

DECEMBER 2025



Mission Statement

To Love Others as Christ Loves Us

A Message from Mother Robin



Dear Friends,

November has been packed full of meaningful moments in the life of our parish—moments that have strengthened our community, deepened our faith, and prepared our hearts for the road ahead.

We began with All Saints Sunday and a deeply moving Candlelight Compline in the evening.

Stewardship Sunday was held on November 16th, a time when we reflected on God’s generosity and our call to respond with grateful and faithful hearts.

That same spirit of generosity was beautifully evident in the Thanksgiving baskets prepared for families at Lincoln School. Because of your kind and abundant donations, several families were able to enjoy a fuller, happier holiday meal.

I, along with Bob Johnston and John Panagis, attended the 209th Diocesan Convention, where I was honored to be elected as clergy representative to the Diocesan Council and appointed as Dean of the Southeast Mission Area. These roles are not mine alone—they are opportunities for Christ Church to have a voice and presence in the wider diocesan community. I look forward to serving in ways that strengthen our congregation and foster collaboration among our neighboring churches.

This month also brought joyful opportunities for fellowship. 14 men gathered at Salvatore’s for brunch, and 22 women met at Café 422, sharing stories, encouragement, and the simple gift of being together. These gatherings remind us that the church isn’t just what happens in the sanctuary on Sunday, it’s the relationships we nurture and the community we build throughout the week.

In addition, I had the privilege of serving as Chaplain for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) retreat at Bellwether. It was a beautiful time of prayer, reflection, and renewal, and I’m grateful to have represented Christ Church in this ministry of presence.

As we come to the end of November, we find ourselves standing at a threshold. The liturgical year concludes with Christ the King Sunday, a day that reminds us that the One we follow

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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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reigns not with worldly power, but with self-giving love. It is a moment to pause, to look back with gratitude, and to see how Christ has been leading us through every season.

And then—almost quietly—the year turns. Advent begins. A season of holy expectation. A time of watching, waiting, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

In the weeks ahead, we will light candles against the darkness, sing words of hope, and listen for the whisper of God’s promise: “Behold, I am doing a new thing.”

In many ways, November has been a month of new beginnings for our parish. And as we move into Advent, I invite you to carry that spirit forward, leaning into hope, seeking peace, practicing joy, and preparing room in your hearts and in our church for the Christ who is always coming to make all things new.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Mother Robin

The Babes & Bros Luncheons were a complete success. Everyone had such a great time that we are looking to do it again. If you missed it this time, come to the next one. 22 women were at 422 and 16 men at Salvatores.
FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP



- The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
- Sandee 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

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS 2025

- The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
- David Susa/Chmn
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 - Eric Doan
 - Kevin Knowlton
 - Dr. Lee Snelson



TOWER LIGHTING

In Memory of:
Megan

From:
Peter & Linda Day

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Dan Mason
- 2 Roger Carnahan
- 2 Carole Lewis
- 5 Debbie Gold
- 8 Jim Crofford
- 8 Reese Tomko
- 12 Jamie Shiell
- 14 Mary Ellen Rogers
- 21 CJ Vath
- 22 Paul Homa
- 24 Shelly Watts
- 25 Deb Murphy
- 27 Lexi Fisher



The Gang, John Panagis,



Look! It's Mother Robin.



Rev. Robin with Bishop Arthur Williams and Imani Driskell from All Saints in Toledo

City Council & Al Novak



On 11/24/25 Rev. Robin gave the prayer for the Warren City Council Meeting.

Little did she know it was also the night that the Council was recognizing Al Novak for his years of service. The Council presented him with a key to the city and had a proclamation for all the years of service. Al is the longest running councilman in Warren City history.

What a great moment and Rev. Robin was able to be there.

Congratulations Al!!! We are so very proud of you.



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.

God's Store

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

Have you heard about God's store?

I heard this story the other day and it touched my heart and really made me think. In my thinking, I decided I needed to share this story.

A man was walking down the street lost in his thoughts about life. While he was walking, he saw a sign that said, "God's Store". He stopped and decided he wanted to walk into the store. He wanted to see just what kind of store this was, and what God was selling.

When he walked in, he was overcome by the serene atmosphere. It was bright, almost heavenly. Behind the counter was a beautiful angel. He had a smile on his face that radiated peace. The man whispered in awe, "This can't be real. This is really God's Store?"

The man came up to the counter and said, "This can't be real. This is truly God's store?" Approaching the counter the man asked, "Tell me holy angel, do you sell all of God's things here?" The angel replied, "No we don't sell anything here." Everything is given freely. The man was breathless. He could not believe there was no money to pay for all of these things. There were jars filled with faith, packets of hope, boxes of salvation, bottles of patience, baskets full of love, rolls of perseverance, books of wisdom, all perfectly arranged with divine care. The most surprising part, everything was free. Moved he approached the counter again. Please, I want God's love for me and my family. I also want some forgiveness and give me a jar of faith for me and my wife. Add a dose of happiness, and a good portion of eternal salvation for my children. Oh, and give me some wisdom for the hard days please.

The angel smiled without saying a word. He took a small package and placed it in the man's hand. It was tiny. Much smaller than the man expected. The man frowned. Are you sure everything I asked for is in here. The package is far too small. The angel said, Dear brother, in God's store we do not give out God's fruits. We give out seeds. Now it is up to you to plant them with faith, patience and obedience. The fruits will come in their own time.

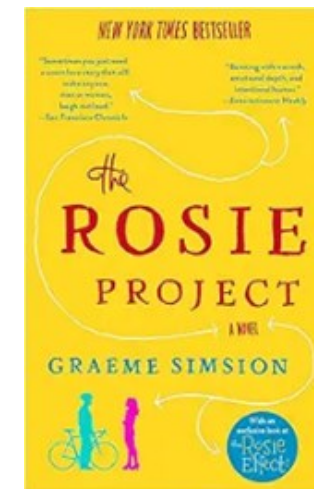
Moral of the story: Many people want ready made miracles, instant answers, and complete blessings, but they don't wanna plant. They don't pray. They don't seek the word. They don't cultivate faith, and they don't practice obedience. Yet they still expect a great harvest. The bible reminds us in Romans 14:12, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. In other words, each person reaps what they sow. If we sow kindness, faith and love we will



BOOK CLUB



The meeting will be Saturday, January 3rd at 11:00am in the Library. We will discuss the book, "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Notice, we are taking a break for the holidays. Don't stop reading!!



January Discussion

WE NEED COOKIES

Calling all world-class cookie bakers of Christ Episcopal Church. Lessons and Carols will be on Dec 21st at 6:00 PM. Please consider this magnificent event in your cookie planning for Christmas. We need lots of cookies and truly appreciate your cookie donation as we also recognize the cost of cookie baking today!

Please bring cookies either to the office the week of December 15 (Monday-Thursday, 9a-2p) or to the kitchen on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday mornings (Dec 19, 20, 21).





A BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AKRON DERBYTOWN CHORUS

Sunday, December 14 at 2 pm

Get into the holiday spirit with the Derbytown Chorus as they present their annual Christmas show, packed with beloved favorites in dazzling Barbershop style. A joyful, fun-filled afternoon—sure to delight audiences of all ages!

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PARISH CHOIRS, ORCHESTRA, BRASS, RICHARD KONZEN—ORGAN & JAMIE SHIELL—CONDUCTOR

Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm

Join the Parish Choirs of Christ Church and neighboring Episcopal churches for one of Warren’s cherished Christmas traditions. Inspired by the world-famous Lessons and Carols from King’s College, Cambridge, this service blends Scripture readings with the season’s most beautiful carols and choral music, bringing the story of Christ’s birth to life in song and celebration. Following the service, enjoy Christ Church’s renowned cookie reception—a sweet and festive way to continue the celebration!

Advent Music Moment

As we enter this holy season of watchful waiting and hopeful expectation, the music of Advent invites us to slow down, listen deeply, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Our hymns this season—full of longing, light, and promise—help shape our spiritual journey as we move toward Christmas.

Each Sunday, the choir offers music that reflects the themes of anticipation, prophecy, and joy. These aren’t just beautiful songs, they are prayers set to music, guiding us to make room for Christ in our hearts and in our world.

If you feel the Spirit nudging you this Advent, consider joining the choir or offering your musical gifts during the season. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or simply lift your voice from the pews, your participation enriches our worship and strengthens our shared preparation for the coming of Emmanuel. May the music of Advent fill your soul with peace, hope, and holy anticipation.

Warm Regards, Mother Robin

God’s Store (con’t)

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

reap blessings, but if we sow negligence, pride or indifference we will reap their consequences as well. God always gives seeds, not fruits. Take care of the soil of our soul. Water it with prayer and plant with love and trust. It’s God’s timing. He never makes mistakes.

I realized I need to trust the process. Trust my God. Trust the fact that he has my back, and I need to stay in the word. When I am hurting, turn to God and lay it on him. God’s will be done.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	October 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$11,869	\$6,579	\$129,376	\$103,822
All Other	\$11,441	\$6,451	\$142,540	\$143,050
Total Income	\$23,310	\$13,030	\$271,916	\$246,872
Expenses	(\$28,580)	(\$24,706)	(\$301,662)	(\$278,849)
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$5,270)	(\$11,676)	(\$29,746)	(\$31,977)

LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

THE ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree is a symbol of Hope for the children who attend Lincoln School. A month ago the liaisons/counselors/teachers identified 40 families who are in dire need of help. CEC has a history of helping starting with weekly Happy Meals then Thanksgiving turkeys/food and now Christmas gifts for the children.

We have received the names of 7 families with the number of children totaling ____23____.

Please help CEC bring HOPE to the children who live with uncertainty.

Take an ANGEL from the tree.

Make a difference, show our love, bring a smile to a child's face

Your help would be greatly appreciated! When you come to church, please consider bringing an item to donate to the Lincoln Store.

Thank you and God Bless You,

Linda Day



These Angels will be on the tree as soon as the tree goes up, but this is what they look like. If you are able to help out and buy for a child in need, we would greatly appreciate it.

We also accept monetary donations and will do the shopping and wrapping for you. Just let the office know.



RETIREMENT OF THE REV. DR. J. PAUL BOARD



For anyone who remembers-Father Paul was our assistant priest under Rev. Bob Linburg. He left us 28 years ago to become the minister of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee, Ohio. He has been there ever since and has now decided to retire. What an accomplishment! If you would like to send him a retirement card the address for the church is:

Rev. Dr. J Paul Board
St Paul's Episcopal Church
310 Elizabeth St
Maumee, Ohio 43537

I'm sure he would love to hear from his former church members. If you have any questions feel free to call Jan Henrey 330-219-5825.

GRIEFSHARE SERIES

Lake Vista is having a 12 week course on Grief. It started November 3rd but anyone can still go as each week is a different topic.

The Chaplain at Lake Vista is teaching the series. Lake Vista asks that you call and register before you come. It is a free course.

Lynn Peteritis has been through it and she said it's a quality program. It's run Nationally and has a strong faith based approach to grief and loss.

Try it out. You might find it helps you in your journey.

VESTRY

By Sandee Skovran

The November, 2025 vestry meeting was a very busy meeting centering on maintenance/ financial discussions, continued day care communication, diocesan trainings, and 2026 Vestry members.

Maintenance discussions centered around:

- continuing roof maintenance agreement
- exploring potential for new boiler
- implementing all new interior keys (see Tiffany if you have old interior keys)

Day care communication always remains open and productive as we continue to work through effective processes for kitchen and parish hall use. With the focus on keeping the little people safe, we continue to explore options to gain more day time, especially in the kitchen. Discussion occurred regarding the need for Diocesan training for safe church policies as well as background check. More discussion on these processes will occur, with definitive policy put into place as we move forward.

Diocesan discussion centered around training required for several layers of those serving within the parish. Please see Mother Robin’s explanation in the bulletins or Crossroads for contact information.

The Vestry also reviewed who will be rotating off the Vestry in January, 2026. Consider serving on this team! It is a great group of people who love our church and church family and have a great look to our future as we vision together!

We also focused on the talents and services of Steve and Becky Watts as they have provided more than 15 years of leading the rummage sale! This past year, the spring and fall rummage sales yielded \$10,000+. Steve and Becky were presented with Wind River Corinthian Bells at the service on November 23rd. Additionally in the spring, Bob Johnston will work with Steve and Becky to identify a tree to plant in front of the chapel windows, with a brass identification plaque. We will have a tree-planting service at that time. We are truly blessed to have them in our church family! Thank you from deep in our hearts, Steve and Becky!

In addition, we are so thankful to have had Irv and Laurie Jones in our church family. In the years they have been here, we have grown through their gifts in ministry and music. Irv has provided such meaningful and spiritual messages for us, assisting us to continue to deepen our faith! Laurie’s gift of vocal and instrumental music has also provided such meaning and uplifting, providing a depth to our music program. Laurie and Irv are moving to Mississippi, where they have family. Our Lord has been so ever-faithful in bringing you to this parish family. We love you and will miss you both.

LINCOLN Cont.

By Linda Day

Please remember that the Lincoln Leaders are still looking for items to add to their store. They work very hard at the school and this is how they get paid.

Thank you for your love and caring. Please know that YOU are making a difference. Linda Day

The Lincoln Store items.....

Nail sets	Nail polish
Body wash/lotion	Lilo and Stitch items
Snacks/Juice	Baseball bat, glove and ball
Earbuds	Watches
Basketball	Football
Leggings	Lego sets
Fidgets	Purses
Chapstick	Lip gloss
Stuffed animals	Sonic toys
Fortnite and Roblox item	Stuffed animals

Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendars 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.**

We look forward to gathering as a parish family for this important time of reflection and planning.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service	1 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	3 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5pm Christmas/pizza party for Littles/preschool	4 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice 5:15PM Foundation meeting	5 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	6
7 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service	8 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	10 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	11 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Vestry 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	12 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm Hanging of the Greens	13 8:00am Toastmasters 10:30am Ladles of Love
14 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm Barbershop Christmas Musical Program	15 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	17 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	18 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm choir Practice	19 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	20
21 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 6:00pm Lessons & Carols	22 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	23 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting office closed	24 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 4pm Christmas Eve Service & Pageant 7pm Quiet Service in the Chapel office closed	25 Office Closed Merry Christmas	26 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool office closed	27 8:00am Toastmasters
28 9:00am Quiet Holiday Service in the Chapel	29 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts office Closed	30 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 6:00pm AA Meeting	31 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information office open until Noon	1 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm choir Practice office Closed	2 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	3

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
7	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
14	Beth Landers
21	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
28	Beth Landers

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
7	Cindy Thirion L Jan Henrey LC
14	Mike Maggiano L Joe Gladd LC
21	Anne Martin L Steve Watts LC
24	Tiffany Fisher L
7pm	Sally Mazey LC
28	Cindy Thirion L Kathi Kovacic L/C

Christ Church Greeters 10:00 AM Service	
DECEMBER	
1st Sun.	Sam D & Amie P Sandy Schlecht NT
2nd Sun.	Hurlberts Nancy Forrester N
3rd Sun.	Massaro’s family
24th	TBD
5th Sun.	Kathy Hughes

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
7	Kathy Hughes Karen Andrus
14	Amie P & Sam D Kevin Knowlton
21	Tess Crofford Becky Watts &
24	Karen Andrus 4p
28	Debbie Clary Carol Senne



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
1st Sun.	Dan Mason Joe Yaksich
2nd Sun.	Jim Crofford Sam Heakin
3rd Sun.	Nancy Forrester Peter Day
24th	TBD
4th Sun.	Don Senne Steve Watts

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service Wednesday 2025	
DECEMBER	
3	Jan Henrey
10	Kathy Hughes
17	Jan Henrey
24	Kathy Hughes 7p
31	Jan Henrey

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
7	Sandy Schlecht L Karen Andrus LC
14	Laurie Jones L Karen Andrus LC
21	Kevin Knowlton L John Panagis LC
24	Fred Schweitzer L
4pm	Janet Schweitzer LC
28	Jim Crofford L Sally Mazey L/C

Christ Church Baker Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2025	
DECEMBER	
1st Sun.	Sam D & Amie P Sandy Schlecht NT
2nd Sun.	Steve Watts Becky Watts
3rd Sun.	Lynn Peteritis Linda Day
24th	TBD
5th Sun.	Kathy Hughes