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WORSHIP
 Sunday at 8am in the Chapel
 Sunday at 10am in the Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY
 10 am Bible Study & Healing Service
 with Eucharist

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September 2026

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A Message from Mother Robin



September 2026

“A New Season, A Warm Welcome”

September always seems to carry with it a sense of beginning again. The days may still be warm, but there is a noticeable change in the air. Summer vacations come to an end, children return to school, schedules settle into familiar rhythms, and we begin to look ahead to the fall.

The Church, too, has a rhythm of returning and renewing. After the slower pace of summer, September allows us to gather again, reconnect with one another, and remember that we do not walk this journey of faith alone.

I am especially grateful as we welcome our choir back to worship. There is something deeply meaningful about hearing our sanctuary filled with voices raised in song. Music has a way of reaching places in our hearts that words sometimes cannot. As we sing together, we are reminded that worship is something we do not simply attend—we participate in it together.

As we begin this new season, I hope you will make time to be present—not only on Sunday mornings, but in the life of this parish. Come to worship. Join a ministry. Attend a fellowship gathering. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Invite a friend. Find a way to share your gifts and your presence with this community.

Many demands are competing for our attention these days. Our calendars fill quickly, and it can be easy to put church somewhere near the bottom of the list. But gathering together is not simply another obligation. It is an opportunity to pause, breathe, listen for God, and be reminded of who we are and whose we are.

At Christ Church, we are blessed with a parish family that continues to grow, serve, laugh, worship, and care for one another. As we enter this new season, let us build on that blessing. Let us make room for one another, especially for those who may be new or returning after some time away. Let us be a community where people know they are welcomed, valued, and loved.



Mother Robin Continued...

I am excited about all that lies ahead for us this fall. There will be opportunities to learn, to serve, to worship, to celebrate, and simply to spend time together. Whatever this new season brings, may we enter it with open hearts and a renewed sense of hope.

Welcome back, dear friends. It is good to be together again.

May God bless our parish family, our ministries, and the season ahead. And may we continue to grow together in faith, hope, and love.

With gratitude and joy, **Mother Robin**



The Vestry will not hold regular meetings during July and August unless a need arises that requires us to convene.

Over the summer, Vestry will continue working on several important projects. We are addressing parish access to the kitchen and parish hall and are also exploring repairs to the chapel windows.

In addition, we are reviewing the ideas and feedback shared during the *Table Talks* held on May 3 and May 30. Once this review is complete, we will share a summary of the discussions and proposed ideas with the congregation.

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.

VESTRY MEMBERS
2026

The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Johnna Ben/Senior Warden
John Panagis/Jr Warden
Anne Martin
Bob Johnston
Mike Maggiano
Sally Mazey
Andrew Sowers
Kevin Knowlton
Amie Prezioso/Clerk



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SEPTEMBER TOWER LIGHTING

In Loving Memory of

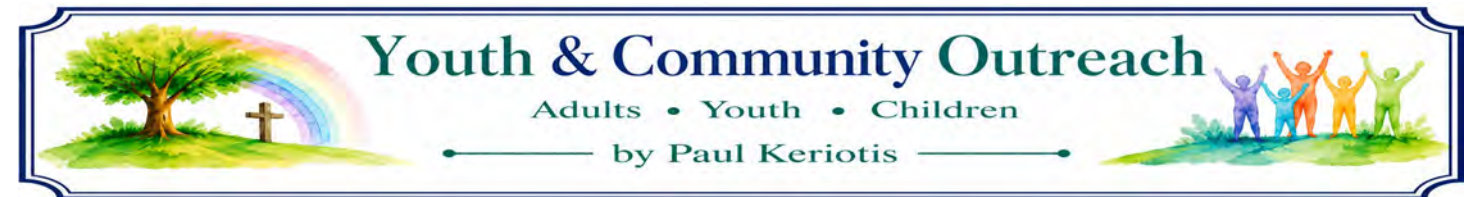
Bill Moore

From:

Paul & Marilyn Homa



3	Ray Takach
10	Fred Schweitzer
17	Pam Eastman
17	Eric Doan
18	MaryAnne Stefanick
19	Hannah Watts
23	Gris Hurlbert
23	Gail Cantelmo
25	Marsha Christy
26	Karl Morris
28	Edward Costley
28	Yiovanni Woodberry Nazario



In St. John's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit." — John 15:5

This year, our children spent a week at Vacation Bible School learning what it means to grow: planting seeds, sending roots down deep, reaching toward the Son, and bearing good fruit. It's a simple image, but it says something true about the whole life of this parish — not just its youngest members.

We are, all of us, still growing. Faith isn't planted once and left alone; it's tended, watered, and given room to spread — through prayer, through worship, through showing up for one another week after week. And a garden isn't the work of one gardener. It takes many hands, much patience, and a whole community willing to get its hands in the dirt.

That's exactly what Rally Day is for. As we kick off a new program year together, Rally Day is our chance to reconnect after the summer, welcome new faces, and get reacquainted with all the ways this parish grows — its ministries, its groups, its people. Come see what's rooted here, and find where you might plant yourself this year.

Christ Church continues to bear fruit both **outside our walls** — through ministries like the Food Ministry to Lincoln School, the Red Door Café, and the Men's Group Breakfast — and **inside our building**, through Scout Pack #11, Shining Stars Daycare, AA groups, Toastmasters, the Rummage Sale, Crafting Group, First Presbyterian Lunch, Ladles of Love, Strings of Joy, and more. Trumbull Mobile Meals, founded by and still supported by our community, continues to serve both "outside" and "inside."

Within our parish life, we keep nurturing one another through **Diocesan Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School, and parish ministries**: Altar Guild, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Bakers, Religious Education, and our vibrant Music Ministries — Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, and Godly Play. New growth is showing too, in our Children's Choir, the Tween/Teen Group, and monthly Book Club. There is more coming over the horizon, but these projects need your attention, how about ministry to pre-Sunday school 2-5yrs, or developing a new liturgy similar to the Beatles Mass, **why not a Michael Jackson Liturgy?** I know there is interest! I have been honored to organize an ad hoc committee to lovingly see this happen in the spring. I am imagining only a few meetings as possible: liturgical text/ readings, music, lights, camera drones, production, dance, advertising, hospitality reception. Please contact the office today!

Like the vine and its branches, none of these ministries stand alone — each one draws its life from the same source, and each one helps the whole body bear fruit. Come join us at Rally Day, and see where you might take root.



Saturday, October 3, 2026
10:00 am - Noon
Grace Episcopal Church
36200 Ridge Road
Willoughby, OH 44094

SAVE THE DATE

ECW Sacred Circles Forum on Human Trafficking

Learn more about human trafficking and how to keep your loved ones safe. This event is sponsored by the ECW's Anti-Human Trafficking Circle. Child care and refreshments provided. Registration details coming soon.



The Power of God is so amazing:

I listened to a woman talk about a plane flight she had taken. She talked about how tired she was after doing a seminar and then coming right to the airport. She got on the plane and pulled out her Bible right away so that everyone would know to leave her alone.

As it would happen, right before they closed the doors to the plane, they let one man on the plane and that man sat down right beside her. Having the Bible out will either deter him from talking to her, or it will engage them in a Biblical conversation.

At one point the man leaned in toward her and said, "You're just going to read the Bible?" Suddenly the woman was no longer tired. She started sharing many bible verses with the man, and she pulled a receipt out of her purse and wrote down more verses for him to read. She handed him the piece of paper and told him that when he got home, he should buy himself a Bible, and he should look up the verses. Immediately God said to her, "Give this man your Bible." In her head she was having an argument with God, "No, No, No, God you don't understand. This is my Bible. The one I make all my notes in, and the one my kids draw in. It's tear stained from hours of pouring over it and talking to you God." God continued to tug on her heart until she told the man next to her, "Sir, I think you are supposed to have my Bible.

The woman gave him her Bible, wrote about it in one of her books and 24 years later while she was doing a talk in San Antonio, one of her crew came up to her and said there are three women here that want to see you, and I think you should talk to them. As it turned out, it was the Bible man's daughter, his sister, and a friend of the family. His name was Ron. The women proceeded to tell Lysa the rest of the story. Ron passed away 3 years prior. The 3 women told Lysa they wanted to find her after they read the story about her giving her Bible to this man on a plane. The women knew the Bible man was Ron. When Ron got home, he took a week off work and then he read the entire Bible, and he eventually gave his heart to Christ. After that he led his entire family to Christ.

The daughter of Ron looked at Lysa and said, "it's been so brutal since my Dad passed away, but do you know the one thing that has comforted me through all of this?" The daughter then reached in her bag and pulled out the Bible. Lysa saw her handwriting from 24 + years ago, and she saw Ron's handwriting, and in the 3 years since Ron's passing Lysa saw the daughter's handwriting all through that Bible.

It was at that moment that Lysa realized the impact of her giving up her Bible to this man on the plane. It was that act of kindness. The sacrifice that she gave that day because she heard what God wanted her to do and she listened.

God will never shout in your ears, but he will whisper. You have to make sure you are listening. Your ability to listen to God, and do what is asked of you, could lead one person, or maybe many people to God.



The meeting will be Saturday, September 12th at 11:00am in the Library. We will discuss the book, "The Man Who Died Twice" Book 2" by Richard Osman

Sept 12: The Man Who Died Twice Book 2
by Richard Osman

Oct 10: Deacon King Kong by James McBride

Nov 14: The Bullet that Missed, Book 3
by Richard Osman

Dec 12: Last Devil to Die Book 4
by Richard Osman

Don't stop reading!!

Reading is FUNdamental!!!



NO Fall Rummage Sale

There will be NO fall rummage sale this year.

We are still planning on a Spring rummage sale.

Please do not bring any rummage sale items to the church at this time as we are not accepting them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Join the PARISH CHOIR!



Parish Choir rehearsals resume **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** at 7:00 p.m.



New and returning singers are warmly invited to join our vibrant choir! No prior choral experience is needed—only a joy in praising God and a love to lift His name.



The Parish Choir sings regularly in **Sunday worship** and special services throughout the year.



Come enjoy great music, fellowship, and the opportunity to make music in support of the mission of our church.



For more information, contact **Jamie Shiell**
Director of Music, at music@christchurchwarren.org

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	May 2026		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$9,265	\$8,950	\$79,360	\$79,045
All Other	\$19,840	\$19,840	\$76,071	\$75,974
Total Income	\$29,105	\$28,790	\$155,431	\$155,019
Expenses	(\$35,271)	(\$34,971)	(\$167,958)	(\$166,333)
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$6,166)	(\$6,181)	(\$12,527)	(\$11,314)

GREEK FESTIVAL PARKING TOTALS				
	2025	MONEY	2026	MONEY
WEDNESDAY	85	\$425.00	66	\$332.15
THURSDAY	161	\$805.00	158	\$792.00
FRIDAY	160	\$803.00	258	\$1,292.07
SATURDAY	168	\$840.00	280	\$1,401.00
SUNDAY	98	\$490.00	87	\$433.68
TOTALS	672	\$3,363.00	849	\$4,250.90



It is that time of year once again. The first day of school for students

In Warren City Schools for the 2026–2027 academic year is **Monday, August 24, 2026.**

I was reflecting on what is different this year. My mind remains a blank. 2025-2026 and the coming 2026-2027 school year look alike. The overall poverty remains the same. Children continue to have a need for food, clothing, shelter and a safe environment to live in.

When I finished my reflections the conclusion was the same. Christ Episcopal Church – WE – make a difference in the lives of many of the children who attend Lincoln School.

Our “CALLING” continues to be LOVING the children next door.

We are collecting food items for our Happy bags.

Happy Bag items needed:

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| Ramen noodles | Macaroni and cheese cups |
| Peanut butter crackers | Welch’s Gummy Snacks |
| Individual cereal boxes | Fruit cups |



Each week school is in session CEC delivers 100 Happy Bags to Lincoln.

If you are able please consider a donation of Happy Bag item/s or a donation to purchase them.



School Supplies for Lincoln



PERSONAL HYGIENE NEEDS FOR LINCOLN SCHOOL

There is a need for hygiene products. A hygiene class is being planned for middle school special education students. Help is needed to provide the items needed for each student to receive a Toiletry Kit.

Toiletry Kit Contents include:

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| Shampoo | Conditioner | Body Wash |
| Tooth Paste | Toothbrush | Deodorant |
| Lotion | Comb | Brush |

If you are able, please consider the gift of a toiletry item/s.



Coffee & CONVERSATION

Sunday, October 11th

THEME:
Stewardship & Generosity

 In the Library
after the 8a service

 In the Narthex
after the 10a service



Dinner and a MOVIE

It's Back!

Come join us as we gather to watch an episode of *The Chosen*, a series that follows the ministry of Jesus and the Disciples. Afterwards, we will discuss the episode.

 A light meal will be provided.

 Wednesday, September 23rd

 Gather in the Narthex at 5:30p.

Stewardship Sunday — October 18th

On **Sunday, October 18th**, we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday—a time to give thanks for God’s many blessings and reflect on how we can share those blessings through our time, talents, and generosity.

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can participate in the life and ministry of our church. Whether through serving, sharing your gifts, or making a financial commitment, your participation makes a difference.

Join us on Stewardship Sunday as we celebrate God’s abundance and commit ourselves to giving with grateful hearts and generous spirits.



+ Pet Blessing

All creatures are welcome!

Saturday, October 10th
at 1:00 p.m.
Outdoor Chapel

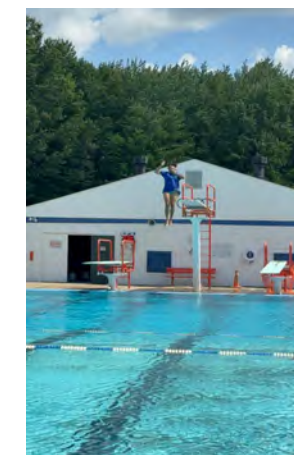
Bring your pets for a special blessing and a time of prayer.



Cowboy Sunday



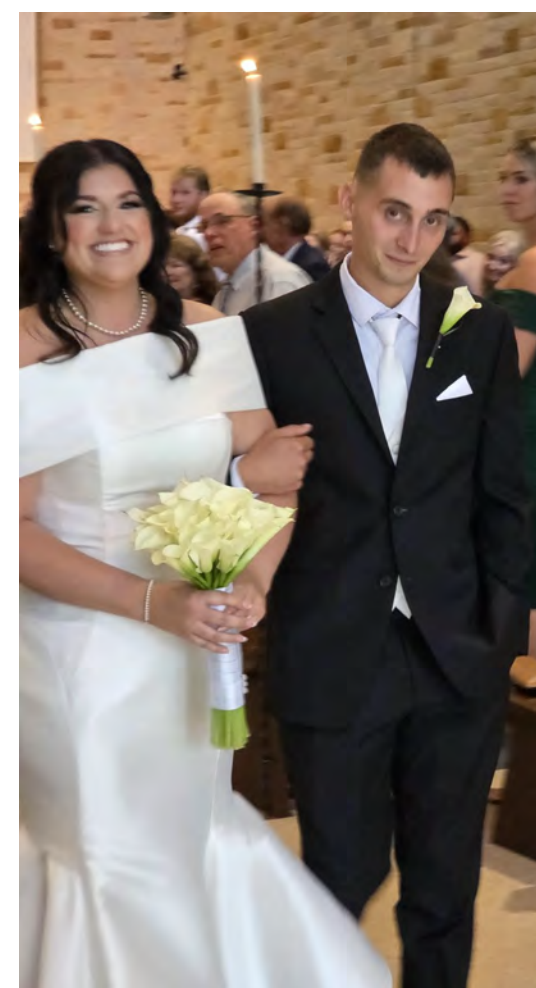
Disco Sunday



Cowboy Sunday



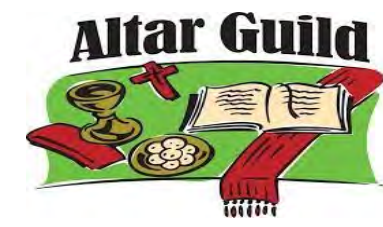
We had a
WEDDING this
Summer!!!



Olympic Swim Club Picnic



Christmas in July Sunday



SEPTEMBER

2026

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
6	Beth Landers
13	Jan Henrey
20	Clare Adams
27	Beth Landers

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
6	Debbie Clary Carol Senne
13	Kevin Knowlton Becky Watts
20	Amy Prezioso Sam Davis, Tess Crofford
27	Karen Andrus Kathy Hughes

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
9	Jan Henrey
15	Kathy Hughes
22	Kathy Hughes
29	Kathy Hughes



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
6	Dan Mason Joe Yaksich
13	Jim Crofford Sam Heakin
20	Nancy Forrester Peter Day
27	Don Senne Steve Watts

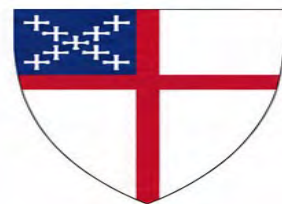
Christ Church Greeter Schedule 09:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
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Christ Church Coffee Hr. Schedule 09:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
6	Amy Prezioso Sam Davis
13	Becky Watts Steve Watts
20	Linda Day Lynn Peteritis
27	Liz Clark

Christ Church Lector/Chalice Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026		
SEPTEMBER		
6	Jeff Heakin L Steve Watts 9AM L/C	
13	ONLY 1 L SERVICE L/C	
20	Cindy Thirion L Kathi Kovacic L/C	
27	Bill Baran L Joe Gladd L/C	

Christ Church Lector/Chalice Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
SEPTEMBER		
6	ONLY 1 L SERVICE L/C	
13	Sandee Skovran L John Panagis L/C	
20	Amie Prezioso L Steve Watts L/C	
27	Sandy Schlecht L Karen Andrus L/C	

Christ Church Lector/Chalice Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
SEPTEMBER	
9	Jan Henrey
15	TBD
22	TBD
29	TBD



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CROSS ROADS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Sunday Service in the Chapel	31 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	1 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	3 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:00pm Choir Practice	4 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	5
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13 10:00am Sunday Eucharist Service-Sanctuary RALLY DAY	14 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	16 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	17 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:00pm Choir Practice	18 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	19
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