

FEBRUARY 2026



Mission Statement

To Love Others as Christ Loves Us

A Message from Mother Robin



February invites us to hold two sacred movements together: remembrance and repentance, celebration and self-examination. As we honor Black History Month and prepare to enter Lent, we are reminded that faith is not only about what we believe, but how we remember, turn, and live.

Black History Month is a holy act of truth-telling. The stories of Black leaders, communities, and faithful witnesses, many who labored in the face of injustice, reveal God’s liberating work in the world. From spirituals sung in hope, to prophets who marched, preached, and organized, Black history is deeply woven into the life of the Church.

One way we live into this remembrance is through worship. I invite you to the annual Festal Eucharist honoring the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris on February 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church, Shaker Heights. Hosted by the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Diocese of Ohio, and Christ Church, this liturgy bears powerful witness to faith, perseverance, and leadership.

As we give thanks for resilience and courage, we also acknowledge where the Church has fallen short of the Gospel’s call to justice and love. Honest remembrance is a spiritual practice that opens the door to healing.

This prepares us for Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Lent is not about guilt, but about truth that leads to freedom. It is a season of returning—returning to God, to our neighbors, and to the heart of the Gospel.

Holding Black History Month and Lent together reminds us that repentance is both personal and communal, calling us to live our baptismal promises with integrity.

As we move through February, may we remember faithfully, repent honestly, and hope boldly, walking together in the way of Jesus.

Grace and peace,
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

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry-Rector
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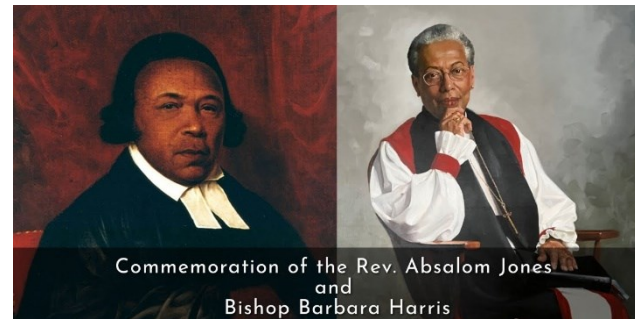
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The Rev. Absalom Jones/Bishop Barbara Harris Holy Eucharist

On **February 14 at 11:00 a.m.** at Christ Church, Shaker Heights, the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, in collaboration with the Diocese of Ohio and Christ Church, will host the annual Festal Eucharist celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris. Jones was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, and Harris the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

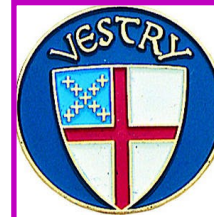
The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will be the celebrant, and the Rev. Megan Allen-Miller will be the preacher. All are welcome to join in the celebration of these inspirational clergy, whose lives and ministries have left a profound impact on the church's communal life and ministry.



Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 8th**, 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.



The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Sandee Skovran/Senior Warden
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TOWER LIGHTING

In Loving Memory of:

Roselyn Carnahan

and

Douglas Carnahan

From:

Roger Carnahan



3rd-Gage Tomko
 4th-Tom Eastman
 4th-Ryan Marsh
 8th -Paul Keriotis
 10th-Norman Coupland
 11th-Janet Schweitzer
 13th-Nellie Doan
 16th-Todd Pippenger
 18th-Anne Martin
 23rd-Pam Brown
 23rd-Kyle Fisher
 23rd-Jesse Massaro
 27th-Kathy Adcock



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.

Interested in Baptism or Confirmation?

If you or your child is considering **Baptism** or **Confirmation** in the Episcopal Church, we invite you to take part in our upcoming preparation classes. These classes are an important time to explore the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation, learn more about the Episcopal Church, and reflect on the promises we make in our life of faith. They also offer space for questions, conversation, and discernment in a supportive setting.

Preparation Classes will be held at 11:30a on:

- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22

Baptism will take place on **Easter Sunday, April 5**, during the **10:00 a.m. service**, as we celebrate new life in Christ.

Confirmation will be celebrated at the **Regional Gathering on Saturday, May 30, 3:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, Hudson, Ohio.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Mother Robin, Paul Keriotis, or contact the church office. All are welcome—whether you are new to the church or returning after time away.



UNDERSTANDING THE LORDS PRAYER

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

Sometimes I get stuck trying to pray. I am not always sure how to pray. I have had people tell me to tell God what's on my heart. Just speak to him, and usually that's what I end up doing, but I listened to a man talk about how he prays every morning, and I LIKE IT!

He said that Jesus didn't leave us guessing. He gave us the blueprint. One of the first things that he does every morning is he gets out of bed, immediately kneels down and he prays the Lords prayer. He doesn't do it because it's a magic formula, and not because he is trying to check a box, but because Jesus himself said pray like this. He also didn't say to repeat this mindlessly, but let your heart guide the words to the prayer. He then proceeded to walk through what Jesus actually meant when this prayer was recited.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. From the very first sentence Jesus shifts our focus. We aren't praying to the universe or talking to an idea. We are speaking to a Father. We are personal, present and loving. The first thing we do is we honor him. We worship him. We remember who he is before we talk about what we need. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is where it gets really good. I usually pray for my own plans, goals or outcomes. Jesus teaches us to lay all of that down. He teaches us that its his will. Not mine. Not an easy concept because we all seem to want to tell Jesus what we want and what we need. This is where we have to surrender to him. Show discipleship. It's faith in action. Give us today our daily bread. This is daily, not weekly or monthly. It's not give me everything I want right now so I don't need you. It's about total dependency on Jesus. Trusting the process because it came from him. Leaning on God for what you need today. You don't want to be consumed by tomorrow. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. This is a hard one to do. We ask God for mercy, but struggle to give mercy to others. We can't follow Jesus while holding on to bitterness. Forgiveness is not optional. It's freedom.

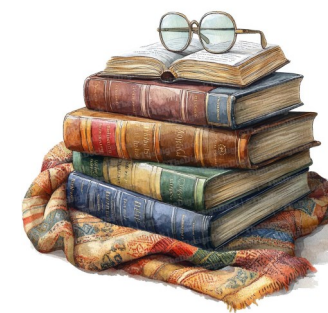
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. This is like a battle prayer. It's acknowledging spiritual warfare. It's actually saying God I can't fight this on my own. He needs to keep my feet steady and guard my mind. Protect my heart. I have to ask God for this because the enemy is real. Temptation is real. But through all of this God has the power to deliver.

So why should we pray this every morning? It resets my heart, acknowledges God, and puts him first. It also reminds me that following God isn't about some fancy words I say to him, but it's about humility, obedience, dependence, forgiveness. The Lord's prayer is Jesus saying here, start here. It's not the only way to pray, but it's a good foundation, and when you understand what you are praying for, your prayers make all the difference in the world.

Thank him, praise him. He wants to be needed. Jesus wants to be your savior.



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!!

March Discussion-A book has not been decided on for the March reading. We will discuss what the next book will be when we meet Feb 7th.

PRAYERS AND CARDS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN

On Sunday and Wednesday we listen as the Prayers of the People are read and we hear about our parishioners and family members that need extra prayers because they are sick, unable to go out, or have some problems going on.

We don't need to know what the specific issue is, but we want to let them know we are thinking about them.

I would like to start sending cards to them. If you want to join in, I ask that you bring a card to the church office already filled out and signed by you and that you put the person's name on the front of the card. If you bring it to me in the office I will arrange to get the person's address and a stamp on the card.

I would like to let them know we haven't forgotten about them and we wish them well. If you can help, let me know.





Arts on Atlantic

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
ORGAN RECITAL**

Ralph Holtzhauser—Organist

Friday, February 6 at 7pm



Ralph Holtzhauser is a distinguished organist and educator, renowned for his versatile performances, dynamic collaborations, and dedication to engaging new audiences. He serves as Diocesan Music Director for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown and Music Director of the Cathedral of St. Columba. In 2023, he was appointed Professor of Organ in the Sacred Music Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he leads a thriving organ studio.

This Black History Month program will highlight the artistry and influence of African-American composers whose contributions have shaped—and continue to shape—the American sacred and concert music traditions.

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Free and Open to the Public

There will also be a concert Feb. 6th at 9 am so that the Lincoln School children can enjoy his music.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	December 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$14,673	\$3,560	\$153,283	\$120,000
All Other	\$18,051	\$10,300	\$180,421	\$172,850
Total Income	\$32,724	\$13,860	\$333,704	\$292,850
Expenses	(\$37,541)	(\$47,773)	(\$374,261)	(\$346,380)
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$4,818)	(\$33,913)	(\$40,557)	(\$53,530)

FORMATION



Paul along with Avery and Alex Sowers spent the evening at First Presbyterian Church in Warren for a Youth Lock-In. This was a collaboration of several churches allowing the youth to get together and worship and play games. They had a great time. Maybe we can be the next to host a lock-in!!!

LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

LINCOLN SCHOOL

February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. It originated as a Christian feast honoring a martyr named Valentine and today it is a celebration of romance and love. To express that love today gifts of flowers, candy, etc. are given.

This month CEC is showing our love not only through Happy Bags but also the gift of Valentine candy.

Candy will be collected through Sunday February 8th and delivered to Lincoln School on the 10th for distribution on the 13th.

Candy can be brought to the office and/or Sunday services.

Thank you for showing your love.



Lincoln School "Happy Bag" Ministry

Christ Episcopal Church packs 100 "Happy Bags" each week to support students at Lincoln School—simple meals children can eat right away or prepare easily when they're hungry. We are excited to move the packing of these bags to **Sundays after the 10 a.m. service**, beginning **February 1**, so more people can participate.

Packing takes about **45 minutes** and can be done standing or sitting. We are forming small Sunday packing teams and invite adults and youth to help. **Sign-up sheets will be available in the Library after the 8 a.m. service and the Narthex after the 10 a.m. service each month.**

"See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19) Come be part of this growing outreach ministry. *From: Lynn Peteritis*

Steve Watts said that the name of the volunteers should be the "Happy Baggers"

QUARTERLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Beginning this year, we will celebrate wedding anniversaries quarterly during worship with a short renewal of intention, giving thanks for the gift of covenant and faithfulness.

Couples whose wedding anniversaries fall between January and March will be honored during the worship services on **Sunday, March 8**. Participation is optional, and all couples are welcome to take part as they are able.

If you would like to be included, please notify the church office with your names and wedding date.



2026 Church Theme: Rooted in Christ. Renewed Together. Sent in Hope.

"That you may be rooted and grounded in love... devoting yourselves to the fellowship and the breaking of bread." *Ephesians 3:17 / Acts 2:42*



Our monthly Coffee & Conversation gatherings will begin on **February 22nd**, during Coffee Hour following both the **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services**.

February 22nd Topic: Understanding the Old Testament: Themes & Timelines

- **Topic:** Introduction to the Bible—how to read and navigate Scripture.
- **Theological Infusion:** *Seeing the OT as the "soil" of our faith.*

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.

LENT 2026

"I invite you...to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

Book of Common Prayer Ash Wednesday Service, page 265

SHROVE TUESDAY: The Brotherhood will host our Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, from 5-7pm. All are welcome...Invite a friend. There will be a free-will offering.

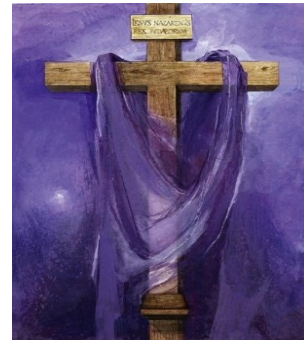


ASH WEDNESDAY liturgies will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Please join us as we begin observing this holy season of Lent

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

5:30pm Light Supper in the Narthex
6:00pm THE CHOSEN Episode w/ Table Talk:

February 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25



Lenten Saturday Instructed Eucharist: Understanding the Mystery

Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 AM ~ The Chapel

As part of our Lenten journey, you are invited to a Saturday morning of reflection and learning. We will begin with a light breakfast at **10:00 a.m.** in the Library, followed by a teaching session on the **Episcopal Eucharist in the Chapel**. This *Instructed Eucharist* will explore how our ancient traditions continue to shape and nourish our faith today.

Have you ever wondered why we bow, stand, or cross ourselves—or what the priest is doing at the altar during the “quiet parts” of the prayer? This relaxed, walk-through experience will gently pull back the curtain on our liturgy, as Mother Robin explains the history, meaning, and *why* behind the way we worship.

Whether you usually attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. service, come join the whole parish family as we explore “**The Way We Worship**” together. All are welcome—from lifelong Episcopalians to those who are brand new or simply curious.

LINCOLN Cont.

By Linda Day

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR LINCOLN SCHOOL HAPPY BAG PRO- GRAM FEBRUARY

Feb 1: Sandy Schlecht
Diane Orr
Stacy Costley

Feb 8: Amie Prezioso
Sam Davis

Feb 15: Maryanne
Stefanik
Tobie Smith

Feb 22 Steve Watts
OPEN

Those that have signed up for February. We are still looking for 1 person on the 22nd of Feb.

The other 2 sheets are for March and April. The sheets will be in the Library on Sunday after the 8 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 10 a.m. service if you want to sign up to help.

You can also call or come in to the office on M-Th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as Tiffany will have these sheets during the week, and can get you signed up.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

TODAY!!!!!!! SCOUT SUNDAY:

The February 1st Service is Scout Sunday at Christ Church. The Scouts will be in attendance on this day. Make it a point to attend the service and help celebrate Pack 11 and all scouts. A Pancake breakfast will be provided by the scouts following the 10:00 a.m. service to show their appreciation to the Church for its support.



February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Sunday Service 9:00am Scouts Thank You Pancake Breakfast 10:00am Scout's Day 10:00am Sunday Service 10:30am Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	2 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Happy Bag Delivery to Lincoln 6:00pm AA Meeting	4 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm Weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	5 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	6 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 9:00am Ralph Holtzhauser-organ Music of African-American Composers 1:00pm DAR - set up 7:00pm Black History Month Concert 7:00pm Ralph Holtzhauser-organ Music of African-American Composers	7 1:00pm Daughters of the American Revolution
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Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
1	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
8	Beth Landers
15	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
22	Beth Landers

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
1	Cindy Thirion L Joe Gladd LC
8	Anne Martin L Jan Henrey LC
15	Jim Crofford L Kathi Kovacic LC
22	Mike Maggiano L Joe Gladd LC

Christ Church Greeters Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
1st	Carson Buydos G Sandy Schlecht NT
2nd	Kathy Hughes G Nancy Forrester NT
3rd	Massaro Sun. Family
4th	Sam Davis Sun. Amy Prezios
5th	Sun.

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
1	Kathy Hughes Becky Watts
8	Amie P & Sam D Kevin Knowlton
15	Karen Andrus Stacy Costley
22	Tess Crofford Debbie Clary



Christ Church Usher Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
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	
FEBRUARY	
4	Kathy Hughes
11	Jan Henrey
18	Kathy Hughes
25	Jan Henrey

Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026	
FEBRUARY	
1	Jeff Heakin L Steve Watts LC
8	Janet Schweitzer L Fred Schweitzer LC
15	Laurie Jones L John Panagis LC
22	Kevin Knowlton L Sally Mazey LC

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