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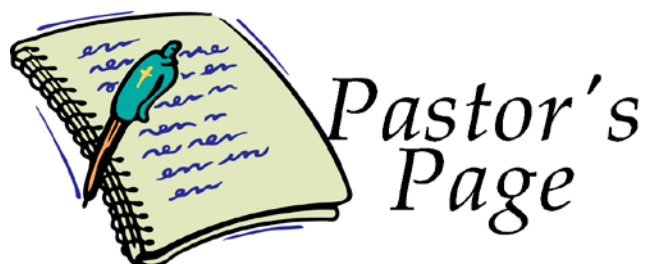
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Dear Friends,

My spirits always lift in March. Even when it does “come in like a lion...”, the first day of March always reminds me that winter is finally getting ready to fold up its gray clouds and go away. For me, March is a seed of joy still buried in the dark soil of winter.

Once, when I was a young mother and deeply involved as a laywoman in my Roman Catholic parish, I wished our young associate priest a “Joyful Lent”. He was shocked for a moment, then supposed that Lent, perhaps, could indeed be joyful. Even the acts of repentance and fasting that we take on in this holy season can be filled with our joy – the joy of knowing that we are throwing away the things that keep us from God. That work may be challenging, even downright hard at times, but it is the work of one who

rejoices in coming nearer to the desired goal. And for us, the desired goal is God.

All through this month, until the very end, we will be engaged in that work. We probably won’t do it perfectly. We probably will often stray from the path we’ve set for ourselves. But we will try, and God loves the effort. And then, at the end of March, we will celebrate Easter. We will find we hold in our astonished hearts some small understanding of how greatly God loves us.

And so, as we move through March, I pray for each of us, and for all of us together, a joyful Lent blessed with life-changing repentance, and then the irrepressible, alleluia-filled gratitude and joy of Easter.

Blessings on you all, and Peace!
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*Have a
joyful
Lent!*



Warden's Words

I wish to thank you all for showing the confidence to select me as your Senior Warden for this year: I shall endeavor to merit your trust.

We at Christ Church form a small congregation of some 80 active communicants of an average age in the mid 60's with an average attendance of 35 to 40 at our 9:30 Sunday service. We worship in an aging building needing constant maintenance. I cite these figures not to put us on a guilt trip toward insignificance but to underscore our current reality.

This reality calls us to participate in the life of the parish as fully as we can, for we haven't the luxury of many hands to do all needed for a viable parish: choir, lector, altar guild, Eucharistic visitor, acolyte, usher, vestry, outreach committee, stewardship committee, treasurer, finance committee, evangelism committee, caring place, overnight shelter, etc.--not to mention our fellowship functions like Sunday brunch, coffee hour and receptions at weddings, funerals, and other occasions.

But we ought not allow our small numbers and seeming paucity of resources to discourage us, for we have done and are doing a great deal to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant: we simply need to continue the good work, "to love and serve" the Lord "with gladness and singleness of heart" in our part of his Kingdom and to participate, not merely observe.

Yours in Christ

Jack Kitch

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March 31st 2013

Holy Eucharist ~ 9:30 AM

We had a very educational and uplifting presentation by Summer Watts and Kim Holbert on 3/3/2013. They explained to us the meaning of Evangelism, how it is not a matter of door knocking or pushing our message onto people, but illustrating Christ's love through our actions. We then collectively were asked to suggest what ministries we might like to see to help our community, knowing that the Clothing Closet, Homeless Shelter, and Caring Place were already on the slate for things to do.

Mother Lynn informed us that there will be a Blessing of the Bikes and Blessing of the Animals. After much discussion and a sizable list was presented, we were asked to vote for what we thought was to be added to our plate, knowing we all would be responsible for helping enable the events. It was decided we would do a meal for the city personnel: police, fire, EMT's, et al and we will provide meals once a month and snacks the other Saturdays for the kids in Xenia and provide mentoring services and crafts during the Summer. We also will be doing a Breakfast with Santa nearer the holidays.

I, for one, look forward to helping my fellow Knit Wits as we see about teaching knitting and/or crocheting at least once during these sessions and am proud to hear we are paying back city workers who do so much and put so much on the line.

(editor's observation of Evangelism Sunday - Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet)

Notice from the Green Team:

There's been some confusion with the trash bins – what goes where? Be watching, signs will be posted and a presentation will be made to help solve the question: Where do I dispose of this?

In the meantime, the short of it is:

If it is food or compostable plates, tableware, and napkins (which is mostly what we use), it goes in the compostable bin to the left of the door as you're heading to the kitchen in the Parish Hall.



If it's a can, a glass bottle, paper that has not touched food, cardboard or plastic bottles and jugs, it goes in the recycling bin in the kitchen.

All else goes in the garbage can to the right of the door as you head to the kitchen in the Parish Hall.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship

Thoughts on Stewardship
By Jack Kitch

In Biblical times a steward was one who was entrusted with the management of his master's property and affairs: thus stewardship was the responsibility or act of fulfilling this management. The steward did not own or possess his master's resources; he managed them for his master and was paid in a manner of ways for his work, but he did not own the resources (property or whatever) of his master.

While we today may not manage another's property, we are responsible for managing our own affairs, to be good stewards of what we have. We further need to understand that we did not acquire our assets solely on our own: we likely had the help of others and the aid of our own gifts and talents--gifts and talents granted us by God, not earned through our own efforts. We use the talents, the "gifts" God has given us to earn our livelihoods, and thus we share our wealth with our creator.

We as Christians are asked to return to God and to others some of the wealth entrusted us, to live beyond ourselves, to give not simply to use. But not only ought we give, we need to give, to care, so that we may move toward our God-given potential as His children. As someone once noted, "We work to have a living; we give to have a life."

Stewardship is  WORK

From the Winter Shelter

This letter was submitted by Karen Cummings, wife of Mark Cummings and long-time volunteer for the Homeless Shelter here at CECX to summarize the meeting the volunteers had at the closure of this year's shelter.

March 9, 2013

The Homeless Shelter closed its doors for another winter season on February 28. We are grateful to the CECX congregation for your willingness to share the love of Jesus to the hurting and lonely of our community. Thank you for sharing your building, putting up with the inconveniences and providing for the additional expenses. Because you opened your doors, 52 homeless individuals had a place to sleep this winter.

Mother Lynn, Shelter Director Mike Taint, and all the shelter volunteers met today to share their successes, concerns and dreams/plans for its future. One of our dreams is for more volunteers. Did you know that the shelter was open every night for three months with only 11 volunteers? That is amazing. Several volunteers stayed two or three nights a week just to keep the shelter open. More volunteers are definitely needed. We also discussed possible fundraisers and training sessions for volunteers this fall.

Our guests have a variety of needs, issues and habits, which makes this ministry challenging. Unsure whether or not I have made a difference in their lives, they have made a difference in mine. This volunteer experience has stretched me and opened my eyes and understanding to the homeless. And I still have MUCH to learn. Building relationships—especially with the ladies—has been the highlight of my experience. They have shared their stories with me and I have tried to befriend, encourage and share the love of Jesus with them. They would remain in my mind throughout the week and often became the focus during my prayer times. As you pray for the homeless, would you also remember to pray for more shelter volunteers and for other churches to get involved? With God, all things are possible. Thank you!

Karen Cummings



**WINTER
HOMELESS SHELTER**

*The **Green Church Team** has set-up a collection box for your old AAA, AA, D, 9V, etc. batteries. We will ensure that the batteries are disposed of properly. Please join in to support this important stewardship effort.*



Dates to Remember

Saturday, March 16 th	–	St Patrick's Day Benefit Dinner 3-7 PM
Sunday, March 24 th	–	Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 28 th	–	Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 30 th	–	Good Friday
Sunday, March 31 st	–	Easter Sunday



Announcements

Alter 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.

Food Banks: Please bring in food for the local food banks, they are in dire need.

Shelter Time: See Mike Taint to find out how you can help with the Homeless Shelter.

Website has moved and is rebuilt.
Come visit it at
www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03 Dana Rhyne
04 Heather Holland Schroeder
07 Russell Walker
09 Elizabeth Clark
15 Sue Ralstin
17 Shirley Ellis
18 Jonathon Feinour
23 Pam Feinour
29 Summer Watts

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

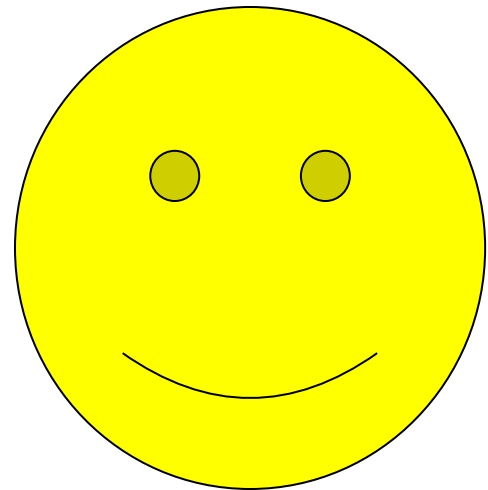
Keep the Church Directory “up to date”... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know.
Thanks!

Check out our Church website:
www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com


Parish Office email address:
christepiscopalxenia@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!)



PUZZLE


Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

122-112-116-102-112	92-97-82-92	42-19-52-18-62-17-72
112-68-102	92-37-82	82-27-72-87-82
102-107-92-102	22-42-44-32-9-42	82-42
102-47-92	42-55-52-66-62-77-72	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
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78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121
122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132

Start 

HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia

Service Calendar, March 2013

Ministry	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	Maundy Thurs	Good Friday	3/31
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky
Lector	Chandra	Nancy	Tommy	Dana	Barb	Tommy	Barb
Ushers	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Tommy	Rick, Doug
Intercessor	Rick	Barb	Mark	Ruth	Rick	Mark	Rick
Chalice	Barb	Pam	Ruth	Summer	Pam	Barb	Pam
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Michael	Kim	Chandra	Joanne	Jack	Tanya

Service Calendar, April 2013

Ministry	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Worship Leader	MP Pam	ML	ML	MP Rick
Altar Guild	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Tommy	Ruth	Pam	Barb
Ushers	JoAnne, Summer	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy
Intercessor	Mark	Dana	Barb	Doug
Chalice	—	Summer	Ruth	—
Vestry Member of the Week	JoAnne Earley	Jack Kitch	Larry Thomas	Chandra Hightower

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



Christ Church Easter Lilies To Honor Your Loved Ones

*Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter Lilies for \$10.00. Please place your order by **Sunday, March 17**.*

Place the following order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment.

Name: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you for your contribution.

*Christ Church * 68 E Church St * Xenia OH
937.372.1594*

Recycling Your Old Batteries



Do you have old batteries at home (AA, AAA, 9V, etc.)? Alkaline batteries are single-use similar to the kind you pick up at the drugstore or the supermarket checkout aisle. They do contain some mercury. As Americans, we throw away about 180,000 tons of batteries per year. **THAT'S A LOT OF BATTERIES!**

Please help us reduce the numbers of batteries that can leak into our air and water supply when they are dumped into the trash. ***HELP US TO RE-CYCLE OLD BATTERIES.*** A collection box has been put in the vestibule near the food collection basket. The GREEN TEAM will ensure that the batteries collected are disposed of properly.

Reference: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/how-to-dispose-of-old-batteries.html#ixzz2KcRCjPje>

By the Green Church Team



Dayton – Five Rivers Deanery Lenten Series

You are invited to join the members of the other area Episcopal churches for our Deanery's 2013 Lenten series. The Rev. Ruth Paulus, Rector of St. Christopher's in Fairborn, will lead the five sessions, which will include portions of the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" followed by a discussion based on the movie.

As we have done in previous years, the sessions will be held on the first five Tuesdays of Lent, and each will take place at a different area church. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a simple dinner (soup, salad, bread), followed by the program (from 6:45 until 8:00). This year's locations are:

- March 5: St Margaret's, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
- March 12: St. Christopher's, 1501 N. Broad St., Fairborn
- March 19: Christ Church, 20 West First St., Dayton

Please make plans to join us for as many sessions as possible!



Benefit Dinner

Saturday, March 16th ~ 3-7 PM

Christ Episcopal Church

63 East Church Street

Xenia OH 45385

Traditional Irish Food

Potato-Leek Soup (vegetarian) ~ Ham, cabbage and potatoes

Green Beans & Irish Soda Bread

Beverages & Desserts



Live Irish Music



Raffle



Loaves of Irish Soda Bread



Suggested Donation ~ \$6

Benefit to help defray Medical expenses for Cyndamarie Gunn



Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as SAMS missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

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The text for this e-mail is shorter than usual – space taken up by pictures (see the PDF).

If you want the pictures, write to us at: dohn_family@hotmail.com

This is not our usual e-mail address, but it will be more accessible as we will be traveling during 12-20 February.

In Christ, Michael

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San Pedro de Macorís, Rep. Dom.

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... a time for every purpose under heaven ...

Ecclesiastes 3:1

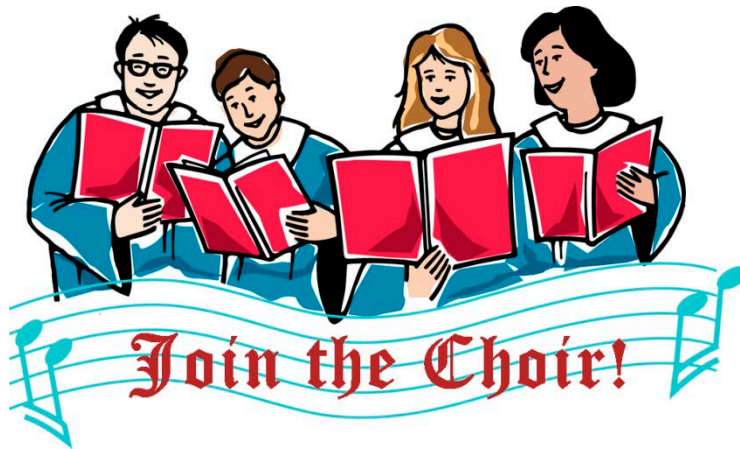
We have just started a series of meetings with health promoters and their community leaders on practical ways to respond to domestic and gender-based violence in their communities. The timing is right. Thanks to the work of the health promoters and others, people are now aware of the problems of domestic violence. However, it seems that community leaders are feeling frustrated ... they want to take action, but are not sure what to do about it.

We have some suggestions, contacts and resources to offer, and those are enough for communities to begin developing a local response to protect women and children in their communities. Thanks to some fortunate timing, we were able to talk to leaders from 22 communities in the first three days.

People may not arrive on time for the meeting (the Greek concept of “chronos”), but they recognize that it is the opportune time to act (the Greek “kairos”).

~~Keep praying, Anita and Michael~~





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!



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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

cecxtanya@gmail.com

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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 March 25th.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.