



JANUARY 2026



**Mission
Statement**

**To Love Others as
Christ Loves Us**

A Message from Mother Robin



Stepping into the New Year Together

As we turn the page on the calendar and step into a new year, we do so with grateful hearts for the many moments of joy, worship, and community we shared during Advent and Christmastide.

Throughout Advent, our church was filled with the light of hope, peace, joy, and love as families gathered week after week to light the Advent candles. Seeing children and parents together at the altar, proclaiming the coming light of Christ, was a beautiful reminder that faith is formed not only in words but in shared moments and sacred traditions.

One of the highlights of the season was our spectacular Festival of Lessons and Carols service. Scripture, music, and prayer came together in a powerful telling of the Christmas story—and, of course, no one will soon forget the millions of cookies lovingly prepared for the reception afterward! Laughter, conversation, and generous hospitality filled the space as we celebrated the gift of Christ and one another.

Our little ones also enjoyed a special seasonal adventure with the Polar Express outing at Robin's Theater. Their excitement, wide-eyed wonder, and joyful energy reminded us all of the magic of the season and the importance of making space for play, imagination, and delight in our life together.

As we move into this new year, we carry these memories with us—along with a sense of hope and anticipation for what God has in store. I have been praying deeply about where God is calling our community next.

In collaboration with Paul, our Formation Director, we have discerned a theme that honors our past while stretching us toward a hopeful future.

Our focus for the coming year will be:

Rooted in Christ. Renewed Together. Sent in Hope.

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WORSHIP

Sunday at 8 am in the Old Chapel

Sunday at 10 am in the Main Church

WEDNESDAY

10 am Bible Study & Healing Service
with Eucharist

Rev, Dr. Robin Woodberry-Rector
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This theme is built on two scriptural pillars.

First, the beautiful prayer in **Ephesians 3:17**, asking that we might be "rooted and grounded in love" so that Christ may dwell in our hearts. Second, the communal fire of **Acts 2:42**, where the early church "devoted themselves to the fellowship and the breaking of bread."

Throughout the year, we will move through three distinct seasons:

1. **Rooted in Christ (Gathering):** We begin with our own hearts, using a 12-part study of Ephesians to deepen our interior life and our personal faith.
2. **Renewed Together (Transforming):** We will look at our "Table" here at Christ Church. How do we make room for one another's stories? How do we welcome the new faces in our pews?
3. **Sent in Hope (Sending):** Finally, we ask the "holy questions" about our neighborhood. Who is missing from our table, and how does our Sunday Eucharist fuel our service on Monday?

We will use the monthly Coffee and Conversations to help us carry out the depth of this focus.

I am excited to embark on this journey of growth and hospitality with you all.

Happy New Year!!!!

Mother Robin



The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Santee Skovran/Senior Warden
John Panagis/Jr Warden
Johnna Ben
Kellie Cleland
Anne Martin
Bob Johnston
Mike Maggiano
Sally Mazey
Linda Day
Tiffany Fisher/Clerk

Vestry and Foundation Members for 2025-2026

Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We'll share a light meal together as we review the past year, look ahead to the future, and conduct essential parish business.

Your presence matters — we need a quorum in order to hold elections and vote on parish matters.



FOUNDATION DIRECTORS 2025

The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
David Susa/Chmn
Karen Andrus/Secretary
Dr. Steven Watts/Treasurer
Don Scarmuzzi
Jeff Heakin
Linda Day
Debra Clary
Ned Gold of Counsel
Megan Massaro
Carter P Lewis

Directors Emeritus

W. Griswold Hurlbert
Eric Doan
Kevin Knowlton
Dr. Lee Snelson



TOWER LIGHTING



- 3 Margorie Louff
- 7 Steve Watts
- 13 Sandy Schlecht
- 17 Laurie Jones
- 17 Carol Ann James
- 20 Gail Andrus
- 25 Gloria Duran
- 30 Zoey Tomko



In Memory of:
Bill & Alice Schellhorn
&
Nick & Sylvia Scarmuzzi

From:
Don & Faith Scarmuzzi

RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS

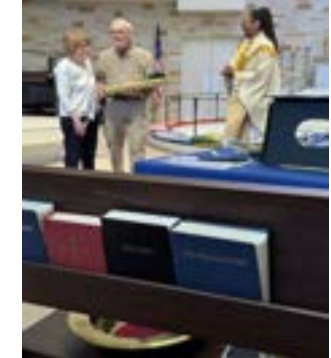
We are collecting aluminum cans (please no cat food cans, or metal cans) in the garage. Cans to the right of the garage. Also any scrap metal can be placed there. If you have large items or need help bringing items in, call Steve 330-770-4763 Money goes to the general fund.



Akron Derby Barbershop Chorus



Church Family moving on to Mississippi



Thanks to Becky & Steve Watts for many years of being in charge of the Rummage Sale

Hanging of the Greens & Jamie's B-day Celebration



Confidence or a Lack There Of

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

I heard a great message about something I sometimes lack. Believe it or not, sometimes I lack confidence. I have some friends that would tell me I'm crazy for saying that because they have never seen me without confidence, and maybe they haven't seen me like that. I mean I don't have panic attacks like some do, and I don't say no to doing something because I lack confidence, but that doesn't mean that I don't walk into a room and think to myself, what the heck am I doing here. I don't belong. It happens to all of us at one time or another, and if you say it doesn't then I would say you are most likely not be honest with yourself.

Whenever I feel at a disadvantage, I have confidence issues, but I listened to a woman named Hannah Crews who put confidence in a way I could relate to. She said, "I will give you the best advise I could ever give you. **Walk into the room like Jesus sent you.**" I have never heard this statement before, but when I did, it really struck a chord. I felt the way that Hannah felt when she said, "if Jesus is sending you somewhere, that means that he has already gone before you." He has a plan set in place and there is a reason he wants you to be there. He wants YOU! All you have to do is accept responsibility and obey. If you just walk into every room as if Jesus himself was the one who sent you, that will bring you a confidence that no one can take away from you.

When you feel that confidence, you need to recognize that it comes from God. Without God that confidence would wither away.

Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." God promises to be with you, removing the need for fear and lack of confidence.

Hebrews 4:16: "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

I can't wait to share this with my daughter.

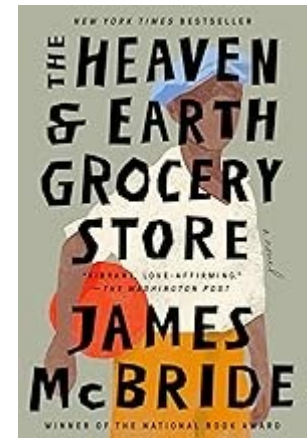


BOOK CLUB



The meeting will be Saturday, February 7th at 11:00am in Rooms 8 & 10. We will discuss the book, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Don't stop reading!!

February Discussion



LESSONS & CAROLS





: Join us on Saturday, January 31st, at 4:00 pm for a special Beatles Mass, where familiar songs from The Beatles are woven into our worship to proclaim the Good News. Come experience the joy, hope, and love of God through music that has shaped generations. The Band will be headed up by Doug Thomas



Pictures done
by Addison Sowers



Special Thank You

A huge and hearty “thank you” is extended to all Christ Church bakers who made those amazing Christmas cookies for Lessons and Carols!!!! The cookie tables were jam-packed with goodies that were enjoyed by so many people..... our largest gathering that we have had for a long time! It was a beautiful way to deepen the holiday season!

A deep thank you is also extended to those who helped to set up and decorate the parish hall: to the men who set up tables; the gals that decorated; and the young group (Allie, Macie, and Marina Cleland and their friends!!!!) that greeted people, served punch and managed the cookie trays!!!!

And lastly, a deep thank you to those who stayed to clean up, especially after an already-long day! Thank you! Thanks you! Thank you!

With deep appreciation and love!
Sandee Skovran

FORMATION

A fun time was had by all the Littles and their families and some Shining Stars Preschoolers when they attended the showing of “The Polar Express” at the Robbins Theater in Warren.



LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

Happy New Year!

In a blink of an eye the new year is here. This year let Christ Church bring **HOPE** to more Lincoln School children in 2026.

Lincoln School is our neighbor. Let us remember to Love thy neighbor as ourselves.

Food, shelter and clothing have been identified as critical needs for the children next door.

While we can do nothing to help with shelter we can help with their hunger and their physical comfort by ensuring they have food to eat and sufficient clothes to wear.

The Bag Ladies recently observed while helping wrap Christmas presents with the children, a child who came to the Food Pantry asked the Community Liaison if he could have a loaf of bread and then hesitantly say I really need two. Can I have Two? He was told to take two loaves and then asked if he needed anything else. His initial response was no but then he said Can I have some peanut butter for the bread? The Liaison replied yes and let me get you some jelly too.

It broke our hearts. It is one thing to be told a story and quite another to “see it live.”

We also learned that morning from the Community Liaison on Mondays teachers, counselors and other staff send requests for food to the Community Liaison for children whose circumstances are **dire**. These children currently 30 in number are the first to receive the Happy Meals delivered on Tuesday. The meals are personally delivered to each child.

In 2026 our focus will be to continue our Happy Meals program and explore other sources of food for the children that CEC can provide.

The Bag Ladies currently meet on Mondays at 10 AM with a future goal of exploring a time that offers greater opportunity for more parishioners to participate. You need not wait, however, feel free to join us on Monday.

Linda Day

Tie-dye Event:

Bring your favorite white t-shirt, and we will make them into masterpieces for The Beatles Mass. This is for all ages after church on Jan. 18 We will make our shirts and you can wear them for The Beatles mass.



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3:17 / Acts 2:42



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Ephesians

Our monthly Coffee & Conversation gatherings will begin on **January 11th**, during Coffee Hour following both the **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services**.

January 11 Topic: The Word & the Dwelling

• **Topic:** Introduction to the Bible—how to read and navigate Scripture.

• **Theological Infusion:** *Christ Dwelling Within*. As we engage the Bible, we learn how Christ “animates” our lives (St. Augustine).

Open to all levels of biblical experience.

Joe Gladd is looking for 12” to 18” scrap hardwood. He builds different things using this wood and could really use some if you have it. If you can help or know of someone who can help please contact the office and let Tiffany know. She will pass the information onto Joe.

VESTRY

By Sandee Skovran

Crossroads article. For January.

The Vestry met on December 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order, with acceptance of the agenda for this meeting and the approval, with some corrections, of the November 20th meeting.

In the area of finance, a preliminary 2026 budget was presented. The Vestry will study the proposed budget at the January 15, 2026 meeting. The 2026 budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. Dave Susa, Chairman of the Foundation, also discussed current financial strategies to enhance investment returns.

Reports were presented in the following areas:

1. Senior Warden: Sandee Skovran reported on the need for new Vestry members. She related that the Vestry is a progressive, visioning vestry. While the primary focus of the Vestry is to make fiscally-responsible financial decisions, it is also necessary to maintain a vision for the direction of the church. The church exudes a high energy and loving, accepting atmosphere. We know this because of so many comments of new parishioners or visitors..... that the atmosphere in the church is that of love and acceptance. What a positive way to be seen by parishioners as well as visitors.

2. Junior Warden: John Panagis indicated that the boiler has been replaced (paid for by the Foundation); the new maintenance roof contract is put into place; the daycare continues to be active and communication continues to be strong. John also indicated that there was damage to the portico on the entrance side. He is continuing to look at camera video to find out how this happened and who may be responsible.

3. Mother Robin presented her activity report for November. She is involved in many diocesan and community meetings and activities as she continues to move us closer and deeper into our role of outreach. Thank you, Mother Robin! She also indicated that a visitation will be made to Saint James in Boardman on January 4, 2026, St. James is closing—— a very difficult decision for them for sure. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they transition through this difficult decision.

4. Old Business: in old business, request was made to light up the chapel lights at night. This will be explored in the future for cost and how to pay for it.

Additionally, reminder of the Festival of Lessons and Carols for Sunday,

December 21 at 6:00 PM. Call for cookies remains!

Next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, January 15th.

Your Vestry wishes you the most Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LINCOLN Cont.

By Linda Day



The Bag ladies having some fun while packing bags and cars. They wear many hats as you can see, but they always do it with a smile.

They have also advised that they could use some volunteers alongside of them.

THE MORE THE MERRIER!!!

If you would like to volunteer along with these ladies, call Linda Day 330-219-3947 or Tiffany in the office at 330-372--4998.

Come to help. It's a lot of fun!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	3
4 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service	5 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	7 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	8 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	9 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	10
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Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
4	Jan Henrey Clare Adams	
11	Beth Landers	
18	Jan Henrey Clare Adams	
25	Beth Landers	

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
4	Cindy Thirion Jan Henrey	L LC
11	Jim Crofford Joe Gladd	L LC
18	Anne Martin Kathi Kovacic	L LC
25	Mike Maggiano Joe Gladd	L LC

Christ Church Greeters Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
1st Sun.	Jeannine Morris	
2nd Sun.	Carson Buydos Nancy Forrester	G NT
3rd Sun.	Massaro Family	
4th Sun.	Therese Hurlbert Gris Hurlbert	
5th Sun.		

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
4	Kathy Hughes Becky Watts	
11	Amie P & Sam D Kevin Knowlton	
18	Karen Andrus Stacy Costley	
25	Tess Crofford Debbie Clary	



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
1st Sun.	Dan Mason Joe Yaksich	
2nd Sun.	Jim Crofford Sam Heakin	
3rd Sun.	Nancy Forrester Peter Day	
4th Sun.	Steve Watts Diane Orr	
5th Sun.		

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service Wednesday 2026		
JANUARY		
7	Kathy Hughes	
14	Jan Henrey	
21	Kathy Hughes	
28	Jan Henrey	

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
4	Jeff Heakin Steve Watts	L LC
11	Janet Schweitzer Fred Schweitzer	L LC
18	Laurie Jones John Panagis	L LC
25	Kevin Knowlton Sally Mazey	L LC

Christ Church Coffee Hour Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
JANUARY		
1st Sun.	Sam Davis Amie Prezioso	
2nd Sun.	Steve Watts Becky Watts	
3rd Sun.	Lynn Peteritis Linda Day	
4th Sun.	Kathy Hughes	
5th Sun.		