

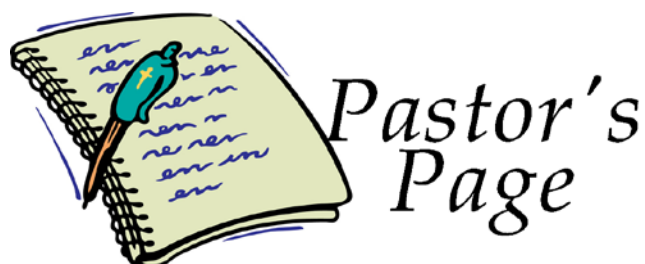


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Dear Friends,

October is my favorite month – the colors that leap out at you around every corner and the crisp, aching clarity of the air renew my heart and mind and spirit. Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote: “O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!”, and I think I understand her heart as she wrote.

It’s a month that makes me so aware of God and so in awe of the nature of God. What imagination could conceive the red/gold/orange of a maple as it stands lit from within? We have been given such gifts, and how blessed we are!

And yes, I’m now going to talk about stewardship. It just fits, my friends, with everything I feel about God and the world and being blessed. God gives – and I must reciprocate to the utter best of my ability.

*I ask only this of you: Talk with God about the gifts you have, and how you can best use them and give thanks for them. If you believe the work we are trying to do at Christ Church is God’s work, and worthy of your support, then give that support. Give joyfully, willingly, with commitment and fervor and determination. If you don’t believe that – then give where your heart and prayer lead you, and God will be praised. Let’s live in prayer and thanksgiving for all God does, and God will continue to bless.*

*In peace and thanksgiving,*

*ML+*



## Warden's Words

The most pleasant season of the year is now upon us: the leaves are beginning their colorful display, and the hot weather of summer is departing. But it is also a season of dying as the corn stalks begin to wither and the soy beans yellow. However, this natural act of dying will soon bring a harvest to sustain us--out of death springs life.

Some 120 people recently filled the church to say farewell to longtime parishioner Shirley Ellis. Your vestry wishes to thank Cheryl Eskridge, Pam Feinour, Bradley Alexander, and Steve Kidd for shepherding the wonderful reception as ably assisted by Barbara Bonham, JoAnne Earley, Becky Gentry, Jenny Hudson, Pete Sinnott, and Tommy and Marilyn Thomas.

Our first ever Jazz Vespers service last month was well attended by an enthusiastic audience who heard some great sounds by Karen Patterson on cello, Eddie Brookshire on bass, Fenton Sparks on drums, and Keigo Hirakawa on piano. Our thanks again to Cheryl Eskridge and her fine crew of helpers for the splendid reception afterward.

Let us continue to serve the Lord in this place. . . .

Jack Kitch

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## Bible Quiz

Numbers 22 contains a little-known account of Balak, king of Moab, and Balaam, a practitioner of divination. Feeling threatened by the Israelites' presence near his land, Balak summons Balaam to come and curse them. What strange event does God use to get Balaam's attention so that he blesses, rather than curses, Israel?

- A. Balak's men turn into pillars of salt.
- B. The sun stands still in the sky.
- C. Balaam's donkey speaks to him.
- D. An angel makes Balaam mute.



Answer: C (See Numbers 22:22-35, especially 28 and 30.)



**Over the next several months, the Leadership Lines will focus on the idea of “Servant Leadership”.**

**"A Godly Leader finds strength by realizing his or her own weakness, finds authority by being under authority, finds direction by laying down his or her own plans, finds vision by seeing the needs of others, finds credibility by being an example, finds loyalty by expressing compassion, finds honor by being faithful, finds greatness by being a servant."**

**--Roy Lessin**



### Share One –to –One Closet

The SHARE 1-TO-1 CLOTHES CLOSET ministry is booming. Xenia High School National Honor Society students and their advisor, Kay Scott, will once again be coming to the clothes closet to carry the winter clothing up from the basement and into the garage. First however, we have to get the church's equipment moved from the garage into the utility shed. Hopefully, all that will be accomplished by the time you receive your October Trumpet. September 24 Brad Alexander reported that we had 34 clients sign-in at the clothes closet in the first 18 minutes. We had approximately 84 clients sign-in that day between 11 and 2. Carolyn Cotterman was able to acquire approximately 90 pairs of shoes for us to give away. A huge thank you to Carolyn for thinking of us and for bringing the shoes to us. Thanks also to her employer, Foot Focus, for allowing her to give them to us. We are blessed with good volunteers, plenty of clients and lots of donations.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible.  
Submitted by JoAnne Earley





## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We are celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi on this day with the Blessing of the Animals. Saint Francis had a strong affinity to nature, is the patron of all animal lovers, and is also the patron saint of ecology.

Today's Christian can associate with his love of animals. Many of us are blessed with unique relationships with our pets (no matter what species!) Several nursing homes use dogs and cats to bring joy to their elderly patients and pet owners can certainly relate to this. What can be more comforting than a cat's soft purr, or the beseeching, intelligent look in a dog's eyes? How soothing to have soft paws or a warm nose pressed against your arm or curled up in your lap? They are our companions, our friends, and even our alarms when danger is near. Pets give unconditional love to their owners. This relationship truly shows how God wants us to relate to all His creations - human, animals, and environment. Shouldn't we model our relationships with each other after our four-legged or feathered friends? Their love for us is steadfast and lasts their lifetime. May God bless our animal friends!



## St. Francis BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 6th

Bring your creeping, crawling,  
flying, trotting, slithering,  
hopping, walking, running, etc.  
pets to be blessed

*Outside on the lawn,  
weather permitting...*



## Outreach

This is our fall ingathering of personal hygiene items for our homeless students. The donations in the past have been fantastic!! I ask that we continue with our generosity. Items needed as follows:

Toothpaste	Hair care Products
Toothbrushes	Dental floss
Body soap	Body lotion
Shampoo	Deodorant
Grooming products	Liquid hand soap
Feminine products	Laundry soap
	just to name a few.

We will accept donation for the entire month of Sept. and later.



## Dates to Remember

- |                            |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Blessing of the Animals                                   |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Shelter Meeting 11:15AM                                   |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>    | - | Worship Team Organizational Meeting, 11:30AM              |
| October 18 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Spaghetti Fundraiser for the Homeless Shelter 4:00-7:00PM |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Shelter Training  |
| October 20 <sup>th</sup>   | - | Stewardship High Tea 11:30AM                              |
| November 1-2 <sup>nd</sup> | - | Vestry Retreat  |
| Early Autumn               | - | Farmer's Market in various locations                      |



# 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.

**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

**Spaghetti dinner to benefit the CECX Homeless Shelter** - October 18th Debbie Conrad from Kirkmont Presbyterian Beaver Creek and Marlene Elliott is from Westminster Presbyterian will be holding a fundraiser at Christ Episcopal Church Xenia in the form of a Spaghetti Dinner. Stay tuned for more details.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**01 Jeff Wells**  
**05 Tyson Davis**  
**19 Rick Feinour**  
**23 Kathy Geyer**  
**26 Mary Sheehan**  
**28 Emilie Walker**  
**29 Evening Hudson**

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

**16 Cheryl & James Eskridge**



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

**Check out our Church website:**  
[www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com](http://www.christepiscopalxenia.weebly.com)  
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[christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com)

## Notice from the Green Team: Buy Local, Fresh Produce

The "Green Team" encourages you to purchase your fresh produce from local farmer's markets. There is the Xenia Towne Square Farmers' Market, Tuesday from 2 pm to 6 pm in the K-Mart parking lot from June to October, the Yellow Springs Market on Saturday mornings in Kings Yard in Yellow Springs from May to October, and the Fairborn Farmer's Market at Main Street and Grand from April to November.



## PRAY FOR THE VESTRY!

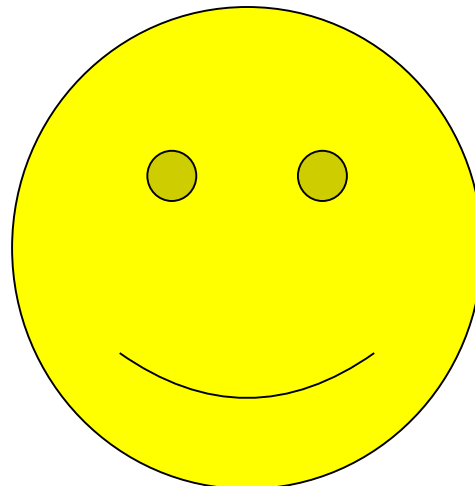


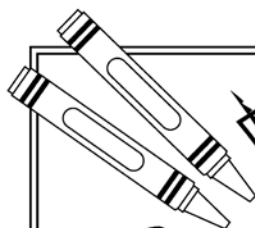
**On Retreat November 1-2**



# 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

### Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways.  
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft. knowledge

3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> ft. him


2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft. now

2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft. Lord

2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> ft. glory

2 ft. Amen

1 ft. our



Savior 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> ft.

grace 3 ft.

forever 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ft.

grow 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> ft.

Jesus Christ 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.

"But \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.      3 ft.      3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.      1 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.      3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> ft.      1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.

To \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ! \_\_\_\_\_."

3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> ft.      2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> ft.      2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ft.      2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ft.      2 ft.

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

## GROW IN Grace

Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.



### What you need:

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

### What you do:

1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH!

CECX WILL BE HOSTING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER IN THE PARISH HALL FOR THE WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER. DEBBIE CONRAD FROM KIRKMONT PRESBYTERIAN AND MARLENE ELLIOTT FROM WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN IN SPRINGFIELD ARE ORGANIZING IT FOR US. THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO SUPPORT THE SHELTER SO THEY DECIDED TO DO THIS. THEY ARE GOING TO BUY THE GROCERIES AND COOK AND SELL TICKETS AND MARKET THE EVENT.

**THE ONLY THING WE NEED TO DO IS CLEAN UP, HELP SERVE AND DECORATE TABLES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A FEW PEOPLE TO BAKE A DOZEN BROWNIES. WE NEED 3 DOZEN FROM OUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE.** IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH ANY OF THIS, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL CONWAY, 305-0238.

THE DATE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 4-7. TICKETS ARE \$8. YOU CAN SEE CAROL CONWAY OR BRAD ALEXANDER FOR TICKETS. WE ARE HOPING TO SELL 100 TICKETS!

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Then come learn the skill sets to help run the shelter on October 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow!

## Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, October 2013

Ministry	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP - Barb
Altar Guild	Dana, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Becky Gentry	Pam Feinour	Tommy Thomas	Ruth Hazel
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Tommy, Elizabeth	Donovans	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Rick Feinour	Ruth Hazel	Debbie Gillespie	Dana Rhyne
Chalice	Ruth Hazel	Rick Feinour	Barb Bonham	-----
Vestry Member of the Week	Barb Bonham	Kim Holbert	Dana Rhyne	Tanya E-Kimmet

## Service Calendar, November 2013

Ministry	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya
Lector	Becky	Mark	Chandra	Nancy
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy	Donovans	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Ruth	Dana	Mark	Doug
Chalice	Barb	Pam	Ruth	-----
Vestry Member of the Week	JoAnne	Jack	Larry	Chandra

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

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## Missionary Report

### Suffer the little children ...

The two little girls are aged 5 and 7 years. They first came to the HIV unit with their aunt and grandmother. Their father and mother had died of AIDS. Both girls had HIV infection. During that first visit, the aunt seemed educated, articulate, and comprehending about the plans for tests and treatment. The grandmother didn't seem to understand much. Our plan was for rapid follow-up. The family's plan was for the girls to live with their grandmother in a rural area.

The girls returned today with their grandmother, more than four months after that first visit. Both girls have anemia and damaged immune systems. We started them on anti-HIV and other therapy. Children's doses are determined by the child's size. Accordingly, each girl has a different amount of medicine to take.

We wrote down all the instructions, however Grandma does not read. The nurse and I reviewed all the medicines and plans orally multiple times with Grandma. I just don't think she ever got it, though.

It is a bit of a conundrum. The girls need to get started on therapy, but if the therapy is incorrectly given, it could do more harm than good. Other complications include their rural location and the Grandmother's inability to pay for transportation to come for optimal follow-up. Their nutritional status is a bit insecure, as well.

The Clinic has previously had funding for programs to address some of these issues:

- ***Treatment literacy*** programs to explain HIV/AIDS and how to get the most from therapy.
- ***Home visits*** to check on little girls who don't show-up for their appointments.
- Assistance with ***social determinants*** of health, such as the cost of transportation and food.

However, there is no funding at the moment.

Sometimes the things stacked against children seem too great for them to bear: HIV, poverty, lack of education, isolation from care and support. At least they have each other and a loving grandmother. And us ...

Keep praying, Anita

PS – The Clinic recently did [a summary of what programs would help people living with HIV/AIDS](#) here. A [copy is posted on our website](#) under [“Other mission materials”](#) on the Media page.

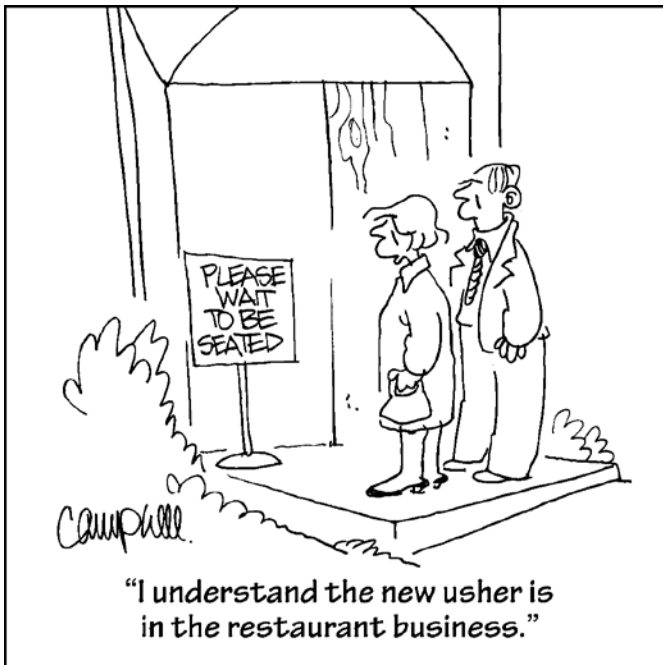
PS II – As a mother with four girls of my own, I especially related to these two little ones. They spent the entire visit holding hands – a sisterly haven of support and alliance, the two of them uniting their strength to face the future.

# 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!



From Newsletternewsletter.com

For the Months of October, let's bring:



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

**Peanut  
butter  
and  
Jelly**



*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](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com)*

*Make sure any spam filters allow email from [cecxlist@googlegroups.com](mailto:cecxlist@googlegroups.com) and [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com)*

### **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 October 25th.**

Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to

[cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).