

Christ Episcopal Church Xenia

THE TRUMPET

LENT



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Upcoming Events:

- Choir Practice
March 5, 7pm
- Heart and Hands-
March 7, 1pm
- Choir Practice
March 12, 7pm
- Stewardship Meeting
March 14, 11am
- Vestry Meeting
March 15, 11am
- Choir Practice
March 19, 7pm
- Worship Meeting
March 21, 11am
- Confirmation Class
March 22, 11am
- Choir Practice
March 26, 7pm
- Palm Sunday, Holy
Eucharist, March 29
- Choir Practice
April 1, 7pm
- Maundy Thursday,
April 2, Soup Supper,
6pm Holy Eucharist
& Foot-washing , 7pm
- Good Friday Liturgy
and Holy Eucharist
April 3, 7pm

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

When we lived in more southerly climes, March was a wonderful month filled with daffodils and tulips, green-ing grass and warm breezes. Even when March entered like a lion, it didn't take long to become a lamb. Although March here in Ohio isn't quite that balmy, I find that my spirits still lift and my eyes welcome the changing quality of sunlight, and in my heart, hope "springs eternal". I know the wait for spring is not so very long now, and my spirit rejoices.

It seems very wise of the church to devise the calendar of the church year so that Easter falls in the midst of such hope. Lent is our most somber season, when we focus on repentance and turning around. Those may be painful processes; they are nearly always challenging. We don't like to focus on faults and failure and frailties – not even when we lend them a more positive air by calling them "growing edges". We're often content with the status quo – or would like to be – and often God is not. If our status quo means an unnecessary distance between ourselves and God, God is not content.

But in the midst of struggling with metanoia – turning around – we live

in hope, and in grace, and in the sure knowledge of God's extravagant love. As we turn more surely toward God, our own inner "quality of light" changes. We become lighter and brighter, and we see more clearly. We know, in the midst of metanoia, the increasing warmth of God's closeness. We can feel the Spring of God's Presence more deeply.

March and Lent are seasons of hope. Spring is not yet here, perhaps, but is hovering about us like a grace. Let's each pray for all, that together we may enter Easter filled with hope and with light, to the glory of God.

In peace,
ML+



WARDEN'S WORDS by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

When I was in the 4th grade I learned that not everyone was fascinated with every little thing I said. Not that I remember being such a big talker, but apparently explaining to my teacher in detail why I had gone to the eye doctor to get my new glasses but had returned without them (they weren't ready) was too much talking. To give her credit, the other kids were taking a test & I had burst into the room all chatty-like – she was just trying to shush me. But my little ego was devastated. I'm sure I was told to hush countless other times in my life, but this is the one time that I remember with clarity. Or maybe what I remember is that clutch in my stomach, that rush of heat to my face, that blurry vision that had nothing to do with new glasses that weren't ready. And to add insult to injury I had to take a test!

Since then I've spent a lot of time analyzing other people's body language. Is that smile becoming strained? Is she shifting restlessly in her seat? Is he screaming in his head, "just shut up already!"? Frankly, it's exhausting – and I've found myself more than once wishing for a mouth sized strip of duct tape.

And yet I still prattle on, about my dream last night or the way my hair is driving me crazy or that hilarious blog post I just read, or the fact that cardinals (the birds, not the ball players) always look like they're in a bad mood.

This is the season of Lent – a time of quiet contemplation and preparing the heart for God's greatest gift. What if, instead of filling my days with mindless chatter, I were to sit in silence, listening for that quiet voice? How would my life be changed if I paid attention to that voice instead of the voices I usually hear: Anxiety and Anger, Mortification and Narcissus? How would the world change if we listened to the voice of love telling us to love one another?

Listen
Hear
Understand
Grow

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES:

ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET— JoAnne Earley

We have had no problem with receiving donations. The community know we are here and donate mostly adult clothing. Many say they would rather give to us than to Goodwill as we give it away. I'm sure Goodwill does good with the proceeds from their sales, but we are thankful for the community help.

We are in real need of small children's articles (newborn through size 8 especially) and plus size adult clothing. Linens (bedding and towels) are always "grabbed" up quickly. Socks are always in high demand.

Cheryl Allen tells me she and Wendy gave clothing to refugees (5 men, 4 families from Africa and 5 families from Columbia). She also says she gave coats and sweatshirts to a charity that helps people in the "Over the Rhine" area of Cincinnati (last January) and she plans to do it again soon.

One man that wanted clothes for a job interview came back later to thank us saying he had gotten the job.

If you know of anyone with children's clothing, please tell them about us. We need clean, gently used newborn on up articles of clothing.



STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING — Jack Kitch

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Mother Lynn spoke of the importance of welcoming newcomers and incorporating them into our worshipping community. We may not think of this as an aspect of stewardship, but the act of sharing our worship experience with others really is giving: if we are being fed, ought not we feed others in gratitude for what the Lord gives us?

Stewardship
Giving Thanks - Taking Care



We already give of our time by participating in services of worship and other parish functions: just a bit more time and effort will enrich both our own and our visitors' worship. Our time is God-given and far too valuable to be spent entirely on us.

St. Patrick's
Day

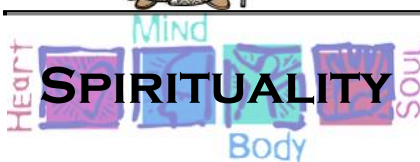


St Patrick's Day Trivia

You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- ✦ St. Patrick wasn't Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
- ✦ He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
- ✦ March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- ✦ The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- ✦ The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland

From Newsletternewsletter.com



O God, our hearts are longing for your peace, and the whole world cries out for justice and mercy. During this season of Lent, give us the grace to deepen our efforts to make peace among ourselves. Let us fan the flames of justice so that the starving will be fed, the naked clothed, and all in need will know your saving power. We ask this in the name of Jesus who lived and walked among us. Amen.

from *People's Companion to the Breviary, Vol. 1 - Carmelites of Indianapolis*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 03 Dana Rhyne
- 04 Heather Holland
Schroeder
- 07 Russell Walker
- 09 Elizabeth Clark
- 18 Jonathon Feinour
- 23 Pam Feinour
- 29 Summer Watts



**Just a
Reminder...**

The next Vestry Meeting will be March 15th - the third Sunday of March, and will be Orientation and a brief business meeting.



GINGER BUTTERNUT SQUASH CASSEROLE (contributed by Mother Lynn Sinnott)

Serves 4

Ingredients

- o 1 1/2 lbs butternut squash, cut into 3-inch chunks (or other winter squash)
- o 2 tablespoons butter
- o 2-3 teaspoons ginger, peeled, minced
- o salt & pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Directions

Steam the squash over salted water for about 20 minutes or until tender.

Melt butter and gently sauté ginger

While the squash is still warm, process with the ginger and butter until it has a smooth texture.

Taste, season with salt& pepper.

If you wish add the brown sugar (it gives it a mellow taste).

Place in casserole.

You may now cover and refrigerate until 30 minutes before dinner (or up to 3 days) or cover and put in a 350 oven for 20 minutes.

Crowd Recipe: serves 40

15 lbs. butternut squash, baked and scooped out of shell

1 ¼ C butter

very scant ½ C ginger, peeled and minced

2/3 C brown sugar



Thank You!

Thank You
Cheryl Eskridge and
Pam Feinour for the
beautiful dinner
reception following
the concert. It was
elegant and the food
wonderful.
Also, thanks to
everyone who helped
with cleanup after.



CHANGE YOUR
Clocks

MARCH 8TH

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 March 20th.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



Lent and Easter



Meetings

Hearts & Hands – Saturday, March 7th & March 21st, 1-3 PM

Stewardship – Saturday, March 14th, 10 AM

Vestry – Sunday, March 15th, 11 AM

Worship – Saturday, March 21st, 11 AM

Confirmation Class – Sunday, March 22nd, 11 AM



Christ Church Easter Flowers To Honor Your Loved Ones

Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter flowers. The selection of flowers are Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips. Please place your order by Friday, March 13, 2015.

NAME: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Please indicate your choice and quantity below:

	Quantity:		
Lilies	_____	X \$9.50 =	\$ _____
Daffodils	_____	X \$7.50 =	\$ _____
Tulips	_____	X \$7.50 =	\$ _____
TOTAL:	_____		\$ _____

Place the order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment. **The due date for your order is Friday, March 13, 2015.**

If you have questions, please contact Chandra Hightower at 937.376.3990 or via e-mail ccllns793@gmail.com.

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Received: \$ _____ Cash / Check # _____ Date: _____/2015

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Passion Sunday,
March 29th

9:30 AM

Liturgy of the Palms and
Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday,
April 2nd

6:00 PM Soup and
Bread Seder Meal

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist
with Footwashing and
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday,
April 3rd

7:00 PM

Good Friday Liturgy
with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday,
April 5th

9:30 AM

Festive Holy Eucharist



INTRODUCING RECENT MEMBERS - LEE SILVERSTRIM

Lee Silverstrim
dob. Aug. 9, 1940

resident: Wilmington, OH since August 2013.
Parishioner by letter of transfer late 2013.

Spiritual Autobiography? I was born the fifth son of eleven children, at home. Two of my older brothers died, one by drowning and the other of illness leaving me number three among my surviving siblings. We lived on a farm outside of Dushore, Pa., where I was grateful to be selected to help my mother in the house. Dairy farming is demanding and cows need milking twice a day whatever the weather. We attended the Dutch Reformed church in town, now UCC. I think I got my sense of reverence mostly from my mother, as I was closer to her growing up.



I graduated from High School in 1958 with a low draft number. Knowing this would catch up to me sooner than later, I signed up for the Army and served mostly in Germany from 1959 until 1963. During 1958-59, while dating a girl who was Greek Orthodox, I often attended local Greek Orthodox services, especially during special Holy days. I loved their processions. While in Germany, I mainly attended Roman Catholic services which were quite different in tone from those stateside. Much less rigid and more joyful than I had come to expect back home. I like liturgy and ritual. I suppose for me the draw to God is the power of mystery and awe combined with real service and concern for people. And my seeking is strongly powered with a deep desire to serve God while serving and working with others.

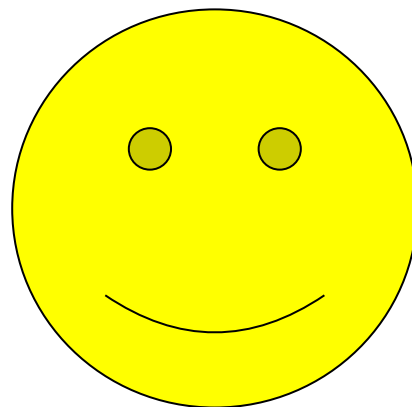
Elaine and I were married in February of 1969. It was a second marriage for both of us but we began our married journey in St. Peter's Episcopal Church outside of Tunkhannock, Pa., where I worked as a manager for Procter & Gamble at their Pampers Plant. While working for P & G, we moved to Missouri, then California, then Georgia, for plant startups, before being transferred back to Tunkhannock in 1977. In those travels and transfers we always found a church home, worked with Youth Fellowships and at several churches sitting on church council, various committees, Bible Study leader, and other positions of leadership. I guess we were both searchers and seekers and workers.

It was back in Tunkhannock that Elaine began her journey to ordination, hardly a straight path. Little did I realize how her response to call would make such a large change in my own responses. It's difficult to explain all the challenges of being the spouse of a female priest. Suffice to say, I stood out. But it also taught me that service and leadership are exercised in many different ways, not always in specific leadership positions. It meant serving on committees, but not being the chair. It meant providing advice, but not having primary say. It meant finding God and serving Him in ways not always comfortable to me. More like Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and telling them to do likewise. Mine is a journey that has led me through Cursillo, EFM (graduate & mentor), and stints on Diocesan Council as well as the Standing Committee in several Dioceses where Elaine has served as priest.


Both of us became immediately attracted to Christ Church, Xenia. It is a small church that has a great impact on serving the local community. I can't say that I really want to be on the vestry. But I'm willing to be on vestry if it will help the church move into its best self at this time. However much most of us seem to be getting older, God still has plans for us and Christ's work of love and deep compassion isn't done. If I can help, I'm willing to do my part.



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!)



Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.

mercy and

"And what

To act

humbly with

does the LORD

Micah 6:8, NIV

justly and

require of you?

to walk

your God."

to love

" _____
 _____ ?

 _____ "
 _____ 6:8 , _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV



Bible Quiz

As Jacob used a rock for a pillow — later to become a pillar honoring God — which of the following did he experience in a dream?

- A. Angels going up and down on a ladder between earth and heaven.
- B. The Lord promising that Jacob's family would be a blessing to all nations.
- C. God's assurance: "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."
- D. All of the above.



Answer: D (See Genesis 28:10-19.)

Service Calendar, March 2015

Ministry	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
Worship Leader	ML	Elaine	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky	Dana/Pam	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky
Lector	Nancy (1) Becky (2)	Becky (1) Tommy (2)	Ruth (1) Dana (2)	Pam (1) Mark (2)	Barbara (1) Nancy (2)
Ushers	JoAnne (g) Doug (u)	Rick (u) Brad (g)	Elizabeth (g) Tommy (u)	Glenn (u) Clariss (g)	JoAnne (u) Doug (g)
Intercessor	Mark	Doug	Barbara	Dana	Debbie
Chalice	Kim	Pam	Debbie	Ruth	Rick
Vestry Member of the Week	Lee	Mark	Tanya	Carol	Barbara
Eucharistic Visitor	Kim & Mark (Faith)	-----	-----	Dana (Bill)	-----
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Eve	Pam & Ruth	JoAnne & Doug	Mark & Debbie	Jenny & Eve

Service Calendar, April 2015

Ministry	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
Worship Leader	ML Easter	ML	ML	MP - Barbara
Altar Guild	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya	Pam, Becky	Ruth Tanya
Lector	Barbara (1) Tommy (2)	Dana (1) Ruth (2)	Mark (1) Pam (2)	Nancy (1) Becky (2)
Ushers	JoAnne (u), (g) Doug	Rick (u), (g) Brad	Elizabeth (g), Jo- Anne (u)	Clariss (g) Glenn (u)
Intercessor	Ruth	Mark	Doug	Dana
Chalice	Kim	Barbara	Pam	n/a
Eucharistic Visitors	-----	Jenny, Rick	Dana	n/a
Healing Prayer Ministers	Debbie, Ruth	JoAnne, Doug	Pam, Mark	n/a
Vestry Member of the Week	Maxine	Pam	Doug	Barbara

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.

