

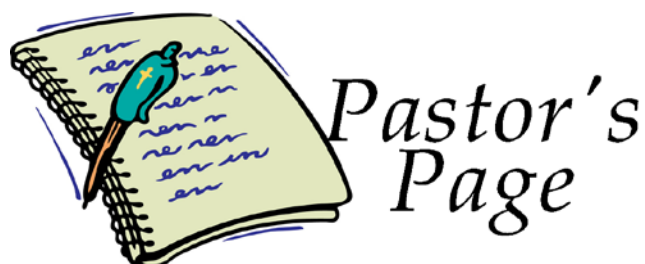


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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

September always seems to surprise me. Summer, suddenly, is over – and I'm never quite ready for that. (On the other hand, I'm *always* ready for the end of winter!)

But with the end of summer comes the renewal of activity at Christ Church. Joe Beal and the choir gathered out at CenterPeace Farm last Wednesday night for the choir's cookout and first rehearsal. The Altar Guild met this past Saturday for another morning Workshop, and the Eucharistic Minister workshop follows on the 22nd. Our Time, Talent, and Treasure stewardship focus kicked off on September 1. And the big surprise – Karen Patterson is bringing a Jazz

Vespers to Christ Church on September 22.

So many things going on – but we're not just busy for the sake of being busy. All that we do deepens our relationships with each other and with God. All that we do enriches our experience of what it is to be *church* – a community of God's people gathered to love the world and bring it home to Christ. Our busyness has a purpose, and we couldn't ask for a better one!

Blessings on all our busyness--
In peace,
ML+



Warden's Words

I can't tell from the temperatures, but we are surely headed toward fall. It happens every year! The days are shorter, the leaves on the trees are starting to let go, & school has started for most people – Xenia High School had a football game last Friday night. For me it's always a bittersweet time of year because I cling to the light and warmth. Winter is not my favorite season. As usual, my brain goes straight from September to February. It's not winter yet, and fall does have its attractions. The World Series, football, sweaters, beautiful autumn colors, and people heading back to church on a more regular basis.

In September we will hear Jesus talk about the wealthy and the poor, the found and the lost, and who should be invited to the table. You know, the same message he is always trying to make us understand! This year, I'm going to try to listen to these familiar stories and consider what they mean for Christ Church. Do the stories pat us on the back and proclaim how fabulous we are? Or do they cause us to reflect on the "more" that we could be doing. What do you think?

Thank you from Jr. Warden

A big shout-out & THANK YOU to those who have been working in the church yard. I would especially like to thank Pam Feinour, Doug Pultz, Bradley Alexander, Steve Kidd, and Joanne Early for their recent hard work. Mwah!

-Dana Rhyne

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Bible Quiz

Elisha was appointed by this prophet to be his successor. Elisha then watched as this man was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. Who was the prophet?

- A. Amos
- B. Elijah
- C. Isaiah
- D. Ezekiel



Answer: B (See 2 Kings 2:11.)

Leadership Lines

News from the Ministries



"In the moment of crisis, the wise build bridges and the foolish build dams." Nigerian proverb



One to One



Clothing Closet

School has begun. That means we will need to begin thinking about switching from summer clothes to winter clothes. We have been boxing up the heavier pieces of clothing all summer. The basement is full. The garage is packed. We are so blessed with our donations.

And speaking of being blessed...

There has been some concern about all the clothing in the garage in such close proximity to our gasoline cans and gas-powered equipment. The clothing ministry has grown so much, and is serving so many people, that we have had to utilize the garage for storage, sorting, etc.

So the Vestry has voted that we purchase a shed for all our lawn equipment, gas cans, etc. away from the donations stored in the garage. They have purchased a utility shed to be placed in the yard beside the garage at the office. Some of the funds are from the Clothing Closet volunteers, some from interested parishioners, and the remainder from a surplus received from one of our funds. It will be in place the week of September 16, 2013.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Submitted by JoAnne Earley

Share One –to –One Closet

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:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 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.



**Personal
Hygiene
Products
Collection**



Relationships

Relation n. - Concise Oxford Dictionary

2. What one person or thing has to do with another, way in which one stands, or is related to another, kind of connection or correspondence or contrast or feeling that prevails, between persons or things.

In three different dictionaries, there was no word "relationships".

Hum, could this be a "made-up" word, perhaps, the word is not there to dissect, but we ALL have relationships. We, none of, us need a dictionary to define our many and varied relationships.

Many of our relationships are so personal we do not want to share the details. Perhaps some relationships are out there for the world to see.

In the context of stewardship, how many relationships can we call to mind? Yes, there are the finances of running the church, but I am Not referring to the pledges we fill out every year when a member of the stewardship stands and announces... it is that time of year, again.

A relationship could be totally one sided. Have you ever paid it forward, slipped a 5 or 10 dollar bill to the Kroger checkout, especially good if you can make sure the person following could use a boost?

Hold the checker to solemn silence!...at the gas station... or a drive through.

There are interactive relationships--help someone load their groceries, really smile at someone who is obviously having a BAD day, be prepared for no response, or a growl. How about a harried mom at Walmart, 3 boys all going in different directions, and one screaming at the world in general: 3 tiny Matchbox cars, less than a coffee at McDonalds, much less than Starbucks, slipped into the mom's hand, or on the checkout counter. A relationship is born.

The everyday world about us abounds with relationships.

Fresh, ripe tomatoes, sliced and in a sandwich. Ever think about the very anonymous people who had a hand in giving us the tomato?

A walk with someone you love--you never have to say a word to make your relationship closer.

Volunteering for an activity, one you are passionate about, and there will be at least one relationship born.

Water and weed your flower garden, and listen to God speak through the beauty of your relationship with the earthy things you love - well maybe not the weeding.

Look into the eyes of your cat or dog the next time you feed, or play with them. Talk about relationships!

Call your best, oldest friend, with whom you have not spoken in months, perhaps years. This is such good thing to do, and relationships are rekindled, love is simply love.

Hold your children, and their children in a close relationship of love and if there are differences (as there always are) let them dissolve.

When in church give yourself enough time to be in a relationship with God.

Give to others the relationship you desire.

Give to the church the relationship you desire.

I think prayer is one of the key relationships we have in this life.

Be open to the Lord's directions in our relationships, I am almost always taken aback and quietly surprised by the results.

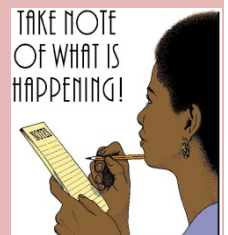
Notice from the Green Team: Buy Local, Fresh Produce

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.



Dates to Remember

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|------------------------------------|---|---|
| September 8 th 11AM | - | Vestry Meeting |
| September 11 th | - | Remember 9/11 |
| September 12 th 5:30PM | - | Vespers reception meeting |
| September 13 th 5:30PM | - | Stewardship Meeting at the Nickell House |
| September 22 nd 11:30AM | - | Eucharistic Ministers Training |
| September 22 nd 6:30PM | - | Jazz Vespers at Christ Church |
| October 6 th | - | Blessing of the Animals |
| October 18 th | - | Spaghetti Fundraiser for the Homeless Shelter |
| 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

08 Claris Donovan
Erika Patterson
18 Linc Thomas
19 Jennifer Hudson
21 Ruth Hazel
Angie Lowe
23 Jeremiah Gillespie
27 Lee Anne Stookey

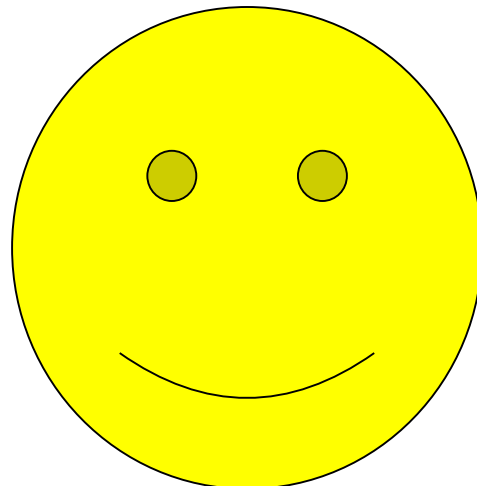


If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

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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!)



From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

| 2-letter words | 3-letter words | 4-letter words | 5+ letters |
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____

Answers will vary.



Keepsake **BOOK**

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



Jazz Vespers at Christ Church

"Awake my soul and sing..."

Episcopal worship services are usually classic worship, dating from the earliest days of the Church. They follow a familiar form, and there is comfort in that familiarity, in the flow of prayer that has changed little for hundreds of years.

But what if we stepped a bit outside that familiar embrace for an evening? What if we listened to those same words in a way that could give us a fresh perspective on their meaning? What if we let God speak to us through a musical form that is built on improvisation while it lifts up the beauty of the ancient prayers?

Come and meet God in the extraordinary gifts of our musicians, in the quiet of the darkening evening, in the startling union of ancient prayers and a new way of praying. Jazz Vespers turns Evening Prayer inside out. We each offer our best gifts to our creator, and in this service, the music is among the finest of gifts we can return to God.

**Our musicians for this worship are
Karen Patterson and friends.**

**Let God meet you in the music and the familiar words.
These are, indeed, "gifts of God for the people of God"!**

Sunday, September 22nd at 6:30PM at Christ Church Xenia



Homemade Cleaning Products Recipage

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|--------------------------------|--|
| All-Purpose Cleaner | Put equal parts white vinegar & water in a spray bottle. Add a few drops of lemon juice to make it smell pretty (but don't worry, the vinegar smell dissipates as soon as it dries). |
| Carpet Stain Remover | Mix equal parts baking soda (or borax), salt, & white vinegar. Mix into a paste and apply to the stain. Let it dry, then vacuum it up. |
| Drain Cleaner | Pour half a cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by half a cup of vinegar. Let it fizz, then flush with hot water. |
| Moldy Grout Remover | Mix half a cup of hydrogen peroxide with one cup of water. Spray it on the moldy tiles, let it sit for one hour, then rinse. |
| Shower Cleaner | Fill a spray bottle with water and add 5-10 drops of tea tree oil. Keep it in your shower. Shake it up and spray down the walls and curtain after each shower. Replace every other week. |
| Toilet Cleaner | Mix 1/4 c. baking soda with 1 c. vinegar and pour the mixture in the toilet basin. Let it sit for a few minutes, then scrub and flush. |
| Stainless Steel Polish | Polish stainless steel surfaces with a paste made from vinegar and baking soda, then rinse well. |
| Washing Machine Cleaner | To clean hoses and unclog soap scum, pour a cup of vinegar in the washing machine and run a normal cycle with no clothes. It's recommended to do this monthly for a sparkling washing machine. |
| Air Freshener | Throw a few cinnamon sticks or cloves in a pot of water and let it simmer on the stove. You could also use any scent of essential oil that you like. |

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Suggestions
from the Green Team



Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, September 2013

| Ministry | 9/1 | 9/8 | 9/15 | 9/22 | 9/29 |
|--|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Worship Leader | MP-Rick | ML | ML | ML | MP-Rick |
| Altar Guild | Dana, Becky | Pam, Tanya | Ruth, Becky | JoAnne, Becky | Dana, Tanya |
| Lector | Chandra | Nancy | Dana | Pete | Debbie |
| Ushers | JoAnne, Brad | Elizabeth, Tommy | Donovans | Rick, Doug | Tommy, Brad |
| Intercessor | Debbie | Dana | Doug | Mark | Barb |
| Chalice | ----- | Pam | Ruth | Debbie | ----- |
| Vestry Member of the Week | Dana | Mark | Larry | Kim | Chandra |

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 |

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

We Are The Chosen Ones!

It is exciting to have our work recognized for excellence by the Dominican Ministry of Health. We were selected to pilot a medical record system for people living with HIV who are receiving treatment. We were selected because the Clinic's HIV unit is up-to-date in the present national electronic data-base for HIV/AIDS.

The present national HIV/AIDS database is incomplete, full of errors, and rife with discrepancies. In contrast, the Clinic's data has always been accurate and current.

We are told that the present system is apparently too complex for most centers to manage. For example, some units had registered 2,000 patients, but had less than 500 patients when audited. Problems with the list of active patients included multiple registrations for the same patient and failure to remove deceased patients. Which medicines the patients are taking is frequently uncertain in the present database – a big problem for the Ministry of Health as it wants to use the database for ordering anti-HIV medicines and planning future needs.

We will be piloting the new streamlined system while continuing to duplicate entries in the old system. This means that we will have triplicate records on our patients. We rely on “old-fashioned” paper charts because of the frequent electricity outages.

For the Clinic's efforts, the Ministry of Health has provided two new file cabinets, a new computer, and a data entry technician (the technician is temporary for the pilot program, but the Clinic keeps the file cabinets and computer).

One might argue that the Ministry of Health should choose one of the worst centers to pilot the new system to determine how well it works under “real life” conditions. We are committed to quality patient care. We have the resolve to make whatever system work because at some point we know that it does impact the quality of patient care. Whatever improvements in are made in the hardware and software, commitment and resolve are probably not something that can be programmed into the system.

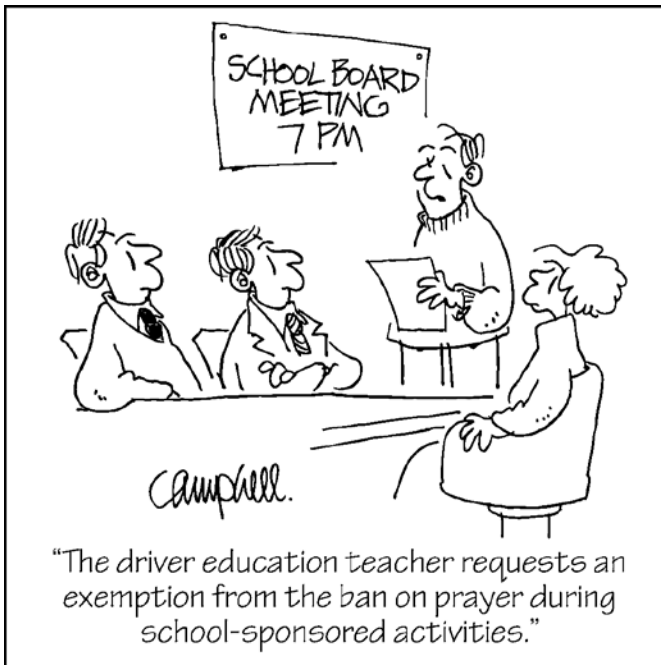
Keep praying, Anita

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 June and July, let's bring:



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**Oatmeal
and
canned
Beef Stew**



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

Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxlist@googlegroups.com and 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 September 25th.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to

cecxtanya@gmail.com.