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Upcoming Events:

- Vestry Retreat, October 31—November 2nd
- Choir Practice, November 5th, 7pm
- Spaghetti Dinner for the Shelter, Friday, November 7th, 4-7pm
- Stewardship Meeting, November 8th, 10am
- Confirmation Class, November 9th, 11:14am
- Veteran's Day, November 11th
- Choir Practice, November 12th, 7pm
- Heart and Hands, November 15, 1pm
- Thanksgiving Service November 16, 9:30am
- Vestry Meeting, November 16th,
- Choir Practice, November 19th, 7pm
- Choir Practice, November 26th, 7pm
- Thanksgiving, November 27th

PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,
 We had a wonderful – and lively – start to October with our St. Francis service. Each year we have a few more feathered or furry friends, and this year I expected a slithery, scaly pet as well. That didn't happen, but we'd have blessed it happily. This month we also celebrate our stewardship pledging with an event from the Stewardship Team and helpers. (They would be happy to have additional members, if you believe that might be your ministry!) As wonderful as our High Tea was last year, we think you'll enjoy this event every bit as much. Be here October 19, ready to eat, laugh, and have a great time!

I have found myself abundantly blessed by God through this past year, in so many ways: family, home, friends, health, and you. In my personal stewardship, I am called more and more to care for this good earth, "our island home" as our Eucharistic Prayer D says. God, thankfully, does not call us to be stewards of everything! But God does call us to stewardship of something. Always we are stewards of our own lives, our relationships and our church. And the church is the primary place where we come together to do the reconciling work of God in the world. We're often

also called to personal stewardship of something God has in mind for us. So, as we consider the stewardship of our money, let's sit with God awhile. God always is more than happy to guide us as we determine how best to be servants and stewards of our Creator's many gifts, and how best we can support the church that is the hands and heart of Jesus in our world. You are all in my prayers, as always.



In peace,
 ML+

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

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WARDEN'S WORDS

by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

Some of you may have noticed that during a recent Morning Prayer service I was crocheting away on a prayer shawl. I'm making it for a friend who is in treatment for cancer. Lisa is a young mother of three young children. She and her husband are also fostering an 18 year old young man.

I recently started feeling an urgency to getting the shawl completed for her so that it can keep her warm during chemo. Working on it during church had an added bonus of keeping me very mindful of the One who can heal my friend. And, given that the reflection focused on how we are meant to be Christians together in community, it also meant that all of those present



were being woven into the shawl as my crochet hook moved back and forth, in and out. The Heart and Hands knitting and crocheting group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Our hands do the work of creating items for people who need them. But I know that those

items go to their recipients with your blessing. I like knowing that bits of Christ Church are blessing people out in the wide world.



For October 12, 2014

- ✦ Call to Order and Opening Prayer, followed by approval of agenda and minutes.
- ✦ The Vestry Retreat was discussed. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday October 31st and end after lunch on Sunday November 2nd. The Agenda for the retreat includes a developmental day.
- ✦ The Bid for an external review of finances was withdrawn; Chandra Hightower will follow up with another firm.
- ✦ Vestry agreed that the November meeting would be solely a review of the draft 2015 budget.
- ✦ There were some additional Chart of Account Changes to make the Treasurer's Report simpler to use and to read.
- ✦ The Stewardship Team event scheduled for Sunday the October 1^{9th} was discussed.
- ✦ Shelter: – Carol Conway reported that we hired Rick Bayless and Paula Tellis to be supervisors. A training session for volunteers is scheduled for October 25th. There is a Spaghetti fundraiser scheduled for November 7. In addition to traditional spaghetti it will include Alfredo. Barbara Bradfute will play piano.
- ✦ The Sr. Warden presented her report.
- ✦ Priest's Report: Among other things, ML+ reported on the meeting held regarding the Simon Kenton School proposed shelter & clothes closet.
- ✦ Following closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES:

GREEN TEAM



Nowadays, many people make choices to reduce their impact on the planet, including using green cleaning products, sorting their recyclables, and even purchasing eBooks instead of paper copies of the latest bestsellers. But being green isn't always that easy. Choosing the cold-water washing machine cycle or packing a refillable water bottle in your purse doesn't take much more than a second thought, but finding a carpool or recycling large electronics can take some effort.

- Joanne Earley

HEART AND HANDS by Patricia Renick

Heart and Hands continues to meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month in the Church office. This is a gathering of people who like to quilt, knit, crochet, and do hand work. Two Sundays ago we blessed a new prayer shawl knitted in the group for one of our shut in parishners. We continue to build our Premie hat project; donating our first dozen to a local hospital soon. As we work, we talk, pray, and light a candle as we lift our hearts to God and place our hands to work. One stitch, one chain, one purl, "a small thing done with great love."



ONE-TO-ONE (CLOTHES CLOSET) by Joanne Earley

We are very blessed with donations right now. We have received five vans FULL of boxes of clothing from the Miamisburg Christian Church. They are in the process of clearing out and restocking and switching over from summer to winter. They didn't want to refuse donations so they decided to accept them and re-donate. They chose us. Now our garage is full and so is the office basement.

We also are attempting to box summer clothes to make room for winter clothes. Our problem is we have no space to put the summer boxes until we empty some of the winter boxes. Maybe I should have refused this donation.

Their clothing ministry is called Threads. They have a separate building adjacent to the church parking lot that is solely used for Threads. In addition they also have a storage POD for off season clothing. Thank goodness we have our shed in which to store our church's lawn equipment, etc. giving us the entire garage for our clothes closet storage.

Both Threads and Clothes Closet have people in need come weekly. Both of us have social workers/school employees/etc. who refer people in emergency situations. Both of us also accept some household items.

We have had some from Family Violence sent to us because they left their situation in a hurry with only the clothes on their back. Just this past Friday (9-19-14) we had a young lady from IHN who needed dress clothes by Monday morning for a new job. We were able to supply her with several articles of clothing Friday. Our problem is that we need plus sizes (1X and 2X) for many of our clients.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

1 Jeff Wells	16 Cheryl & James	2 Suzanne Ellis	12 Karen Patterson
5 Tyson Davis	Eskridge	8 Tanya Ellenburg-	13 Chris Hudson
19 Rick Feinour		Kimmet	Michael Rhyne
23 Kathy Geyer		Dick Loveless	16 Carol Conway
26 Mary Sheehan		9 Barbara Blackburn	22 Isabelle Ellis
28 Emilie Walker		Eric Patterson	
29 Evening Hudson		10 Otto Anderson	



SEEDS OF SPIRITUALITY

What's a Christian to do with Halloween?

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — *hallowed!* — children.

(from NewsletterNewsletter.com)

CECX EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER

It's October and I can't believe that the shelter will be opening next month. Over the summer and the last few months, the shelter received a \$2,000 grant from Meijer for supplies. This was the result of a grant submitted by Marlene Elliott, one of our shelter "angels." We also received a \$2,000 donation from an anonymous donor associated with First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Just last week, we hired two shelter supervisors. Rick Bayless and Paula Tellis will oversee the day to day operations of the shelter. They will each have a 4 day shift along with a volunteer. We are very excited to have Rick and Paula on board. We are also implementing a change to our rules for the guests. The guests will be asked to provide documentation that they are seeking addiction services or paperwork documenting they are working on getting housing. We are hoping that this new change will allow our guests to get the help they need or housing they need more quickly.

Also, our "shelter angels" are planning a spaghetti fundraiser dinner on Friday, November 7. So mark your calendars. Dinners will be \$8. Carryout will also be available. I understand our own Barbara Bradfute will provide beautiful piano music for us that evening, too. We will need some volunteers to serve. So if you are available to help serve, please let me know. Look for more details in the bulletin.

I am pleased and humbled by the support from you and the Xenia community. Thank you as always for being willing to support a ministry that not many others want to take on in their church.

- Carol Conway

STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING

by Mother Lynn Sinnott

Stewardship & Thanksgiving.....

just naturally go together
To Barb Bonham, Becky Gentry, & JoAnne Earley, the Stewardship Team who brought about this year's Luau!

And thanks to Cheryl Eskridge, Pam Feinour, and Steve Kidd, who cooked some wonderful food, and to Brad Alexander and Pete Sinnott, for kitchen labor and setup!

And also thanks to Cynda and Nigel Gunn, Jennie & Lillie Hudson, Lillie's friend Rayna, Lisa Smith, and all the cleanup crew!

Thanks to our hula judges, Elizabeth Clark and Maxine and Larry Thomas!

Thanks to everyone else who pitched in, to all who came and enjoyed the amazing food, the music and the good time.

Thanks to you all for pledging your support to Christ Church, to our work in the community, our worship, and our ministries of all kinds. Your commitments and your gifts are our support for each other, and make it possible for us all to be the heart and hands of Jesus in this world!

Stewardship
Giving Thanks - Taking Care



THREE CHEERS FOR VESTRY— DEFINITION AND ONE TESTIMONIAL

Vestry Member. def.:

- ✦ a prayerful member of a church who is willing to help lead that church where God calls it.
- ✦ a loving church member who is generous, able to laugh at him- or herself, and sees leadership as serving God and others, rather than accumulating power.
- ✦ someone with great courage, able to stand for what they believe, be in disagreement when it's important to disagree, and speak the truth in love.
- ✦ a person of humility and faith, able to accept things when they don't turn out as they'd hoped, knowing that God can bring good out of all things.
- ✦ Someone willing to spend an hour and a half to two hours one Sunday a month for three years – with a month off every summer!

I really don't like meetings. Or conflict. Or having to do actual physical labor of any kind. So of course I said yes to being on the Vestry, then Junior Warden, and ultimately Senior Warden. I said yes to those things because that's where God led me. At the time I felt like I was being put in a crucible of some kind for some purpose known only to God.

But, you know what? Unlike other Vestry experiences I've had, being on Vestry at Christ Church right now is not at all like being in "*a place or occasion of severe test or trial.*" Our meetings are not long. And while we may not always agree on things, they aren't rancorous. In fact, if I had to describe one of our Vestry meetings in one word, that word might be "rowdy." However, Mother Lynn is very good about bringing us back around to the business at hand. Her guidance is a major reason why our meetings go so well.

In addition to the meetings being a lot more fun than I thought they'd be, I feel as though we are working hard to ascertain and implement God's will for Christ Church. And while I might feel individually daunted by that task, working toward those goals with a group, and with Mother Lynn's excellent leadership, feels like a blessing.

I'm glad to be a part of this fabulous group.

-Dana Rhyne

When Mother Lynn asked me to think and pray about being on the vestry, I said to her "You know, I really don't like long meetings." She responded, "I don't either. The vestry meets once a month and we try to finish in 2 hours and sometimes it is 1 ½ hours." And guess what? She was right. We rarely go past 1 ½ hours.

Since I was assured my highest priority was taken care of, long winded meetings, I could now consider what it really means to be on the vestry. For me, it means being part of a group that helps make decisions about what goes on in the church. It means being connected with the good people of the church.

Though we all have various points of view, we listen to each other and then we come to a consensus. It really works well and I am enjoying it very much.

As part of the vestry, we go on a retreat. I haven't been on a religious retreat since high school. So I am looking forward to this experience.

Being part of the vestry has been a positive experience for me and I am glad Mother Lynn asked me to be a part of it.

-Carol Conway

Prayer Shawl Ministry

First & Third Saturday at the Parish House from 1 – 3 pm
bring your knitting, crocheting,
weaving, quilting, etc.

This month:

November 15

(the 1st is cancelled since 4 of us are on retreat)



Thanksgiving Prayers of the People

Sunday, November 16th,
the Sunday before
the Holiday
Come,
give thanks,
and share gratitude.

YOU will be
enriched in every
way TO be
GENEROUS
in every way,
which ... will produce
thanksgiving
TO God.

2 Corinthians 9:11, ESV

Please remember to
sign up for providing
a meal for the
Homeless Shelter.
See Carol Conway
for questions or
visit our website:
www.christ-episcopal-xenia.org



Spaghetti Dinner

Parking:
library/church parking lot,
YMCA across the street,
and the municipal parking lot
across from the YMCA

Cost: \$8 for Adults,
\$4 for Children under 8

Questions:
call Christ Episcopal Church 937-372-1594
or Carol Conway 937-305-0288.

Take out available

Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser for the
Winter Emergency
Homeless Shelter at
Christ Episcopal
Church in Xenia.
All proceeds to
benefit the Shelter.

Date:
Friday, November 7
Time:
4-7 pm

Where: Parish Hall
of Christ Episcopal
Church.
63 Church Street,
Xenia, Oh
phone 372-1594.
Please use kitchen
Entrance.



Homeless Shelter

*Christ Church Christmas Poinsettias
To Honor Your Loved Ones*

Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Christmas Poinsettias. The poinsettias are \$9.00 each.

NAME: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Please indicate color choice and quantity below:

	Quantity:		
Red	_____	X \$9.00 =	\$ _____
White	_____	X \$9.00 =	\$ _____
TOTAL:			\$ _____

Place the order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment. **The due date for your order is Friday, December 12, 2014.**

If you have questions, please contact Chandra Hightower at 937.376.3990 or via e-mail ccilns793@gmail.com.

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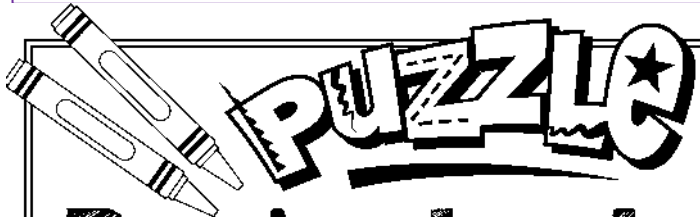
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Children's Corner



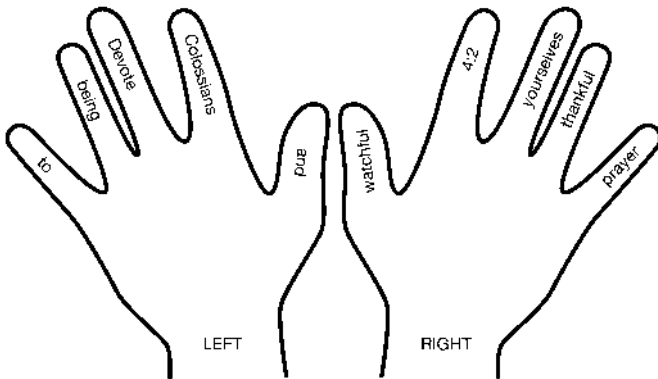
For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)



Praying hands

One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.

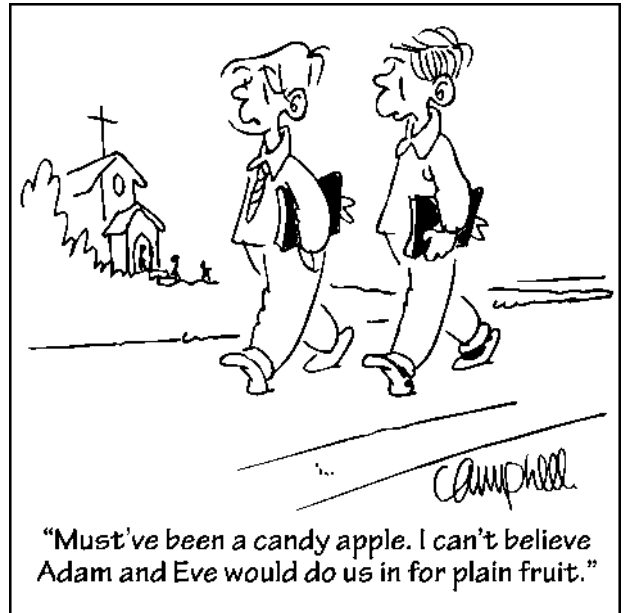
Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.



Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV

Time to count our blessings and give thanks...

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



Bible Quiz

Which of the following is an accurate father-child match from Scripture?

- A. Saul and David
- B. Zechariah and Joseph
- C. Abram and Ishmael
- D. David and Boaz



Answer: C (See Genesis 16:15.)

From Newsletternewsletter.com

Service Calendar, November 2014

Ministry	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23	11/30
Worship Leader	ML	ML	MP (Rick)	ML	ML
Altar Guild	Ruth, Becky	Dana, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Barbara	Pam	Mark	Nancy	Chandra
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Donovans	JoAnne, Brad	Elizabeth, Tommy	Rick, Doug
Intercessor	Debbie	Ruth	Dana	Barbara	Mark
Chalice	Kim	Barbara	-----	Pam	Ruth
Eucharistic Visitors	-----	Rick & Jenny (Faith)	-----	Dana (Bill)	-----
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Eve	Pam & Ruth	-----	JoAnne, Doug	Mark, Debbie
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Larry	Mark	Vikki	Carol

Service Calendar, December 2014

Ministry	12/7	12/14	12/21	12/24	12/28
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	Lessons & Carols
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Ruth	Tommy	Dana	Becky	All Lectors
Ushers	JoAnne, Elizabeth	Donovans	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Doug	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Rick	Doug	Debbie	Ruth	Dana
Chalice	Debbie	Rick	Barbara	Kim	-----
Eucharistic Visitor	Barb, Mark (Faith)	-----	Dana (Bill)	-----	-----
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny & Eve	Pam & Ruth	JoAnne, Doug	-----	-----
Vestry Member of the Week	Barbara	Kim	Tanya	-----	Dana

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

