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Upcoming Events:

- Yard Sale Benefit Greene County Housing, 10 E. Main St, Aug.29 8am-4pm
- Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Shelter, Senior Center Aug.29 9am-noon
- Morning Prayer, Aug. 30
- Choir Picnic at Mother Lynn's Sept 2, 6-8
- Last First Friday of Summer Sept 4
- Heart & Hands Sept 5, 1-3pm
- Breakfast Sunday Sept. 6
- New Outreach Team mtg Sept 6
- Worship Team mtg, Parish House, Sept.12 1-3
- Heart & Hands Sept 12 10:30 –12:30
- Vestry Sept. 13
- Anti-Racism Training, Proctor, Sept 19
- All Crafters interested to Wool Gathering , Sept. 20
- Morning Prayer Sept 27

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PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

It's all about Evangelism. We're doing it – and I think we've made a good start. Here's what I mean:

Our larger, more readable sign by the outdoor prayer box says in bold letters: "We Pray!", then goes on to invite passersby to place their prayer needs in the box. We pray for these needs on Sunday mornings – and they are some of the most heart-felt needs we'll ever hear.

Doug Pultz and his band of "First Friday-ers" have been meeting the Xenia public the first Friday of every month since May. We always have a game and prizes for the kids. The favorite prize has turned out to be crystal-cut plastic crosses in a variety of colors. The kids – and grownups – love them. We have a prayer box on that table as well, where people put their needs and concerns. Doug hears many good comments about Christ Church from people passing by – they know who we are and are happy about what we do in this community.

We have a new banner going up in the front yard – with thanks to the United Church of Christ. This banner, a development of the UCC, reads:

Be the Church--

- Protect the environment.
- Care for the poor.
- Embrace diversity.
- Reject racism.
- Forgive often.
- Love God.
- Fight for the powerless.
- Share earthly and spiritual resources.
- Enjoy this life.

I've taken to standing on the front porch of the church on Sunday mornings, waving to passersby in their cars and chatting with walkers. Many people in cars now wave in return, and one young man rolled down his window and called out: "Have a great service!" I have to admit to feeling a little silly – this is **not** my comfort zone – but if someone gets a sense of church that's welcoming, then I can be a bit uncomfortable.

Several parishioners, among them Tanya and Dana and Kim, keep us front and center on Face Book, sharing the good news.

So you see, evangelism isn't all that difficult, and does not need to be. It's simply wanting to share with others, out of love, the Good News we have found here.

In peace, ML+



WARDEN'S WORDS by Barbara Bonham, Junior Warden

This morning I did see the first inkling of fall, brownish leaves from a maple in the back yard. The corn is beginning to brown from the earth up, and don't the huge cotton ball clouds look a bit different. Many think that fall is the time to start hunkering down, WINTER is just around the corner, true, but as the weather cools it is the perfect time to:

Clean out and possibly replant the side garden by the kitchen entrance; put up our new sign.

The library will be working at length to repair the walkway between the back of the Parish Hall and their walkway.

There is on going discussion about the widening of the arch door leading into the sacristy to allow easier access for wheelchair and walkers.

As cold weather approaches the thermostats will be switch over to heating and again; set with a fixed code.

A word of THANKS to Lee for the truly fantastic floor refurbishing job that he did in the Parish Hall. The floor GLEAMS !

If there are concerns about relevant issues please give me a call or catch me at coffee hour.

Also use the Red Tags. Thank you for helping to keep our church home so beautiful.

Peace in Christ,

Barbara



Blessings or burdens?

Interruptions can be viewed as sources of irritation or opportunities for service, as moments lost or experience gained, as time wasted or horizons widened. They can annoy us or enrich us, get under our skin or give us a shot in the arm, monopolize our minutes or spice our schedules — depending on our attitude toward them.

—William Arthur Ward



8 Claris Donovan

Erika Patterson

18 Linc Thomas

19 Jennifer Hudson

21 Ruth Hazel

23 Jeremiah Gillespie

27 Lee Anne Stookey

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES





For August 9, 2015

- ✦ D. Rhyne made a motion to approve the agenda; C. Conway seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- ✦ C. Conway made a motion to approve June Minutes; M. Cummings seconded. 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstain
- ✦ To-Do List was reviewed and D. Rhyne presented a T-shirt design.
- ✦ Upcoming Events:
 - ✦ Lector's/Intercessor's Workshop – Sunday, August 23
 - ✦ Choir Picnic will be on Wednesday, September 2
 - ✦ Outreach Meeting – Sunday, September 6: have group forming
 - ✦ Anti-Racism Workshop, Procter – Saturday, Sept. 19 – a call for anyone involved in ministry to go
 - ✦ Wool Gathering – Heart and Hands will be attending it on Sunday, Sept. 20
 - ✦ Stewardship Harvest will be held at Mother Lynn's house on Sun., Oct. 11 (HE: @ church in am) – B. Bonham will write something up for bulletin and newsletter.
 - ✦ End-of-Life Planning – Sunday, November 1
 - ✦ Bishop's Visit is still confirmed for November 8
- ✦ Wedding Contract – B. Bonham will present after another warden's meeting; highlights of research on prices were presented.
- ✦ D. Pultz made a report on First Fridays; gave pricing for getting 2 cases of Bibles to hand out at First Fridays; vestry decided by consensus to allot funds to purchase these Bibles.
- ✦ M. Cummings reported on the status of Simon Kenton - they say there are no plans for an emergency shelter; M. Cummings spoke on expenses of the CECX Shelter and financial situation.
- ✦ D. Rhyne presented on the Church banner & sign for Prayer Box.
- ✦ D. Rhyne reported on Welcome Training – status on training; when to gather them and give out schedules.
- ✦ Team Liaison Reports: Altar Guild (Pam F.) – no report, Boy Scouts –(Doug P.) will contact them on schedule, Christian E&F (ML+) purchased the Mustard Seed series – not acceptable, Mother Lynn is sorting through them for usability, they will also be used for Clothing Closet and First Fridays. We subsequently purchased The Sunday Paper on our own, a good resource for visiting kids; Clothes Closet (Tanya E-K.) – reported short on funds and lots of donations, Communications (Tanya E-K) – no report, Green Team (Mark C.) – we have 2 new members and an article, Hearts & Hands (Barbara B.) – Wool Gathering announced and preemie hat project reported, Stewardship (Barbara B.) – Stewardship Harvest, Worship (Dana R.) – No report
- ✦ M. Thomas presented 4 banner proposals; She's going to continue to work with Fr. Elaine; Vestry approved a tentative design
- ✦ Sr. Warden's Report (Dana R., 3 min.)
- ✦ D. Rhyne made a motion that we transfer \$100 to the Discretionary Fund for the Sexton's honorarium. B. Bonham seconded; 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstain
- ✦ Jr. Warden's Report will contact LJB for doorway expansion information
- ✦ Treasurer's Report M. Thomas makes a motion to finish paying the diocesan assessment the \$7185.02, D. Rhyne seconded. Motion carried unanimously. D. Rhyne moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. C. Conway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ Priest's Report – presented a note to Bishop on operation expenses with the Shelter counting for mission share
- ✦ Closing Prayer (Dana R.) and Adjournment (ML+)



The next Vestry Meeting
will be September 13th.



NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team would like to remind you that Farmer's Markets are beginning to show up again. Fresh, local, healthy food is waiting for you. The harvest is in full swing. Many will even have fall decorations, pumpkins, squash, and straw bails for the coming season. While your pondering your yard decorations, we would like to share a recipe as an alternatives to harmful commercial pesticides or herbicides. The recipes quoted below as well as the source.



"To make ½ cup of herbicide use:

- ¼ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup table salt
- ¼ cup dish soap

Mix these three ingredients together and place them into a spray bottle and then spray the mixture on your plants. The vinegar kills the weeds and the salt prevents the weeds from growing. Soap permits the herbicide mixture to cling to the plant."

<http://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/homemade-herbicide-kill-weeds-without-killing-earth.html>

"Oil Spray

For those annoying sap-sucking insects -- such as aphids, thrips, spider mites and whiteflies -- create a home-made oil spray using 1 tablespoon of dish soap [not containing bleach] and 1 cup of cooking oil from a newly open bottle of oil. This concentrated liquid must be mixed with water before use with a ratio of 4 teaspoons of oil mixture to 1 pint of water. Until you are ready to use it, store the concentrated oil mixture in a glass jar in a dark, dry and cool location. Apply a liberal mist of the homemade oil spray to the vegetables once every seven days to thoroughly control the pests."

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/homemade-organic-pesticide-vegetables-45069.html>

Then let's consider some daily definitions that are being thrown around on the subject of composting. **Recyclable does not equal Compostable and vice versa.**

Recyclable: Items like paper products, glass bottles and jars, metal tins/cans, plastic bottles, and cartons. These items need to be clear of food grease. For instance, the pizza box top, but not the bottom if the grease soaked in to it. This all is recyclable, meaning that it can be processed and made into something else commercial. It needs to be loose (not bagged) and dumped into a recycling bin. If you bag your recycling, most plants will NOT open your bag and will send the bag to the landfill. See <http://nonrecyclables.com/> and <http://tinyurl.com/o72n4c9> (for NPR article on this subject).

Compostable: Paper products, food, lawn cuttings/sticks, anything marked compostable. These products can be taken to composting organizations or dumped into a composter or compost pile. Be careful with the food products because grease slows the process and meat smells summon wildlife.

Landfill: Anything that can't be recycled or composted. It is sad when recyclable items end up in the landfill, it is less sad when compostable items end up here. The compostable plate will break down within a year, unless preserved by some other factor., such as grease or being in a plastic bag. Glass bottle will last 1 million years, plastic beverage bottles will last 450 years-eternity, and aluminum can will last 80-200 years. Things that are only destined for landfill which have alternative replacements: Styrofoam cups and disposable diapers will last 450 years –eternity, a plastic bag will last 10-20 years, and a cigarette butt will last 1-5 years... http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/coastal/trash/documents/marine_debris.pdf <http://sciencelearn.org.nz/Contexts/Enviro-imprints/Looking-Closer/Measuring-biodegradability>

Want to help the environment? The quick way is to avoid Styrofoam and plastic whenever you can, use biodegradable or recyclable plastic when you must, choose plant fibers (bamboo) over old wood, and recycle everything that you can. Remember, that compostable product may not be recyclable, but it won't be a burden like the Styrofoam to the environment.



Heart and Hands continues to meet faithfully almost every two weeks. Prayer shawls have taken a back seat to the making of preemie bonnets. At the last meeting we had made 110 bonnets, with a goal of 150, which is approximately a three month supply. The finished and blessed bonnets will go to MVH in Dayton.

Perhaps after this crunch for so many preemie bonnets, we will again have more diversity with shawls, scarfs, bonnets, Chemo hats for children and adults; suggestions are welcomed.

Plans are afoot to gather at The Wool Gathering in YSO, this September. Also a luncheon and 'fiber' shopping spree is in the planning stage for November. A reminder to our church family, all are WELCOME to share in this ministry. You can learn to crochet or knit in a matter of a couple hours, which is the length of our biweekly meetings. Also you may simply sit and chatter, pray, share your ideas. For projects, bring anything you choose to work on, or nothing but yourself. We laugh and share some wisdom; please consider joining us. Peace in Christ, Barbara



ONE TO ONE CLOTHES CLOSET— JoAnne Earley

Thank goodness for that storage shed. We continue to be blessed with donations from the community. We have the basement and part of the garage packed with boxed winter clothes. We have racks full of clothes in the three rooms upstairs in the office and the garage is packed also.

We have totally exhausted the clothes closet budget. Our last purchases were body wash and deodorant in July. I limited each client that week to one of either not one of each. I had only one client decline. I ran out of items before we closed.

Plus sizes are our shortest available clothing articles right now. We can always use personal hygiene items, household items, kitchen items, linens, bedding.

Thanks to those of you who donated clip hangers. We are surviving for right now.

Spread the word that we are open Tuesdays from 10 to 2. Christ Church Xenia recycles clothing and household items.



STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING by Becky Gentry

Labor Day is fast approaching and those of us with jobs should be thankful. For work is a part of our lives. And the money we earn working allows us to do the things we want or buy the things we need (or think we need!). But just imagine having no job, or a roof over your head, or not knowing where your next meal is coming from. Most of us have never experienced this – but for millions in this country and around the world, this is their life day in and day out. What does this have to do with Stewardship? As Stewards of Christ, we need to help and protect our fellow human beings in any way we can. This can be accomplished by running a Homeless Shelter, sending funds to buy livestock through our Episcopal Relief Fund, donating time to feed people at Caring Place, volunteering to tutor children and adults with reading problems. This and more is part of the work done by Christ Episcopal Church, and funded by you through your pledges and offerings. God gives us a choice about how to use our money, and our choices are making a difference!!!



Please remember to sign up for providing a meal or helping staff the Homeless Shelter. See Mark Cummings for questions or visit our website:
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♥ Caring
for the
Community



• Yard Sale to Benefit Greene County Housing at 10 E. Main Street
August 29 from 8am-4pm

• Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the Winter Emergency Shelter at the Senior Center
August 29 from 9am-noon



The Heart & Hands group will attend the Wool gathering at Young's Diary on Sunday, September 20, after Church because of the Anti-Racism training at Procter on Saturday, September 19. Make plans to attend!!!



Come Join the Choir!

First meeting is a picnic at Mother Lynn's estate September 2nd at 6pm for dinner, 7pm for rehearsal. Bring a dish. No singing experience



Here is a link to an information site on Zenobia Powell Perry, a deceased parishioner many remember. Some folks may want to check it out.

<http://www.zenobiapowellperry.org/index.html>





Confirmation group's Quiet Day at the Procter Center 2015



Anti-Racism Training, at Procter Center on Sept 19
(let Becky know if you are attending by 8/30)



I wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation for the spiritual nurture you provided me and my family the past 35 years we had the privilege of being with you. You made us welcome from the outset and continued to welcome our children whenever they visited after they left. You serve for us and many a glowing example of vibrant discipleship. May you so continue

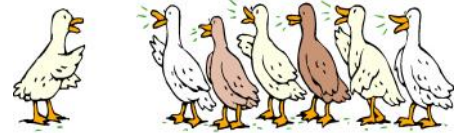
Shalom,

Jack Kitch
Kirkwood Village, Room 107
1 Kirkwood Circle
Bethlehem PA 10817



Pancake Breakfast for Shelter at the Senior Center,
August 29th
Yard Sale for Greene County Housing September 29
Choir Picnic at Mother Lynn's September 2
Heart & Hands: September 5 & 12
Heart & Hands to Wool Gathering: September 20
Vestry: September 13

Meetings and Upcoming Events



Christ Church Parish Hall Schedule

The following meetings are private, especially Anger Management, and we are committed to giving them the privacy they need. We always have access to the church and the sacristy through the sacristy and church doors, should we need it. Many thanks for your kindness!

AA meetings: Wednesday morning, 10 to 11 am; Saturday night, 7-8 pm

Anger Management: all day Thursday, 9 am – 7 pm

Cub Scouts: Tuesday evening, 6:30 pm

Traveling this Summer?
Visiting other churches or
places of interest?
Attending any events?
Share with your fellow parishioners
here in the Trumpet!



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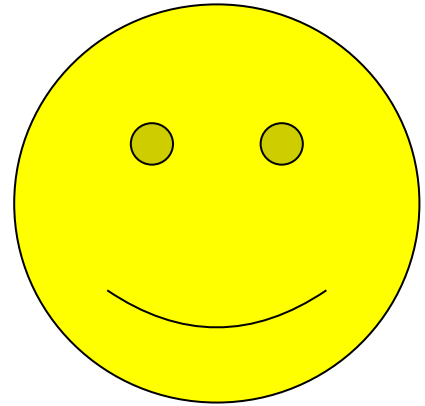
Submissions:

Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. **Deadline for submissions is September 20.** Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to 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!)















PUZZLE

STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.

all body eyes evil crops fear health honor wise love your with

Do not be  in your own ;
 the  and shun .
 This will bring  to your 
 and nourishment to  bones.
 the LORD  your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

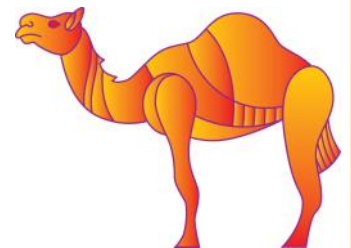
Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.



Bible Quiz

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats



Answer: A (See Job 1:3.)

Ministry	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP – Rick
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky
Lector	Nancy, Pete	Debbie, Barbara	Mark , Pam	Tommy, Becky
Ushers	JoAnne (u), (g) Doug	Claris, Brad	Elizabeth (g), JoAnne (u)	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Doug	Ruth	Barbara	Dana
Chalice	Debbie	Pam	Rick	n/a
Eucharistic Visitors	-----	Jenny	Dana	n/a
Healing Prayer Ministers	Debbie, Jenny	JoAnne, Doug	Pam, Mark	n/a
Vestry Member of the Week	Maxine	Pam	Brad	Dana

Ministry	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	MP - Barbara
Altar Guild	Dana, Becky	JoAnne, Tanya	Pam, Becky	Ruth Tanya
Lector	Becky, Tommy	Ruth, Nancy	Pete, Debbie	Barbara, Mark
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Claris, Rick	Elizabeth , Tommy	Rick, Brad
Intercessor	Debbie	Mark	Rick	Doug
Chalice	Ruth	Barbara	Pam	n/a
Eucharistic Visitors	-----		Dana	n/a
Healing Prayer Ministers	Debbie, Mark	JoAnne, Doug	Ruth, Mark	n/a
Vestry Member of the Week	Maxine	Pam	Doug	Barbara

We now have 2 Lectors do the readings: #1 will read the Old Testament, we sing the Psalm, #2 will read the New Testament. Also, we now have 1 usher and 1 greeter. ***Lectors: if you can't be there on your scheduled Sunday, see if your Lector partner will do both readings or find a substitute.

