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Upcoming Events:

- Morning Prayer
November 15
- Winter Homeless Shelter opens
November 15
- Morning Prayer
November 22
- Thanksgiving,
November 26
- Newcomer's Sunday and First
Sunday in Advent
November 29
- Holy Eucharist
November 29
- Holy Eucharist
December 6
- Holy Eucharist
December 13
- Vestry Meeting
December 13
- Holy Eucharist
December 20
- Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve
- Lessons & Carols
December 27
- New Years Eve
December 31

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

We have a busy, busy month. To begin, on November 1 we have All Saints Day, and the Final Wishes Workshop. I hope that's helpful for all of us, even though it may not be the most comfortable conversation we'll ever have. The Bishop is visiting the following week – November 8 – and we have a “crowd” of people being Confirmed, Baptized, and/or Re-affirming Baptismal promises. It promises to be a wonderful day, and I hope you'll be here. We're planning a potluck, and you'll be hearing more about that from Doug.

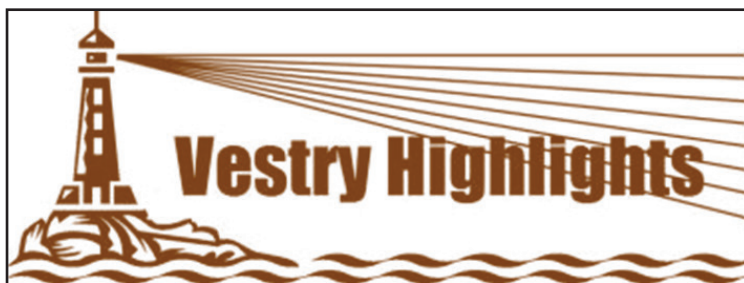
Budgeting Sunday is coming up, and our teams and committees will be discerning their mission for the coming year. They need your prayer support as they do that work. Vestry is beginning the task of praying and considering candidates for the 2016 Vestry elections. Please see a Vestry member about their work, meetings, planning and praying for Christ Church. You have an amazing group of people in that leadership role, and they'd like you to

consider joining them.

And finally, at the end of the month, we begin the Season of Advent – preparation, hope, joy, repentance, peace, anticipation – all marks of this beautiful season when we prepare our hearts and spirits to welcome Jesus Christ into the world. I love our liturgical seasons! Each one brings home to us so beautifully the Incarnation – God moving into mortal life, living among us and loving us, teaching and healing, showing the way, and bringing us home. The Church year reminds us over and over again how blessed we are. Enjoy every minute of this busy month; we are happy, healthy, growing, and busy – and that's wonderful!

In peace,
ML+





for October 4, 2015

Next Vestry Meeting is December 13th

- There was no correspondence to review. To-Do List was reviewed
- Parking lot options discussion; Dana made a motion that the Vestry authorize a team to work with the Priest-in-charge to explore the possibility of building a parking lot; and that this team will bring to Vestry funding and construction suggestions and possibilities. Because this will be a significant cost, we'll follow our contracting policy in choosing a contractor; all contractors will be asked to supply locations and references from previous work. Carol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dana made a report on library meeting in re railings/walkways work and how it might block access to our kitchen. The issue has been resolved.
- Mother Lynn reported on the meeting with Diocesan Finance Office. Vestry resolved to calculate up the income and share each month to pay the Diocesan share monthly and pray for guidance.
- Wedding Contract discussion was tabled until November 2015.
- Mother Lynn reported on the Church sign. Vestry resolved to rotate the sign out every three months approximately.
- Issue of T-shirts tabled until November.
- Team Liaison Reports: Pam reported on the Altar Guild and the repairs of the advent wreath, Doug reported on the Boy Scouts, Mother Lynn reported on Christian E&F, Bradley reported on Clothes Closet, Tanya reported on Communications, Mark reported on Green Team, Mother Lynn reported on Hearts & Hands, Carol reported on Outreach, Pam reported on Parish Life, Mark reported on the Shelter and on the ECF meeting, Mother Lynn reported on Stewardship, Dana reported on Worship and upcoming Work Day.
- Sr. Warden's Report – Dana made her report about the heat codes.
- Jr. Warden's Report – pending Barbara's return.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug made his report. Pam made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for audit and Dana seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- Priest's Report – Mother Lynn made her report and discussed access to our small parking area.

Please

remember to sign up for providing a meal or helping staff the Homeless Shelter. See Mark Cummings for questions or visit our website: www.christ-episcopal-xenia.org and see the ad on that page about how you can help or email cecxtanya@gmail.com

We currently need meals for the following dates in 2015: 11/20, 11/22, 11/27, 11/28, 11/29, 12/4, 12/5, 12/6, 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/18, 12/19, 12/20, 12/23, 12/25, 12/26, and 12/27

If you don't want to aim for a particular date, drop a meal off in the freezer and let Mark Cummings or Tanya Kimmet know.



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET

is especially in need of hangers, toiletries, sanitary products, and undergarments.



Clothing Closet

WARDEN'S WORDS by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

Due to my absence most of August and all of September I am still playing a bit of catch up. Immediately on my return there was a fire inspection of the church and parish hall. This inspection concluded that we were working under several violations to say the least.

We were given very little time to correct these or the shelter could NOT open. There was also a question about holding service.

It was Mother Lynn's decision to contact the fire chief directly and have another inspector go over the plant with her and myself.

The end result is all new fire extinguishers (large ones to retard theft). New exit signs and lights.

We have hired MegaCity Fire and Safety to do a yearly inspection of all equipment on the church plant. The purchase of new extinguishers the lights and exit signs were from them.

The accumulated stuff in the basement constitutes a fire hazard and has to be cleaned out.

Shelter equipment must be organized and stored appropriately.

This is a work in progress.

It is my recommendation a note of thankful cooperation be sent to the fire chief of Xenia, and the second inspector they made this problem much easier to deal with than what we were looking at with the first inspector.

The heating will have new settings before the shelter opens.



"You will hear of the comings and goings of institutions and cultures, but it doesn't mean the end is near. It may only be, Jesus says, the beginning of what God has planned. End times are powerful times pregnant with purpose for those with ears to hear and eyes to see the advent of our God."

—Mary W. Anderson.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

08

Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet

09

Eric Patterson

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Karen Patterson

13

Chris Hudson

Michael Rhyne

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Carol Conway



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONARIES

Dear Friends:

Grace and Peace!

It is past time for another of the erratic Sarah and David communications! While we are in contact with many through a variety of avenues of communication - we hope to still keep up the email "newsletters." I expect we will be in a position to upgrade this "system" soon.

So far this year has been quite a ride. A quick update ---- we still live in the same house in Northridge with our duplex-mates Denice and Peter. We were able to have some work done on the house this year - including converting our landscaping to minimal water use. After that ----

Sarah

Thank you all so much for your support and prayers for Sarah's ordination to the Episcopal priesthood this past April. She graduated with her MDiv from Episcopal Divinity School in Boston in May and officially became the Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Simi Valley, CA (<http://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org>). This is the congregation where she served as Deacon the previous 5 years. This is a 3/4-time position and she continues as Chaplain at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Thousand Oaks (<http://www.stpatricks-dayschool.org>). She is also maintaining her spiritual direction practice. It is a situation rich in challenges and possibilities and we are praying and living our way into our new schedule.

St. Francis church hosts the Samaritan Center - the only faith-based full-time resource center of its kind for homeless and struggling folks in Simi Valley (<http://thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org/>). Among the things that is happening is a strengthening and expanding of the relationship of the church to this truly good service organization. St. Patrick's Day school has established a wonderful chapel and values program grounded in the Christian faith integrating peace-making and an inter-religious sensitivity and awareness to prepare the students to live peaceably in the real world that they are going to experience.

David

David is in his third year as Chaplain at St. Martin's School in Winnetka, CA, where he leads 5 chapel services and teaches six classes each week. He also graduated this past May with his MDiv from Claremont School of Theology and a Diploma in Theology from Bloy House, The Episcopal Theological School Claremont (that's a mouthful). As you may recall from previous news, St. Martin's school is a mission in the process of being "re-booted." It is certainly a work-in-progress - and it is exciting and nerve wracking all at the same time (<http://stmartinsschool.org/>). David is deeply in love with his "job" and wonderful things are happening as the team there seeks to embrace a new vision and future for the community. In addition, David has begun serving with Sarah at St. Francis working with adult spiritual formation. He preaches regularly at St. Francis and occasionally at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, the church which hosts St. Martin's School (<http://www.stmartinswinnetka.org/>).

AND.... As always - if you have questions or want more info about any of this - please let us know. Because of the mission nature of David's position at St. Martin's, he has raised his own salary. You all have prayed and donated this position and his ministry into existence - and we - and the St. Martin's community - are EXTREMELY grateful. As current funding ends at the end of this calendar year, he will be working to raise funds again soon. So you'll be hearing more about that (smile).

PRAYER

We continue the practice of interceding for all of you on our "list" on a regular basis. If there are specific things you want us to be praying for, please let us know. For us we would request prayers for:

- Living into our new ministry lives with care and grace
- Self-care
- The mission of St. Martin's

THANK YOU

We are so very grateful for each of you! Please keep in touch as you are able.

BLESSINGS!!!!

-Sarah and David

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

What a beautiful day at Center Peace Farm, sunshine in abundance, many, many parishioners, and a gratifying amount of food, savory, and sweet. I was so glad to have gotten home for those three days and share that time.

With the last of the leaves falling rapidly, leaving the trees bare and preparing for winter, perhaps we also need to prepare for the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Stewardship. Yes, now is a perfect time to reevaluate our pledges(if you have not done so already), remembering, time and talent are a mix with the financial giving.

Think about serving as chalice bearer, the altar guild, and being a worship leader for morning prayer. These are important ministries and need more support.

Think about the February annual meeting and perhaps running for vestry. We have a good working vestry and it is NOT all doom and gloom !

Think about the stewardship of cooking a meal for the shelter, or purchasing food stuffs for the shelter.

Think about stewardship of the food bank and bring more items for the Fish Pantry.

Think about what you can do for those who Jesus walked and talked with, but in today's society are overlooked.

Think about our individual blessings, family that love us, home and hearth, food for the cooking, and of course Christmas just around the Advent corner.

Perhaps pray a little more, dig a little deeper to give a little more, and love, love a lot more for we are all part of His world.

NEW! CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION FOR OUR CHILDREN



Are YOU qualified to teach Sunday School?

We have children among us, and we're beginning to think about Sunday School and Nursery. There are multitudes of good programs from which to choose, and we need a few good planners and teachers.

There are many ways to organize Christian Formation. In some churches, teachers take a 3 or 4 month teaching rotation. In others, teachers stay with a class for the entire 8 or 9 month "school year". There are traditional programs and programs geared to the reality of "every other week" participation.

We are called to teach our children about God - sharing our faith stories and our own journeys. If you think this might be a ministry that would give you joy - either planning or teaching - see Mother Lynn, talk with one of the Wardens or members of Vestry, or give Becky a call. If God is calling you, and you say "yes", you'll be given everything you need.

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!)

Thankful Hearts


Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.



With all my heart

This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

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p	R	e	D	W	a	I	T	H	A
h	L	L	t	M	b	Y	d	H	E
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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV



BIBLE QUIZ

When Jesus was born, which two earthly rulers were in power?

- Quirinius
- Pontius Pilate
- Caesar Augustus
- King Herod

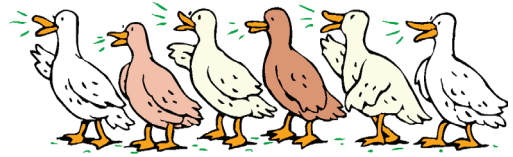


MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Newcomer Sunday

November 29th

If you're new here in the past year or so, be sure to be here this special Sunday!



There are a number of easy meals you could make for large groups, such as the homeless shelter that are inexpensive, healthy, and wholesome. Here's one option. Consider making it for our Shelter guests sometime.

1 large can of new potatoes (sliced works best)

1 large can Shelley beans (green beans and kidney beans mixed)

1 lb. package of ham chunks

Put all of it in a crockpot and cook on high for a couple of hours.

Bring to the shelter around 6:30PM (let us know you're coming!)

Share
Your
Recipes



Recipe shared by Nikki Lange



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 November 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.

November Service Calendar 2015

Ministry	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	12/29
Worship Leader	ML	ML	MP - Ruth	MP- Pam	ML
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Ruth, Becky	Pete, Dana	Nancy, Becky	Debbie, Barbara	Mark, Pete
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, Jo-Anne	Brad, Rick	Brad, Claris	JoAnne, Doug
Intercessor	Dana	Ruth	Barbara	Debbie	Mark
Chalice	Barbara	Mark	-	-	Debbie
Eucharistic Visitors	-	-	-	-	Dana (Bill)
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie, Eve	Debbie, Doug	-	-	Mark, JoAnne
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Mark	Tanya	Pam	Carol

December Service Calendar 2015

Ministry	12/6	12/13	12/20	12/24	12/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	Lessons & Carols
Altar Guild	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Becky, Tommy	Ruth, Nancy	Pete, Debbie	Barbara, Pam	-
Ushers	JoAnne, Elizabeth	Brad, Claris	Rick, Doug	JoAnne, Elizabeth	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Doug	Dana	Barbara	Debbie	—
Chalice	Ruth	Kim	Pam	Mark	—
Eucharistic Visitors		Dana (Bill)			
Healing Prayer Ministers	Debbie, Doug	JoAnne, Jennie	Ruth Pam	-	-