

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church was founded in 1836, 37 years after the settlement of Warren. Warren was, then, the most important town in the area, and the country seat of Trumbull County which originally contained all of the Connecticut Western Reserve.

In 1845, a lot was purchased for \$600 in gold and on September 1, 1847 the cornerstone was laid for the first church.

The second building, on High Street, was begun in 1863 and consecrated May 24th, 1865. This church was in continuous use for 73 years.

In 1957 groundbreaking for the present building was held on June 16th. On October 6, 1957 the cornerstone was laid for Old Christ Church Chapel.

The first service in the completed church was held on Christmas Eve, 1966.



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WORSHIP
Sunday at 8 am in the Old Christ
Church Chapel

Sunday at 10 am in the Sanctuary
with music

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE
10 am with Eucharist

IS IT TIME YET?

With the onset of the first few days of warm weather, the impulse to get out in the garden and plant can become very strong. However, it is usually best to wait until the weather is warmer to really get started planting. For many novice gardeners knowing when to go ahead and plant can be confusing. To make things more complicated, not everything can be planted at the same time. However, rest assured there are simple rules of thumb that you can use to know when to plant.

In order to know when it is best to start planting in spring you should know your average frost-free date. The frost-free date is, as you might guess, the date when it is fairly likely you will no longer get frost. Many plants aren't able to withstand frost so knowing this date is important. Your local independent garden center should be able to give you a pretty good idea of this date. Typically in North East Ohio the safest answer is after May 20th. It has been known to frost up to Memorial Day.

Early Spring - As Soon as the Ground is Workable

The ground is considered workable as soon as it is no longer frozen and it is not too wet to work. To determine if the ground is too wet to work, squeeze a handful of dirt in your hand, it should fall apart easily. If it sticks together the ground is too wet to work.

Bareroot perennials, as long as they are dormant, can be planted now.

Very cold tolerant annuals such as violas, primroses and pansies can be planted, they must be hardened-off in order to survive. Check with the garden center where you buy the plants to find out if they are already hardened-off or if you need to do this yourself.

Certain cold crop vegetables can be seeded at this time, notably peas and spinach. Seed onions can also be planted. Dormant shrubs and trees can be planted as well.

Spring - After Threat of Frost has Passed

Again, use your frost-free date as a guideline. While there is no guarantee that you won't still get frost, it is somewhat unlikely to happen. If you are predicted to have frost cover tender plants.

Any annual or vegetable can be seeded at this time.

Transplant any annual or vegetable plants, including potato plants.

Any perennial plants, bareroot or potted, can be planted out at this time.

Trees and shrubs, either bareroot or potted, can be planted at this time. Plants that have leafed out can be planted, as well.

Summer blooming, non-hardy bulbs and bulb-like plants can be planted, for instance dahlias, colocasia (elephant ear), and gladiolas. These bulbs are not cold tolerant and will not last the winter outdoors in most areas.

First Class Mail

Or
CURRENT RESIDENT

The Crossroads

May 2022

Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad In It!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Indeed, the last month starting with Palm Sunday, Christ Church is once again risen! We have had so much activity; I even saw some mouseketeers this week scurrying down the hall. Our Palm Sunday luncheon was spectacular. Easter was glorious, with over 160 worshipers and like 25 kids hunting Easter eggs. Low Sunday wasn't all that slow. And the Beatles Mass promises to be extra special this year as we have not had the opportunity to get our groove on in over two years! Mixed into all of this have been a baptism, some funerals, hospital calls, meetings, and prayer. Things just feel kind of normal again.

And on Jubilee Sunday we will rest. We will take this time to reflect on all the hardship and isolation we have endured over the last two plus years. Our service will be abbreviated, and we'll have a good old-fashioned Coffee Hour afterward. Basically, the practice of Jubilee dates back to the Mosaic legislation found in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25. Back in the day debts were forgiven, slaves freed, fields lay fallow, and land reverted to its former owner. It was an intentional 'time-out' so that everyone and everything in God's creation could rest and reset.

So, this week I invite you to take inventory of your life. What have you learned over this period of pandemic? What have you lost? What have you gained? I know I have gained a true appreciation for doing the things I love and being with the people I love. I will never take for granted that we will have Sunday service every week with loving parishioners present and all the sacraments available. I have more deeply learned of the resilience and power of a community of people who love one another. Together we can get through anything!

So, please enjoy the rest of Easter.

"This is the day that the LORD has made," says Psalm 118, "Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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

Fr. Jeff+



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LAY PREACHING COLLEGE

A Lay Preacher proclaims the Word of God in ways that inspire people to follow Christ, brings them into relationship with God, and/or strengthens their relationship with God. If you are interested in the Lay Preaching College, now is the time to speak with your priest, or if you do not have a regular priest, with your Senior Warden. Our annual two-day training to receive the license will be held on Friday, May 20, 4:30 - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Bellwether Farm where Dr. Katherine Gillooly, the Rev. Mike Floyd, and Lindsay Graves are the facilitators.

We only hold this event one time per year, and it is required before applying for a license. It is necessary to attend both Friday and Saturday. Please submit

the Lay Preaching Application Form by May 9 and register for the Lay Preaching College training. Registration is \$110 per person, \$140 for two people/double occupancy, or \$25 per person for those who do not require lodging. Costs includes lodging at Bellwether, all food, and materials. You will receive your pre-work assignment upon completion of your application and registration process. If you have questions about online registration email Antoinette Taylor, ataylor@dohio.org. For all other questions please email the Rev. Brad Purdom, bpurdom@dohio.org

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
RESOURCES

episcopalchurch.org
(National Church)

bcponline.org
(Book of Common Prayer)

lectionarypage.net
(A Liturgical Calendar and weekly lessons)

dohio.org
(The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio)

Camp Opportunities Bellwether Farm

Register for Summer camp at Bellwether Farm! We are offering four opportunities for weeklong summer camp for incoming 2nd-12th graders, and one weekend of family camp for campers of all ages. Experience the farm, fields, and forests of Bellwether Farm, and enjoy farm-to-table meals during the best week of the summer. Traditional camp activities like hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, arts and crafts, and games will be supplemented by farm time, animal time, and cooking classes. Expect singing, goats, vegetables, and life-long friends! Register at bellwetherfarm.com. (We also have a few counselor positions remaining, learn more and apply on the website!)

Help Needed at Bellwether Farm

Are you a nurse? A woodworker? Want to adopt a counselor or sponsor a camper? There are a list of ways you can support Bellwether Farm Summer Camp, using your gifts and talents. Please contact the Rev. Anna Austterisch with questions or to volunteer. Visit www.dohio.org/Bellwetherfarm.

New Safeguarding Program and Platform

The Episcopal Church continues its partnership with the abuse risk management company Praesidium. Nine training modules developed for the protection of children and youth as well as vulnerable adults are expected to go live in the first half of 2022.

Leaders who need to re-certify are advised to wait. The latest information will be posted at episcopalchurch.org/safe-church. You can find the "Model Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth here. Former Officer for Youth Ministry, Brownyn Skov, shifts into her new role as half-time Safe Church Manager this week and will be reachable at safechurch@episcopalchurch.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Semple at resourcelibrary@dohio.org.

MUSIC AND FINE
ARTS

Our originally scheduled Bell Choir Concert has been cancelled by the College.

Thank you for wonderful music on Easter! I appreciate your dedication in being committed to live music returning at Christ Church. It was really a blessing to hear your voices once again coming from the choir loft. Everyone was overjoyed to have you back!

We will continue singing on Sunday mornings through May 22 (Ascension Sunday). Thursday evening rehearsals will resume on April 29. We could really use a few more singers... please spread the word.

Again, my deepest appreciation to each of you for your gift of music Easter Sunday!
Jamie

BIRTHDAYS

3 John Panagis
7 Kay Bohren
7 Carol Senne
10 Laura White
11 Peter Day
13 Brayden Panagis
15 Carol McMichael
16 Deb Cleary
17 David Lynn
19 Jim Green
20 Janet Gladd
20 Liz Cole –Clark
20 Sally Mazey
24 Angela Snelson
24 Jason Cleland
25 Faith Scarmuzzi

And Happy Birthday to all who we may have missed.

YOUTH AND FORMATION

ATTENTION Parents and Parishioners!

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School. Date: June 13th start time: 5pm -7 Theme: The Lord of The Dance.

Includes Dinner for parents and kids. VBS 22 T-shirt, and Dance Party on the last day!



WE NEED 30 KIDS REGISTERED by the 15th of May so the we can have enough resources ready and enjoy a critical mass of attendants

BIKE BLESSING

On SUNDAY APRIL 24, St. Michael's held their 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikes. The service was held as a fundraiser for The Windham American Legion Post 674. Fr. James P. Lang officiated from St. Michael's and our Fr. Jeff was happy to assist. A lot of bikes were blessed and it was a great day with so much fun had by all who attended.



"May the good Lord watch over you, and may he give you his guidance, protection and care. May God ride by your side and bring you home safe to your loved ones."

BLESSING BOXES

Food Pantry Needs:

Food - peanut butter, jelly, chicken ramen noodles, mac and cheese and fruit cups are needed to for the emergency food bags.



Clothing - with the coming of warm weather the children will be going outside for recess. There is a need for girl and boy shorts. Sizes 6-12 new or gently used and washed. With all the recent rain the ground is really wet. Kids being kids they fall down and end up with wet pants for the rest of the school day.



School Supplies - pencils are always needed. The rising costs of food, gas, etc. limit families' ability to purchase non-essentials.



LINCOLN SCHOOL

Yeah! The last day of school is May 27th but not all the children at Lincoln are cheering. There are children who will now be spending more time at home living in less than ideal situations and others who will no longer have access to free breakfast, lunch and emergency Friday food bags.

According to the Community Liaison...

Summer school programs are planned but it is not known at this time if there will be food distributions included.

The grant for Second Harvest at this time has not been renewed for the next school year. This grant provides funds for the Food Pantry.

CEC stepped up. On my weekly Tuesday visit I delivered a TRUCKLOAD and a BACK SEAT full of food. A million thanks were given. Delight was seen on the Liaison's face. This was food that will be used for emergency food bags. Spring vacation meant the children had no access to school meals and emergency food bags. There was also a shopping bag full of hair ties, brushes, scrunchies, etc. Another frequently asked for item. A necessity in a different way - making the girls feel better about themselves.

On May 25, CEC will host the Lincoln School 8th grade celebration in the Parish Hall. They plan to begin at 9:30am . There will be approximately 115 kiddos. We need volunteers to help serve and decorate for the breakfast.

This is an event that the kids really look forward too and it's a great way to show them that they are important. If you are able to volunteer that morning, please call Melanie in the office.

WARREN FAMILY MISSION

The Mission continues to distribute lunch and dinner at the Tod Avenue location Monday thru Friday from 12 Noon to 12:30 PM

Volunteer opportunities:

Clothing Ministry - Monday thru Friday. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to sort and hang clothes at the Tod Avenue location.

Serving/Cooking meals - Mondays thru Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Produce - every Friday in May thru November from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the 1312 West Market Street location

There is a continued need for all kinds of food, personal hygiene items and new and gently used and washed clothing of all sizes for boys, girls, men and women.

On an average, deliveries are made every two weeks.

If you are able please consider supporting the Lincoln Food Pantry and/or the Warren Family Mission.

Bless us all,

Linda Day

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran church will host a PASTA DINNER on Saturday, May 7. Doors open at 4pm and they will serve until 6pm. The cost is \$8.00. You can dine in or carry out. No tickets or reservations are needed.

There will be a 50/50 raffle. This is a **Thrivent** sponsored event to benefit TRUMBULL MOBILE MEALS.

MENU: Penne Pasta, Meat balls, Roll/butter, cake and beverage



FINANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	March 2022		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$7,171	\$7,171	\$39,709	\$32,538
All Other	\$8,308	\$907	\$34,315	\$34,585
Total Income	\$15,479	\$8,078	\$74,024	\$67,123
Expenses	(\$27,326)	(\$27,064)	(\$79,101)	(\$78,833)
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$11,847)	(\$18,986)	(\$5,077)	(\$11,710)

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer reported that the year to date revenue is 74,023 and total expenses is (79,101). We continue to receive contributions through Paypal. A request was made to make a motion to move misc. memorials to the general memorial account. (1895.00). The motion was passed. In March we received the 6% from the joint investment accounts at the diocese as suggested by the Foundation. We adopted this practice in 2019. Total income received was 8782.80. This income helped with the short fall in the general checking. Carole requested from Vanguard the remaining balance to pay the Kirkegaard sound study in the amount of 4885.50. The Foundation has agreed to reimburse for the Lewis Construction bill from ceiling repairs in the Garth hall.

The office copier lease is up in June and Melanie has receive 3 quotes for new companies. We currently do not plan to renew with Crosby Mook. There have been several issue over the years with the machine as well as the service.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 13. Beginning each evening at 5:00pm. A meal will be provided to the kiddos. Paul would like a group of 30. He is looking for many volunteers to help in a variety of areas.

The Saturday AA group will have there last meeting at CEC on April 30. We have had some issues with the group being too large and misuse of the building. There was also discussion on outside use of the church for weddings. The last few have been too much for our staff and volunteers to manage. Fr. Jeff made new policy that we will only book wedding that he will officiate.

Fr. Jeff reported that Palm Sunday and Easter were wonderful and very well attended. Erica from Backyard beginnings is still not sure about her position at the daycare. There continues to be talks with an interested party to buy the center from Erica over time and have Erica stay on as a consultant. We will celebrate the Beatles Mass and Jubilee Sunday. This should be a lot of fun. We are not slowing down. Our May calendar is busy too and we will follow up May with Pentecost on June 5. Fr. Jeff will be in Canada the last week of May to open up camp.

Carole McMichael reported that she had a wonderful vacation with her family on a Viking cruse.

John Panagis reported that we are still in the process on securing bids for the concreate in the outside Chapel, Chapel AC and the main Sanctuary HVAC. The lawn has been too wet to mow. Speed bumps will go back down next week. We are going to have the building re-keyed. There are outside groups that have keys and no longer meet at CEC. It's good practice to change the locks every few years.

Our next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 5:00pm.



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FOUNDATION PLANNED GIVING

Planned Charitable Giving

Healthy and vibrant future ministries in our Episcopal congregations will be built upon the legacies we leave today. Many of our Episcopal institutions exist because past generations cared so much about the future of the Episcopal Church and expressed their caring by creating planned gifts. One of the easiest ways to ensure the future of our Church and it's Foundation is through planned giving.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS

The Foundation play a significant role in building the church of the future, provide resources, tools for generations to come. By giving through memorial funds or planned giving help tot ensure that the funds in the foundation grow to sustain any situation that may arise. The Christ Church Foundation (CECF) receives gifts, invests them and uses the proceeds to support the mission of Christ Episcopal Church. It provides a means for parishioners and others to make a gift that has long-term benefits to the church, and in some cases, also to the donor.

For instance, a gift made through a will can help to continue the support that an individual has given during his or her lifetime. Or, a gift used to set up a trust through the Foundation can provide income to the donor over a number of years, and then will be available for the support of the Church.

Currently, direct gifts help to build the core of invested funds, making more income available each year to care for the Church building, to support our outreach efforts and to fund other areas of the Church as we seek to live out the Word of God.

Our Endowments and Memorial Investment accounts are specifically designated to support Special Interests, Youth programs and Outreach.

The Foundation was incorporated in 1968 "to foster, develop and contribute to the support of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church,. An Ohio Corporation incorporated by special Act of the Ohio Legislature in 1842 ". It was initially funded by a bequest from *Mrs. Bessie Smith*. A Board of Directors consists of no less than eight laypersons and the Rector who oversee the Foundation's activities.

*Notice: Always consult with your financial planner, tax advisor and or legal council before making final plans.

TOWER LIGHTING

Donating to our Tower lighting is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate a loved one. The cost is 50.00 for the month. If you are dedicating the Tower lighting to someone who is not your family member, we will send the head of the family a card to inform them of your gesture. All requests MUST be in to the office one month prior to the month you are requesting.

Our May Tower Lights shine in the hope of a peaceful resolution in the Ukraine.



Stain glass tower above the Sanctuary Baptismal Font

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Al Novak will host a memorial lunch to celebrate his father's 100th birthday. The celebration will be in our Parish Hall and catered on Saturday, May 21 at 1:00pm. This is an open invitation to ALL members of the church. If you would like to join in the celebration you MUST call Al to RSVP by May 16 for a head count. 330-718-3035.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all who helped make our Palm Sunday Parish Dinner such a huge success. Thank you to Tess Crofford who was our in-house chef for the soufflé! (She has something up her sleeve for September). Thank you to our vestry members who participated in so many details of the dinner. Thanks to Nancy Forrester and Deb Clary for their excellent jello salads; to Deb Murphy for the exceptional historical slide presentation during dinner; to Gary Richards for furnishing us with historical scrapbooks of the choir and organ; for Carol Lewis for the historical scrapbooks from our church history; for Paul who planned fun for children and their families; and, for Kristin Baker for helping with palm braiding. Thank you to those super helpers to clean up after the dinner. We had over 70 people participate and so many positive comments were made about the church family coming together!

See you at the next dinner!!!!!! Nancy Forrester and Sandee Skovran



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

RUMMAGE
SALE
When?
Friday May 13th
Saturday May 14th

Where?
Christ Episcopal Church
2627 Atlantic St. N.E
Warren, Ohio 44483
What? Clothing*Collectables*Books*Tools*Electronics
Household Goods*Furniture*Children's Items and MORE!

Friday 9-5p Early Bird 8-9a with a \$5 donation
Saturday 9-12 Bag Sale All Day (\$3 Per Bag)

Please if you are able to give of some time, Steve would love to have you. There is a lot of work to be done both before and after the Rummage Sale. If you are interested, and can give of some time, please call Steve at 330-770-4763.

PLEASE DO NOT bring Rummage Sale items the week of the set-up and sale. Thank you!

Palm Sunday Fun

