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Upcoming Events:

- Ascension of the Lord, May 5
- National Day of Prayer, May 5
- Heart and Hands May 7 11am-2pm
- Stewardship May 7 1-3pm
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Pentecost Sunday, May 15
- Last Sunday for Choir before summer hiatus, May 15
- Vestry Meeting, May 15
- Heart and Hands May 21 1pm-3pm
- Armed Forces Day, May 21

- Trinity Sunday May 22
- Buildings and Grounds Walkabout May 22
- Memorial Day, May 30
- Mother Lynn's vacation end of May to July
- Heart and Hands June 4 1pm-3pm
- Faith Patterson Memorial - tentatively June 18
- CECX Picnic at the Thomas' - June 26



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!



Pentecost Sunday

May 15th

Wear red &
come to celebrate
the work of
the Holy Spirit
and the birthday of
the Church

PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,
Well, we had both winter and spring in April, and I for one, am looking forward to a warm, balmy, flower-filled, sunny May!

This is the month of wind-down. The choir leads us in one huge liturgical blast on Pentecost (wear red!) and then they, along with Joe, relax a bit for the summer. We simplify our summer liturgies somewhat, acknowledging the fruitfulness of a change of pace. And we continue, always, to pray for our church, our loved ones, our neighbors and our world.

My hope is that this month will bring a season of respite for you – a time to catch up, rest, spend quiet time. Plant some

new seeds in your life: find a new prayer resource and use it each day. Read more and walk more and see more and appreciate more. This “lovely month of May” is worth taking the time to appreciate. We are never short of reasons to worry and fret; May can remind us that God always gives us reasons to hope, to look forward, and to give thanks.

Peace, friends, and a happy May!
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WARDEN'S WORDS by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

Dear CECX,

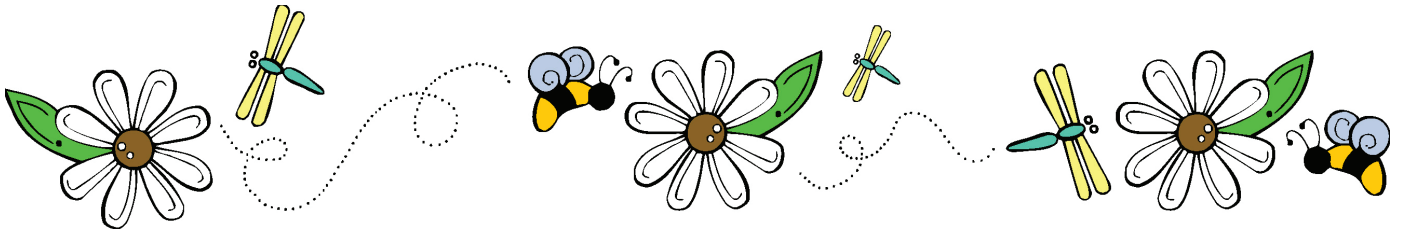
The past month has been one of constant emails and meetings concerning the Decision to not reopen the 'Red Door' winter homeless shelter. It has been a process Undertaken with a great deal of prayer and thought for all concerned.

Mother Lynn and the wardens are working, as much as possible, to encourage some of the churches in the Xenia area to pick up and SHARE this ministry..

The funding for both the bathroom renovations has been secured and will begin shortly.

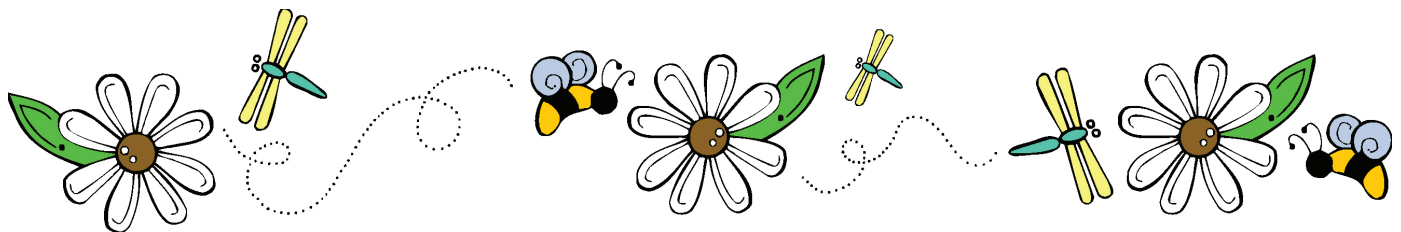
This project has been years overdue and will be a welcome change.

Buildings and Grounds has had to put off their meeting so no report on their projects.



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

May
2016

09

Matt Gillespie 02

Pam & Rick Feinour

Kim Hazel

Anniversary

Lisa Ann Smith 09

Chris & Jennie Hudson,

Barbara Symonds

Anniversary

Camilla Davis 12

Elizabeth & Max Clark,

Marilyn Thomas

Anniversary

28

Amber Conley

30

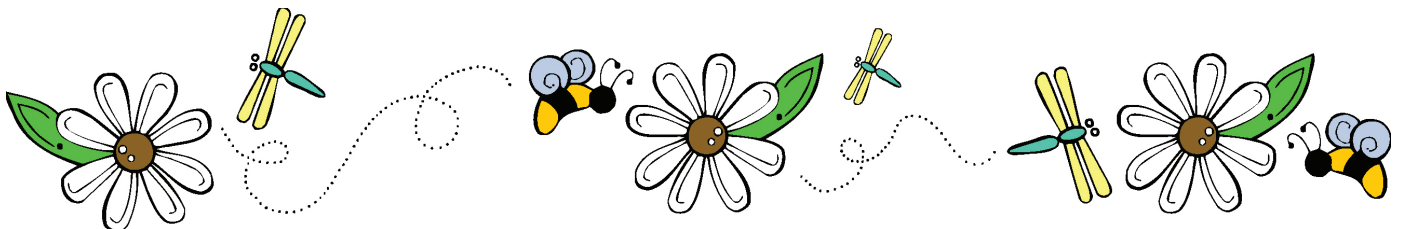
Maria Thomas



for April 10, 2016

Next Vestry Meeting is May 15th

- Clerk's correspondence: Mail from Sierra Club to donate to help dying honeybees given to Barbara B.
- Procedure for calling in civil authorities: Priority basis – fires/medical emergencies call 911, building issues call Barbara B. or Pete Sinnott; otherwise call Dana R.
- XAACM meeting with SHALOM: Haven (Paula L.'s project) is in the works; Mother Lynn suggests that CECX offer to take 2-3 weeks of the rotation if the Xenia churches develop a shared shelter.
- Request to Mission Share Formula Task Force - Maxine T. made a motion to approve the letter to be sent to Mr. Bolden; Bradley A. seconded; Motion passed unanimously.
- Ongoing Work and Ministry
- Vestry Person of the Week – responsibilities discussed. Close down the building as much as possible and check with Bradley A. before leaving, cover for Bradley A. if ill, and be the point person for Vestry contact for that week.
- Maxine T. made a motion that we prayerfully end the shelter and prayerfully reconsider this ministry within the community; Dana R. seconded; Motion passed unanimously.
- CoCL Conference information – Dana R. is going. Mother Lynn suggested going if interested.
- Bathroom remodel estimate discussed
- T-shirts – tabled until May 2016
- Parking Lot data – Doug P. says Cosler is overwhelmed and cannot commit; lot exit is a problem. We need a second opinion from another engineer with additional parking spaces – which we would then take to the city with offer to make exit “right turn only”..
- Cheryl E. asked that we sponsor Caeden to go to camp; Vestry approved by acclamation since she is Youth director.
- Team Liaison Reports: Altar Guild – no report, Buildings and Grounds – Wind damage from storm, Christian E&F – planning a meeting, Clothes Closet – 71 people last Tuesday, need infant, children's and men's clothes, Communications – website updated, First Fridays – gearing up, Green Team – meeting April 27th, Hearts & Hands – Fieldtrip next week, making shawls and quilts, Outreach – Barbara is reporting now, Parish Life – Lisa's wedding is coming up in May and a fundraiser for Haven on May 21st at Emmanuel Baptist – the congregation is doing desserts, Shelter – no report, Stewardship – Meeting May 7th, Worship – Meeting April 23rd.
- Sr. Warden's Report – Dana R. reported she sent out evaluation survey of the congregation
- Jr. Warden's Report – Estimate for the bathroom completed; Bill of Hauck is no longer working with the company. Barbara will have to run through information with new person. Pete suggested that heat sensor is not placed in an adequate place.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug reported on Mission Share assessment. Cheryl E. made a motion that we pay the New Diocesan Assessment of \$2141.63 additional assessment for 2016; Bradley A. seconded; Motion passed unanimously.
- Review of monthly Treasurer's Report and discussion of movement of money to WPCU/fees for no activity.
- Maxine T. made the motion that we pay Roxanne H. her paid vacation in August as usual; Barbara B. seconded; Motion passed unanimously.
- Priest's Report: Mother Lynn shared her Five Marks of Mission letter (also in the Trumpet); She also shared her stats.
- Maxine T. announced that the Church Picnic at the Thomas' would be June 26th



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject Racism
Fight for the Powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity.
Love God. Enjoy this life. (United Church of Christ)

First Fridays are upon us!

By Doug Pultz

- Planning for First Fridays 2016 is underway. The theme for each month will be based off The United Church of Christ's slogan Be The Church.
- The theme for May 6 is Protect the Environment and Share Earthly Resources. With the help of the Green Team, we will have available for the guests at our tent: shopping bags, flyers for the home with green helpful hints, plants, seed packets, and garden books. The game for the evening will be Plinko.
- The theme for June 3 is Share Spiritual Resources. Our goal is to distribute the Good News Bible to our guests. The game for the evening is a beanbag toss.
- The theme for July 1 is Fight for the Powerless. Our goal is to distribute whirligigs and flyers about Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. The game for the evening is a ring toss.
- The theme for August 5 is Forgive Often. Enjoy this Life. Our goal is to provide information/resources about forgiveness to those who visit our tent. The game for the evening is Duck Matching.
- The theme for September 2 is Fight for the Powerless. Care for the Poor. With the help of Paula Lowe and Mark Cummings, our goal is to provide information about and seek support for the upcoming homeless shelter.
- We will also continue to distribute coloring pages with a Biblical theme, church information, crosses, and have a prayer box available.
- Many thanks go to those who volunteered last year in the tent. Your energy, enthusiasm, and presence made all the difference.
- I look forward to seeing you in Xenia on first Fridays this summer, whether you are volunteering or simply enjoying the evening.

One to One



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET

There is a need for infant clothing. Please bring donations to the Parish office.

Clothing Closet



HAVEN G.C.

Fundraiser

Dinner

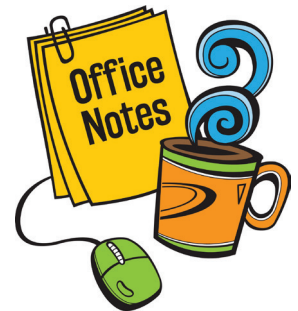
Saturday May 21, at 5PM
Emmanuel Baptist Church
1120 South Detroit St,

Xenia

This evening is planned to shine some light on the need for a night shelter for single men and women in Greene County. We are working to meet the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness while helping them to develop a long-term stability plan in ways that positively impact people and their community.

Will you join us? Tickets are 25.00 each.

For more information, call @937-679-2915

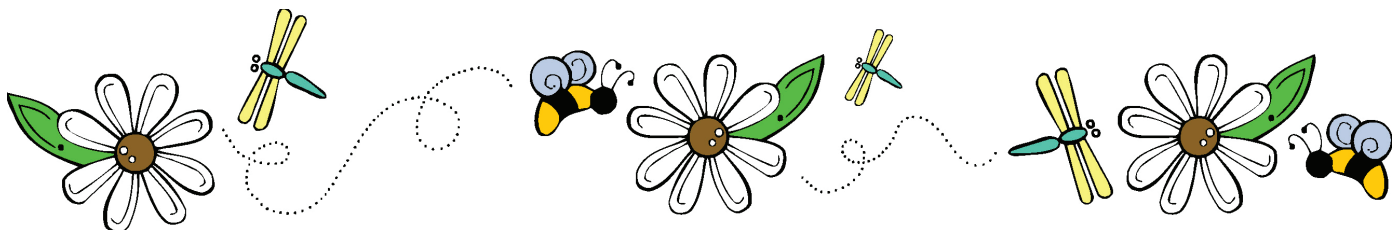


Mother Lynn will be on vacation from the end of May until the beginning of July....for the first time, taking her entire vacation time. She and Pete will be heading out to California for an extended visit with their son and daughter-in-law, and then on to visits with the Baltimore, MD part of the family, 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?

STEWARDSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS- BY PETE SINNOTT

As I think about the buildings and grounds at Christ Church, words like community, home and welcome come to mind. Our family has lived in many houses in 45 years of marriage. They all became homes through our love for each other. Christ Church is much the same. Our buildings are an outward expression of our love for God, for each other and the community in which we live. Caring for the church is an expression of our caring for the sacred and the sacredness in each other and the community. Can we learn to see the church through the eyes of the stranger or the guest?

We are all a part of the stewardship of our buildings and grounds effort when we pick up a piece of trash on our way into the building or fill out a red tag when something needs to be fixed. We are stewards of a space where for many generations a community has come to worship God and be with each other—a place where recovery is found and supported—a place where the hungry are fed and those in need of clothing can find it. Stewardship of our buildings and grounds is more than stewardship of stones and mortar, grass and trees. It is stewardship of the place where we worship, grow in community, and do the work God gives us.



FROM THE CREATION CARE COMMITTEE - FORMERLY THE GREEN TEAM BY TANYA ELLENBURG-KIMMET



Have you heard the buzz? Bee populations are dwindling. Why should you care? Our daily activities depend on bees. “They are responsible for pollination of approximately 1/3 of the United States’ crop species” (EHSO). “Perhaps 1/3 of our total diet is dependent, directly or indirectly” on pollination by insects. (Delaplane) There are other pollinators, such as butterflies and other flying, stinging, crawling critters. Scientists surmise that “honey bees are responsible for every third bite we eat.” (Delaplane). Crops pollinated by bees include “almonds, peaches, soybeans, apples, pears, cherries, raspberries, blackberries, cranberries, watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers, and strawberries.” (EHSO) Many of these would be possibly pollinated by other insects or other kinds of bees, but not in a commercially sustainable way. It is important that we do our part to help save the bees. Make sure that wasp traps are bee friendly (I have a paper bag bundled up to look like a wasp nest on my porch – the wasps and yellow jackets don’t like competition). Avoid toxic bug killers. Also, instead of destroying a nest that you see forming, contact bee keepers. They will gladly come and move the colony for you.

Contact: The Greene County Beekeepers Association <http://www.gcbeekeepers.com/Pages/default.aspx>
Or please text/call Shelley Gravenstine at (937) 689-2782 and she will contact you as soon as possible. Text is usually the best way to reach her. She is located in the Xenia/Caesar Creek area and will travel to surrounding areas of Centerville, Beavercreek, Fairborn, Bellbrook, etc.

Delaplane, Keith S. “On Einstein, Bees, and Survival of the Human Race.” <http://www.ent.uga.edu/bees/OnEinsteinBeesandSurvivaloftheHumanRaceHoneyBeeProgramCAESEntomologyUGA.html>

EHSO. Environmental Health & Safety Online. http://www.ehso.com/FoodChainIssues_BeeColonyCollapse.htm

The Buildings and Grounds Walkabout has been rescheduled from April 10 to May 22

MOTHER'S DAY

BY TANYA ELLENBURG-KIMMET

There are three strong reasons why I am who I am today. My mother, my grandmother, and her mother. My mother taught me to be ready to act, care about the environment, have a sense of humor even in adversity, and learn what I can where I'm at. My father's mother, who helped raise me when my father was in Vietnam, taught me to be aware of others, be concerned for others, and be caring for those around me. She and her mother helped take care of me during that time, and the latter was a fearsome force of strength. My great grandmother survived two husbands and the depression. She could make anything she put her mind to being made. There was no winning an argument when she knew she was right. And there was a sense of justice and fairness to everything she said. She was the ipidomy of common sense and resourcefulness in our family.

Many folk have strong ladies in their lives. Many folk take on the mantle of being a mother to those who are in need - foster parents, single dads, adoptive parents... Let us give thanks to God for all of those strong mothers and for those who take on the strong mother roles out there!

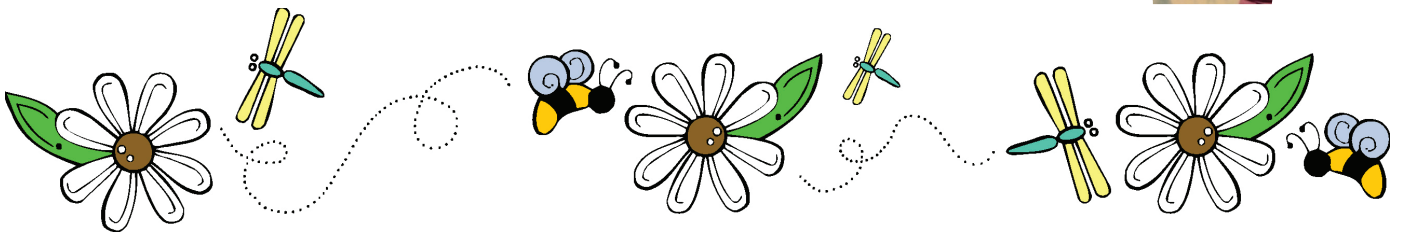


Lanie
Giles
Pounds

Ruth
Pounds
Ellenburg



Connie
Gillogly
Ellenburg



MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- Buildings and Grounds Walkabout has been rescheduled to May 22
- Ascension of the Lord, May 5
- National Day of Prayer, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 8, 2016
- Stewardship Meeting, May 7 1-3, Parish House
- Vestry, May 15
- Pentecost, May 15
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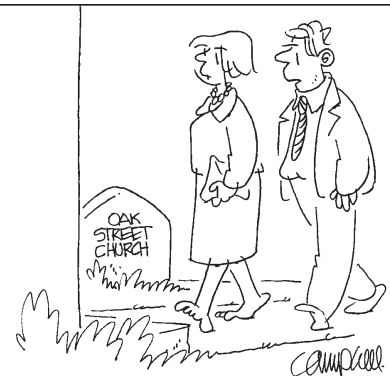
Faith Patterson Memorial service: The family has tentatively scheduled Faith's memorial service for Saturday, June 18. No other information is available at this time. However, we will let you know time and place when the family has made the final arrangements.

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 cecxlst@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

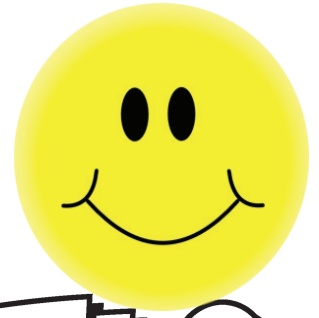
Submissions:

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



"Frankly, Edna, I think it's more noticeable than your shoes not matching your dress."

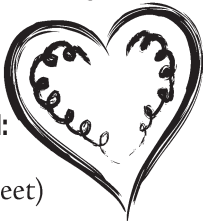
Children's Corner



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!)

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.

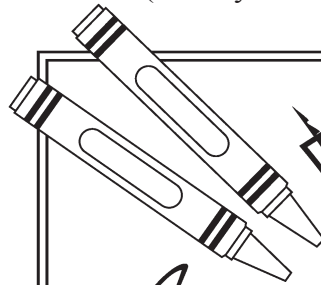


What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!



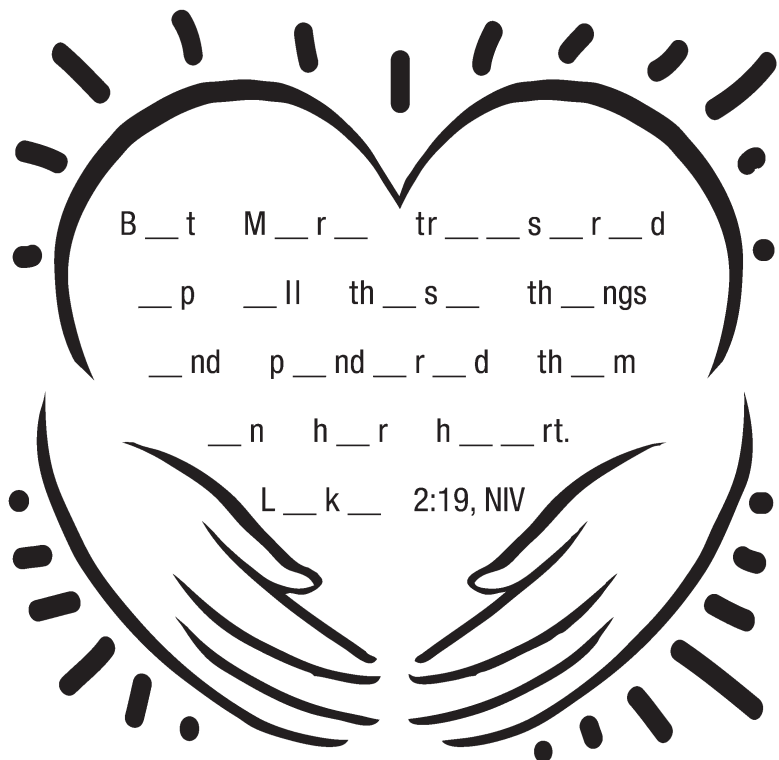
PUZZLE

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels

Answer: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9.)

BIBLE QUIZ



May Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29
Worship Leader	MP (Ruth)	ML	ML	ML	MP (Pam)
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Ruth, Dana	Barbara, Pete	Becky, Mark	Ruth, Pam	Tommy, Nancy
Ushers	Rick, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Clariss, Tommy	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Mark	Dana	Barbara	Ruth	Debbie
Chalice	-	Rick	Debbie	Ruth	-
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	Dana (Bill)	-	-
Healing Prayer Ministers		Pam & Ruth	JoAnne & Doug	Mark & Debbie	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Barbara	Tanya	Cheryl	Maxine

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, Becky	Tommy Ruth
Ushers	Rick, Brad	Clariss, Tommy	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Rick	Doug	Mark	Dana
Chalice	-	Mark	Pam	-
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	Dana (Bill)	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	-	JoAnne & Ruth	Debbie & Mark	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Cheryl	Dana	Barbara	Mark