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### Upcoming Events:

- October 7- 9 Vestry Retreat
- October 9 Blessing of the Animals
- October 9 Vestry Meeting
- October 15 Heart & Hands
- October 16 Second Free Community Meal
- October 20th Trumpet article submissions due
- October 23 Stewardship Event - High Tea
- October 30 Morning Prayer
- October 31 Halloween
- November 5 Heart & Hands
- November 4 All Saints Sunday
- November 4 - 15 Parish Office closed
- November 11 - 12 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio
- November 15 Vestry Meeting
- November 19 Heart & Hands
- November 20 Trumpet article submissions due

## PRIEST'S PAGE

It's October, and we are busier than I'd have thought possible. We celebrate St. Francis with our Blessing of the Animals this Sunday (October 9), and we celebrate God in our midst with the next free community meal on the 16th. (We'll be handing out Halloween bags to the kids that day – and filling them this week after church.) On the 23rd we have our elegant, high-fashion, mouth-watering Stewardship High Tea. In the meantime, the Vestry and I are going on overnight retreat to Transfiguration Convent in Cincinnati. This is their time to renew themselves, to spend quiet time with God, and to strengthen themselves in grace. Keep them in your prayers as they take this time away.

We are a busy church, serving a neighborhood and community that would be poorer without our caring and our involvement. Our church welcomes everyone – and seeks to discover where God would have us work to bring the Kingdom into brighter focus. We are, after all, one of God's "outposts of heaven" in this world. As an outpost, we are meant to be on the frontline of mission and outreach, evangelism and hope.



We are meant to worship in joy and pray in expectation. We are meant to exercise our stewardship in the world and for the world, in this church and for this church.

God wants us here and needs us here; God rejoices in our work and our worship. I give thanks every day for all of you, and pray that we will continue to be the outpost that we have been, and the sign of God's presence in our world.

Peace!

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# WARDEN'S WORDS by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

Happy Fall and Halloween: 🍁🎃

The church repair list is moving along, albeit at a herd of turtles pace. Many volunteers are away, but all will be accomplished. There is no set deadline.

I have been gone for two and a half weeks, but will be returning for Vestry retreat this weekend.

Peace in Christ,  
Barbara Bonham



Next Vestry Meeting is September 11th

## September Vestry Minutes

New Work & Ministry

Formation of Caring Circles was discussed.

New MP Service (ML+ - 4 min.)

Ongoing Work and Ministry

Congregational Conversation Review discussed

Mother Lynn reported on Faith Patterson service/reception

Music Director Search – Mark C. reported on the search team and the new hire. Grand piano was discussed and it was agreed to list a trade on Craigslist.

Grant Application & other funding for parking lot: Dana reported starting on the application process, gathering information

Team Liaison Reports: 1-2 min. each

Altar Guild – no report, Buildings & Grounds - Barb B. reported on list and will be making new list, Christian E&F – no report, Clothes Closet - Brad A. reports we need infants' and men's clothing, Communications - Tanya E-K. reported website updated, First Fridays - Doug P. reported on committee status, Green Team - Mark C. reported on public recycling bin project, Hearts & Hands - Barbara B. reported progress on hats and shawls, Parish Life – no report, Stewardship – Barbara B. reported on the upcoming Stewardship meal, Worship – Barbara B. reported the team planned through December.

Wardens' Reports – Dana R. reported on her plans to work on Welcome Team, Community meals, and grant proposal on parking lot. Barbara B. reported we're still standing and reported on insurance questionnaire.

Treasurer's Report – Doug reported audit is done.

Priest's Report – Mother Lynn reported on Choir Director Interview results and on her passion for Christian Ed and Formation, Welcome, and Maxine's plan for Caring Circles. She also mentioned thoughts on Saturday or Sunday evening worship.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS

Tyson Davis  
Rick Feinour  
Kathy Geyer  
Emilie Walker  
Evening Hudson



OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

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Cheryl &  
James  
Eskridge

# NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BY PETE SINNOTT

I grew up in a family of four children. Our mom taught us that we each had a part in caring for our home and responsibility for that care belonged to all of us. It was a responsibility that we all learned to value. Mom also had a great sense of hospitality. Hospitality meant that we welcomed everyone to our home and that meant that we put forward our very best. When we welcomed a guest everything was shined and the best dishes were out. The windows were clean and the floors were shined.

I believe that our church is our spiritual home and that we care for it in the same way. Each of can contribute in some way to help our spiritual home shine so that we can welcome each other and the community with our very best.

Last spring the B&G team put together a list of items that needed attention in the church and parish house. Since then our Christ Church Family has slowly been taking care of those things. The Vestry committed to redoing the Bathrooms. The upstairs one in the church has been completed and the design and some of the materials came from the church family. Windows have been repaired and doors replaced, gardens tended to and doors fixed.

If you wish to adopt an item please let me know; there will always be a place for your gifts and talents!



## COMMUNITY DINNERS BY BEV KROUSKOP

CECX'S new outreach ministry of supplying free meals to the community is in full force. We have chosen to provide a meal on the third Sunday of each month.

We are hosting our second community dinner on October 16 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The October team of volunteers has planned and is preparing a meal of Homemade Spaghetti with Meat Sauce (or Marinara), Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Brownies and Cake, along with Coffee, Iced tea and Lemonade. Team members are also filling Halloween treat bags for the children with candy donated by the congregation.

Other volunteers are distributing flyers around town advertising the dinner. We are hoping for a good turnout for this dinner and for upcoming dinners in November and December, as we strive to fill a basic need for some within our community.

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10



St. Francis

## Blessing of the Animals

ALL the animals – bring your horses, dogs, cats, birds, mice, llamas, etc.

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**  
**Holy Eucharist & Blessing**

## STEWARDSHIP BY JOANNE EARLEY

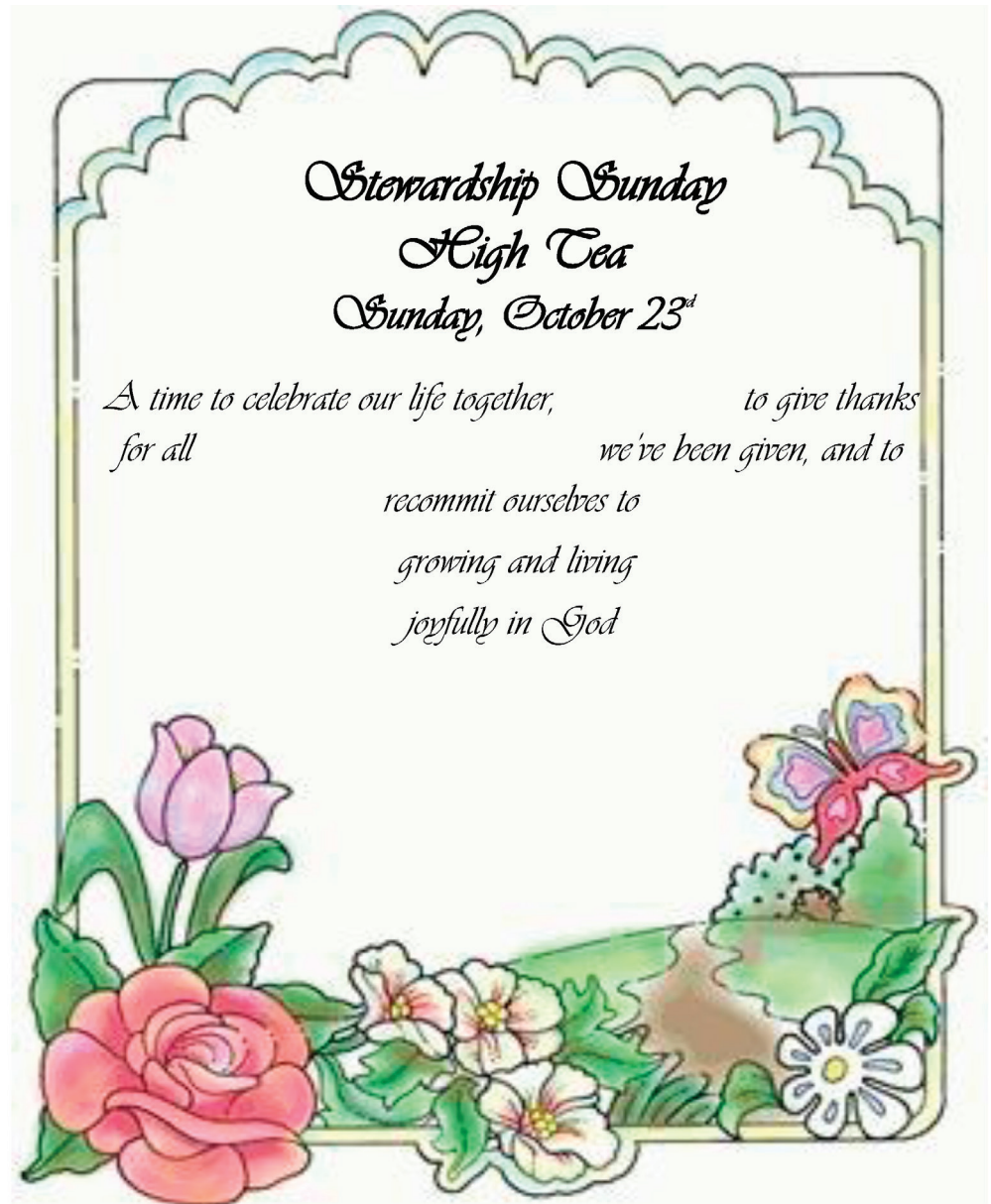
Your stewardship team - Barbara Bonham, Becky Gentry, Joyce Goins, Mother Lynn and myself - are planning this year's stewardship event as a High Tea. We are encouraging you to wear your Sunday best and if you have a special teacup and saucer to bring it along with you.

Our menu includes a variety of pasties, tea sandwiches, desserts, scones and, of course, a variety of interesting teas.

We did change the original date for this event due to the community dinners we are "piloting" this year so as not to confuse those community members attending our dinners. They are planned for the third Sunday each month this year.

Please mark your calendars now, if you haven't already, to be sure you are in church on October 23 for the HIGH TEA.

See you there



You are cordially invited to

*HIGH TEA*

In celebration of

*Stewardship Sunday*

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> of October*

immediately following church

Wear your "Sunday best" & bring your favorite teacup and saucer, if you'd like.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Cor. 9:11

# The Church: Involvement in Disaster Relief.

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Recently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been encouraging churches, and similar, to become more prepared to be able to provide services to their communities in times of disaster relief. Nobody knows when a disaster will strike so we need to be prepared and practiced before the event.

Whilst all churches are able to provide spiritual support to their own congregations, their community will likely embody many other faiths and religions and these people too will require help. Many churches are already set up to provide, for example, beds for the homeless, meals to the hungry, food and clothing to the needy. These services would need to be provided in cooperation with other disaster relief agencies.

Not all are familiar with the protocols, traditions, and etiquette necessary to interface with there other faiths or the procedures and protocols necessary to work with other disaster relief agencies. It is being considered that the installation of an amateur radio station, equipment and antennas, be installed inside our church building to facilitate this interoperability with other agencies.

A number of colleges and institutions provide training courses, often free, applicable to disaster relief and FEMA has several hundred courses available for home study, free on their web site (<http://training.fema.gov/is/>).

A few listed below, appear to be useful to our members:

IS-505 Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competence in Disaster.

IS-366 Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters.

IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System.

IS-360 Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A guide for Schools, Higher Education and Houses of Worship.

Further details from me, Nigel Gunn, on 937-825-5032 or [nigel@ngunn.net](mailto:nigel@ngunn.net).

## Relief for the Victims



## of Natural Disasters

Dearest Friends!

Grace and Peace to you! Off the bat, can we say how much we would rather be sitting down over tea or coffee or etc with you face to face? Smile. It's a good thing we will have eternity to catch up.

We are so very grateful to God and to you for your continued participation in our lives. Truly. So – an update on our life-n-times. Essentially, we are engaged in mission in three institutional contexts, and a couple of what we'll call private contexts. The institutional contexts are:

- St. Francis of Assisi Church Simi Valley, where Sarah is the vicar (3/4 time) and where David works with her in the area of spiritual formation and preaches once a month.

- St. Patrick's School Thousand Oaks, where Sarah is chaplain (1/4 time).

- St. Martin's School, Winnetka, where David is chaplain (part time self-supporting), which is closely connected with St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where David has a close relationship with the vicar and also preaches regularly.

The adventurous journey into participating in these ways with the Episcopal expression of the institutional church continues for us both! Beyond that, Sarah continues with her spiritual direction practice, David has increasing teaching opportunities, we maintain the house, and we seek to pursue our own individual and collective spiritual growth. So - thumbnails on what's happening in these arenas.

St. Francis - As you know, St. Francis hosts the Samaritan Center, an independent service center for those struggling with homelessness (<http://thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org>). One of Sarah's goals has been to enhance this relationship. She participates on the board, provides pastoral care services, and advocates for the center. The church has been working to increase its connection and involvement with the center and the people it serves, which means increased engagement with this arena of need, which can be challenging to many people (us included – smile). The church is also working to expand the mission options for use of the property to serve the community, and reduce the use of water and other resources. Obviously all the factors that are part of a church are present here. We are trying to participate with the Spirit in how to be church in this time and place with this faith community. You can continue to pray for this. While the outward mission grows, we are seeking to expand the spiritual formation opportunities and involvement for the folks who are coming. This is new ground in many ways for the church.

Among other gifts, this past year God has brought a wonderful couple, Esther and Brainerd, to join in the work. Brainerd is a candidate for ordination, and together they serve as a prayer team at worship, do pastoral support and open their home for lectio divina, one of our formation options. They are also delightful people who we enjoy mightily.

Website: <http://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Episcopal-Church/>

St. Patrick's School (K-6) - Sarah leads two chapel services and teaches 3 or 4 values classes each week. The school is adopting some new curriculum and Sarah has been busy this summer, working with the principal, to bring the chapel program and values curriculum into sync with the new format. Sarah has helped build a program that engages interfaith awareness and peacekeeping/making as core values for the school. In addition, she provides pastoral care to some members of the school community.

Website: <http://stpatriksschool.org/>

St. Martin's (PreS – 8) - David will begin his fourth year as chaplain at St. Martin's this fall. The school and church are still wrestling with turn-around and rebuilding — and David is absolutely in love with the eclectic school community and the mission here. Each week he leads five chapel services and teaches 6 Character Development/Religion classes, using customized programming and curriculum. The school and church are working with the diocese to finalize a 3-5 year plan for the future of the mission. We would ask your prayers as clarification of the support the diocese feels it can give to the mission at St. Martins is critical to the project right now. David has been spearheading one grant proposal, and he, Fr. Gabri and some volunteer development help have been working to try and get various balls rolling.

WE CAN NEVER OVER-EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT — PERSONAL, PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL — THAT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE!!! David will again be fund-raising to maintain his position. We will send a separate note about that. Website: <http://stmartinsschool.org/> (A revamped website is on our to-do list) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Martin-in-the-Fields-Episcopal-School/>

And.... While our respective schools are quite different, we work together on our chapel programs, sharing ideas, encouragement and inspiration. This summer we both spent time expanding our knowledge and skills in mindfulness practice for children and teens. David has incorporated mindfulness practice into the curriculum at St. Martins as a core value and it has proved quite beneficial. Sarah's spiritual direction practice is a great joy to her, and her pastoral care work continues apace. Sarah has a charism for funerals, which became apparent during her time as a hospice chaplain, and that has been a grace for the Samaritan Center, the church and the school community. Both St. Francis and St. Martins have benefited from David's abilities as a handyman (smile). AND – this fall David has been invited to participate in leading a seminar about the role of lay ministry at the Episcopal Theological School Claremont and to teach about mindfulness practice at a local church. We continue to keep sacred space at the house, maintaining a place of rest and renewal for us and others. We are seeking to pay attention to our own well-being – spiritual and physical and otherwise! Thank you all again for hanging with us on this journey. We are all part of the great cloud of witnesses together. As always, let us know if you have questions. We keep an intercession cycle with all of you on it. Let us know if you would like prayers directed in a particular way.

With great love and praying great BLESSINGS UPON YOU!

- Sarah and David



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Submissions: Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is October 20.

Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).

# 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!)

## FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

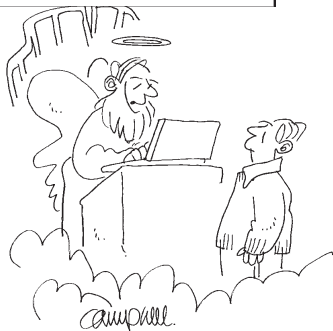
### What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend




### What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



"When I type in your name and 'sin,' sir, there are over 20 million results."

From Newsletternewsletter.com



## Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.  
What does he do for his friends?

*Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.*

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Opposite of hate: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Opposite of yes: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Three minus two: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Not \_\_\_\_\_ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: \_\_\_\_\_
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Opposite of up: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Opposite of death: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Best buds: \_\_\_\_\_

“ \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_: to \_\_\_\_\_  
one's \_\_\_\_\_ for one's \_\_\_\_\_.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

friends,” John 15:13, NIV

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude

Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

## BIBLE QUIZ



## October Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
Worship Leader	MP (Rick)	ML	ML	ML	MP (Pam)
Altar Guild	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth/Tanya
Lector	Barbara/Becky	Tommy/Ruth	Nancy/Pete	Debbie/Dana	Barbara/Mark
Ushers	Doug, Brad	Elizabeth, Rick	JoAnne, Doug	Tommy, Brad	Brad, JoAnne
Intercessor	Ruth	Dana	Debbie	Mark	Rick
Chalice	-	Ruth	Rick	Debbie	-
Eucharistic Visitors	-	Barb/Jennie(Barbara)	Dana (Bill)	-	-
Healing Prayer Ministers		JoAnne, Jennie	Pam, Mark	Ruth, Debbie	-
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Pam	Maxine	Cheryl	Bradley

## November Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	MP (Ruth)	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Pam	Dana/Tanya	Ruth/Becky	JoAnne/Becky
Lector	Tommy, Ruth	Nancy, Pete	Dana, Mark	Debbie/Becky
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, Tommy	JoAnne, Doug	Clariss, JoAnne
Intercessor	Doug	Barb	Ruth	Dana
Chalice	Barb	Mark	-	Pam
Eucharistic Visitors	Kim (Barbara)	Dana (Bill)	-	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Mark, Debbie	Doug, Jennie	-	Ruth, Pam
Vestry Member of the Week	Tanya	Barb	Mark	Tanya