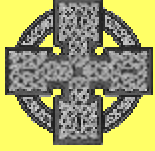


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Worship and Liturgical Participants

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Dear Christ Church friend:

This autumn we have been in the process of designing a new web site for the parish. A generous gift from parishioners has made it possible for us to engage professional web designers and create a first-class product. The Internet and web technology has of course, become the primary method of communications in the world. Having a vibrant, engaging and well-designed web site is crucial for any organization – profit or non-profit – to communicate who they are in the world. Because the gift monies we received allowed us to work with top notch people in the field, Christ Episcopal Church will premiere an incredible new web site on Thanksgiving Eve that incorporates all the most current features that web technology provides. The transition will begin at noon on Wednesday and be complete later in the day—depending on how fast various web agencies associate our name to the site's new location. Please be patient with any down time during the transition process.

I can not begin to tell you how elated I am to have our desire for a new web site become a reality. As you relax and enjoy the long Thanksgiving Day weekend, take some time to visit the new cometochristchurch.org web site and take a tour of the various pages. You will find some outstanding content in both the prose and the photography. I would suggest that your passing along this site to one new person not in the parish would be an easy, low-impact form of evangelism. Give it a try. You never know how the Holy Spirit will work through you and this web site to grow the parish.

And when you give thanks this week, please remember to give thanks for those who made this project possible. And maybe most especially, be thankful for a church faith community that is vibrantly alive as it continues to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this corner of God's Kingdom through word and deed and now a fantastic web site!

With innumerable blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,

Peter +

*called to seek and serve
Christ in all persons at the
crossroads: The Body of
Christ offering infinite
respect and radical
hospitality to ALL people."*

Parish Leadership 2010

Katie Ong-Landini ('11) *Senior
Warden*

Greg King ('12) *Junior Warden*

Christina Forward *Clerk*

Mark Biggerman ('13)

Patricia Burgess ('12)

Charlie Buss ('12)

Gorman Duffett ('11)

David Gray ('13)

Mary Jo Groppe ('13)

Jennifer Lanz ('12)

Marge Stewart ('11)

Jim Walton ('11)

Andrew Stead (youth member)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special prayer requests this week:

- For the continued healing of Martha Ray.
- For Mary Jo Groppe who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- For Patricia Burgess as she continues her chemo treatments.
- For Mary Alice Groppe, mother of Carl, who is ill.

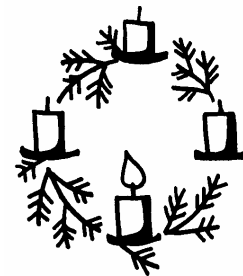
Thanksgiving Day Service of Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 am on Thursday, November 25. Come give thanks to God for all the blessings of your life. We promise to get you home before your feast and kick-off time.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Regular hours resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

Scripture readings for this week, Advent 1: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, and Matthew 24:36-44.

Advent begins November 28th, This SUNDAY!

Meditation booklets for children and adults, candles, and Advent wreaths are available at Church. Stop by the table in the Great Hall this week, and find something special to help you and your family to prepare for Christmas!



A dvent L essons and Carols Sunday, D ecember 5, 4:00 pm

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst is hosting the Third Annual Advent Service with the choirs from Church of the Epiphany, Euclid and Christ Church, Shaker Heights. This is an evensong service with Advent carols and scripture passages focusing on our salvation history. All are invited to join us in this wonderful seasonal tradition. A reception will follow. Good Shepherd is located at 23599 Cedar Rd, Lyndhurst.

Advent Quiet Day

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9:00 am to 12 noon for a times of meditation and prayer to prepare for Christmas. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you can.

Order your Christmas Altar Flowers today.

The order form for Christmas altar flowers is on the table in the Great Hall. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones or just given to support the festive the season. The cost is \$20 per commemoration. Please print all information on the form. Envelopes are available for cash payments. Orders must be prepaid. The deadline for listing in the Christmas bulletins is Sunday, December 19.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Annual Christmas Cookie Walk Sale,

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Delicious homemade cookies, mix and match by the pound. Give as gifts or enjoy them yourself. We need bakers to help with this event. Contact Martha Towns ([Martha's email](#)) or Lynn Winkelman ([Lynn's email](#)) if you can help. There is also a signup sheet in the Great Hall.



Do you love to sing Christmas music?

Have you ever thought about joining the choir, but can't commit to rehearsals every Wednesday and Sunday?

The Christ Church Choir invites you to join them this Christmas Eve for the 10:30 pm service. All that we ask is that you come to three of our four Wednesday rehearsals during the month of December from 7:00—8:00 pm. We'll be rehearsing popular Christmas Carols, excerpts from Vivaldi's beloved *Gloria*, and a new piece written specially for the Christ Church Choir by Dr. John Bertalot. No experience necessary - we'd love to have you!

Please contact Justin Miller for more information at music@cometochristchurch.org or (609) 529-5396.

Lights, Cameras, Action! Calling all young actors and actresses for this year's Christmas pageant! Sign-up sheets for cast members and adult volunteers (costumes, snacks, etc.) are in the Great Hall. Rehearsals will be held on 12/12 and 12/19 following the 10:30 service. This pageant is a great chance to teach your children the true meaning of Christmas, as well as an opportunity to invite new families to the church. Please indicate what role or type of role (speaking/non-speaking) your child might be interested in, but understand that not everyone will necessarily get their first choice. Please e-mail Graham Lanz at graham.lanz@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Thanks!
Graham Lanz,
Pageant Director

Holiday Community Meal



SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH

NOON-1:00PM

Please join us for a delicious *holiday* meal!
All proceeds will go directly to our Community Meal fund.

~ Suggested Donations ~

\$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

\$25.00 for a family

Please RSVP by email to Lisa Fletcher at eeafletcher@aol.com or sign up on the sheet in the Great Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, Dec. 19, Messiah Sing-A-Long. Join our choir and the Heritage Chorale for this 2nd Annual Event. Rehearsal at 3:00 pm, light supper at 4:30 pm, performance at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by Dec. 15 to music@cometochristchurch.org.



Remaining Adult Forums for 2010

Adult Forums begin at 9:15 am and last until 10:15.

*Unless otherwise noted the forum is presented in
the Good Shepherd Room.*

*Advance reading materials will be available in the Great Hall
one week before the class.*

- November 28: The Prosperity Gospel: Will Jesus Make You Rich?; with Patricia Burgess
- December 5: Stump the Priest; with the Rev. Peter Faass
- December 12: The "O" Antiphons of Advent; with the Rev. Peter Faass
- December 19: What's Happening at Christ Church; with Patricia Burgess

LAST CALL

Support the Concerts at the Crossroads!

Christ Church CDs available for a donation of \$7.50 each!

We have three titles:

[Music For Christmas](#), recorded at Christ Church in 1980.

Some beautiful arrangements of some Holiday favorites. Performed by the Christ Church Choir. Geoffery Smith, Organist & Director Of Music.

[And I Saw A New Heaven](#), recorded at Christ Church in 1983.

A nice collection of sacred hymns, mainly arranged by David Willcocks. Performed by the Christ Church Choir. Geoffery Smith, Director Of Music. Organ by William Trafka & Carol Wipper

[Stanford Goes To Africa](#), recorded at Christ Church in May, 2010.

Nathan Carterette's final big concert at Christ Church. A concert blending Charles V. Stanford's traditional English mass with *The Missa Luba*, a contemporary mass in traditional Congolese style. Performed by the Christ Church Choir. Lisa Rainsong and José Gotera, guest soloists, Batu, percussion ensemble, Nathan Carterette, Director of Music, and organist Patrick Parker.

They make great Christmas gifts!

Hiking Group update:

For those of you unable to hike with us on Saturday, let me say that you missed a beautiful hike, complete with moonrise, a mystery side trail, a water crossing that we turned back from, and dark woods. It was lovely!

Your next chance to hike is our THIRD annual early Advent night hike -- Friday night, December 3, leaving the church about 7 pm. This will be a full night hike -- no daylight to disturb us. Destination will depend, in part, on who's coming, but North Chagrin is a definite possibility, as is Bedford Reservation. Please let Lynda Bernays know if you are interested (lyndabernays@sbcglobal.net or 216-337-5946, c). Contact Lynda Bernays if you are interested in joining either event: lyndabernays@sbcglobal.net or (216) 337-5946.

Hospitality Ministry needs your help.

Please consider providing snacks for fellowship time following Sunday services. Use this link to sign up on line: [CEC Coffee Hour](#) If you need suggestions on types of food and quantities, see Marion Dingus. A signup sheet is also available in the Great Hall.



Altar Flower Donations are needed. We have a number of weeks available where no one has signed up to provide flowers on Sunday morning. These donations remind us of God's beautiful gifts. Donors are welcome to give the flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. The two vases cost \$75 per week and may be split between two donors. Contact Don Jackson, Parish Administrator (216-991-3432) or sign up on the chart next to the office door. Commemoration cards are available on the usher's desk.



Do you know someone curious about God
or someone disenchanted with
past church experiences?*

Invite them to join us for Saturdays at 5:30

A casual worship service of music, prayer,
scripture, reflection, bread and wine.



Christ Church Chapel

*Or maybe Sundays are not always convenient
for you to come to church.

Other Parish Announcements

Weekly Deadline Reminders: eNews submissions and
Sunday bulletin announcements are due by 12 noon on Tuesdays.
Thanks for adhering to these times. It does help the office work flow.

Recycling Reminders: At Christ Church we recycle:

- Plastic, glass, and aluminum ONLY go in the receptacle at the door to the Good Shepherd Room (please put food waste in the other containers in that room).
- **Non-alkaline household BATTERIES—look for the container under the desk in the Great Hall. Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and may be disposed with other trash. Non-alkaline batteries will be accepted for recycling.**
- PAPER only in the Abitibi bins outside (no food, no plastic, no cardboard). Bring any other paper products from home and we receive a fee by the pound for all paper in the bins.
- **PAPER only in the small blue baskets** around the church. These are emptied into the Abitibi bins outside so the same content rules above apply to these containers.
- **INKJET & TONER CARTRIDGES:** bring your computer printer cartridges and deposit them in the box under the desk in the Great Hall. No need to bring the packaging, we only send the cartridges back. We receive a fee for each cartridge recycled. Thanks to Lynn Winkelman and her business, Sol Ink & Toner, for this benefit.

Persons who wish to pay their pledges using stock will now do this through an account with the Diocese of Ohio. Members or their brokers may contact the Parish Administrator for complete information.

Liturgical Participants

Sunday, November 28, 2010

Liturgical Assistants at 8:00 am: Valerie Schmedlen & Carol Franklin
Liturgical Assistants at 10:30 am:
Crucifer: Austin Walton
Torchbearers: Skylar Cargal & Kaela Ruffin
Lectors: Graham Lanz & Charlie Buss
Sub-Deacon: Bob Elliott
Chalice Bearers: Marion Dingus & Sheila Pedigo
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: n/a
Usher Team Leaders: Linda Graves & Jim Kucera
Vestry Counting Teams: Jim Walton & Patricia Burgess (Sunday), Jenn Lanz & Katie Ong-Landini (Saturday)

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Liturgical Assistants at 8:00 am: Gorman Duffett & Charles Griffith
Liturgical Assistants at 10:30 am:
Crucifers: Josh Dingus
Torchbearers: Ben Shelling & Kira Ruffin
Lectors: Katie Ong-Landini & Mark Swaim-Fox
Sub-Deacon: Pat McGarry
Chalice Bearers: Mischelle Lohr & Hilary Mason-King
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: n/a
Usher Team Leaders: John Schneider & Kerrin Buss
Vestry Counting Teams: Marge Stewart & Mark Biggerman (Sunday), Gorman Duffett (Saturday)

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