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Upcoming Events:

- Mother Lynn's vacation Part 2
June 28-July 7
- Music in the Park July-August 16
- Independence day, July 4
- Holy Eucharist, July 5
- No Vestry Meeting in July
- Confirmation Class, July 11
- Holy Eucharist, July 12
- Holy Eucharist, July 19
- Heart & Hands, July 25, 1-3pm
- Morning Prayer, August 2
- Heart & Hands, August 8, 1-3pm
- Holy Eucharist, August 9
- Vestry Meeting, August 9
- Holy Eucharist, August 16
- Heart & Hands, August 22, 1-3pm
- Holy Eucharist, August 23
- Morning Prayer, August 30



PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

This is our combined Summer news-letter, and probably not quite as full as we're accustomed to seeing. That's fine – summers are time off. Teams take a hiatus, programs slow down, and the priest goes on vacation (much happiness here, though I'll miss you!)

One thing never slows down, changes, or takes a hiatus or vacation: our need for God, and God's joy in us. Our prayer, our worship, our living out all that we believe – that goes on.

So – worship together whenever you're in town. Bring me bulletins from the churches you visit. We have enjoyed some wonderful ideas from those. Enjoy coffee hour – and sign up to do one or two.

Be safe as you travel, and enjoy the times away and the family and friends you'll see. And remember - God is with us, in all times and seasons, and never ceases to love and care for us.

In peace,
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NOTE of INTEREST:

In case you don't get the emails, Bishop Breidenthal has been video blogging the 2015 General Convention. Even if you've heard the news, the video presentations are incredibly enjoyable to watch. If you've deleted or not received the Diocese of Southern Ohio emails, you can find the blog here:

<http://diosohio.org/video/>



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WARDEN'S WORDS by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

I have a friend who is part of an Episcopal parish in Washington State. Their church works with the Salvation Army providing meals to people on weekends. The Salvation Army provides meals during the week, but until the church started their Mobile Ministry, the people they served didn't get a hot meal on the weekend. The Mobile Ministry fills the gap on Saturday, and provides a sack lunch for folks to take home for Sunday. My friend said that some of the folks in her church have been concerned that they are "merely applying a band-aid to cover up the larger problems that should *really* be solved by working for social justice and government reform." And on the other side of the spectrum, she has heard folks say "that 'these people' need to learn to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps and help themselves..."

I know that in our own homeless shelter ministry we have had folks voice the same sorts of concerns. My friend shared a story that illustrated how I feel about the situation:

There was a woman, driving her car down a lonely highway in the country. The car had over 300,000 miles on it and the tires were nearly bald, but it was all she had to carry her to her part time job. Suddenly, as she hit a sharp edge of the pavement, a tire blew. After a few long moments of sitting at the side of the road, her heart in despair, her mind whirling with the lack of possibilities for rescue on the dark highway, a man pulled up behind her in a shining, brand-new Audi. Hope rose up within her as the handsome man strode toward her.

"I see you have a flat tire," he said. "Don't be afraid. Do you remember me? You serve us coffee once a month at our Rotation meetings. I'm here to help you."

"You know," he continued, "you really shouldn't be driving a car with nearly bald tires. And why did your tire blow? You must have been driving negligently. You really should take more care and make better decisions. I don't want to judge, but it's obvious to me that you are poor and you make poor choices, so I tell you what I'm going to do. Tomorrow I will call Len Schwartz and set up an account so you can get new tires. Then I will find a driving school for you so that you can become a better driver. And then, if you are still interested in becoming a better person and a more responsible citizen, I'll send you to auto mechanics school so that you can learn to maintain your own vehicle in the proper manner."

And then the man turned around, walked back to his car, and drove away.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

04 Vivian Rose Smith
05 Jarrett Davis
08 Evelyn Jane Schotts
16 Jack Harrison
20 Karen Ingraham
23 Barbara Bradfute
29 Clay Thomas
Madysun Huff
31 Roxanne Harrison



01 Marilyn & Clarence Thomas, Anniversary
07 Claris & Glenn Donovan, Anniversary





For June 14, 2015

- ✦ D. Rhyne made a motion to purchase banner originating from the UCC to be put in the front yard and C. Conway seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ D. Pultz will investigate signs for First Friday booth & there was a discussion on adding a seasonal or yearly biblical quote to the church sign in front.
- ✦ Mother Lynn presented about the Mustard Seed Series for Christian Education & Formation for children.
- ✦ Outreach Team: D. Rhyne reported on ideas from the Team meeting
- ✦ Welcome Team: D. Rhyne reported that first training will be June 25th with D. Pultz
- ✦ Altar Guild: P. Feinour reported all is good.
- ✦ Boy Scouts: D. Rhyne reports they will go biweekly for the summer and are looking for increasing ranks.
- ✦ Green Team: T. Ellenburg-Kimmet reported they're recruiting.
- ✦ Hearts & Hands – B. Bonham reported 56 premie hats blessed.
- ✦ Parish Life: P. Feinour reported she's getting prices for Episcopal t-shirts.
- ✦ Worship Team: Mother Lynn reported there will be a lectors and intercessors workshop in September.
- ✦ Sr. Warden's Report – D. Rhyne reported Outreach Team handed over to new members, she will oversee initiation of Welcomer Training
- ✦ Jr. Warden's Report made by B. Bonham
- ✦ Reported on status of coordinating with L. Silverstrim for parish hall floor
- ✦ Landscaping report from B. Alexander, proposals for grounds keeping range \$800-1200. D. Pultz made a motion to hire George Dzeliak to do specific critical items on list (Church and Parish House: trim shrubs and trees in bed, clean beds/weed) and to pay \$400 with guidance and B. Bonham seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ D. Pultz listed off finance team recommendations; C. Conway made a motion to accept finance team's recommendations, P. Feinour seconded; motion passed unanimously
- ✦ D. Pultz reported Key bank recommends that we move some of the money of our account to another setting (either another checking account or CD) to protect from theft. After discussion, D. Pultz made the motion that we make no changes as recommended by Key bank and B. Alexander seconded; motion passed unanimously
- ✦ Parochial report will be resubmitted with corrections. Issues with the budget discussed.
- ✦ Priest's Report: Mother Lynn made her report. Discussion of growth came out of Welcomer's Training.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

01 Larry Thomas
06 Jackson Davis
09 Beverly Krouskop
Lee Silverstrim
10 Elaina Walker
14 Nerak Patterson
16 Mark Cummings
23 Violetta Thomas



08 Maxine & Larry Thomas, Anniversary



**Just a
Reminder...**

The next Vestry
Meeting will be
August 9th.





**Check out our
new brochure!**



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Xenia, Ohio



Welcome to Christ Church! We are a community of Christ-followers, a part of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio and affiliated with the wider Anglican Communion across the world. We're diverse in age, race, gender and religious background.

You are welcome here. You are welcome to bring your questions, your doubts, your concerns, your cares and your gifts. We need you and welcome you to join us as we share all that God has given with each other and with the world God created and gave into our care.

Worship

We follow the ages-old worship traditions of the Christian church. Holy Eucharist, where we celebrate and remember Jesus' gifts to us at the Last Supper, is our principal form of worship. We also do Morning Prayer, one of the "Offices".

Our worship is highly participatory; it's a conversation between God and all of us, and we take part as fully as our priest in that conversation. There are several ministries associated with Holy Eucharist, and they are as follows:

The *Altar Guild* prepares the sanctuary for worship every Sunday, making sure the priest or worship leader has everything necessary to lead the congregation in worship.

The *Crucifer* carries the cross, the central symbol of our faith, to lead the procession at the start and finish of worship.

Eucharistic Ministers assist the priest in preparing and distributing Holy Communion to the congregation.



Eucharistic Visitors take Holy Communion to members of our congregation who are ill or homebound.

Intercessors lead the congregation in lifting our needs and thanksgivings to God.

Lectors read the Old and New Testament Readings and lead the Psalm of the day.

Music ministers include our Choir Director, Organist, Choir, and guest musicians. They lead us in hymns and service music and offer anthems and special music.

Ushers and Greeters welcome all and assist visitors and guests throughout the service.

Worship Leaders, using our Book of Common Prayer, lead the congregation in Morning Prayer each month.

Worship is at the heart of our community life—one of the primary ways we encounter God—and nourishes us to do the work of God’s mission in the world.

Our Ministries, Teams and Committees

The ***Buildings & Grounds Team*** oversees the care and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Our church is used by a variety of groups from Anger Management to AA to Cub Scouts, and our Shelter guests sleep in our Parish Hall during the coldest months of the winter. Stewardship of our buildings is an essential part of our ministry in our community.

Christian Education and Formation is essential to our development as a people of God. We currently have few children, but we



have available a nursery and a simple biblically-based curriculum that can be used in a classroom as well as with visiting children. Our adult formation consists of workshops we have from time to time on Sunday mornings, covering everything from the Protestant Reformation to the history of the Anglican Church to the Book of Common Prayer. We have a regular study group that meets once or twice a month to discuss faith, scripture, creeds, etc.

We house a local ***Clothing Closet*** that offers free clothing, and is staffed by volunteers from the church and community.

The ***Evangelism Team*** participates in Xenia's "First Fridays", where we have a table, games and prizes for children, and a prayer box for members of the community to place prayer requests that we pray for on Sunday morning. Evangelism also supplies handouts for children of our Clothing Closet patrons, and funds ads, signs, etc. for the church.

The ***Finance Team*** makes sure our finances are open and transparent to all, and works to exercise good stewardship in the use of our funds. Beginning with a prayerful congregation-wide "Budget Sunday", they develop a budget for the Vestry to consider and they make fiscal recommendations.

Our ***Green Team*** researches and offers us ways to practice loving care of creation. We recycle, reuse and use up. In our kitchen we use only recyclable and/or compostable "paper" products, our office staff recycles and purchases only recycled paper, and meetings use Dropbox and Power Point.

The ***Healing Prayer Team*** is available for prayer every Sunday during Holy Eucharist, and prays for members and the church.



Hearts & Hands is a group of knitters, crocheters, quilters, etc. who gather twice each month to make preemie caps, hats for chemotherapy patients, prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and prayer, and banners, etc. for the church.

The *Outreach Team*, in prayer and consultation with the Vestry, designs our outreach to our neighbors, the diocese and the world. They especially work to develop ministries that can be shared by the congregation as a whole, believing that we are transformed and blessed as we work to bless others.

Parish Life is devoted to special times in the church. They organize, plan, and cook for such events as our Organ Concert, Jazz Vespers, luncheons for funerals and special fellowship meals and happenings.

The *Emergency Overnight Shelter* operates each winter, and offers dinner, a bed for the night and breakfast for those without homes. For years we've been the only shelter in the county for single men, but in the past few years we've housed increasing numbers of women and children as well.

Stewardship works to keep before the congregation the importance of seeing *all* we have as gift from God, and of caring prayerfully and lovingly for those gifts. They publish a monthly article in the newsletter, reminders in the Sunday bulletin, and plan an annual Stewardship Pledge drive that may be a High Tea or a Harvest picnic – but is always fun.

The *Trumpet* is our monthly newsletter filled with articles, ads, news, recipes and whatever else our parishioners submit. All are welcomed and encouraged to write for the Trumpet.



The *Vestry* is the lay leadership team and meets monthly to discuss mission and ministry, and make financial decisions and plans for the church. They also have an annual retreat that offers time with God and spiritual renewal.

The *Welcome Team* extends the hospitality of the church to everyone. We believe God welcomes all, so we do the same.

The *Worship Team* meets several times a year to assist the priest in planning worship. We're a liturgical church observing the "seasons" of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Pentecost. Each season offers its perspective on our faith story; we want our worship to reflect that as beautifully and meaningfully as possible.

We are a small church, but we believe we do important work in our community. Matthew 25:40 is at the heart of that work: 'Truly I tell you, whatever *you* did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Jesus is our model and we are committed to the law he gave us; loving God with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind; and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome everyone, and will support you as you seek God. You will find a good community here, and opportunities to grow your faith and offer your best to God and the world. Shalom!

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Worship Sunday 9:30 AM



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August 8 & August 22
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Vestry: August 9

Meetings and Upcoming Events

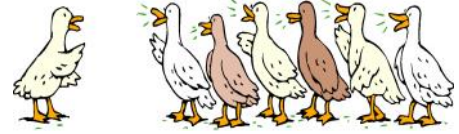
Christ Church Parish Hall Schedule

The following meetings are private, especially Anger Management, and we are committed to giving them the privacy they need. We always have access to the church and the sacristy through the sacristy and church doors, should we need it. Many thanks for your kindness!

AA meetings: Wednesday morning, 10 to 11 am; Saturday night, 7-8 pm

Anger Management: all day Thursday, 9 am – 7 pm

Cub Scouts: Tuesday evening, 6:30 pm



Traveling this Summer?
Visiting other churches or
places of interest?
Attending any events?
Share with your fellow parishioners
here in the Trumpet!



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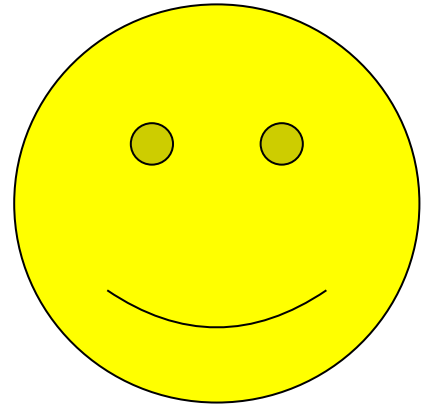
Submissions:

Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. **Deadline for submissions is August 10.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



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!)



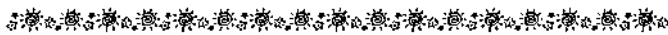
Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and — for many people — time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a ☐ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ☐ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~ under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



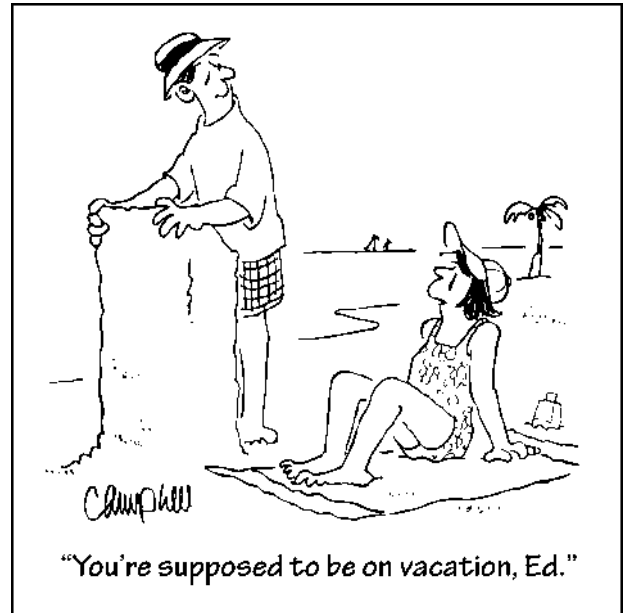
Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





Answer: The LORD Almighty



Bible Quiz

Which two spies urged the Israelites to move into Canaan, opposing the other 10 who were afraid? (Hint: We know one of the two willing spies by the new name Moses gave him.)

- A. Shaphat and Igal
- B. Hoshea and Caleb
- C. Gaddi and Gaddiel
- D. Shammua and Nahbi



Answer: B (See Numbers 13:6, 8, 16, 30, 14:6-8.)

Service Calendar, July 2015

Ministry	7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26
Worship Leader	HE Fr. Elaine	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Barbara, Debbie	Nancy, Pete	Mark, Pam	Becky, Tommy
Ushers	JoAnne (u), (g) Doug	Tommy (u), (g) Brad	Elizabeth (g), JoAnne (u)	Claris (g) Rick (u)
Intercessor	Doug	Mark	Rick	Barb
Chalice	Pam	Rick	Debbie	Ruth
Eucharistic Visitors	Kim (Jack)	Jenny (Faith)	Dana (Bill)	----
Healing Prayer Min- isters	Debbie, Ruth	JoAnne, Doug	Pam, Mark	Debbie, Doug
Vestry Member of the Week	Tanya	Dana	Mark	Carol

Service Calendar, August 2015

Ministry	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30
Worship Leader	MP	ML	ML	ML	MP
Altar Guild	Dana/Pam	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky	Dana/Pam	Ruth/Tanya
Lector	Nancy Nickell, Debbie Gillespie	Ruth Hazel, Pete Sinnott	Pam Feinour Becky Gentry	Tommy Thomas Barbara Bonham	Mark Cummings Ruth Hazel
Ushers	Rick/Brad	JoAnne/Doug	Eliza- beth/Tommy	JoAnne/Claris	Rick/Brad
Intercessor	Ruth Hazel	Dana Rhyne	Debbie Gilles- pie	Rick Feinour	Doug Pultz
Chalice	-----	Kim Bayless	Barbara Bon- ham	Mark Cummings	-----
Vestry Member of the Week	Brad	Tanya	Doug	Dana	Barbara
Healing Prayer Ministers	-----	Mark/Debbie	JoAnne/Doug	Pam/Ruth	-----
Eucharistic Visitors	-----	Jennie (Faith)	Dana (Bill)	-----	-----

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. ***Lectors: if you can't be there on your scheduled Sunday, see if your Lector partner will do both readings or find a substitute.

