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Upcoming Events:

- Oct 1 – Blessing of the Animals (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 1 - World Communion Day
- Oct 8 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 15 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (MP)
- Oct 29 - Reformation Sunday
- Oct 31 - Reformation Day
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Nov 1 - All Saints Day
- Nov 05 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Sammons
- Nov 05 - DST ends
- Nov 05 – Stewardship Sunday
- Nov 11 - Veterans' Day
- Nov 23 - Thanksgiving
- Dec 03 - Advent 1
- Dec 10 - Advent 2
- Dec 17 - Advent 3
- Dec 24 - Advent 4 - Evening Service Only
- Dec 25 - Christmas
- Dec 31 - Lessons & Carols
- Jan 1 - New Years Day

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Counting blessings

Numbered lists grab our attention. In the checkout aisle or on the internet, we gravitate toward headings such as “10 ways to lose weight by summer!” or “3 simple steps to acing that test!”

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? “Thank you, God, for this brand new day!” “Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might

glorify you.” Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

—Heidi Mann



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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.

WARDEN'S WORDS

Prayer on Saturday Night at Christ Episcopal Church

I stumbled across a very pleasant surprise rather serendipitously while completing an errand for the church. It was about 7:55 pm Saturday night when I went to the Fellowship Hall to make sure the doors were locked. Oh, my God! – I discovered a rather attention-grabbing sight. It was almost wall-to-wall people (about 70, I later learned) and they were attentively listening to a speaker from Alcohol Anonymous that night. Later, within a minute or two, they were all praying the Lord's Prayer –loud and clarion clear. It was their closing time and apparently customary for them to do so.

As I watched the individuals and groups of people filter out the back door, I was astonished at the friendliness and diversity of this group. There were young and old, black and white, male and female attendees. Some rode away on motor cycles; some were picked up by other cars that arrived promptly near closing time; and many just drove away. This group of people simply had a need that was being fulfilled by the group that they were in and the information shared. They were there to support one another.

It was a grand sight of fellowship and care to behold—inspiring in many ways. Inspiring, because I too, come to Christ Episcopal Church to learn, share, and fortify my resolve to grow and become all that I can be. I felt a brotherly/sisterly kinship with this group of people and the church service group that I attend during the day—although one group may not necessarily know what the other is doing. Jesus said where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I will be in the midst. It was enlightening to know that God has a people praying within the walls of our church when we are not there. It was comforting and encouraging to know that as a member of Christ Episcopal Church, I support this brotherly/sisterly kinship and all that it means for our church, Xenia and the greater community.

Debbie Gillespie
Senior Warden



The suggested November grocery supplies are Thanksgiving type meal donations from us - canned sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, turkey, cranberry sauce, etc. along with the hot chocolate and powdered milk. Each month will be a new suggested item.



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

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- Oct 01 – Blessing of the Animals (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 08 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 15 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (MP)
- Oct 08 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 15 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Sammons
- Oct 22 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost (MP)
- Oct 29 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Sammons
- Nov 05 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Sammons
- Nov 05 – Stewardship Sunday
- December 03 - Advent 1
- December 10 - Advent 2
- December 17 - Advent 3
- December 24 - Advent 4 - Evening Service*
- December 25 - Christmas
- December 31 - Lessons & Carols

*December 24 will be an evening service; There may be Morning prayer. Stay tuned for more information.
Carols start at 6 pm. Service starts at 6:30 pm.



Remember to adjust your clocks back on the 4th of November so as not to find an empty church on the 5th.

September Vestry Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is September 10th



Debbie G – Senior Warden reported on:

- Holy Cow Consulting: Debbie returned to the tabled discussion on Holy Cow Consulting. Maxine T suggested we discuss with F. Elaine before proceeding. Maxine T, Joyce G, and Barbara B will meet with Elaine.
- Xenia Chamber of Commerce – Discussion. Joyce G made a motion to not join the XCC, Jean S. seconded. Motion carried
- Update on Choir Director Search: Debbie reported on meeting and will be talking with Choir Directors; Jean S. will form a search committee for a new Choir Director

Barbara B – Jr. Warden reported – Barbara has an arborist. Barbara reported on the parking lot. Maxine suggests to bring this to the entire church. Vestry decided to move this discussion to email. Discussion on bell tower safety. Discussion on vestry approval of spending over \$300 and contract signing.

Doug P - Treasurer's Report: reported on amounts for stipend for priest (\$50,000 from the Nickell fund and \$18000 from the PNC funds held by the diocese). We are holding our own financially. Doug announced he will be stepping down as of March 1st, 2018.

Committee Reports and Unfinished business

- Investment Team: Maxine T and Debbie G discussed the set up of the investment team.
- Neighborhood/Church Community Assessment: Maxine reported on assessment and asked for a Drop-box file to place all surveys.
- Communications: Tanya E-K reported on letter she is writing to Saint Andrew's.
- Stewardship: Joyce G announced a stewardship brunch Sunday November 5th. They meet next September 21st.
- Green Team – Bradley announced our recycling is full every week.
- To Do List was reviewed.



05	Tyson Davis
19	Rick Feinour
23	Kathy Geyer
28	Emilie Walker
29	Evening Hudson



08	Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet
09	Eric Patterson
12	Karen Patterson
13	Chris Hudson
16	Carol Conway



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP

God's Good and Bounteous Gifts, by Murray J. Harris

"All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others."



Delegates to the Annual Convention:
Reservations have been made.
Individual packets will be handed
out by the end of October.



Mozart Requiem,
Concerts in a Country Church,
October 15, 3 pm,
Washington Court House OH.
See information in front pew if
interested.

Women's Ministries "Am I My Sister's Keeper?" A conference
on Homelessness, Opioid Addiction &
Claiming Resurrection. Sponsored by the
Diocese of Southern Ohio Women's Minis-
tries, Proctor
Center, November 4, 9 am – 3:30 pm.
See tri-fold in front pew for details and
registration information.



Discretionary Fund

Discretionary Fund is
collected the second
Sunday of each month.
Please give generously
to help those in the
Community.



American Red Cross,
responses at a glance:
Relief in action.
See info in front pew.



By Bev Krouskop

We continue to get excellent support from our CECX family in planning, preparing and serving these meals. In September we had 15 volunteers who contributed a dish or showed up to help set up, serve or clean up! And for the October dinner we had 11 members who helped out! Our new time of 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., implemented in October, worked out well. An hour and a half gives us plenty of time for all to be served, eat, and visit-- while allowing us to start clean-up and get home a little earlier.

At the October dinner we also handed out a small treat bag of candy to each guest as they departed. One of our dedicated CECX volunteers prepared and printed cards containing our church contact information and expressing our concerns for their needs. We attached these cards to each treat bag. Depending on response, this may also result in further insight into the pressing needs of the community around us. We plan to continue this practice for future dinners.

Plans and menus for our dinners on November 19th and December 17th are currently in the works. We continue to advertise and get the word out to the community that these meals are available.

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who help make these dinners a success each month!

Dear Friends: Grace and Peace!

We are blessed with a lovely courtyard at St. Martins. We use the space a lot for mindfulness practices and I teach class out there as often as I can. I've attached a photo of one of the favorite past times on hot days - feet in the fountain!

Earlier this month, we spent some time reflecting on the lives of Francis and Clare of Assisi as part of our focus for the season of Creationtide - which anchors our ecology and creation-care curriculum. The 8th Grade read thru Francis' "Canticle of Creation," and then spent some time in the courtyard reflecting on the Canticle - and then composing their own. I wanted to share the result with you.

This was spontaneous and impromptu - the only editing they did before allowing me to share it was very minor (punctuation and spelling - smile). I'll leave it at that. Their work is below. Blessings!!!!
- David



A Canticle of Creation

St. Martin's Eighth Grade Inspired by Francis of Assisi

After reading "The Canticle of Creation" by Francis of Assisi, the 8th Grade spent time in the courtyard and impromptu composed their own canticles of creation, gathered here as one.

O good Lord, we give thanks for all your blessings given to us.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Dirt and Grass, who is ever so damp and gentle.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Flower who nourishes critters and is ever so lovely to see.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Wind who carries everything with it and is so cooling and refreshing.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Ground who provides stability.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Garden who provides nourishment for us all.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Art who is ever so beautiful and stunning.

Be praised, my Lord, by the tiny little pinecones that will grow bigger over time.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Tree who gives us shade.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Bird who's sound gives us peace.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Pig who gives us bacon.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Sun that gives us light.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Fountain for her peaceful sounds.

Be praised, my Lord, by all the sound of wind.

Be praised, my Lord, by all the sticks, branches and twigs.

Be praised, my Lord, from all the insects around as they walk and fly and crawl and as they live life.

Be praised, my Lord, by the brooms that sweep the ground, making our clean-up easier.

Be praised, my Lord, from Brother Clouds that make rain and provide shade on sunny days.

Be praised, my Lord, by all the Sister Days.

Be praised, my Lord, through all the sounds of rushing water created by Sister Fountain.

Be praised, my Lord, through all the vibrant colors of Mother Nature.

Be praised, my Lord, through all the beautiful pictures and paintings on walls created by people.

Be praised, my Lord, through the calm peaceful sound of the wind chimes created by Brother Wind.

Be praised, my Lord, through the beautiful small things in life like this bonsai tree.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Wood who gives me a bench to sit on and a church to pray in.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Bonsai, giving me pleasure to look at and helping me relax.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sisters Flower and Tree, for oxygen and beauty, blessing my eyes.

Be praised, my Lord, through little critters, pollinating nature.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Sun, bringing daylight and warmth to this day.

Be praised, my Lord, through this watering can, allowing plants in nature to grow.

Be praised, my Lord, through all life that comes from your Life.

Readings for the Exodus Program:

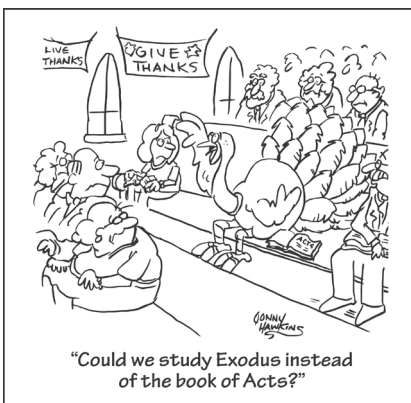
Oct 1 Exodus 5:1-8:7
Oct 8 Goldingay 27-40 / Fretheim 81-117 / Meyers 61-80
Oct 15 Exodus 8:8-11:10
Oct 22 Goldingay 40-53 / Fretheim 118-132 / Meyers 81-100
Oct 29 Exodus 12:1-14:31
Nov 5 Goldingay 53-64 / Fretheim 133-160 / Meyers 101-123
Nov 12 Exodus 15:1-17:7
Nov 19 Goldingay 64-71 / Fretheim 161-190 / Meyers 124-140
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Rest/ Catchup
Dec 3 Exodus 17:8-20:21
Dec 10 Goldingay 71-82 / Fretheim 191-238 / Meyers 141-160
Dec 17 Exodus 20:22-23:19
Dec 24 Christmas Rest I Catchup
Dec 31 Christmas Rest/ Catchup
Jan 7 Goldingay 82-89 / Fretheim 239-251 / Meyers 161-180
Jan 14 Exodus 23:20-27:21
Jan 21 Goldingay 89-102 / Fretheim 252-271 / Meyers 181-200
Jan 28 Exodus 28:1-31:18
Feb 4 Goldingay 102-112 / Fretheim 272-278 / Meyers 201-220
Feb 11 Exodus 32, 33, & 34
Feb 18 Goldingay 112-126 / Fretheim 279-310 / Meyers 221-240
Feb 25 Exodus 35, 36, & 37
March 4 Goldingay 126-129 / Fretheim 313-316 / Meyers 241-60
March 11 Exodus 38, 39, & 40 (end)
March 18 REFRESH for Easter: Goldingay 53-67 / Fretheim 133-136, 161-170 / Meyers 261-end
March 25 Holy Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter, re-read Ex 12-15
April 1 Easter Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter, re-read Ex 12-15
April 8 Concluding Colloquium is Sat April 7




Readings from



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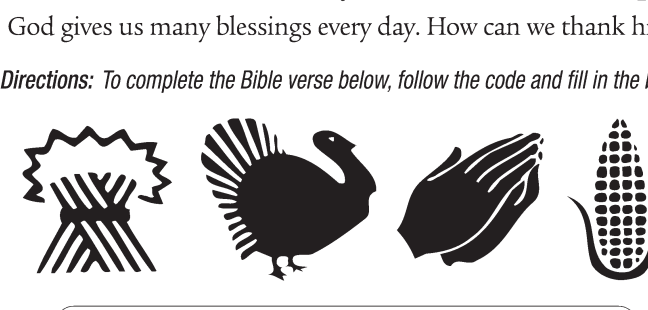


PUZZLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

“ _____ will _____
 9 16 18 1 9 19 5

_____, _____ name in _____
 7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7

and _____ with
 7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13

_____.”
 20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving," Psalm 69:30, NIV

A. None — they were all dead
B. Three — unbound and unharmed
C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
D. Too many to count

BIBLE QUIZ



Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)



Volunteer Service SCHEDULE

Ministry	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Worship Leader	HE - F. Sammons	MP -Barbara	HE - F. Sammons	MP - Ruth
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Doug, Tanya	JoAnne, Pam
Lector	Barb, Mark	Becky, Tommy, Ruth	Pam, Ruth	Becky, Barb, Mark
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Brad, Claris	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Claris, Brad
Intercessor	Ruth	Mark	Debbie	Doug
Chalice	Debbie		Barbara	
Vestry Member of the week	Doug	Debbie	Barb	Pam
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie, Ruth	-	Pam, Mark	-

Ministry	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31
Worship Leader	HE - F. Sammons	HE - F. Elaine	HE - F. Sammons	MP - Rick	Lessons & Carols
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Pam	Doug, Becky	JoAnne, Becky	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Tommy, Ruth	Barb, Debbie	Mark, Pam	Becky, Tommy	All
Ushers	JoAnne, Elizabeth	Brad, Doug	Elizabeth, Doug	JoAnne, Brad	Claris, Brad
Intercessor	Barb	Ruth	Doug	Mark	----
Chalice	Mark	Pam	Barb	Debbie	
Vestry Person of the Week	Tanya	Doug	Barb		Debbie
Healing Prayer Ministers	Ruth, Doug	JoAnne, Jennie	Pam, Debbie	-	-

HE - Service on 12/24 will start at 6pm with Carols; service will start at 6:30pm.
 12/24 Morning Prayer is tentative - watch for more info