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Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Day, May 30
- Mother Lynn's vacation end of May to July
- Heart and Hands June 4 11am-1pm
- Heart and Hands June 18 11am-1pm
- Father's Day June 19
- CECX Picnic at the Thomas' - June 26
- Heart and Hands July 2 11am-1pm
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- Heart and Hands August 6 11am-1pm
- Vestry Meeting, August 13
- Heart and Hands August 20 11am-1pm



Christ Episcopal
Church Xenia Parish
Picnic will be at the
Thomas' on June 26
Bring a dish,
bring a fishing pole,
enjoy nature with your
brothers and sisters!



PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us! I've just finished our last worship service with you before our vacation, met with our extraordinary Vestry, and have been reminded that I still have a couple of things to do. One of these things, of course, is this letter to you. And so....

We're beginning our summer with some losses and some gains. Our beloved choir director has left us--and, by the way, the potluck you provided was wonderful. We wish Joe well. On the other hand, we have some new members, and some of our new folk have begun the process of deciding where they want to focus their efforts for ministry. We're exploring a parking lot, and the Chamberlain trustees

have graciously provided for the update and refurbishment of our bathrooms. We look forward to our annual picnic at the Thomas' "resort", and on the ministry side, more Outreach possibilities for the fall. All in all – quite a lot happening.

I want to bless all of your vacation and travel plans and all of your worship experiences while you're home and away (remember to bring back bulletins if you travel!) Be safe, my friends, stay close to God and those you love. Be aware at all times that you are precious to God and those loved ones. We are looking forward to our vacation time, but I know that I will miss you while we're gone, and be ready to come back in July.

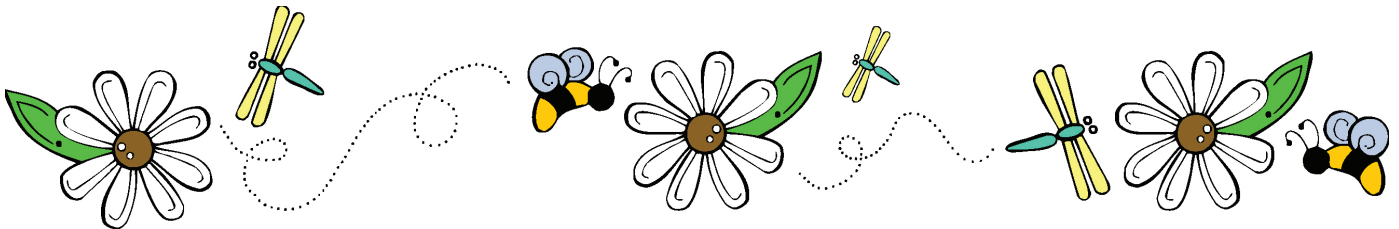
Peace to you all!
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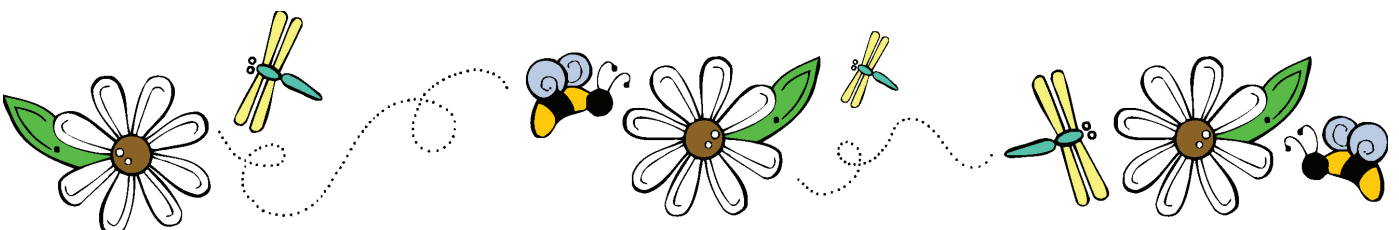
WARDEN'S WORDS by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

The days have been (mostly) coolish, but my flowers have informed me that "It's spring, thank you, and we shall grace you with our presence shortly." We've just made it through the busiest part of the church year – the marathon that begins in Advent, and takes its noisy leave at Pentecost. And wasn't it grand? Music, wise words, good food, a celebration of service (we'll miss you Joe!)... But although the choir is on its annual hiatus, and although Mother Lynn is taking a vacation in June, and although many of us are coming and going, Christ Church will still be working to bring good news to the poor. So, continue to come to church, and continue to be the face of God in the world!



Call for Medicine Bottles

Do you take prescriptions? If you say no, I bet you are the exception! I have often thought about something to do with all these empty prescription bottles. Now we have an answer. We have been told about an organization called The Links Incorporated, which is an international organization located throughout the world and in 41 of the states. There is a chapter in Wilmington, Ohio. We are going to support a project that this chapter is involved in to help the poorest people throughout the world with their medications. In very poor countries, patients often walk long distances for medical help. They wait hours or days to be treated. They are given medication to tie in a scarf or put in a pocket to carry back to their homes. Few get containers that protect the medicine against accidents, dirt, liquids, or being eaten by animals. We can help by bringing our empty medicine bottles to the Center. We will have a collection box and the Links organization will get the bottles to another organization called Mathews 25 Ministries in Cincinnati who will see that they are sent where they are needed the most in the world. We will start the collection this month and continue it as long as there is interest.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



| | | |
|----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 03 | Barrett Eskridge 18 | Mark & Karen Cummings, |
| 06 | Joe Beal | Anniversary |
| 14 | Pete Sinnott 21 | Tanya & Ryan Kimmet, |
| 16 | Carolyn Cotterman | Anniversary |
| 20 | Glenn Donovan | |
| 22 | Samantha Krouskop | |
| 23 | Becky Gentry | |
| 26 | Debbie Gillespie | |
| | Holly Gillespie | |



for May 22, 2016

Next Vestry Meeting is July 10th

- Dana R. made a motion to approve April Minutes as written, Mark C. seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- To-Do List reviewed. Rumpke is updating our recycling and trash arrangement. Mother Lynn discussed redoing the counters in the kitchen (some damage from the shelter, other from time), Vestry will contact the Chamberlain about redoing counters/sinks this year. Cheryl announced Caeden is signed up for camp.

New Work & Ministry

- Maxine T. reported on Mtg w/Mission Share Formula Task Force Group. Vestry will review and discuss in July.
- Mother Lynn reported facts for the music director search and discussed options.

Ongoing Work and Ministry

- Doug P. reported parking lot data – need a few more meetings before a vote can be made.
- Dana R. reported on CoCL Conference review. Information was not useful to our situation.
- Dana R. reported on T-shirts. Email notification to be sent out.
- 11:25 AM Members of the Buildings & Grounds Team will leave for their inspection tour.

Team Liaison Reports:

- Buildings and Grounds - Barb. B. reported Pete S. is leading the walkabout currently, First Fridays - Doug P. reported first event was successful (tomato plants distributed, June is Bibles), Creation Care Committee - Mark C. – reported on our new logo and meeting, Hearts & Hands - Barbara B. – reported on new member, Stewardship - Barbara B. reported on new member and we have 2 new pledges

Sr. Warden's Report – Dana R. reported she is going to be on vacation.

Jr. Warden's Report – Barb B. reported Chris H. will be starting on the bathrooms next week.

Treasurer's Report - Doug P. reported that the Chamberlain report indicates we lost money and the budget suggests we're still over in some areas. CECX is still holding on. Becky G. sent the money to the diocese. He is hoping to move money to WPCU to keep down fees for no activity

Priest's Report – Mother Lynn is concerned that there is insufficient follow up when members are absent for a time and has asked that all our parishioners be more aware and check in with folks we don't see for a couple of weeks. She suggested some ways to re-energize ourselves and asked the Vestry to consider them over the next few weeks.

Church Picnic



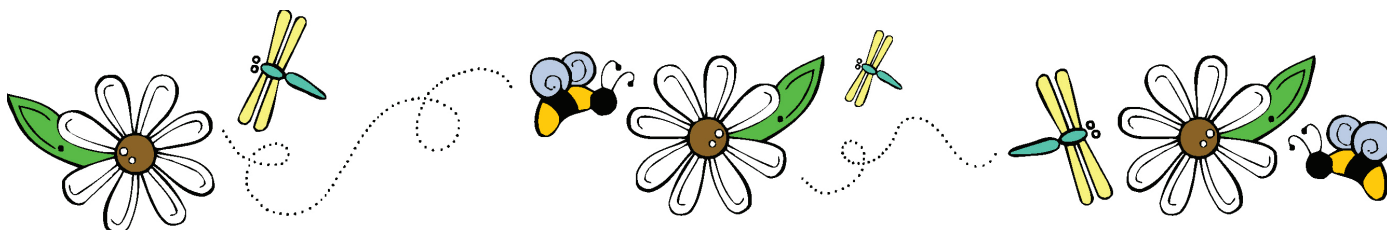
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Every man
who desires
to become a
true father
has to look
continually
to the Lord, that he might learn
of him how to relate to his own
children.



Sunday Adelaja



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET BY JOANNE EARLEY

We really are not just a clothing ministry. Our clients are in need of household items - linens, dishes, utensils, silverware. They enjoy toiletries such as deodorant and shampoo. Also jewelry, ladies' purses, socks, shoes, diapers and baby items are in demand.

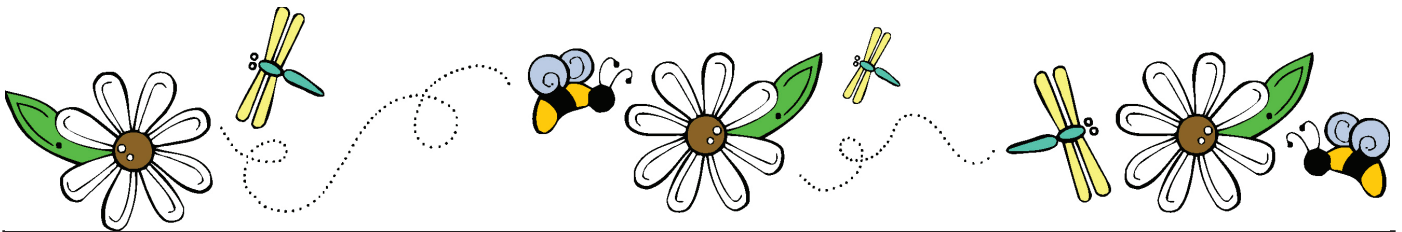
We continue to be blessed with donations from the community. Those blessings are passed on to others in the community. The following is an excerpt from one client's God Stories. "God Bless all the volunteers in this community. I recently had a temporary loss of income and was blessed over and over. If I needed food, it was always available via all the church pantries. If I need clothes, they are also available at the Clothes Closet and God Bless all the folks that donate very nice clothes and shoes...."

Do some "take advantage" of us as I was asked several weeks ago at church? I'm sure they do, but the many, many clients that don't "take advantage" of us are able to take advantage of the generosity of our community. I repeatedly hear compliments about the quality of our clothing and how thankful they are for us giving them clothes and shoes not only for day to day living but for jobs, job interviews, for residents of nursing homes who have no family to give them clothes (An employee of Legacy was getting clothing for folks she knew needed clothes.)

I truly feel the good outweighs the abusers. There are "abusers" of many programs, not just the clothes closet. If you know of a specific person abusing the use of the closet, let us know and we will address the situation in some manner.



Clothing Closet



FROM THE CREATION CARE COMMITTEE - FORMERLY THE GREEN TEAM BY BRADLEY ALEXANDER, CHURCH SEXTON

This is our new name for the old Green Team, because it is our job to take care of God's creation.

Here we are headed into Summer, and our thoughts turn to recycling. This month recycling changes in Xenia. Our small red containers we use now are gone. In place of those containers, we have a 65 gallon dumpster to place the recyclables. All items must be placed loose inside the cart.

What can we recycle you ask ? Well that would include paper, cardboard, plastic bottles & jugs, metal cans- (aluminum, tin, aerosol) glass bottles and jars (remove lids), cartons - juice, milk, broth, cream, and egg substitutes.

In each Trumpet, we feature ways to help protect God's creation.
Even the smallest thing you do can make a difference.

Bradley Alexander



STEWARDSHIP OF PLANTING BY BARBARA BONHAM

Planting Stewardship

So many choices for these two words: Plant - Planting

1.a. Botany- any various photosynthetic, eukaryotic, multicellular organisms of the kingdom Plantae containing chloroplasts, having cell walls made of cellulose, producing embryos, and lacking the power of locomotion. Plants include trees, bushes, herbs, ferns, mosses, and.... certain green algae.

b. A plant having no permanent woody stem; an herb.

c. Any of various fungi, algae, or protists that resemble plants and were formerly classified in the plant kingdom (not in scientific use).

2. A building or group of buildings for the use of manufacturing a product.

3.a. A person or thing put into place in order to mislead or function secretly, especially.

b. A person placed in a group of spectators to influence behavior.

c. A misleading piece of evidence placed so as to be discovered.

d. A person stationed in a given location as a spy or observer.

4. Slang- a scheming trick or swindle.

Then there is the word:

1. Plant-ing

a. To place or set seeds in the ground to grow (now we are getting somewhere).

b. To place seeds or young plants in the ground: sow, as in fields of corn.



There are six more 'definitions' for plant-ing none of which interest me at this moment. There are two points that struck me, the plant that manufacturers, and the seeds to be sown in the earth.

Often the church buildings are called the 'plant or the church plant' by building and grounds teams, vestry. etc. Perhaps, do we, manufacture, plant, and nurture our inner seedlings in this warm and watched over, and protected environment? What happens when these seedlings truly begin to take root, prayer, concern for the environment about us, consideration for those we can help, (no one can help everyone), going out into the daily routine and occasionally sharing your personal growth in God's blessings. A calling we try to dismiss. God's greenhouse?

The second is of course to plant seeds, or seedlings. Last October my daughter who was moving, was tossing out two large plastic bags of what looked to be mixed Zinnia seeds in a compost of some kind of nutrient glop. I snatched them out of the trash... She glowered. It's always a battle what to get rid of when you are downsizing. I looked at the sowing date, May-2011. Sighed as there was no chance for these seeds. Tossed them into my car trunk. Forgot about them.

In cleaning out my car, oh about six weeks ago the seed bags appeared. On the way to the trash can, there are two large square planters, what's to lose... A few minutes digging in new potting soil, arranging the pots to catch as much sun as possible, spreading the seeds and glop, thickly, (because just maybe one or two or three...) covering with a thin layer of fresh dirt, and using the shower dial to soak with water. Nothing. Nope, nothing. Week one, week two, week three. Nothing. Sun, water, watching over, week four and five, NOTHING, It did not occur to me to pray for these tiny seeds. Silly to think they might, just might grow.

You know the beginning of the story; this past Sunday, walking back into the house, after church, and the luncheon for Joe Beal, stopping at the forlorn planters, I saw green, tiny green leaves, so many I could not count them even if I tried. Both planters.

Now, yes, a prayer of thanks for infinitely tiny miracles. If I had been wiser I would have said a little ' growing ' prayer while plant-ing.

Can we predict how each of us will grow? I don't believe so. But we have the seeds.

Try to pay attention to the seeds Christ is planting in each of us. If you forget just what those seeds are, sit in the warm sun for a few minutes, with a glass of iced tea, water, or.... look at your blessings, and let them grow, within and out perhaps to share.

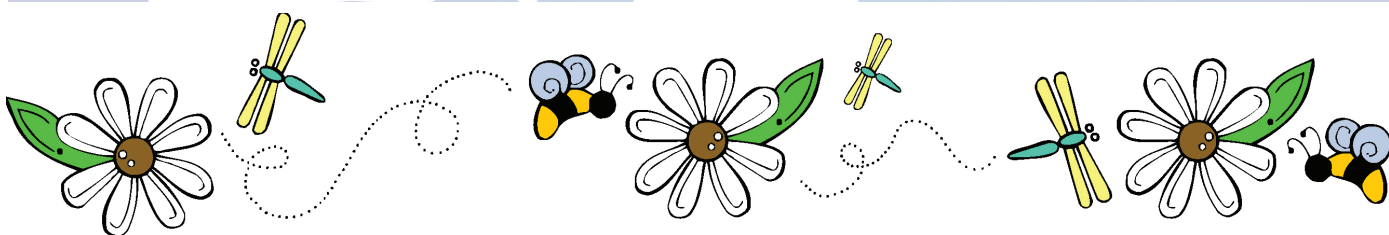
Yes, I still have an unopened bag of seeds. Those I'll share next year as seeds or seedlings, I know they will grow.

FATHER'S DAY BY TANYA ELLENBURG-KIMMET

Fathers are called to sub in for mothers, either temporarily or permanently. They are viewed in stereotype as hard working at work and lazy or easygoing at home, until discipline is necessary - the classic "Wait until your father gets home." I used to believe my father was merely the stereotype. Now that I am older, I see where his attitude was mostly a desire to see peace. If that meant yelling at us kids because mom said we were in the wrong, he'd do it. Ultimately, his goal was to be able to sit and watch the game or the news and decompress from the stress of the long workday. But fathers can't be simplified to that one activity.

My father is a song leader and a preacher. He is a retired budget analyst and retired military. He is a philanthropist and a servant. His passions are his wife, his family, his work at the train museum, and his God.

As his daughter, every man I meet is measured by my father, because that is where my familiarity with the father role began, though not as who is better, but a comparison on how things are handled. I know there are many types of fathers; I know there are mothers, brothers, and foster parents out there trying to fill the role of father for someone. This role is accepted - knowing that even after a hard day, they will be sometimes called upon for one more task. Happy Father's Day to all of the father types out there, who much like God, our Father, take on the tasks that their families require and have more facets than we can see.



MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- Mother Lynn's vacation end of May to the beginning of July
- Heart and Hands June 4 11am-1pm
- Flag Day, June 14, 2016
- Heart and Hands June 18 11am-1pm
- Father's Day June 19
- First day of summer, June 20, 2016
- CECX Picnic at the Thomas' - June 26
- Heart and Hands July 2 11am-1pm
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Mother Lynn will be on vacation from the end of May until the beginning of July....for the first time, taking her entire vacation time. She and Pete will be heading out to California for an extended visit with their son and daughter-in-law, and then on to visits with the Baltimore, MD part of the family, and to PA to visit family there as well. Anyone remember the days when family members all lived within five miles of where they were born?

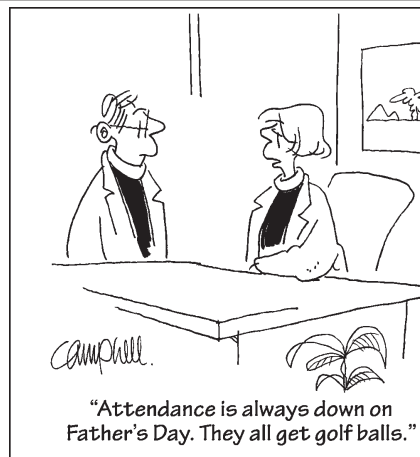


Intercession List: The first Sunday of each month will start off with a new Intercession List. If you want to keep names on there, please let me know. Otherwise, the names are removed at the end of the month.

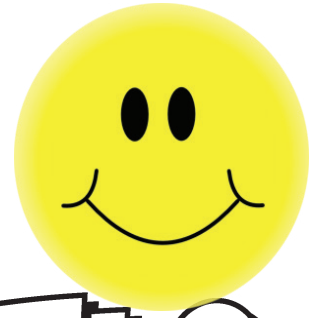
If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails, email Tanya at cecxtanya@gmail.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxlist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions:

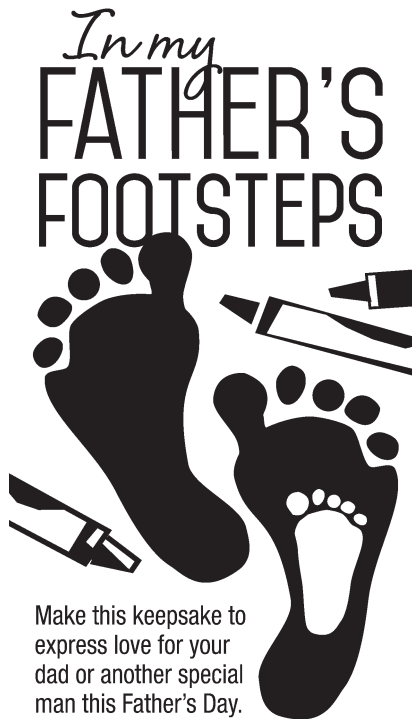
Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is July 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



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!)



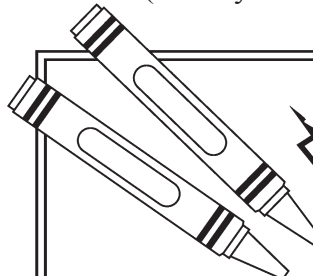
Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

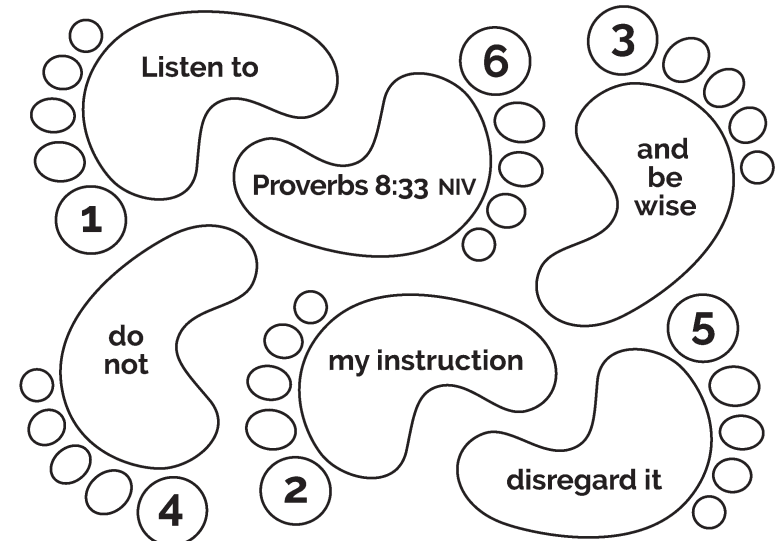


PUZZLE

FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
 _____ .”
 _____ : _____ , _____

Who said to the prophet Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD”?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

BIBLE QUIZ



June Service Calendar 2016

| Ministry | 6/5 | 6/12 | 6/19 | 6/26 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Worship Leader | MP (Barbara) | HE (Father Elaine) | HE (Father Elaine) | MP (Rick) |
| Altar Guild | Ruth, Tanya | JoAnne, Becky | Dana, Pam | Ruth, Tanya |
| Lector | Dana, Debbie | Barbara, Rick | Pam, Dana | Tommy, Ruth |
| Ushers | Elizabeth, Brad | Clariss, Tommy | JoAnne, Doug | Rick, Brad |
| Intercessor | Doug | Debbie | Mark | Dana |
| Chalice | - | Mark | Pam | - |
| Eucharistic Visitors | - | - | Dana (Bill) | - |
| Healing Prayer Ministers | - | JoAnne & Ruth | Debbie & Mark | - |
| Vestyr Member of the Week | Cheryl | Dana | Barbara | Mark |

July Service Calendar 2016

| Ministry | 7/3 | 7/10 | 7/17 | 7/24 | 7/31 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Worship Leader | MP (Ruth) | ML | ML | ML | MP (Pam) |
| Altar Guild | JoAnne, Becky | Dana, Pam | Ruth, Tanya | JoAnne, Becky | Dana, Pam |
| Lector | Nancy, Debbie | Pete, Dana | Barb, Mark | Pamy Becky | Tommy, Ruth |
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| Healing Prayer Ministers | | JoAnne, Pam | Doug, Ruth | Mark & Debbie | - |
| Vestry Member of the Week | Pam | Brad | Dana | Barb | Mark |