

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WARREN, OHIO**

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Sundays

Traditional Services 8:00 & 10:00 am

Christian Formation for Adults 9:15 am

Healing Service with Eucharist

Wednesdays 10:00 am

We're on the web
www.christchurchwarren.org

**Ministries of Christ Church
and Contact Persons**

Acolytes	
Faith Scarmuzzi	330-856-1819
Flowers/Tower Lights	
Church Office	330-372-4998
Altar Guild	
Jan Henrey	330-395-4812
Janet Gladd	330-856-3505
Bakers Guild	
Linda Day	330-395-8818
Cub Scouts	
Eric Baritell	330-395-4885
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	
Joe Gladd	330-6385945
Eucharistic Ministers	
Faith Scarmuzzi	330-856-1819
Card Ministry	
Craft Ladies (Tue.)	330-372-4998
Craft Group	
Janet Gladd	330-856-3505
Garden Committee	
1st Presbyterian Lunch	
Liz Clark	330-856-1371
Greeters	
Jeannine Morris	330-392-5690
Ladles of Love	
Jan Henrey	330-395-4812
Music Director	
	330-372-4998

Outreach	
Fr. Jeff	330-372-4998
Security	
Steve Wats	330-856-1977
AV	
Deb Murphy	234-806-5187
Kathy Wildman	
Bazaar—By Committee	
Jan Henrey	
Becky Watts	
Sandee Skovran	
Nancy Maggiano	
Wedding Soup	
Nancy Maggiano	330-550-9677
Second Harvest Collection	
Pat Murray	
Ushers	
Don Scarmuzzi	330-856-1819
St. John's Collection	
Nancy Maggiano & Pay Murray	
St. John's Red Door Café	
Jan & Wynn Henrey	330-395-4812
Adult Bible Study	
Jim Johnson	330-369-4135
Youth	
Brent Whetstone	330-883-7131
Prayer Partners	

First Class Mail

Janet Gladd	330-856-3505
Nancy Maggiano	330-550-9677
Handbell Choir	
Jeannine Morris	330-392-5690
Rummage Sale	
Steve & Becky Watts	330-856-1977
Backpack Program	
Volunteers	
Lincoln Elementary	
Melanie Garman—Linda Day	
Megan's Mittens	
Linda Day	
Clothes Closet	
Joe Gladd	
Beatitude House	
Linda Day—Anne Martin	
Pet Celebration	
Anne Martin	330-856-7848
Christmas Pictures	
Ann & Gary Martin	330-856-7848
Medieval Fest	
Jim Johnson	330-369-4135
UTO	
Janet Gladd	330-856-3505
ECW	
Jeannine Morris	330-392-5690
Pastoral Care	

Or current resident

The Crossroads

Christ Episcopal Church

2627 Atlantic St NE Warren, Ohio 44483

May 2017

Love, As Christ Loves Us!

Happy Easter! These 50 days of Easter are always glorious...the flowers in bloom, the fruit trees blossoming, the song birds in full throat! I love the Easter season. It gives me new hope. It promises new life. The tomb is empty and Jesus is Risen! The light of Christ shines more brightly and we prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. We have planted and cultivated our Lenten seeds and now the sprouting and growth begin.

I am very excited about a couple of new ministries we have begun recently. Dr. Irv Jones has been leading a small group discussion on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 uncovering the mysteries of Faith and Fear. We brown bag our dinners and have spirit filled conversation. I enjoy learning new things about people I've been worshiping with for years. If you have never been a part of a spiritual small group, I commend it to you. You don't have to talk, you can just sit and listen. But if you are looking for a place to share...this may be it. It never ceases to amaze me how similar some of life's problems are. Whatever you need, this group is a way to share Christian fellowship confidentially and honestly. There are no expectations other than to welcome Christ into our midst. I want to publically thank Irv for sharing his expertise and creating an atmosphere where rich conversation can flourish.

Another ministry which I would like to hold up this month is MMICE. Making Memories In Community Efforts is a new outreach ministry for Christ

Church. Heather Burge and Anita Brennan are organizing outreach programs for all generations which meld our talents with the needs of the community. Some of the ideas they are working on include (but certainly aren't limited to) a free community lunch, teaching the electronically challenged how to use their 'smart' devices, movie nights and so much more. We are looking for more ministries, so if you can think of anything you would like to do, please contact Heather, Anita or myself. It is truly heartening to see the Holy Spirit moving through the good works and cooperation of such a wide variety of our parishioners!

In addition to these new initiatives, there is another Tea Party organized for Saturday May 6 at noon in the Parish Hall. This was a very successful and well attended event last year and we're looking for another wholesome fun way for intergenerational fellowship. The Tea Party gives our little ones the opportunity to dress up and practice their manners in a safe and

fun way. Thank you, Linda Day, Jeannine Morris and Mary Ann Stefanik for their coordination.

It's such an honor and a privilege to serve Christ with people who really want to change the world. True transformation comes through developing new relationships with others...people we may not know at all. This is how we show our love for God and our neighbors. Love God, Love our Neighbors and Change the World! It is in this way we live out our mission to Love as Christ Love Us.

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

Fr. Jeff+

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UTO—United Thank Offering Collection—Sunday, May 14



United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican

Communion in the developing world.

In 2016, the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church awarded 32 grants for a total of \$ 1, 161, 314.62 from the National mission ministry.

The focus for the 2017 United Thank Offering grants is Evangelism – Reconciliation: Following Jesus’ way of creating loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, each other, and all creation. “Join us as the United Thank Offering continues its tradition of thankfulness by awarding

grants for 2017.”

The United Thank Offering Prayer

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept we pray these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Please use the UTO envelopes for your 2017 donation found in the Chapel or Ushers Stand.**

TEA

Tea Party Update! All Ladies and Little Ladies at Christ Church and guests are invited to a tea-luncheon on Saturday, May 6. The program, at 11:30 AM in Parish Hall, will be a dramatization about 5 Women of the Bible. The tea will be in Parish Hall at noon. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Please purchase your tickets from Mary Anne Stefanick in the Narthex after the 10 AM service or at the church office 330-372-4998 during the week.

Come and enjoy the program, good fellowship and delicious food!

Please contact a member of the Tea Committee, Linda Day, Jeannine Morris or Mary Anne

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.

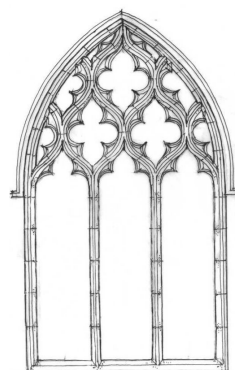
Tower Lighting

Our gorgeous stained glass windows in the two towers, when lit at night, act like beacons of hope and joy in a dark world.

Consider donating to the lighting in honor or in memory of a loved one; or maybe in honor of service members. A sponsorship for a month is strictly a donation and not a set amount.

Please notify the office if you wish to make a tribute for tower lighting.

Our beautiful tower lights shine in **May... In loving memory of My dear friends Edwin and Gertrude Schumacker From, Marilyn Deffenbaugh**

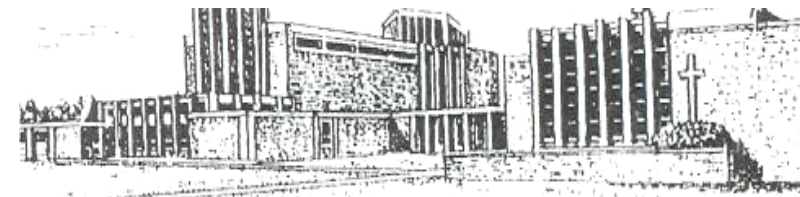


Regular Vestry Meetings

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.

Due to conflicts, our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00pm in the Library.



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
 Karl Morris
 Don Scarmuzi
 Melanie Garman, Clerk
 Carole Lewis, Treasurer

Christ Church Staff

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Sandra McCullough, Housekeeper
 Ext. 113

Laurie Tonn, Financial Secretary
 Ext. 102

finance@christchurchwarren.org

Director of Music
 Ext. 106

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.

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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases
 - \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease
- Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Christ Episcopal Church in Warren will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule your appointment.

Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.

Are you at Risk for Stroke, Heart Disease and Diabetes?

Did you know that a 10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%?

- **Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the US**
- **Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure**
- **Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death**

Do you know your TSH level?

Thyroid Disorders TSH can indicate an underactive thyroid

- **20 million Americans have an underactive thyroid but half don't know it**
- **An underactive thyroid can cause an increased risk of heart disease and lead to an enlarged heart**

Underactive thyroid is more common among men and women aged 60 and older

Life Line Screening offers a finger-stick blood test with results in less than 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of an underactive thyroid by having a TSH screening. \$49.00

Attention all Men!

Do you know your risk for Prostate Cancer?

- **A Prostate Cancer PSA test is the most accurate method for the detection of prostate cancer**
- **1 in 6 men will get Prostate Cancer**

PSA tests have been used for over 25 years

A simple PSA blood test could save your life. Protect your health by finding out your risk of Prostate Cancer. \$49.00

Karen McGaffney
Life Line Screening
Phone: (800) 897-9177 ext. 11385
Mobile: (330) 265-8121
Fax: (866) 399-5290
Email: karen.mcgaffney@llsa.com

If you wish to register for the screening online go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle



May Birthday's

3 John Panagis	25 Faith Scarmuzzi
7 Kay Bohren	27 Pat Lukos
10 Laura White	28 Julie Wise
11 Peter Day	30 Klayton Scott
13 Brayden Moore	<i>Happy Birthday an Anniversary to ALL who are celebrating this May.</i>
18 Rose Nye	
19 Jim Green	
20 Janet Gladd	
20 Liz Cole-Clark	
20 Sally Mazey	
21 Alex Brennan	
24 Angela Snelson	

DEADLINES If you wish to have information published in the weekly bulletin, please email your copy to secretary@christchurchwarren.org by 2pm on Wednesday's. Copy for the Crossroads is due no later than the 20th of each month. Please note there is NO July Newsletter. Thank you, Melanie

**Wednesday,
May 3, 2017**

**Men's Breakfast
Rooms 8 & 10
@ 7:30am**

**ALL men are
welcome!**

WEDDING SOUP

Help to support Nancy Maggiano and her wonderful "Wedding Soup" ministry.

The soup sale is held every month on the (3rd) Thursday from 11-2. You are welcome to pre-order or simply show up during the sale hours. The cost is **\$7.00 Qt. and \$4.00 Pt.**

The soup is made from the best chicken and veggies and frozen fresh from the stove the week prior. Pick up a loaf of Italian bread and have a "soup-er" easy and delicious supper.

ACOLYTES

Kiddos wanted: If you are a new family to the Parish and have school age kids, we would love to add them to our Acolyte Team.

An acolyte is an assistant or follower assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession. In many Christian denominations, an acolyte is anyone who performs ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles, carrying the Gospel Book and assisting the celebrant during Eucharist. If you are interested in Acolyte training, please contact Faith Scarmuzzi at 330-856-1819.

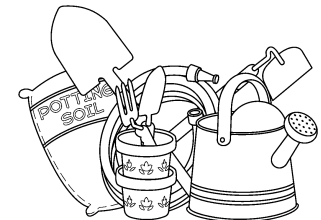
NEW Bicycle Law In Ohio

Governor Kasich signed HB 154 on December 19, 2017. The law became effective on **April 24, 2017**. The law provides that motorists must give bicyclist at least three (3) feet of clearance when passing bicyclists. The law also permits bicyclist and motorists to treat inoperable traffic signals as stop signs. Now that the weather is nice please be aware of kids and adults biking on the road.

SAFETY is a priority... **REMEMBER** to wear your helmet when on a bike ride.

GREEN THUMB?

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: We are looking for parish members who enjoy casual gardening to help keep up with our Peace garden and Garden in the outside Chapel. If you are able to give an hour or two of your time on a rotation, please call the Parish office or contact Steve Watts or Joe Gladd.



May 2017

Christ Episcopal Church Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8a Chapel 10a Church Eucharist	1 6:30p Tia Chi	2 Clergy Confer- ence, Fr. Jeff away Election Day 10:30 Crafts	3 7:30a Men's Breakfast 10a Healing Service (MP)	4 Backpacks (B) 6:30 Choir	5	6 11:30 Tea Luncheon
7	8	9	10 9a In-House Parish Audit 10a Healing Service	11 9a Soup Cooking	12	13 Ladles of Love PH Republican Women's Card Party 7p Barber- shoppers (Church)
14 Mother's Day UTO Collection Name Tag Sunday	15	16	17 PH Life Lines Ohio 10a Healing Service 6p Vestry	18 11-2 Soup Sale	19	20 PH Baby Shower
21	22	23	24 10a Healing Service 6-8p Cub scout set up PH	25 6-8p Cub Scout Banquet PH	26 6p PH -Daisy Troop Banquet	27
28	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			

2017 Mid-Summers Knights Warrenshire Faire

Medieval Feast: Friday, June 16 at 6:00pm in "The Great Hall". Jim Johnson is now selling tickets. Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservation. The dinner show is \$30.00each. Call 330-369-4135 or james.johnson44@aol.com.

The festival will kick off on Saturday, June 16. Gates open at 10a and will conclude for the day at 6p. You can purchase your tickets at the gate. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and kiddos 4 and under are FREE.

As a promotion for our Beer sponsor, the 1st 50 adult admissions are FREE.

The Faire will continue an Sunday from 12-5p.

Come one and all to the Mahoning Valley's only [Medieval Festival](#). This family fun event is open to the public. All proceeds stay in our community thorough our various Outreach Ministries.

The church and grounds transform into a realm long since past. Welcome to RivenVale and behold the sights and sounds of the Middle Ages! Watch with our King and Queen's Court as knights battle, mounted horsemen ride, archers' arrows soar, catapults attack, and revelers dance in celebration. Visitors can try their skills in archery, thrown weapons, and dancing events. The ear is filled with sounds of bagpipers and festive medieval music while the belly is filled with turkey legs, "Dragon's

Tails", "Boar's Tails", kettle corn and more.

Children will enjoy the Kid's Kingdom castle bounce house and train to be a brave Knight. The King & Queen, and their Court, will host special ceremonies throughout the day where every child will be given a Royal Title for valor. Everyone can meet the King's Horsemen and admire their beautiful steeds. Free admission given to all children who dress in their favorite medieval themed attire (i.e. prince/ princess, fairies, pirates etc.).

If you wish to volunteer for various duties during the Faire, please contact Jim Johnson. We can always use extra helping hands.

We appreciate your continued support and attendance!

Financial Highlights

Income to Date:	Actual	Budget	
April 2017	\$ 59,813	\$ 59,866	
Expenses to Date:	- 69,382	- 8,104	
	\$ - 9,569	\$ - 8,238	(\$ -1,331)

Trumbull Mobile Meals Special Offering \$151.25 has been collected thru April 11th.

THANK YOU!

Becky and I want to thank everyone who donated to and helped set up and clean up the Rummage sale. The last I heard we made \$3600 or so.

—THANK YOU, Steve and Becky.

Many thanks to Rose Nye and Bill & Cindy Thirion for donating Easter eggs for our Annual egg hunt.

It turned out to be a beautiful day and a GREAT Success!

Thank you to everyone for continues to support our Special collection for Second Harvest Food. The collection is the 3rd Sunday of the month. For every \$1 given, the Food Bank distributes \$11 worth of food, which is equivalent to 5 meals.