



October 2025



**Mission
Statement**

**To Love Others as
Christ Loves Us**

A Message from Mother Robin



Dear Friends in Christ,

As autumn settles in, my heart is full of gratitude for the Celebration of New Ministry we shared on September 23. That day was more than a milestone in my journey as your Rector; it was a joyful witness to the spirit of this congregation. The prayers, the music, the hospitality, and the presence of friends near and far reminded me that ministry is never a solo effort. It is always a shared calling, carried out in community. I am deeply thankful for each of you and for the many ways you continue to say “yes” to the work God has entrusted

to us.

This month also brings the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who teaches us the joy of simplicity and care for all God’s creatures. Soon we will gather for All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day, giving thanks for those who have gone before us. These moments draw us into gratitude—not only for the saints in heaven, but also for the “saints in the pews” who embody faith, love, and service in this community.

Just as September 23 reminded us of our shared calling, stewardship season invites us to look ahead with hope. What gifts will you bring into this next chapter? How might your generosity—through service, creativity, presence, or financial support—help us live more fully into the mission God has placed before us?

When we make our pledges, we are not simply funding a budget; we are affirming our commitment to walk together in Christ’s work. Each of us offers what we can—our prayers, our time, our talents, and our treasure—and together those gifts are woven into a tapestry of ministry: worship that lifts hearts, outreach that transforms lives, and fellowship that sustains us through joys and trials.

May this October be for us a season of gratitude, generosity, and renewed commitment to the work God is calling us to share.

Faithfully,

Mother Robin

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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

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SHINE THAT LIGHT

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

A few weeks ago I gave my testimony at church. It was my opportunity to let others know about the wonderful things God has done in my life. Even through adversity he shines a light and works his miracle magic on me.

I say this because it's so important to tell your story to others. How will anyone know all the goodness of God if we don't talk about it and proclaim it from the rooftops, or in my case the beautiful chapel of Christ Episcopal Church.

I was working a wedding at our church a few weeks ago. The bride's Dad was a preacher here in Warren. We got to talking and he ended up hearing a condensed version of my testimony and he asked if I would be willing to come to his church in Warren and give my testimony to his congregation. I said of course I would. If I wouldn't have shared my God with Pastor Garrett, how would he have known to ask me about sharing my story.

Now I'm not famous, and my story may not reach many people, but if it helps one person than that's all that matters.

I wrote about this because in the last year or so, I have noticed all of the sports figures and entertainment people who have come out about their faith and have been willing to let the world know that God is in their corner and the savior of their soul. I love the fact that given the huge platform that they have, they are talking about what God has done in their lives.

Denzel Washington, Matthew McConaughey, Chris Pratt, Candice Cameron Bure, Carrie Underwood, Kathie Lee Gifford, and Angela Bassett all have a strong faith in God and are willing to talk about it in a public forum. Let us not forget about our sports figures: The Ohio State Football team holding on campus baptisms. The new pitcher for the Guardians, Parker Messick. Tim Tebow, Simone Biles, and our beloved Baker Mayfield. He may not play for Cleveland any longer but he is still one of my favorites and I follow his journey with Tampa Bay. Three weeks ago he shared his faith story on Sports Spectrum and how he had to hit rock bottom before he reached for his faith.

What I am trying to say is this: We are all called to bear witness and share our stories. I remember a song growing up. The words were, "hide it under a bushel, NO, I'm gonna let it shine". This is what we are called to do. We are called to shine, and to share that shine with anyone who will listen.

In Mark 16:15 Jesus instructs his disciples, "Go into the world and preach the gospel to all creation".

In Luke 12:8 Jesus promises to acknowledge before the angels anyone who acknowledges him publicly before others. He also warns that if you deny him before men, he will deny them before the angels of God.

Jesus wants us to be bold in our faith and to not fear persecution.

"Let your light shine for all the world to see."



The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
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Bob Johnston
Mike Maggiano
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Linda Day
Tiffany Fisher/Clerk

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TOWER LIGHTING

Tower lighting donations are being accepted for the months of November and December.

If you are interested please contact Tiffany in the office.



2	Marilyn Snyder	27	Jo Lawrence
5	Aria Marsh	27	Megan Massaro
6	Amy Sowers	27	Alex Sowers
7	Robin Woodberry	27	Avery Sowers
9	Addison Sowers	28	Linda Day
11	Carter Lewis	31	Dottie Lynn
13	Karen Andrus		
18	Marilyn Homa		
21	Judy Rich		
21	Diane Orr		



FREE FIREWOOD:

Steve Watts has firewood for anyone who is in need. The firewood is free. If you have a need and he still has it, please let him know. You can reach him at 330-770-4763. Give him a call and he will assist you.



It’s that time again. October 17th and 18th will be the Fall Rummage Sale. Hours will be Friday the 17th from 8 am -9 am for the early birds and then 9 am-5 pm. On Saturday the 18th from 9 am –3 pm.

If you are able to volunteer, Steve could really use your help. He starts to set up on the Monday before the Sale. That means from October 13th Monday thru October 16th Thursday the Parish Hall will be filled with items for the rummage sale. Come in and lend your time and skill. There is stocking, organizing and pricing that needs to be done. Then when the sale starts we need volunteers to run the sale and help the buyers.

If you are able to help, please let Steve know, or you can call the office and let us know.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope you can help. (you might even find some things for yourself)

STEWARDSHIP



Tell Out
My Soul

Dear Family of God,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke's Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

What is your Good News; the idea, dream, challenge placed in your heart by God, that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors?

Our Stewardship Campaign this year focuses on these stories - the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative - the ongoing Creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with us this year, think about how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide. Hear the stories that we share weekly throughout the campaign that relate the creative spark in us with the ways in which we are called to serve God and love our neighbor.

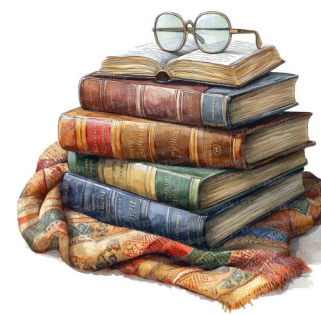
Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

Luke 1:46-47, NRSV



BOOK CLUB

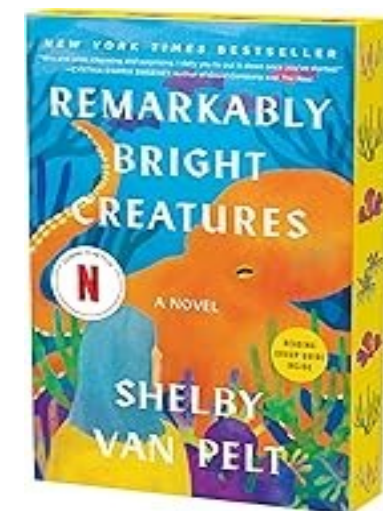


October 4th is the next book club. I hope you are reading. -

The next book club meeting will be October 4th at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. We will discuss the book, "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon. The book for November 1st discussion will be "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.



October Discussion

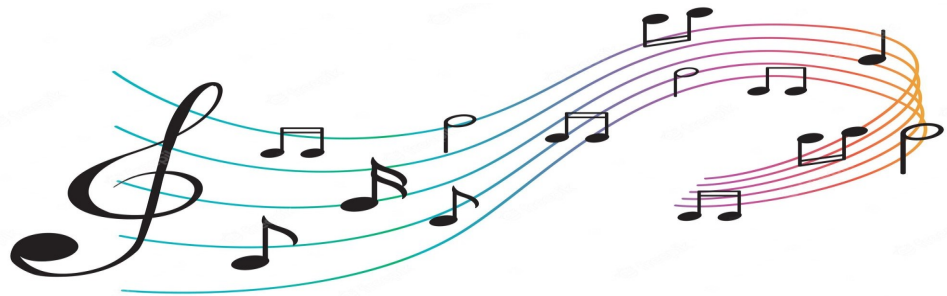


November Discussion

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.

Arts on
Atlantic



THE PARK AVENUE BRASS—*A Concert of Fan Favorites*

Sunday, October 19 at 4 pm

Experience an afternoon of brilliant brass as Christ Church’s magnificent acoustics come alive. Park Avenue Brass, five accomplished music educators from

DINNER, DIVAS AND DESSERT—*A Candlelight Cabaret*

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF SINGERS AND FRIENDS

Saturday, October 25 Silent Auction—5:30 Dinner—6:00 Performance—7:00

Tickets—\$35 *(Call the church office to purchase tickets)*

Join us for an unforgettable evening of Broadway favorites performed by our staff singers and friends. Savor a lively cocktail hour with silent auction, a gourmet dinner from Station Square Ristorante, and indulgent desserts. Seating is limited—call the church office to reserve your tickets today!

COMPLINE FOR ALL SOUL’S DAY—*A service of remembrance for those who have died*

THE PARISH CHOIR AND KIRK KUPENSKY, HARP

Sunday, November 2 at 7 pm

This ancient liturgy honors the memory of those who have gone before us. The church, aglow with hundreds of candles, will shine against the darkness. Attendees may bring photos of loved ones to place at the front of the church, where each will be illumined by a candle. Come experience the beauty of chants, candles and harp!

FINANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	August 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$9,445	\$9,445	\$105,313	\$96,278
All Other	\$25,201	\$24,776	\$119,979	\$118,853
Total Income	\$34,646	\$34,221	\$225,292	\$215,131
Expenses	(\$25,753)	(\$27,354)	(\$243,515)	(\$232,299)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$8,893	\$6,867	(\$18,223)	(\$17,168)

RETURN OF DINNER & A MOVIE WITH
JESUS (THE CHOSEN)



The Chosen continues in October. Every Wednesday night in October at 5:30 pm. We will gather in the Narthex for a light meal and an episode of the series we have all come to love.

We will have a brief discussion afterwards.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

A HUGE thanks is extended to Sexton Bob for his donation of a refrigerator for the cry room (off the narthex)!

This addition will assist with food and drink storage for the many receptions we have in the narthex.

Thanks a lot, Bob. This is truly appreciated!!!!!!!

LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

Our support of Lincoln School began in earnest seven years ago. The focus school supplies, personal care items followed by clothing. It was not until the following year (2020) food was added. Today it is the major focus. Changes in school funding have resulted in Lincoln School having only two primary sources for food outside that served in the cafeteria. Lincoln has access to a food grant through Second Harvest Food Bank. The school orders food from a list of items offered through the Food Bank. The list varies based upon the food items Second Harvest can purchase from its suppliers. Christ Episcopal Church has a Lincoln outreach fund and is also supported with donations of food, clothing and personal care items and money from our parishioners. There are no additional funding sources.

For the first time ever there is a pressing need for ALL items – food, clothing and personal care items.

The Community Liaison shared information she had heard on the news this morning (9/22). Warren Ohio has the most children living impoverished in the state of Ohio.

Tribune Chronicle excerpts:

The Valley's two biggest cities — Warren and Youngstown — are at the top of the list of the worst cities in Ohio when it comes to childhood poverty, according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

In Warren, an astounding 56.7% of children live in poverty. In Youngstown, the figure is 51.3%. Portsmouth (50.1%) and East Cleveland (49.8%) round out the top four. (Warren holds first place)

Childhood poverty is defined by the number of people 17 and under who live under the poverty level based on household income. In 2024, that standard was \$31,200 for a family of four with two children.

This means that children are deprived of the necessary resources they need to grow into adults who are healthy, educated and able to independently sustain their well-being.

The hope is that incoming manufacturing and other jobs — particularly in Trumbull County — can bring down the childhood poverty numbers in the region. The overall poverty rate here also may improve.

But those future jobs and paychecks won't feed and clothe our children or provide proper health care today or next week. That's why we must continue to support churches, organizations and schools that do what they can to fill the gaps in children's lives.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION



HALLOWEEN SUNDAY FUNDAY

On Sunday, October 26th, we're hosting a Halloween Sunday Funday at our church. Everyone is invited to wear festive costumes to worship, especially our children. After service, join us for a Halloween themed coffee hour with treats, games and fun for all ages!!

Halloween Treats...and maybe a few
Tricks...hahaha

Pumpkin Decorating for ourselves and some shut-in members.

Halloween BINGO-Spooky but Silly!

Family Photo Booth-Commemorate the Occasion.

Let's all have a great time!



LINCOLN Con't

By Linda Day

Childhood poverty in Warren and Youngstown didn't happen overnight and the problem won't be fixed quickly. It also won't fix itself.

Your support of societal safety nets is critical, particularly in places like Warren and Youngstown, where more than half of all our children live in poverty. (End of article)

Christ Episcopal Church is blessed with parishioners who have caring and generous heart.

If you are able please consider a donation of....

Food: Macaroni and cheese cups, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, ramen noodles, jars of peanut butter and jelly or money and we will do the shopping

Clothing:

Girls- Leggings 6 to 18; Underwear 6 to 18

Boys- Sweat pants 6 to 18; Underwear 6 to 18, Belts- size 6x to

XLPersonal Care Items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, soap and laundry detergent.

God Bless You Linda

Babes, Brunch & Bottomless Bellinis

Ladies of Christ Episcopal, you're invited to a special outing: Babes, Brunch & Bottomless Bellinis! Let's gather for laughter, good food, and fellowship at Café 422 on Sunday, November 9th, at 11:45 a.m. It's a chance to enjoy one another's company outside the church walls. Invite a friend—this is a wonderful opportunity to connect!

Bros, Brunch & Beers

Men of Christ Episcopal, you're invited to a special outing: Bros, Brunch & Beers! Let's gather for laughter, good food, and fellowship at Salvatores in Howland on Sunday, November 16th, at noon. It's a chance to enjoy one another's company outside the church walls. Invite a friend—this is a wonderful opportunity to connect!

OCTOBER 2025



Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2025	
OCTOBER	
5	Beth Landers
12	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
19	Beth Landers
26	Jan Henrey Clare Adams

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2025		
OCTOBER		
5	Anne Martin Jan Henrey	L LC
12	Jim Crofford Joe Gladd	L LC
19	Cindy Thirion Jan Henrey	L LC
28	Bill Baron Joe Gladd	L LC

Christ Church Greeters 10:00 AM Service 2025	
OCTOBER	
1st Sun.	Nancy Forrester Kathy Hughes
2nd Sun.	Sam Davis Amie Prezioso
3rd Sun.	Massaro’s family
4th Sun.	William Dovi Judy Rich
5th Sun.	N/A

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
OCTOBER	
5	Deb Clary Tess Crofford & Stacy Costley
12	Kathy Hughes Kevin Knowlton
19	Karen Andrus Amie & Sam
26	Carol Senne Becky Watts



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
OCTOBER	
1st Sun.	Dan Mason Joe Yaksich
2nd Sun.	Jim Crofford Sam Heakin
3rd Sun.	Nancy Forrester Peter Day
4th Sun.	Don Senne Steve Watts
5th Sun.	N/A

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service Wednesday 2025	
OCTOBER	
1	Jan Henrey
8	Kathy Hughes
15	Jan Henrey
22	Jan Henrey
29	Kathy Hughes

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025		
OCTOBER		
7	Laurie Jones Steve Watts	L LC
14	Kevin Knowlton John Panagis	L LC
21	Jeff Heakin Karen Andrus	L LC
28	Fred Schweitzer Janet Schweitzer	L LC

Christ Church Baker Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
OCTOBER	
1st Sun.	Sam Davis Amy Preziosa
2nd Sun.	Steve Watts Becky Watts
3rd Sun.	Lynn Peteritis Linda Day
4th Sun.	Liz Clark
5th Sun.	N/A

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service	29 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 7:00pm Boy Scouts	30 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 6:00pm AA Meeting	1 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm Panagis family memorial 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	2 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 6:00pm Rehearsal-McGreal	4 3:00pm wedding-McGreal
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19 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm Park Avenue Brass	20 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 6:00pm AA Meeting	22 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	23 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Vestry Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	24 6:00am Shining Stars Daycare	25 8:00am Toastmasters 5:30pm Dinner, Divas, and Dessert
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