

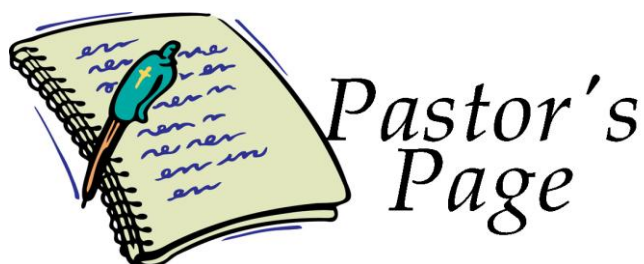


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Dear Friends,

I know it isn't official yet, but I always feel that summer has arrived once the choir has sung us through the great feast of Pentecost and embarked on its annual break. We will miss them! Kids are out of school as well, and that means that we also have launched our Summer Church Camp. Saturday June 1 was the first day of this new ministry, and while the initial numbers were small, we all believe it will grow. It has been well-organized, well-supported, and very well prayed into being. We know that we need to give this new ministry about three years to become established, and we have plenty of time.

I was struck by the joy and enthusiasm of our CECX workers for the first day of Summer Camp. The previous Saturday fully sixteen people gathered in the Parish Hall to cut and glue the Beulah Land

Bible Stories, and I expected to see, perhaps, some weariness for the opening session. But you were welcoming and happy and ready to go-- what an amazing group of people!

We have much to look forward to in the coming weeks – our Church picnic, ongoing Summer Camp, a cookout for our Xenia civil servants, and the beautiful round of our worship, as we gather week after week to praise, give thanks, touch base with friends, and seek God's blessings.

We *have* been richly blessed – by the gift of good work to do, close friends to cherish, the joyous sounds of children during worship—the strengths of a blessed community.

Thanks to you all, and peace—  
Mtr. Lynn+



Warden's Words  
will return next time.

## SAVE THE DATE

**August 7, 2013 – 2 PM to 9 PM**

### Church Photo for the Directory



The Vestry has contracted with Lifetouch<sup>®</sup> to create a parish directory. Professional photographers will assist our families through the photography session and selection process. Lifetouch directories and portraits are produced in the employee-owned state-of-the-art facilities in Ohio. As an industry leader for over 75 years, Lifetouch's<sup>®</sup> commitment to Christ Episcopal Church is to create priceless memories for our families.

Our photography session is scheduled for August 7, 2013 from 2 PM to 9 PM. Look for more details.

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### Bible Quiz

What is the Hebrew meaning of the word *Amen*?

- A. So be it.
- B. We praise you.
- C. Thank you.
- D. Please, God!

**A•men**  
(ā•men')  
adv., interj

Answer: A



*"In the moment of crisis, the wise build bridges and the foolish build dams." Nigerian proverb*



## Diocesan Strategic Plan

Share One –to –One Closet will report next time

We were asked by the Diocesan Convention to estimate the baselines for our congregation in relation to the Goals identified in the Diocesan Strategic Plan.

The following is a summary of that information:

- Our average Sunday attendance was 40.
- We have 0 members between the ages of 20 and 40 who play an active leadership role at Christ Church Xenia.
- We estimated that Christ Church Xenia through the Drop in Shelter and the Share One to One Ministry impacts 3552 people in our broader community. That is 8880% of our average Sunday attendance. Yes, that is what it figures out to be 8880%.
- Our estimate of how many of us are active in the mission to the community was 26. This includes ministries like the Caring Place, FISH food pantry, Homeless Student Program, etc. as well as the Shelter and Clothes Closet. That figures to be 65% of our average Sunday attendance.
- Last but not least, we were asked how many people are engaged in exploration and study of the faith? Our average number of congregants attending the Identity Workshops held by Mother Lynn after church services was 25. That is about 63% of our average Sunday attendance.

Submitted by JoAnne Earley



Thoughts on Stewardship  
By Patricia Renick

(At the request of the Stewardship Committee)

June is a generous month. The earth laughs with flowers, the trees smile with the deepening green of summer, there is the sound of children playing, there is the first taste of lemonade, and the bells of the ice cream truck remind vacation time is here. Even the days are generous, with longer hours to work and play.

This is the time I am generous too with my break time, my relaxing time, my extra time with friends and family. My hobbies and books get more time, painting comes easier and it is a time for easy Te Deums and alleluias as I enjoy this generous, abundant month.

It is also a time of mindfulness, this garden needs tending, my children need tending, my time and work need tending, and I need tending. Taking care of what is important to me, my sense of responsibility to tend to, to take care of all that God has given me is June. The garden needs weeding, the relationships need nourishing, time must be spent wisely.

For these reasons, generosity comes easily. This is the generosity of stewardship. The giving back of time and talents with delight in all that I have been given and in all my blessings.

So where does each of us fit in this picture?

### Notice from the Green Team: Buy Local, Fresh Produce

The "Green Team" encourages you to purchase your fresh produce from local farmer's markets. There is the Xenia Towne Square Farmers' Market, Tuesday from 2 pm to 6 pm in the K-Mart parking lot from June to October, the Yellow Springs Market on Saturday mornings in Kings Yard in Yellow Springs from May to October, and the Fairborn Farmer's Market at Main Street and Grand from April to November.





## Important Notice of Thanks

Thanks to the cutters and glue-ers who made Beulah Land possible--

Alex Crisp  
Barbara Bonham  
Bev Groskopf  
Brad Alexander  
Carolyn Cotterman  
JoAnne Earley  
Rick Feinour  
Marilyn Thomas



Becky Gentry  
Chandra Hightower  
Chelsea Crisp  
Patricia Renick  
Nigel Gunn  
Cynda Gunn  
Pam Feinour  
Tommy Thomas

## Dates to Remember

- |                              |   |                                      |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| June 16 <sup>th</sup>        | - | Father's Day                         |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup> 11AM   | - | Parish Annual Picnic at the Thomas'  |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>         | - | Independence Day                     |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup> 11AM   | - | Vestry Meeting                       |
| July 21 <sup>st</sup> 11AM   | - | Shelter Team Meeting & Lunch         |
| Each Tuesday this summer     | - | Summer Church Camp                   |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup> 2-9PM | - | Photo-shoot for the directory        |
| All Spring and Summer        | - | Farmer's Market in various locations |



# Announcements

**Altar 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.

**Recycling:** Reminder to all, we are recycling. 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.

**CECX Grounds Care:** We're looking for a few more people to help with care of the grounds and gardens this Summer at Christ Church. You need only be able to help. Instruction provided. Please contact Nancy Nickell or Doug Pultz for details

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Barrett Eskridge  
14 Pete Sinnott  
16 Carolyn Cotterman  
20 Glenn Donovan  
22 Samantha Krouskop  
23 Becky Gentry  
24 Richard Henderson  
26 Debbie Gillespie  
Holly Gillespie

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

11 Betsy & Jack Kitch  
18 Mark & Karen Cummings  
21 Tanya & Ryan Kimmet

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Margie Ridgeway  
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

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

01 Marilyn & Clarence Thomas  
18 Claris & Glenn Donovan

If we have missed your birthday,  
please let us know.

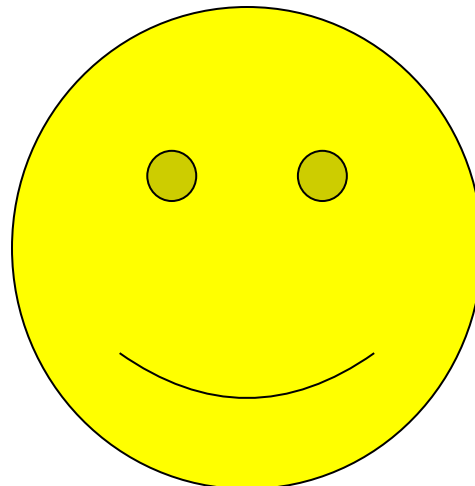
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# Children's Corner

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!)





## The ants go marching...

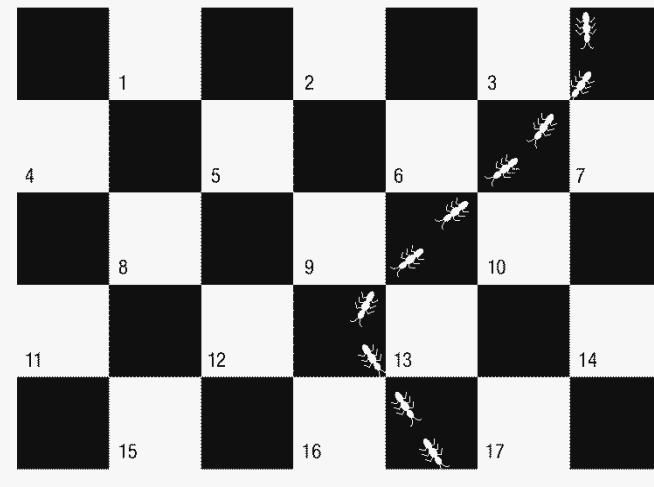
God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

*Ants marching line*

**Directions:** Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

4. of	6. strength	15. summer	12. food	9. store	2. are
8. they	3. creatures	5. little	7. yet	10. up	14. the
1. Ants	16. Proverbs	17. 30:25	13. in	11. their	

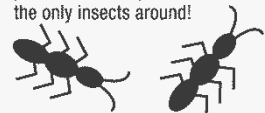
	1		2		3
4		5		6	7
	8		9	10	
11		12		13	14
	15		16	17	



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

## ANTS ON A HILL

Make this fun snack for a summer picnic — and hope these ants are the only insects around!



### What you need:

- one box instant chocolate pudding mix
- milk
- graham crackers
- zippered baggie
- rolling pin
- clear plastic cup
- chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries



### What you do:

1. Make the pudding according to directions on the box.
2. Put one whole graham cracker (four rectangles) into a zippered baggie. Seal and crush the crackers with a rolling pin.
3. Fill half the plastic cup with spoonfuls of chocolate pudding (dirt).
4. Add the crushed graham crackers (sand hill).
5. On the hill, place chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries (climbing ants). Enjoy!



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SNACKS

Bring joy to a friend by sharing a "peace" of this yummy dessert!

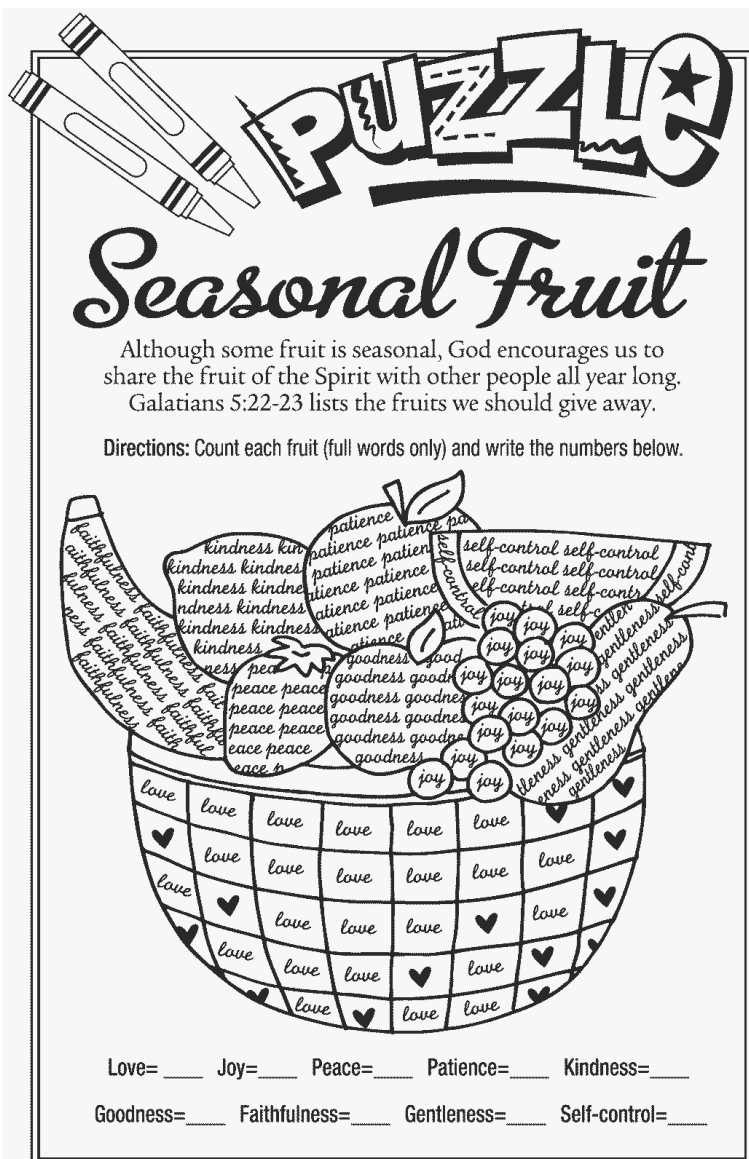
### What you need:

- adult help
- two 8" cake pans
- cooking spray
- 9 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 tablespoons butter
- food coloring (green and red)
- 9 cups crisp rice cereal
- mini chocolate chips



### What you do:

1. Spray cake pans.
2. Melt 4 cups marshmallows and 2 T. butter in microwave or on stove top. Add green food coloring. Stir.
3. Pour 4 cups cereal into bowl. Add green mixture. Stir with buttered spatula.
4. Put half into each pan and press along the sides with buttered hands.
5. Repeat using 5 cups marshmallows, 4 T. butter, 5 cups cereal and red food coloring.
6. Press half into the center of each pan, leaving a narrow outside border of green. Smooth the top.
7. Press mini chocolate chips into the red mixture.
8. Let cool. Then cut into wedges. Enjoy!



Answers: Love=24, Joy=18, Peace=7, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5





## Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia

### Service Calendar, June 2013

Ministry	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>MP-Barb</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>MP-Ruth</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Ruth, Becky
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Tommy</b>	Ruth	<b>Pete</b>	<b>Becky</b>	Chandra
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>JoAnne, Rick</b>	Donovans	<b>Rick, Doug</b>	<b>Elizabeth, Tommy</b>	JoAnne, Rick
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Doug</b>	Dana	<b>Barb</b>	<b>Mark</b>	Summer
<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Barb</b>	-----	<b>Pam</b>	<b>Summer</b>	-----
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	<b>Jack</b>	Tanya	<b>JoAnne</b>	<b>Kim</b>	Tanya

### Service Calendar, July 2013

Ministry	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>ML</b>	<b>MP</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Mark</b>	Nancy	<b>Dana</b>	Becky
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Elizabeth, Tommy</b>	Donovans	<b>JoAnne, Doug</b>	Rick, Summer
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Rick</b>	Ruth	<b>Summer</b>	Mark
<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Ruth</b>	Summer	<b>Pam</b>	_____
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	<b>Dana</b>	Jack	<b>Chandra</b>	Larry

If you can't be there for your assigned position, please find a replacement and let Becky know of the change.

# Church Picnic

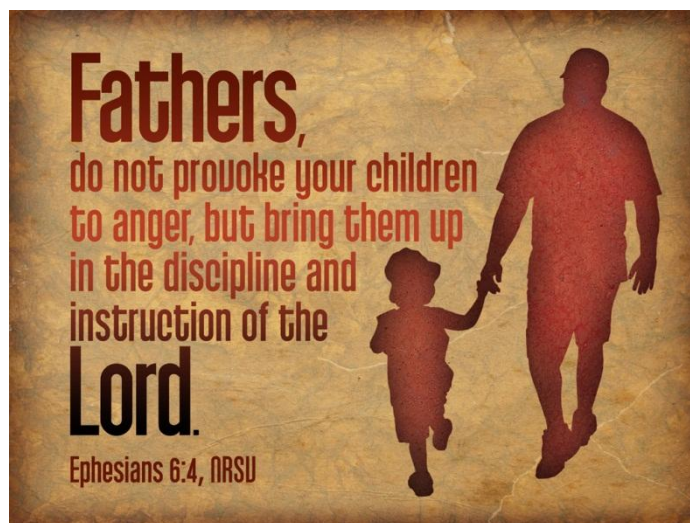


Christ Church Annual Picnic  
SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
11 AM - ?  
AT MAXINE & LARRY'S ON  
THE LAKE

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

(directions will be sent out shortly)

Morning Prayer at Church @ 9:30AM



Anita and Michael Dohn  
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## Missionary Report

### The US Family Medical Leave Act

For the blessing of family, we give thanks.

We made a home visit recently to evaluate the level of assistance needed by a woman patient so that her family member who lives in the USA could get leave from work. The 88-year old woman was blind and was almost totally paralyzed on her left side from a stroke. She was verbally interactive, but confused.

This woman obviously needs help with almost all of the activities of daily living – dressing, eating, etc. When we saw her, she was dressed and sitting in a wheelchair in the small living room, with windows and doors wide open. What struck me during our visit was the number of family members and friends who were there and participating in this woman's care. The family has not thought of a nursing home nor hired help (not that either of those options are very common or possible here).

The occasion of two US physicians making a scheduled house call may have prompted more people being present than normal that day. However, families commonly take care of their own here – whether the elderly or children with disabilities.

Michael completed the FMLA form. The relative from New Jersey was actually using her vacation time and personal days at this point, but wanted to have the form on file with her employer if she needed to return when her mother's condition worsens.

What a blessing to have family. When other resources are scarce, involvement of a loving family can compensate.

Keep praying, Anita

# New



## Choir Members Welcome!

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!



From Newsletternewsletter.com

For the Months of June and July, let's bring:



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

**Baked  
Beans  
and  
Cereal**



*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*

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### 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 July 25th.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).