

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WORSHIP*First Class Mail****Sundays****Traditional Services 8:00 & 10:00 am (Choir)**Christian Formation for Adults 9-10 am**Sunday School during the 10:00 service****Wednesdays****10:00 am Healing Service with Eucharist**Or Current Resident*

We're on the web

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Deadline for June
Crossroads is Tues.
May 25th.

CHRIST *Episcopal* CHURCH
WARREN - OHIO
The Crossroads

Rebirth and Technology

Our liturgical cycle is rapidly approaching the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost—the Church's Birthday! Which also indicates the unofficial beginning of Summer. This summer we are planning to have a few services outside in the Chapel. It is so wonderful being in-person for worship...something that I will never take for granted again!

Another thing we will be addressing is live-streaming our services, so that people can watch them from the relative safety of their homes as they happen. Our technology in the church is not yet capable to do this and we will need to upgrade. One of the first things we need to improve is our internet connection in the Nave. Essentially, we will have Internet cable coming into the church in two separate places. This will be a new expense, but our ability to serve our viewing audience is important now more than ever. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we have woefully underserved the Body of Christ who simply cannot come to church. If you wish to contribute to a successful upgrade, please consider a separate offering above your pledge. You can add a note to the memo of a check or go on-line to christchurchwarren.org and donate through PayPal. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Speaking of our website, we have a new webmaster, our very own Deb Murphy. She is in the process of streamlining the content and making the site less redundant and easier to navigate. If you have and suggestions or comments, please let Deb or the office know.

All of the 'tech-talk' is simply another way we can spread the Good News to a wider population and our own congregation should they be on vacation or unable to come in-person. In this way God will be better able to do a new thing in our midst. And as Pentecost reminds us the church is continually being reborn through the power of the Holy Spirit!

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

Fr. Jeff+



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INFORMATION AND EVENTS: FOR MORE VISIT DOHIO.ORG

Graduating High School Seniors

Calling all graduating high school seniors! If you or someone you know is graduating from high school this spring, please fill out this [form](#) so we can celebrate you. Please contact the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation, with any questions at asutterisch@dohio.org.

ECW Annual Meeting

The ECW Diocese of Ohio invites you to the 143rd Annual Meeting & Retreat on **May 15** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This virtual event, [Inside Out/Outside In: Recentering through Connections](#), will include an introduction and opening presentation by Natalie Ronayne (Chief Development Officer, Cleveland Metroparks); Connecting to Community through Nature by Kelly Coffman (Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resiliency Study (CHEERS), Cleveland Metroparks); Chair Yoga by Angee Mantell (RYT Yoga Certified Instructor); Healing Power of Nature by Joe Blanda, MD; an introduction by Patty Kellner, (President, Kirtland Bird Club); and Labyrinth by Sue Mueller, (St, Barnabas, Bay Village). A worship Service officiated by The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio, will conclude the event. All are welcome. [Registration is required](#).

Diocesan Youth Event

Youth currently in grades 6-12 will gather at Bellwether Farm on **June 12-13** to enjoy friends new and old, play with the goats and on the farm, make some art, pray, and relax together in this beautiful place. Register at dohio.org/DYE. A full save the date calendar is [available](#). Questions can be directed to the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation, at asutterisch@dohio.org.

Upcoming Events at Bellwether Farm

Magnificent Mushrooms - **May 29**: Guests will enjoy a presentation from Peter Richards of the Ohio Mushroom Society, and then delight in a farm to table feast featuring morel mushrooms (nature permitting) gathered from Bellwether's forest.

Bishop's Bike Day - **June 4-5**: Join friends of all ages for a group bike ride departing from Bellwether Farm.

Ukulele Day - **June 26**: Join Ukulele aficionado Chelsie Cree for a day of celebrating the ukulele from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Intergenerational Camp - **July 2-4** and **July 16-18**: Following an Olympics theme, families or pods will participate in team-building activities, friendly competition, and traditional camp activities including arts and crafts, fishing, swimming, hiking, and canoeing.

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Please call before coming to the church to assure someone is in the office. Should you need immediate assistance and no one is in the office, please call or text Melanie at 330-980-3181 or secretary@christchurchwarren.org.



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Gardening
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GARDEN HOSE	SHOVEL	VEGETABLES
GLOVES	SNAILS	WATER
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HOE	SOIL	WEEDS
PLANTING	SPADE	WHEELBARROW

A message from The Bishop....

Two particular disciplines I bring to your attention relating to COVID 19 and in person service:

Cleaning and disinfecting

One of the advances in our understanding of this virus’s behavior is that it is less transmissible on surfaces than originally thought. When no people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 are known to have been in your building, it is now considered effective to clean surfaces that have been touched with a product containing soap or detergent. This has implications for resuming the use of Prayer Books. If there has been a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in your facility, all spaces that person is suspected to have been in should be cleaned and disinfected.

Outdoor music

With warm weather coming (this week’s snow notwithstanding) and the increased opportunity to hold services outside, **we will adjust our protocols beginning Sunday, May 23, the Day of Pentecost, to allow a choir of up to four singers who are masked, socially distanced, and fully vaccinated (two weeks after final prescribed dose) to offer music in outdoor worship only.** All other communicants must still refrain from singing. To avoid putting the clergy in the position of policing parishioner compliance, it will be important for lay leaders to hold fellow parishioners accountable to all in-person protocols

I share the broadly felt longing for singing and less restrained in-person worship, both out of doors and inside, and I am hopeful that we can continue heading in that direction. Our ability to do so is dependent on what we can achieve statewide, and I am committed to our doing our part.

With continued prayers and hope,
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio

Health News Corner

COVID - 19 UPDATE —VACCINE

Everyone 16 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID 19 vaccination. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU RECEIVED J&J/Janssen COVID-19 VACCINE?

If you received the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine your risk of having a blood clot is also very low that that risk decreases over time.

Contact your healthcare provider and seek medical treatment urgently if you develop any of the following symptoms.

Severe headache	Shortness of breath
Backache	Leg swelling
New neurologic symptoms	Tiny red spots on the skin (petechiae)
Severe abdominal pain	New or easy bruising

If you have any adverse events after vaccination, report them to [v-safe](#) and the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#).
Source: CDC

Lincoln School —Warren Family Mission

Lincoln School

The weekly delivery is now being done on Tuesday. The change is the result of a Friday food bag distribution to all students. Half way through the week on Tuesday bread is delivered along with all other donated Blessing Box items. This past week those items included pasta, sauce, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, shampoo, soap, luffas, toothpaste, underwear, towels, washcloths, shorts and tops, Food bags with bread, peanut butter and jelly along with other needed items are given out on Tuesday to children in need.

Shower use continues to grow along with the need for personal hygiene items, underwear and socks.

The Gift Card teacher appreciation bags have been a huge success. Lincoln School has about 80 teachers. Yes that surprised me too. Each teacher is entered to win. On Wednesday two teacher’s names are randomly picked to receive a Gift Card bag. The teachers look forward to Wednesdays and finding out who the winners are for the week. “They are loving the gift cards”



Summer Fun Bags - In 5 weeks school is out and the children will once again be at home. There are some children who are not excited by school vacations. They feel safer at home. Last year Summer Fun Bags were made in an effort to brighten their summer days. This year with fewer days in school after finally being able to go back to school the children are once again faced with being home again. It is our hope that a special little gift of a Summer Fun Bag will lessen their anxiety, improve their spirits and maybe even help keep them out of trouble. Each school bag has five items. All have a coloring book, crayons, bubbles and sidewalk chalk along with one of the following: puzzle, small stuffed animal to cuddle, hot wheel, or game playing cards. I have found the best selections at reasonable price \$1at the Dollar Tree. Five Below also has coloring and activity books and crayons (Crayola 24 pack) for a \$1. Looking for a minimum of 175 bags as we have dine last year.



Blessing Box Needs

Clothing –Lightweight jackets, T-shirts and shorts

Personal Hygiene Products - Toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo and luffas along with towels and washcloths for school

Food – meal items - canned spaghetti, chicken and tomato soup, macaroni and cheese and fruit cups and canned fruit.

Summer Fun Bags - coloring books, crayons, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, puzzles, small stuffed animal to cuddle, hot wheels and game playing cards.

Warren Family Mission

From the Mission’s Facebook “We want to thank all of the donors and volunteers that made this year’s Easter Dinner a success! Together we served 1,241 delivered and 863 to go meals with a total of 2,124 meals and 400 Easter Baskets.”

In the mail I received a request from the Mission. It said URGENT We Need Your Help. Hungry people are in need! **Food is urgently needed.**

Sewage and Storm Drains – Economy Drain to complete work next week

Payment Protection Program (federal PPP) – Final document filed for forgiveness.

Damage in Parish Hall – Meeting held with owner of Backyard Beginnings. She will be responsible for cost of repairs.

Parish Hall floor - Replacement needed but not feasible at this time due to cost.

Sunday Services – In-person services resumed on April 11th. The same best practice protocols are being followed as before – masks, social distancing, contactless communion of host alone, no singing, use of sanitizer and printed service leaflets. .

Recycle Bins - Trash, garbage, a mattress, etc. left. A public health hazard has been created. Decision made to remove bins. Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste is removing bins on May 25th. Concern expressed that garbage/trash will still be left. Warren City to put up camera and prosecute for violation. Signage to be installed to inform users on closing and location of other recycle sites.

Narthex Glass Door – The hydraulic closer needs repaired. Request to CEC Foundation for reimbursement of cost.

Speed Bump – Cars exceed the speed limit. There is a concern that a pedestrian could be struck on our grounds. Two speed bumps to be purchased for a cost of \$1200. One located near portico area and the second near office area.

Lincoln 8th Grade Request - Lincoln was looking for a patron to cover the cost of the 8th grade graduation. The last graduation held was in 2019. Under pre-COVID times graduation involved a speaker (Fr. Jeff spoke), school officials and families and following reception. COVID times do not allow for that. Staff are committed to providing a memorable graduation. The plan is to present certificate during homeroom, receive a video montage of years at Lincoln, a T shirt and a cupcake. Vestry approved \$800 from Outreach funds to cover the cost for 100 students.

Outside Groups - Written building guidelines are being developed. Several groups have expressed an interest in returning to in-person meetings - addiction support groups, Toastmasters and Cub Scouts.

Gardens and Grounds - It has been years since the entire grounds have had tree/bushes pruned, removed of dead trees/bushes along with drain areas being cleared of vegetation. Woodall Tree Preservation was hired to remove deadwood, etc. to encourage healthy trees/plants and ensure safe environment. Work to be done this week weather permitting.

New Website Development - D. Murphy has completed her assessment. CEC now has a website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Google My Business accounts. Deb reminded the Vestry that the primary function of a website is marketing. The next step is to hold a brainstorming session to collect ideas on content areas for the website.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

STAMBAUGH ORGAN SERIES will present Organist, Joshua Stafford on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 4:00pm in the Concert Hall at Sambaugh Auditorium. **MASKS REQUIRED!!!** Mr. Stafford was appointed organist at the Chataqua Institute in 2020 and also the winner of the Longwood Organ Festival. **Tickets for the in-person portion of the concert are on sale now** and range in price from \$8 to \$13, inclusive of all fees. All tickets for the in-person concert must be PRE-purchased, seats will be reserved and socially-distanced. For tickets, call 330-259-0555 Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Tower Lighting

During these difficult times with so much social distancing and memorial services on hold, donating to our Tower lighting is a wonderful way to honor 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 1 month prior to the month you are requesting.

Our May Tower Lighting is given to the Glory of God in Memory of


All of our departed “craft ladies” especially Joyce Thomas From our CEC Craft Group

AND

In loving memory of Gordon Hare, from Joe & Margaret Stefanick and Family



Vestry and Finance

 VESTRY	FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	March 2021		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$10,310	\$10,310	\$38,553	\$38,563
All Other	\$7,990	\$7,873	\$29,839	\$30,490
Total Income	\$18,300	\$18,183	\$68,392	\$69,053
Expenses	\$22,100	\$22,328	\$70,995	\$72,341
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$3,800)	(\$4,145)	(\$2,603)	(\$3,288)

March Vestry Highlights

COMMUNITY NEWS

It is with much disappointment that we inform you that the Geauga –Trumbull Recycling bins on the backside of our parking lot will soon be removed. For many months now, we have had several issues of illegal dumping and improper disposal of items. Trash has blown into St. Demetrious's Greek Center and into our back wood. It looks horrible and is not how CEC or the Greek Center wish to have their property look. It is unfortunate that we will lose this service because of a few people who can’t now follow in-structions.

The bins have become more and more problematic and CEC should not have to police the area. We have had the director of Geauga-Trumbull out and many discussions. This was not a quick decision on the part of CEC. We have exhausted every effort, without success.

I have listed below ALL of the current locations for Geauga –Trumbull recycling in Trumbull Co. For more information visit www.startrecycling.com.

There are also other recycling drop off facilities no associated with Geauga– Trumbull.

CLOVER Recycling of Howland: 3590 North River Rd—Open T, Th, Sat 9-4.

Southington Township Hall
3419 State Route 534
Southington, OH 44470
Served: Mondays & Thursdays

Summit Academy Schools - Warren Middle & Secondary
1461 Moncrest Dr. NW
Warren, OH 44485
Served: Mondays

Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC)
528 Educational Hwy NW
Warren, OH 44483
Served: M-W-F

Vienna Township Fire Department
833 Youngstown-Kingsville Rd.
Vienna, OH 44473
Served: Mondays & Thursdays

Warren City (corner of Harmon & Monroe)
347 N. Park Ave.
Warren, OH 44481
(Parking lot behind old YWCA)
Served: M-W-F

Warren G. Harding High School
860 Elm Rd. NE
Warren, OH 44483
Served: Every other Tuesday

Warren Township Sports Complex (reopened 10/8/20)
4651 W. Market St.

Johnston Township Hall
4424 Greenville Rd. NE
Cortland, OH 44410
Served: Thursdays

Kinsman Township Garage
6380 State Route 87
Kinsman, OH 44428
Served: Thursdays

Liberty High School
1 Leopard Way
Youngstown, OH 44505
Served: Every other Monday

McDonald Village Garage
200 W. 2nd St.
McDonald, OH 44437
Served: Tuesdays and Fridays

Mecca Township Park
6100 State Route 46
Cortland, OH 44410
Served: Fridays

Newton Township Administration Building
4410 Newton Falls Bailey Rd.
Newton Falls, OH 44444
Served: Tuesdays & Fridays

Niles City Court, Police, & Fire Center
15 E. State St. SE
Niles, OH 44446
Served: Mondays & Thursdays



Happy May Birthday

3 John Panais
 7 Tom Shimko
 7 Kay Bohren
 7 Carol Senne
 10 Laura White
 11 Peter Day
 15 Carol McMichael
 16 Deb Cleary
 17 Dave Lynn
 19 Jim Green
 20 Janet Gladd
 20 Liz Cole- Clark
 20 Sally Mazey
 21 Alex Brennan
 24 Angela Snelson
 24 Jason Cleland
 25 Faith Scarmuzzi
 27 Pat Lukos



And to all those not listed.

FYI Just for fun

Most Disney characters wear gloves to keep animation simple: Walt Disney might have been the first to put gloves on his characters, as seen in 1929's *The Opry House* starring Mickey Mouse. In addition to being easier to animate, there's another reason Disney opted for gloves: "We didn't want him to have mouse hands because he was supposed to be more human,"

The # symbol isn't officially called hashtag or pound Its technical name is octothorpe. The "octo-" means "eight" to refer to its points, though reports disagree on where "-thorpe" came from. Some claim it was named after Olympian Jim Thorpe, while others argue it was just a nonsense suffix.

The U.S. government saved every public tweet from 2006 through 2017: Starting in 2018, the Library of Congress decided to only keep tweets on "a very selective basis," including elections and those dealing with something of national interest, like public policy.

There's only one U.S. state capital without a McDonald's Montpelier, Vermont, doesn't have any of those Golden Arches. It also happens to have the smallest population of any state capital, with just 7,500 residents.

Who Knew...



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We have a tentative date for our Rummage Sale. **May 14 and 15**. Set up will begin on Monday the 10th. Steve Watts is looking for many volunteers to help setup and to work the sale. We are also looking for ideas on how to safely run the sale this year. Due to COVID this year's event will look and feel a bit different. Please contact Steve if you are able to give of your time. 330-770-4763 Also, please call Steve before bringing in any donations. We are bursting at the seams and will need to make space for larger items.

Volunteers: We are currently looking for volunteers to maintain and clean the grounds of the church. This would include mowing grass and help assist Steve Watts, Laura White and Sandee Skovern maintain the beautiful gardens. We have Sara Woodall and her husband from Woodall Tree Preservation coming soon to do much overdue cleanup of trees and shrubs.



Food For Thought—Submitted by Steve Watts

WEEK 14—WEEKEND *Becoming More like Jesus*

His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.

2 PETER 1:3-4

To be a Christian means to be like Christ. And in order to be more like Him, we must decrease and He must increase. In other words, we must let Him—not our own wishes—guide our lives. His will for us must become far more important to us than our own desires for ourselves. Of course we can't be sinless this side of heaven, but we can sin less. Is that our desire?

Also key to becoming more like Jesus is our attitude. We do not *have* to go to church; we *get* to go to church. We do not *have* to serve others; we *get* to serve others. We do not *have* to praise Him; we *get* to praise Him. We do not *have* to give; we *get* to give.

Try having the attitude that even if no one else is going to have a great day in the Lord, you will. Choose to delight in the things of God rather than seeing them as duties. Choose every morning to live that new day on fire for God.

So how can you become more Christlike? Here are some basics:

Rest in the Lord: pray throughout the day.

Nutrition: feed your soul with the Word of God daily.

Exercise Your Faith: praise God, spend time with fellow believers, and talk about Jesus with unbelievers every day.

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Lord Jesus, help me to grow strong in You. Help me to be fit spiritually so that You can use me and so that when others see me, they get a glimpse of You in me!
 Amen.