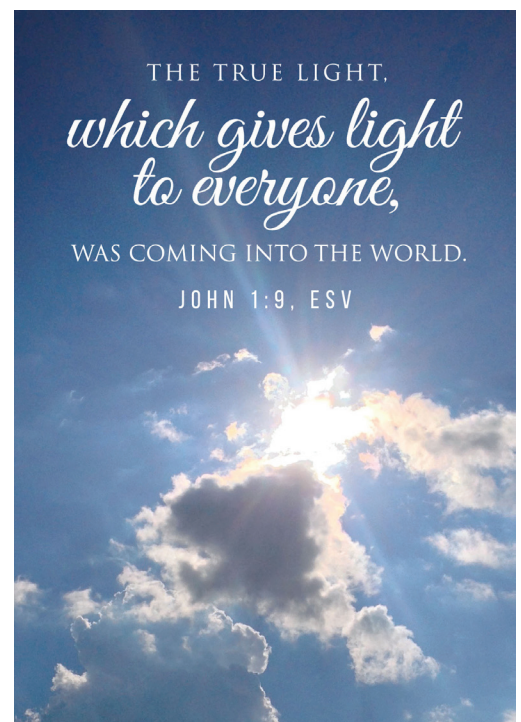
So, yes – we all need to re-evaluate and resolve to do that better. But I don't think in terms of New Year's resolutions. I think in terms of prayer. If we can humbly come before God, filled with gratitude for God's generosity, and ask to be given new hearts—then God will do that for us. And this new year will end with each of us a bit more loving, more generous, more grateful. Resolve to pray. That's where the best resolution always will take place.

In Peace,
ML+

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I'm going to go out on a limb here, and say that no life adequately reflects God's presence, God's generosity, forgiveness, understanding, and love. No life reflects back to God and to those we meet all that God has so freely given us.

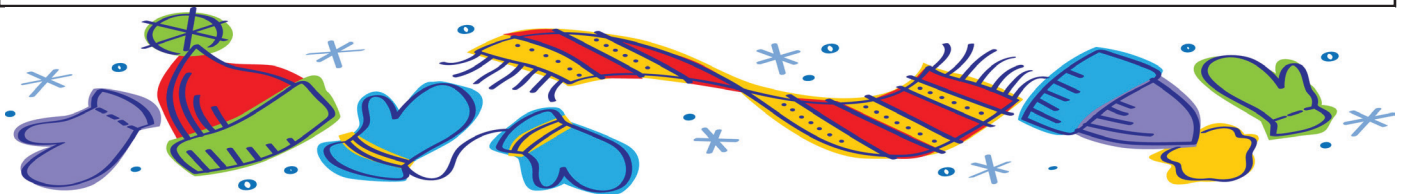


THE TRUE LIGHT,
*which gives light
to everyone,*
WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD.
JOHN 1:9, ESV



Next Vestry Meeting is February 14th

- Maxine made a motion to use the design for the t-shirt. Dana seconded; Motion passed with 7 for, 1 against, and no abstentions.
- We discussed the meeting with Bishop Breidenthal.
- Vestry Elections 2016 discussion: Retiring from Vestry: Dana Rhyne, Bradley Alexander, and Carol Conway (Barbara, whose Vestry term ends this year, stepped into Lee Silverstrim's position when he retired. She has another year to go to fulfill Lee's position. Bradley stepped up to fill the remaining year of Barbara's position.)
- Parking lot discussion: discussion tabled until December; submit a application to the Diocese for foundation grant for parking lot funding
- Bylaws: Barbara and Dana will review and prepare for vote at Annual Meeting in February
- Discernment regarding Shelter future: Received \$2000 in donation for the shelter. Biggest concern is recruitment of volunteers. 36 beds were donated. Xenia area churches are going to pay the bills for the inspection repairs for the Shelter.



"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 Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

The last day of Christmas, past. The degreening was accomplished with much laughter and considerable effort. Thank you.

For next year an easier (and safer) plan will be in effect, new permanent hooks and a long pole for reaching high places... etc.

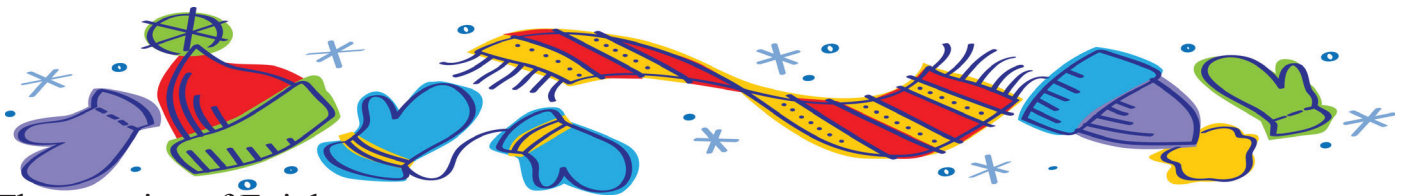
Chris Hudson made an emergency run to church to repair a broken off toilet handle.

Discussion has been broached about a Dutch door to the kitchen, Pete Sinnott and I and Chris need to see this done ASAP.

Lighting for outside has been red tagged and as soon as I get the appropriate bulbs, will be replaced..

In closing, may all have a blessed, happy, 2016. I pray the Lord keeps Christ Church and all she surrounds under his wing.

Peace in Christ

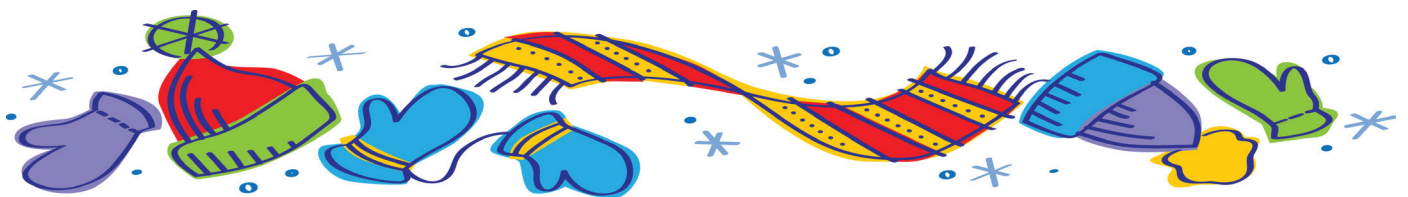


The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, means “an appearance” or “a revealing.” Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus’ first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

03

James Eskridge

13

Robert Geyer

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Sinnott

Rick Bayless

23

Maxine Thomas

24

Roth Patterson

25

Michael Stookey

27

JoAnne Earley



30

Heidi & Bill Huddleson



**Presenting the
New Budget
January 17,
2016
at Coffee Hour**

2016 Annual Meeting February 7, 2016



Breakfast following 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??)

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

Stewardship
Giving Thanks - Taking Care



STEWARDSHIP by Debbie Gillespie

Christ has come to set us free! His redemptive plan is about to unfold! During this Advent season we are reminded with gratitude of the early anticipation of our Lord's humanity, humility, and obedience to his father's redemptive plan for mankind—a redemptive plan designed for you and me. We are reminded of our individual and collective blessings of grace as we share in God's redemptive plan provided through the gift of baby Jesus. In this season, we are compelled to set times and priorities in order, so that we may renew our adoration and search for His ever bountiful goodness.

Each of us must bring our own resources, gifts, and talents to Jesus and offer them with the simple trust of a child. Simple trust and obedience are foundational to our relationship and walk. The childhood song that says, "Trust and obey for there is no other way—to be happy in Jesus, is to trust and obey" captures the essence of the hope in the redemptive plan as it unfolds in day-to-day life.

During this season, as we ponder his love and develop in faith and relationship, it is hopeful that our sense of purpose will inevitably grow as we become anchors and safe harbor for those in need. Through these relationships of support, love, and yes, trial; it is hopeful that we each continue to develop into his image or as scripture says until Christ is formed in you (Gal 4:19b). In discovering our own individual imperfections and needs, we come to realize our ultimate reliance on Him. Yes, with great expectation we see God's small gift grow and develop in us as it is written—Christ in you the hope of glory (Col 1:27b).

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 1/23, Saturday 1/30, Friday 2/5, 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.

If you don't want to aim for a particular date, 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!)

GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.

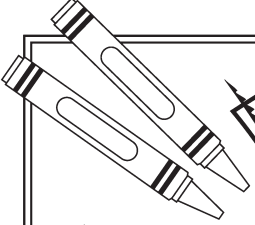


What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!



PUZZLE

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

"Y O U , , A R E

-SW + L

; T H E

-E-E + M -ST + L

M Y

-B-A + L -CH + T + S

D + + - T + S

I N T O ."

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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

BIBLE QUIZ

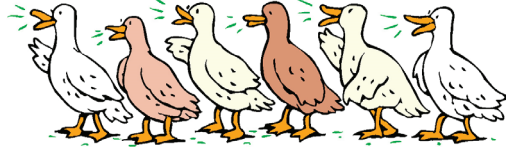
According to the Gospel of John, which disciples led others to Jesus, and whom did they lead?

- A. Matthew led Judas.
- B. Andrew led Simon-Peter.
- C. James led John.
- D. Philip led Nathanael.
- E. All of the above.
- F. B and D.



MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dear CECX Parishioners: Thank you all for your Christmas greetings and kind words of encouragement. Your love and concern continue a great blessing, and I treasure them--it is most satisfying to remain part of a caring Christian community.

I am comfortable here in my small apartment in the Kirkland Village retirement home and enjoy being close to my daughter Anne and family and attending regular services at Nativity Cathedral here in Bethlehem, though I miss Mtr Lynn's sermons and Joe and Roxanne's perky music and all of you at Christ Church.

I am well cared for and contentedly keeping my powder dry

With Love,
Jack Kitch



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Submissions:

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



January Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP (Rick)	MP (Pam)
Altar Guild	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Tommy, Ruth	Pete, Nancy	Debbie, Barb	Mark, Pam	Becky, Tommy
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Brad, Claris	Elizabeth, Tommy	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Debbie	Rick	Doug	Barb	Ruth
Chalice	Mark	Pam	Rick	-	—
Eucharistic Visitors	Dana (Bill)	-	-		
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Ruth	Debbie & Doug	Mark & JoAnne	-	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Pam	Maxine	Mark	Carol	Brad

February Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	2/7	2/10	2/14	2/21	2/28
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	MP (Barb)
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Ruth, Nancy	Pete, Debbie	Barbara, Mark	Pam, Becky	Tommy, Ruth
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad	Claris, JoAnne	Elizabeth, Tommy	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Dana	-	Rick	Doug	Debbie
Chalice	Debbie		Ruth	Kim	—
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	Dana (Bill)	-	-
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