

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WARREN, OHIO**

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Christian Formation for Adults 9:15 am

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Wednesdays 10:00 am

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Megan's Mittens	
Linda Day	
Clothes Closet	
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Christmas Pictures	
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April 2017

The Power of the Resurrection

How is your Lent going? Have you kept up with your chosen discipline? If you have, great! I pray that your relationship with God is improving. If you haven't, well...that's ok, too. There is still time to turn things around and toward God. Or if you are like most of us, there have been some lapses, but generally you are repentant and are trying your best... and that's all God wants.

We are in the home stretch. Holy Week looms ever closer and we can see the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. That light (assuming it's not an oncoming train!) represents our hope. Hope that we can finish our Lenten discipline. Hope that things will be looking up in Easter. Indeed, hope in the Power of the Resurrection! Sometimes, unfortunately, it really is an oncoming train. Sometimes our situations seem to mount against us...two mortgage payments, two college tuitions, student loan debt, and cancer in a loved one comes back. We all have our lists... sometimes with only one or two train cars, sometimes with all of the above and the caboose! And that's exactly why we have church. Friends, fellowship, Scripture Study, and the Sacraments all point us to the redemptive work of Jesus. I am excited to announce that our very own Dr. Irvin Jones is beginning a small group! Irv has extensive experience in facilitating small group discussions and Spiritual Direction. This group will be open to all

and we will begin on Wednesday April 5 at 5:30 Soup and Study. The breadth of topics is up to you. So, if you would enjoy some enlightening fellowship and insightful discussion this group might work for you! Also, spearheaded by Heather Burge and Anita Brennan, we are having a pot-luck after the First Sunday in Easter (April 23rd) to discuss the logistics of a regular community meal where we can host our neighbors and build transformative relationships.

In addition to fellowship and good works, we are blessed with the Good News that we are not alone when things look bad...when things are bad. God sent his Son to be with us, to show us the way through the challenges of life, to help us navigate the often unfamiliar, unfriendly train tracks this world so often presents us. And we trust that Jesus is the Way.

This Lent we learned, with the help of the Rev. Adam Thomas' Unusual Names segment of Unusual Gospel for Unusual People Studies from the Gospel of John, to trust

the great I AM. Jesus is the Bread of Life which sustains us both physically and spiritually. Jesus is the Light of the World guiding us from darkness to glory. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. We trust his voice to love and comfort us in times of need during our perilous journey as well as casting us out of our complacency. Jesus is the true Vine connecting us with each other and to the source of our existence.

So, as we wind up another Lent, let us do so with integrity. Please, make an effort to attend as many Holy Week services as you can so that you can contemplate our Savior's Passion more fully. Then bring a friend to the Great Vigil to welcome a new Christian to the fold through Holy Baptism. And on Easter Sunday let us trust in the Power of the Resurrection to overshadow any train that threatens to overcome us.

And, please always remember that I am lovingly yours, in Christ,

Fr. Jeff+

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Palm Sunday (The Sunday of the Passion) Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for peo-

ple of great respect.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion.

These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

Maundy Thursday—April 13 at 7:00pm

The Thursday in Holy Week. It is part of the Triduum, or three holy days before Easter. It comes from the Latin mandatum novum, "new commandment," from Jn 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed." Egeria, a fourth-century pilgrim to

Jerusalem, describes elaborate celebrations and observances in that city on Maundy Thursday. The Prayer Book liturgy for Maundy Thursday provides for celebration of the Eucharist and a ceremony of the washing of feet which follows the gospel and homily. There is also provision for the consecration of the bread and wine for administering Holy

Communion from the reserved sacrament on Good Friday. Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

Good Friday—April 14 12:00 and 7:00 with Passion Gospel

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. In the early church candidates for baptism, joined by others, fasted for a day or two before the Paschal feast. In the west the first of those days eventually acquired the character of

historical reenactment of the passion and death of Christ. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross).

Eucharist is not celebrated in the Episcopal Church on Good Friday, but Holy Communion may be administered from the reserved sacrament at the Good Friday



Vestry

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received from Tourism Bureau. The grant is designated to cover the cost of marketing and advertising. Fr. Jeff submitted a request to the diocese for a \$1500 step-down grant.

- Vestry Retreat Follow-Up**

⇒ Held March 5th following 10 AM service. Several members of the parish attended. Rev. Brad Purdom facilitated. Vestry commitment to outreach efforts essential. Parishioner involvement is critical. Outreach is given without thought of a monetary return. The foundation of outreach is not transactional but relationship oriented.

- SEMA Diocese Support 2017**

⇒ \$1000 requested from JIF Outreach Fund to support payroll. This is CEC's contribution to SEMA. A request for \$4000 was made to the diocese for support. To date no funds have been received



Office Hours 8:30 am—2:30 pm Monday through Thursday
 Finance: Monday & Thursday 9-2
 Sexton 6a-12p — Housekeeping 5:30a-10:30a
 Fr. Jeff: Tuesday– Friday
 (Office closed on Friday's—Rector by appointment)

Vestry Members

Steve Watts-Sr. Warden
 Al Novak -Jr. Warden

Shari Harrell–Shape
 Linda Day
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Need a Ride? Give a Ride?

It has come to our attention with our aging members, it is often hard for some to make their way to church on Sunday's. We would like to compile a list of members who no longer are able to drive, but would like to attend either the 8 or 10:00 service.

If you are a regular at 8 or 10:00 and would be willing to "Give a Ride" on a rotation to those in need Please call or email Melanie in the office.
secretary@christchurchwarren.org

Not only is this a great opportunity for personal outreach, you are also offering fellowship to someone who may be otherwise isolated and homebound.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

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Vestry Highlights from March

- **March for Meals**
(Trumbull Mobile Meals)

⇒ Nationally an annual initiative. All funds raised stay in Trumbull County. Request to Vestry to designate a Sunday in March for a free-will offering to support Mobile Meals. Funds raised will be used to provide daily meals to the elderly, ill and homebound. Fr. Jeff suggested that the collection continue until \$200 has been raised.

- **Ladies and Little Ladies Tea**

⇒ Date: May 6th. Reservation number increased to 64. Ticket sales - \$8.00 for Ladies and \$4.00 for Little Ladies. Music program held at 11:30 AM with the

luncheon Tea following. Hopefully music program will focus on area children performing.

- **Taste of Warren**

⇒ Scheduled for Saturday September 23rd. CEC has sold wedding soup. CEC plans to participate again this year.

- **Outreach Initiative**

⇒ Chairmen Anita Brennan and Heather Cole-Burge

Their outreach focus is relationship building both for the community and internally. A variety of opportunities will be offered and implemented based upon parishioner interest. Opportunities could include: parish potlucks, hospital

visitation visits to read to children, nursing home visitation visits to those without families, help for parishioners with needs and community meals. There are no limits to the opportunities. This Outreach Team will be known as MICE – Making Memories and Community Efforts. The first event will be a parish potluck held on Sunday April 23 following the 10 AM service.

- **Music Director Search**

⇒ One resume has been received. An interview will be scheduled.

⇒ Choir Meeting – A meeting was held with the choir. Feedback received from the choir on selection considerations.

- **Outreach Update**

⇒ Medieval Festival – Up to \$4500
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Easter Vigil—April 15 at 7:30pm

The liturgy intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter in the BCP (pp. 284-95). It is also known as the Great Vigil. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. Through this liturgy,

the BCP recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.



Easter Sunday Services

8:00am—Chapel
10:00am—Church Children's Egg Hunt to follow

ALLELUIA!
Christ has Risen

Regular Vestry Meetings

The Vestry of Christ Church meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Library. (exception— July and August). ALL regular pledging members of the Parish are welcome to attend meetings.

If you have an idea or suggestion for Vestry, you can be invited to the agenda by talking to the Sr. Warden, Steve Watts.

Financial Highlights

Why we support the Good Friday Offering

While world news media has focused on refugees flowing into Europe and North America, they are also flowing into Ethiopia. Refugees are from Sudan and South Sudan and have brought their faith with them to a refugee camp in Gambella in western Ethiopia. The Gambella Anglican Centre opened in 2010 and provides a central gathering place for the 90 Anglican congregations. It includes a chapel, library, and sports facilities. One of the needs is to provide training for clergy and lay leaders who have had virtually no access to formal education. In 2015, a theological college started training leaders for the church.

This is one of the efforts supported by the Good Friday Offering for the Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This province includes North Africa and the Horn of

Africa as well as the Middle East - some of the most desperate places in the world, where heroic work is being done in Anglican schools and hospitals, and in refugee camps like Gambella.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is asking for our support: Every year your presiding bishop requests us support the Good Friday Offering. Why? Because we walk the walk of Christ when we walk in solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East, who keep the faith in the very land Jesus called home. We advocate for the voices of those who work fearlessly for peace in the midst of unrelenting violence. We support ministries of healing, education, pastoral care, and interfaith cooperation rooted in a deep desire for a future full of reconciliation and hope."

200 UPDATE

ARE YOU INVOLVED? ARE YOU EITHER LEADING A 200 PROJECT OR PARTICIPATING IN ONE?

- ◆ THE IDEA BEHIND ALL THIS, ONCE AGAIN, IS TO HELP OTHERS IN SOME WAY BY DOING OUT-REACH PROJECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.
- ◆ WE HAVE THE CURRENT 200 PROJECTS LISTED ON A POSTER BOARD IN THE NARTHEX. YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN ANY OF THESE OR START YOUR OWN.
- ◆ WE WILL SOON HAVE CONTAINER BOXES IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOU TO PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS.
- ◆ SOME OF THE PARISHIONERS ARE DOING THEIR OWN SILENT PROJECTS & THAT IS OK ALSO. ONE THAT I HEARD IS LISTING 200 THINGS IN THEIR LIVES THAT THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR.....
- ◆ WE ARE TRYING TO UPDATE THE DIOCESE ON OUR 200'S AND ANY SUCCESS STORIES THAT CAN BE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE. PLEASE LET EITHER MELANIE IN THE OFFICE OR MYSELF KNOW ABOUT THESE SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR INFORMATION.

—THANK YOU, DON

Making Memories In Community Efforts (MMICE)

On Sunday, April 23rd, the Church MMICE will be hosting a Pot Luck Brunch following 10:00am Service. We are looking for any interested members to join the newest Outreach Program at Christ Church. All members and friends welcome. Sign up sheet for the Pot Luck will be posted in the Narthax. Please bring a covered dish to share in friendship and fellowship.

As part of our 200, we have some pretty fun ideas to make memories while giving back to our Community. Some of the ideas include Volunteering to visit Nursing Homes, Animal Shelters, Visit Children in the Hospital, Collecting Items for Women's Shelter, Luncheon for our local First Responders and Technology Night, just to name a few. All of which will be addressed at the brunch. Any and all ideas welcome. Looking for some friendly faces to join us. Any questions, please contact Heather Burge (419) 961-6097 or Anita L. Brennan (484) 429-5498.

DIRECTORY

There has been a great response for a "NEW" current directory. Many families have turned in their updated information. If you have not yet completed an updated contact form, please do so and return it to Melanie by Monday, April 3.

ALSO, I would like to add a services directory to the back. If you are a professional and or provide services...i.e., Bookkeeping, financial, legal, child care, handyman, plumbing, medical/ dental, etc. we will advertise for you for FREE.

Email
secrtary@christchurchwarren.org
 by Thursday, April 6 with your information and LOGO if applicable. This is a great way to increase your business while providing theses service to your brother's and sister's in Christ.

PLEASE REMEMBER: *If you do not complete an updated information sheet, any contact information on file will be published in the directory.*

There are forms available outside of the office.

The directory will be distributed on Easter Sunday following the 8 & 10 services.

Thank you, Melanie

ST. JOHN'S RED DOOR CAFÉ

Sunday, April 23 following the 8:00 service.

Jan and Wynn Henrey are looking for 8 volunteers to go to Youngstown to help serve lunch.

All of the food will be prepared and no desserts are needed.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside of the office.

For over 30 years, St John's has hosted a free community meal every Sunday at noon.

A variety of churches and civic organizations from the community take turns preparing meals, serving and cleaning the kitchen. Everyone is welcome to come eat.

Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

Tea

All Ladies and Little Ladies at Christ Church and guests are invited to a tea-luncheon on Saturday, May 6, at 11:30 AM. We will begin with a musical program. The tea will be in Parish Hall at noon. Come and enjoy the program, good fellowship and food! Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. You can purchase your tickets beginning Sunday, April 2

through Sunday, April 30 from Janet Gladd after the 8 AM service and from Mary Anne Stefanick after the 10 AM service in the Narthex. Please contact Jeannine Morris, Linda Day or Mary Ann Stefanick if you are willing to share your tea pots. If you bring them to the church before May 6, they can be stored in the Handbell Room.

Easter Flowers

Deadline for Easter Flowers is Monday, April 10. There are forms in the Narthex & outside of the office.

I am looking for a few volunteers that will be attending the Vigil on Saturday to place the Easter Flowers on the Altar during the PEACE.

If you are interested, please contact me in the office for instructions. It is fairly simple, but you need to move quickly. Thank you, Melanie

Men's Breakfast

The men of Christ Church join together for breakfast, Bible study and fellowship on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet at 7:30 in the morning in rooms 8 and 10.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017.**

Any of the men in the Parish, or guests are welcome to join this gathering and enjoy the learning and the fellowship.

Annual Rummage Sale

Friday April 7th 9am-5pm with early birds 8-9am with \$5.00 donation. **Saturday the 8th 9am-2pm** with bag sale 12-2 at \$2.00 bag. Collectibles, electronics, clothing (adult and children), household items, books, toys, tools and MORE!

There is a sign up sheet outside of the office and in the Narthex if you are able to give of your time. Looking for help setting up and during the sale.



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Christ Episcopal Church Parish Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Eucharist @ 8a & 10a Adult Ed 9:15	6:30p Tia Chi	10a Crafts	10a Healing Service	Choir		1 SCA Spring Event (building)
2	3 SET-UP Rummage Sale	4 7p Bells	5 7:30a Men's Breakfast	6 Backpacks Team C	7 8-5p Rummage Sale	8 9-2p Rummage Sale Toast Masters
9 Palm Sunday	10 7p Bells	11	12 Backpacks Team D Pick up Thursday	13 Soup Cooking 7p Maundy Thursday	14 12p & 7p Good Friday Service	15 7p Easter Vigil w/ Baptism
16 EASTER 8 & 10 Eucharist	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 7p Bells	19 6p Vestry	20 11-2 Soup sale Backpacks Team S	21 12:00 DAR Library	22 Toast Masters
23 St. John's Red Door Café 11:15 Parish Potluck	24 7p Bells	25	26	27 pm WPO Reh. Backpacks Team A	28	29
30 3p Warren Philharmonic						