

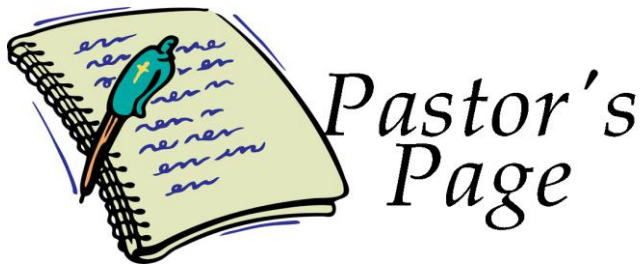


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Dear Friends,

This is quite a month! Our Easter Season is drawing to a close, Ascension Day is Thursday May 9, and the Feast of Pentecost Sunday May 19. Between those feasts of the Church we celebrate Mothers' Day, and then Memorial Day on the 27th—the beginning of summer. On Pentecost our choir sings for the last time until the Fall and early in the month we will bless bikes and motorcycles for riders rejoicing in the sunshine and warm weather. We are busy indeed with many good things, all of them worthwhile. And the thing I most look forward to, in all of these good things, is the Feast of Pentecost.

We spend so much of our lives waiting for things; waiting with excitement—with joy—with anxiety and sometimes even dread—with often a mix of all of these

things. On that first Pentecost Day the disciples were waiting, gathered in that upper room waiting for whatever God would do next. Unlike the gathering we read about in Luke and Mark, where they gathered after the Crucifixion “for fear of the Jews”, we have no word of fear or anxiety. They had seen the Risen Lord—had spoken and eaten with him—and they were worlds removed from those frightened people who thought they had lost everything. This time they were waiting in faith, and suddenly the Spirit of God was there among them. Because they were waiting in faith, the Holy Spirit filled and even radicalized their lives in ways they couldn't have imagined....and they went out and changed the world.

Pentecost reminds me of the amazing things the Spirit can do through us if we're willing to wait faithfully – and act radically. God is waiting for us...

Joy and Peace,
ML+



Warden's Words

I have to confess – I am NOT a morning person. Once I get out of bed I'm able to function pretty well. It's the getting out of bed part that's hard for me. I remember last summer hearing my alarm clock go off on Sundays and thinking to myself, "oh just skip this week – it's no big deal!" I'm pretty sure that I missed more Sundays than I attended.

This is one of the reasons that I sign up to do so many things – so that my natural slackitude doesn't take over. If I have to sing or read or fill the cup of wine, then I can't say to myself that no one will notice if I'm not there. But what I need to realize is that even when I'm not *doing* something my presence is important. People do notice. And I miss out on two weeks' worth of parish news. There's a big gap in my week if I don't fill it with fellowship with God's people.

You know I'm talking to you now, right? Because all of the reasons that I know that I should be at church on Sundays apply to you too. I miss your face. You don't get to hear my big news. We don't have the chance to sing the hymns and say the ancient words that draw us together as a community.

I don't really have any control over you (darn it), but I can take care of my own self. So here's my pledge: This spring & summer, when I'm debating with myself about whether or not I should get up to go to church, I'll remember you and I'll turn off the alarm & hit the shower.

- Dana Rhyne

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Bible Quiz

According to one account of Jesus' ascension, commonly called the Great Commission, he told the disciples to do several things. Which of the following was not part of Jesus' instructions?

- A. Make disciples
- B. Perform miracles
- C. Teach
- D. Baptize



Answer: B
(See Matthew 28:19-20.)



“The elders of the village are the boundaries.” Ghanaian proverb

How true this is, not only in Ghanaian villages, but in church “villages” as well. It’s often said that elders are the gatekeepers in churches, especially family-sized churches. They keep the culture—whether it’s one of welcome and inclusion, fearlessness and faith, joy and excitement—or the opposites of all these things. A church’s elders exercise leadership of the deepest sort, and churches may live or die on the basis of that leadership. Thank God for our blessed elders!



Share One –to –One Closet

Spring has sprung at the Share One-to-One (Clothes Closet). The Xenia High School National Honor Society students and their advisor, Kay Scott, came after spring break and once again helped us change from winter to summer. These eight high school girls helped sort and box up the winter clothing. They carried box after box of lighter weight clothing up from the basement to the second floor of the parish house (office). Then they carried box after box of the winter clothing down from the second floor to the basement. They worked for at least three hours that Thursday after school. Cherly Allen, Shirley Strous, Eileen O’Brien and Jan Neff, volunteers on Tuesdays, also helped. All we did was feed them some pizza and snacks and say thank you. We don’t often read about, or hear about, the good things our young people do. I just wanted to share some good news with you.

We continue to serve around 100 people each week at the clothes closet. They also need items other than clothing. We accept anything – bedding, linens, books, utensils, personal hygiene items, knickknacks, dishes. Just nothing large like furniture or appliances. However, the Presbyterian church has a “pass it on ministry” that will help you place these items in the hands of someone in need of them.

Please if you, or anyone you know, is in need of clothes come see us on Tuesday from 11 to 2.



Thoughts on Stewardship By Jack Kitch

When speaking of stewardship, we often refer to its major components or “three T’s”—time, talent, and treasure — those God-given attributes we all share to one degree or another. We may not believe we have enough of each: “What I wouldn’t give for a good curve ball”; “If only I had more time to prepare, I could ace that calculus exam”; “I really wish I could afford a new car.” But we all have some time, talent, and treasure at our disposal to manage (or mismanage) as we wish.

So let’s set aside treasure for the moment and concentrate on what we do with the time and talent the Lord God has provided each of us to manage on this earth, specifically how we use these two “commodities” to further the mission of Christ Church.

With just 68 members and an average Sunday attendance of some 37 (Actually quite good, for very few congregations get one-half their membership at weekly services), we really cannot afford many “spectators” in our pews if the many tasks of maintaining a viable worshipping community are to be accomplished.

Consider the number of volunteers and the time they commit: choir, vestry, altar guild, worship leaders, Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, Eucharistic visitors, ushers, coffee hour and meal hosts. along with those who serve on the several vestry commissions and committees and assist regularly with our major local outreach efforts like the Caring Place, the Winter Homeless Shelter, and the Clothing Closet. And this is not an exhaustive list, for there are other time and talent consuming tasks quietly performed by faithful parishioners every day.

So where does each of us fit in this picture?

Notice from the Green Team: Buy Local, Fresh Produce – Xenia Farmers’ Market

The “Green Team” encourages you to purchase your fresh produce from the Xenia Towne Square Farmers’ Market. The market is open every Tuesday from 2 pm to 6 pm in the K-Mart parking lot from June to October.

Reference: *Xenia Communicator* – Spring 2013 Issue



Important Notice –Phone Tree:

Deep in the heart of winter, the furnace for the sanctuary stopped working. On a weekend. And out of concern for parishioners, the problem was fixed prior to Sunday's service. As you might imagine, the weekend service call was a little bit pricey.

In considering that expense, the Vestry decided that should such a thing happen again, we would wait for the normal business week repair rates, because we believe that Christ Episcopal folks are hardy & could survive some cold – if they were properly warned to wear some extra layers to church. But who would take on the task of calling everyone with the news?

And thus the Christ Episcopal Church Phone Tree was born. If there is news that needs to be communicated to the congregation (and it can't wait until Sunday), Mother Lynn and Becky will call the Vestry and a few other church members, who will then call the rest of the congregation.

If you're reading this blurb you are probably already on the list, but if you're not sure please let Becky know. Also, please be sure to let her know if your phone number changes. We wouldn't want you to be the only one at church who didn't know to wear long johns that day!

Dates to Remember

May 5 th 11am/parking lot	–	Blessing of the Bikes and Motorbikes
Thursday, May 9 th	–	Ascension Day
Sunday, May 12 th	–	Mother's Day
Sunday, May 19 th	–	Feast of the Pentecost
Monday, May 27 th	–	Memorial Day
May 29 th from 3:00-7:00pm	–	Cancer Prevention Study
All May	–	National Foster Care Month
Saturday, June 1 st 11am	–	Joanne Brooks Interment – at Woodside Cemetery in Middletown
All Spring and Summer	–	Farmer's Market



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.

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

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

Interment for Joanne Brooks: There will be an interment for Joanne Brooks at Woodside Cemetery in Middletown on Saturday, June 1st at 11:00 AM. Lunch gathering most likely to follow, stay tuned for details.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

14 Barbara Symonds
19 Camilla Davis
Marilyn Thomas
12 Barbara Bonham
28 Amber Conley
30 Maria Thomas

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Elizabeth & Max Clark

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

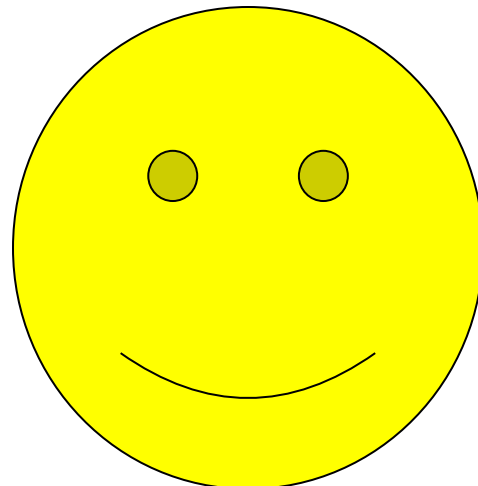
Keep the Church Directory "up to date"... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know. *Thanks!*

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

Parish Office email address:
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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!)



PUZZLE

LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange same odd	2. Lazarus Jesus Martha	3. who then there	4. pear been apple	5. taken cat dog
6. sky from earth	7. you work toil	8. desk chair into	9. house hallway heaven	10. can't will won't
11. breakfast come lunch	12. nose back mouth	13. see the hear	14. oval round same	15. way girl boy
16. his her you	17. white have black	18. one seen two	19. go low high	20. sea heaven ocean

" This _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ , _____ 3 _____ has _____ 4 _____
 _____ 5 _____ _____ 6 _____ _____ 7 _____ _____ 8 _____ _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ _____ 11 _____ _____ 12 _____ in _____ 13 _____
 _____ 14 _____ _____ 15 _____ _____ 16 _____ _____ 17 _____
 _____ 18 _____ him _____ 19 _____ into _____ 20 _____ "

Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

ASCENSION CRAFT

Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.



Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia

Service Calendar, May 2013

Ministry	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP Jack
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	Pam, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Mark	Barbara	Chandra	Nancy
Ushers	JoAnne, Rick	Donovans	Rick, Doug	Rick, Tommy
Intercessor	Ruth	Summer	Rick	Mark
Chalice	Summer	Ruth	Pam	—
Vestry Member of the Week	JoAnne	Kim	Tanya	Chandra

Service Calendar, June 2013

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

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

Christ Episcopal Church Xenia Hosting Cancer Prevention Study-3

Be part of Cancer Research Today for a Cancer-Free Tomorrow!

We all want to know we have made a difference in the life of another. Once again, our community has a unique opportunity to make an impact on the lives of many.

Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) of the American Cancer Society will be enrolling participants at nine locations in the Miami Valley including Christ Episcopal Church on May 29th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. As part of enrollment, individuals who choose to participate will simply fill out a comprehensive survey packet about health history, provide a small blood sample (to be collected by trained phlebotomists) and provide a waist measure. Enrollment will take approximately 20-30 minutes. From that point forward, study participants will be followed over time to update information via periodic, mailed surveys.



Your involvement in CPS-3 will help American Cancer Society researchers understand the causes of, and ultimately determine ways to prevent, cancer. If you are willing to make a long-term commitment to the study (which involves completing follow-up surveys periodically over the next 20-30 years), are between the ages of 30 and 65 years old and have never been diagnosed with cancer, then you will want to participate in this study.

If you don't meet the eligibility requirements, your significant participation comes from telling everyone you know about the opportunity to help prevent cancer.

Visit MiamiValleyCPS3.org to schedule your appointment to enroll or call 1-888-604-5888 for additional information on the difference you can make to save lives in the fight against cancer.



Celebrate National Foster Care Month

My entry into foster care was an unexpected twist in my neat, tidy life. It's not something I would have thought to have chosen, not a path I would have thought to explore. And yet the kids who've entered my life have been an unexpected blessing. Is fostering difficult and challenging? Definitely. But it has also clearly been the hand of God, who's the master of the unexpected.

—Stephen R. Lewis, a foster parent since 2008

Remember:



MAY 19TH

CELEBRATE THE HOLY SPIRIT!!

(Remember to wear red!)

And don't forget to

Take a moment



on Memorial Day

Learn More about IHN and How You Can Help

IHN, Interfaith Hospitality Network, is a nonprofit ministry which houses homeless families. It is located in Xenia at 124 South Detroit Street, next to Montgomery Insurance. At last check they had 27 residents. This includes 11 children.

I went to their website (IHN Xenia) and selected the following four excerpts:

“The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County is a nonprofit ministry committed to uniting the religious community in Greene County to provide shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families. Our mission is to reach out as messengers of God, reflecting His unconditional love with compassion and acceptance, providing help, hope and a safe haven for our guests while they seek permanent employment and affordable housing.”

“In 2009 the IHN of Greene County received approximately 5,022 requests for assistance of some nature including food, housing, rent assistance, utility assistance, etc. Of these 5,022 requests, 98 resulted in applications into the IHN Program. Due to the limited facilities and network of churches, and extended stay of some of the clients (as high as 150 days) the IHN was only able to assist 15 families consisting of 47 people, 30 of which were children. In the past year the IHN volunteers in the participating churches have donated over 2,000 hours providing these families with 3,189 bed-nights and served 9,567 meals. Statistics show that through the assistance of the IHN, 53% of these clients have secured permanent housing. Renovation work continued on the old Francis Inn located at 124 S. Detroit St.”

“On June 27, 2010 IHN started hosting our homeless families in the [newly renovated facilities at 124 S. Detroit St.](#) The participating churches and supporting organizations continue to be active by taking weekly turns to provide meals and overnight hosting in the new facilities, now called The Schneider House of Hope. This eliminated the daily shuttle to and from hosting churches. In The Schneider House of Hope we are now able to house 10 families or 21 people at one time. This is an increase from four families and 14 people. By eliminating the daily travel between the Day Center and the churches and providing a more stable environment we have greatly reduced the trauma of continual change for the smaller children.”

2011 was the first full year in which the Schneider House of Hope had been based in its current location at 124 South Detroit Street. This opportunity has resulted in providing some amazing service statistics.

45 Families

138 Individuals

82 Persons Under Age of 18

*17,568 Meals Served (3 Meals/day)
5,856 Shelter Nights (individuals)
1,903 Shelter Days (family units)*

IHN has organized its programs into the following five categories:

Shelter and Meals

Counseling/Case Management

Training/Client Development

Transportation

Administration/Management/Fund-Raising

Guests at The Schneider House of Hope are served by paid staff from 7 AM until 7 PM, and by volunteers from 7 PM until 7 AM. Meals are provided by volunteers. We are especially dependent on churches, families and individuals to provide the evening meal and to serve as overnight hosts. We have been successful in getting churches signed up to bring meals for only about half of the weeks in 2011, leaving the remaining weeks without providers."

We here at Christ Church Xenia, have helped IHN for a number of years with a financial grant through the Diocese of Southern Ohio. This same grant helps us with our winter drop-in homeless shelter. As a part of our pledge to the diocese for this grant we have said that we will as a church also provide physical help for the IHN program.

As you read above several churches and individuals in the community are helping by doing such things as preparing an evening meal for them either at the shelter or in their own homes and taking it to IHN. These folks often times sit down with the residents and join them at that meal. I am told other groups provide such services as helping clean. They tell me they are always in need of juice for the children, cleaning supplies, copy paper, paper goods and the like.

IHN have been working with and supporting us at the Share One-to-One Ministry (Clothes Closet). When they have an abundance of items that we can use, they call and we pick them up. They do not have storage for clothing. Their residents are encouraged to visit the Clothes Closet.

If you would be interested in helping prepare an evening meal for them or providing some other assistance, let someone on the vestry know. Often times churches have one person who furnishes the dessert, another the entrée, another a salad perhaps. That way no one person has to do all the cooking.

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Missionary Report

Lost in translation

The Dominican Episcopal Church held a “Mission Encounter” last weekend in Santo Domingo with workshops all day Friday and on Saturday morning. Each workshop was given twice to mixed English and Spanish speaking audiences. We organized the Clinic’s presentation so that Anita and I could do the English while Luisa and Rossy presented in Spanish.

Father Milton does not speak English and I had arranged several weeks ago to be his English translator for the Micro-Economic Development workshop. All day Friday I spent in workshops either presenting for the Clinic or interpreting for Father Milton. It was exhausting. Saturday, however, I was totally uncommitted.

At least I was uncommitted up to the point when the Saturday workshops began. Father Milton saw me and said, “You have to do evangelism!” My first thought was that he was sending me to the streets with pamphlets and a megaphone to spread the Gospel. However, Father Moises needed a translator for the “Evangelism” workshop, and there I was.

I know the Spanish terminology for micro-economics and was familiar with the micro-loan system from our past work here. Evangelism, however, is a different story. So, I said a little prayer and headed for the workshop. The first presentation went OK, though I occasionally found myself getting swept up in how interesting it was rather than thinking about how I was going to translate what he was saying.

After the first presentation I was feeling confident about the vocabulary for the repeat workshop an hour later; however, Father Moises changed about 40% of the content the second time around (new interesting words and concepts to distract me!) and the room was packed. Performance pressure for sure.

A last minute change in plans is a part of everyone’s life. Our experience is that last minute changes occur much more frequently in our “missionary life” than they did in our “previous life”, and they are more likely to put us into unfamiliar territory. We say a little prayer and live into it. (At least I wasn’t sent to the streets with brochures and a megaphone ...)

Keep praying, Michael

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!



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