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Upcoming Events:

- Choir Dinner- Wednesday, September 3rd, 6pm
- Heart and Hands, September 6, 1pm
- Choir Practice, September 10, 7pm
- Vestry Meeting, September 14, 11:30am
- Choir Practice, September 17, 7pm
- Stewardship Meeting- September 20, 10:30am
- Heart and Hands, September 20, 1pm
- Budget Kickoff- September 21, 11:30am
- Choir Practice- September 24, 7pm
- Confirmation Classes- September 28, 11:15am
- Choir Practice— October 1, 7pm
- Heart and Hands- October 4, 1pm
- Confirmation Classes- October 5, 11:15am

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

September is busy – teams begin to meet again and to plan their work for the rest of the year. Our choir director, organist and choir return this month (☺) and our worship is enhanced as we begin again to sing more of our liturgy. We look forward to our annual Stewardship Event, and we look forward to Advent, and a program that leads us into a holy Christmas.

The Vestry is giving the life of our congregation serious thought, and will be exploring where we may be called to go from here. Someone recently asked me if we were a dying congregation. I think we could be – but only if we choose to be. Our impact in this community is huge in proportion to our size, and that's not something that is usually said of dying congregations. From my perspective, I don't want Christ Church Xenia to die. I think God has both work and joy for us, and the Vestry and I will be praying and talking about that over the coming months.

As you move through these days of early Fall, I ask you to pray every day for Christ Church, for the Vestry and for everyone who serves this church in any capacity – and that's most of you! We are one of God's outposts in this community, and we offer the world a beautiful way to come to know God.



Peace, everyone-
ML+

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Submissions:

Anyone who wishes to submit anything 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.



WARDEN'S WORDS

by Dana Rhyne, Senior Warden

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. 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. But 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 Kingdom of Heaven and how we should behave toward one another. If God has forgiven us much, then how can we not forgive one another? I must admit that in this time of polarizing politics the concept of forgiving "the other side" comes hard. But Jesus says that the tax collectors and prostitutes will go into the kingdom of God ahead of me and so I will make the effort to love all of God's children. How about you? Is there someone in your life that you are finding hard to forgive?



For August 11, 2014

- ✦ Vikki Carter reported that the lawn furniture has been re-stained by Rick Bayless
- ✦ ML+ reported that the renegotiation of the Woodhull (printer) contract is complete and gives us reasonable costs.
- ✦ Chandra Hightower, Treasurer, presented the Audit and Audit Team recommendations to the Vestry. Recommendations were discussed, and the Audit approved.
- ✦ Dana Rhyne, Sr. Warden, reported that the diocese has scheduled a videographer to record a virtual tour of CECX for the diocesan website. (all diocesan churches are being filmed)
- ✦ Dana also reported that we applied for and received a diocesan COCL grant to help CECX with clergy health insurance costs for the rest of 2014 and into 2015.
- ✦ The Clothes Closet will end Saturday monthly openings in September
- ✦ The Green Team will apply for a free recycling container for the church
- ✦ The Shelter received a \$2000 gift certificate from Meijer (went shopping!) and a \$2000 grant administered and awarded by First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Xenia
- ✦ The Stewardship Team is gearing up for the 2014 Stewardship Event and Pledge Drive
- ✦ Worship Team is scheduled to have its first meeting August 23.
- ✦ Sr. Warden shared survey of interfaith community
- ✦ Jr. Warden (in absentia) reported on roof and energy audit discussion continued
- ✦ Treasurer's Report discussed and accepted for audit by Vestry
- ✦ Priest's Report discussed CECX's responsibility to supply clergy health insurance as per diocesan guidelines.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES:

GREEN TEAM

would like to remind folks of the following:



At Christ Episcopal Church, the Vestry has made a commitment to an ongoing initiative to recycle and cut back on wastes in order to be custodial to God's green earth. As a community of God's people, we demonstrate our thanks by taking care of God's gifts. Money has been set aside to purchase compostable kitchen disposables. If you see we're running low, please let Becky know. If you'd like to purchase something, please make sure your purchases are compostable. Pete and Mother Lynn take our compost and use it on the farm, so we're helping them out as well. If you have brought in Styrofoam or non-compostable plastics, please take them home for your own use. Your generosity is wonderful, and we hope you'll continue to support the Church in this commitment to show our gratitude for our world.

HEART AND HANDS — Patricia Renick

Heart and Hands is short for Hearts to God Hands to Work. We are a group of people who love to knit, crochet, quilt, do hand work. Gathering on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the Parish House across the street, we begin with prayer, light a candle then dig into our project bags and begin to work. The ministry is creating premie caps and prayer shawls, but we also find time to work on other projects too. Mostly we enjoy the fellowship of faithful people doing a "small thing with great love. Please join us if you like this kind of work and fellowship.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please note, the directory lists the wrong phone number for Mother Lynn. Please contact the Parish office to receive the correct phone number.

Also, our Warden, Dana Rhyme has noticed that people have been trying to contact her on her old phone number as well. Please contact her through her work cell phone number: 513-456-0474



CHOIR TRUMPET SUBMISSION ▪ Joe Beal



The chancel choir will start their 2014-15 campaign with a kick off cookout

and rehearsal at Mother Lynn's beginning at 6:00 on Wednesday, September 3. Bring a side or dessert to share and your singing voice for a great evening of fellowship.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

If you cannot make the cookout, we rehearse every Wednesday night from 7-8 at the church. If you would like to join us this year, we would love to have you! Ages high school and up are welcome regardless of experience or real or perceived talent. All you need is a desire to praise God with music and an enjoyment of singing.



SEEDS OF SPIRITUALITY

Prayer of Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will try to trust you always

though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

STEWARDSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL ISSUE— NOT A MONEY ISSUE by Becky Gentry



Each year I begin my Stewardship with prayer, asking God for guidance. I'm on a fixed income and not able to tithe yet, but I try each year to increase my giving. My goal is to reach my ten percent and keep it there. Christ Episcopal Church is the first church I've pledged to. I never really thought about it before with my former churches, but somehow it seems right to pledge here. I read somewhere that everyone who pledges is already giving proportionately. And that the Firstness of the tithe is more important than the Tenthness. I like to feel that I give to the extent that my spiritual health empowers. This church has a real mission in the community and has a real sense of vision. I pledge my time, talent, and money to continue that vision.

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!

The three things I like most about serving on Vestry is as follows:

1. I feel like I'm connected to what is going on in the church and with the people. I feel informed on how the church fits in the Diocese and the Anglican Communion. I feel invested in the Church and in God's work.
2. I enjoy the puzzle solving and conversations that Vestry have at the meetings. There's a constant effort from all to understand the viewpoints of others and meet everyone's hopes and dreams for what Christ Church can be. And when we get distracted on an issue, Mother Lynn is there to reel us back in on topic, which usually results in an outburst of laughter, followed by realization that we're totally off track.
3. The people serving on Vestry are diverse in backgrounds and training/education. This provides a wealth of knowledge and experience. I've learned so much that I keep coming back.

-Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet



September 21st

Enjoy a special Coffee Hour

Come and eat, and help start the budget process with a Bible Study.
Support your teams as they plan their mission
and budget for next year at Christ Church

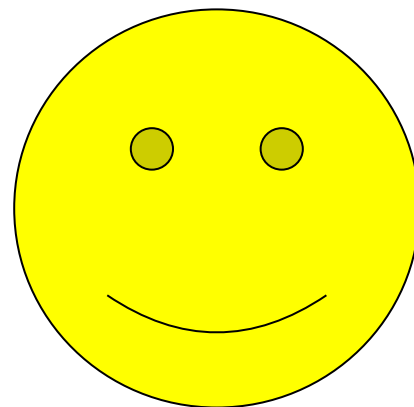
2015
Budget
Kickoff!



Prayer Shawl Ministry
First and Third Saturday at the Parish House
1 – 3 pm
bring your knitting,
crocheting,
weaving, quilting, etc.
This month:
September 6 & 20



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!)



Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

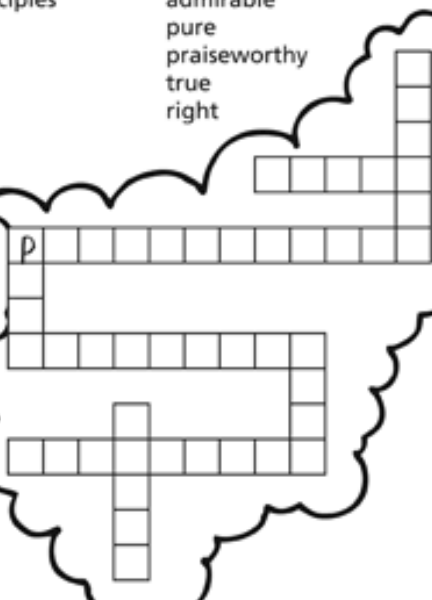
COLUMN 1

correct
commendable
extremely good
having high moral principles
deserving respect
pleasant
real
wholesome

COLUMN 2

excellent
lovely
noble
admirable
pure
praiseworthy
true
right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things."
Philippians 4:8, NIV



Bible Quiz

According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

- A. 12
- B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)
- C. 490 (70 times 7)
- D. 144 (12 times 12)



Answer: B (See Luke 10:1.)



Service Calendar, September 2014

Ministry	9/7	9/14	9/21	9/28
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP-Ruth Hazel
Altar Guild	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya
Lector	Nancy	Chandra	Becky	Tommy
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Donovans	Elizabeth, Tommy	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Rick	Doug	Debbie	Dana
Chalice	Rick	Mark	Ruth	n/a
Eucharistic Visitors	Mark, Kim (Joyce)	Rick, Jenny (Faith)	Dana (Bill)	n/a
Healing Prayer Ministers	Mark, Debbie	JoAnne, Doug	Pam, Jennie	n/a
Vestry Member of the Week	Barbara	Vikki	Kim	Carol

Service Calendar, October 2014

Ministry	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP-Barbara
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Dana	Becky	Pete	Debbie
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Donovans	Elizabeth, Tommy	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Barbara	Mark	Rick	Doug
Chalice	Debbie	Barbara	Kim	n/a
Eucharistic Visitors	Mark, Barbara (Mary)	Rick, Jenny (Faith)	Dana (Bill)	n/a
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jenny, Eve	JoAnne, Ruth	Pam, Doug	n/a
Vestry Member of the Week	Dana	Larry	Mark	Tanya

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

