



MARCH 2026



**Mission  
Statement**  
**To Love Others as  
Christ Loves Us**

**A Message from Mother Robin**



**Can you believe it's been a year already?**

This time last year, we were just beginning to get to know one another, stepping into what I pray will be a long and faithful relationship together. We celebrated my arrival with that fabulous First Sunday shindig, and since then, I've had the joy of meeting some of the very best people.

Over this past year, we have shared meaningful moments, both joyful and difficult. We celebrated small but important victories like launching our live streaming ministry and expanding the ways we stay connected. We have also mourned the loss of longtime members of our church and community, honoring their lives and holding one another in grief.

We welcomed our friends from St. Luke's Niles into our midst, even as we grieved the closing of their beloved church home. What a sacred thing it is to hold both sorrow and hope at the same time. That has marked much of this first year together.

There is so much to be thankful for and even more to look forward to as we move into this next chapter side by side.

Now we find ourselves in the season of Lent, a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent invites us to slow down, to examine our hearts, and to remember our deep need for God's grace. It is a season that takes us honestly through wilderness and toward the cross.

But we do not live at the cross. We walk through Lent, but we live in the promise of the Resurrection.

As people of faith, we are resurrection people. Even in seasons of change, even in seasons of loss, even in times that feel uncertain, we are anchored in hope. The empty tomb defines us more than the wilderness ever will.

Thank you for walking this first year with me. I am grateful beyond words to serve alongside you, and I am filled with hope for what God is still doing among us.

With gratitude and resurrection hope,  
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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This is a collaborative effort with The Preschool and Christ Church. Bring your family and friends. Let people you know, know about it. This promises to be a very good time for the kids, and the Brotherhood are making their famous pancakes.



The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry  
 Johnna Ben/Senior Warden  
 John Panagis/Jr Warden  
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 Sally Mazey  
 Andrew Sowers  
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**TOWER LIGHTING**

**In Loving Memory of:**  
***Margaret Moore***

**From:**  
Paul & Marilyn Homa

March Birthdays



19th	Cindy Thirion
20th	Tiffany Fisher
25th	Al Novak
29th	Dave Susa



# BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

## 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.

## 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.



## I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO HEAVEN

BY: Tiffany L. Fisher

I was looking out the window January 24<sup>th</sup> and could still see snow on the ground. In case you don't already know, I LOVE SNOW! I was very excited to see it was still around and it looked so pretty. Even with the background of dirt and everyday grime the snow was so pretty.

Then, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January we had a BIG snowstorm. I sat at the window watching the snow fall. With every flake of snow that came down it started to cover the dirt and grime until it was nothing but snow. That's when I realized that before the new snow it was rather filthy outside. I looked at the old snow compared to the new diamond glistening snow and it was apparent that the old snow was really dirty. It was the same snow, but it had a different background.

That analogy rings true when I think about my sin compared with the standard of the world. If I look at my sin and the sin of the world, I come up reasonably clean, but when I compare my sin to the snow white righteousness of God's law, I am filthy dirty.

I always thought that I was a good person, especially when I compared myself to the world and the state we are in, but I also saw that although I was basically a good person, I failed tremendously by God's standard of goodness. I know I commit sin, we all do, but for the first time I called myself a sinner before God.

I was raised hearing the Gospel message that Jesus died for my sin, but I never put it in those terms, because I never really thought of myself as a sinner. I really thought that I was a good person and the good things that I did, as long as they outweighed the bad, would get me to heaven. But that's not what the bible says. God said "ONLY MY STANDARD" can you get into heaven. Matthew 5:20 talks about entering heaven requires a standard of absolute perfection. The truth is none of us can achieve it. Not through perfection. I can admit I will never be perfect. So now what?

The good news is you don't have to be perfect. There is another way to get into heaven. It's through the good news of Jesus Christ. God provides that way for each and every one of us imperfect people. And GUESS WHAT? It's FREE!!!

I proclaim Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I can't wait to get to heaven!



## BOOK CLUB



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

**April Discussion**– The meeting in April will be Saturday April 4th at 11:00am. The next book will be "The Long Call" by Ann Cleeves.

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### PRAYERS AND CARDS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN

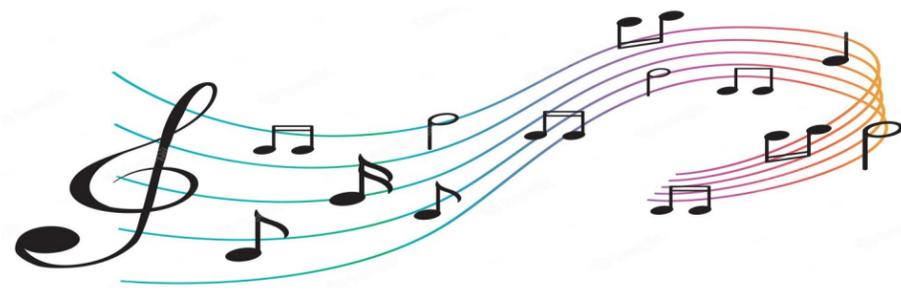
On Sunday and Wednesday we listen as the Prayers of the People are read and we hear about our parishioners and family members that need extra prayers because they are sick, unable to go out, or have some problems going on.

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.





FINANCE

We will have 2 months of finance reports next month.

FORMATION

Proceeds go to Youth Ministry. Talk to one of the people on this ticket. They can sell you a ticket or you can get them in the office. Show your support for the Youth of the church.

Arts on Atlantic

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ORGAN RECITAL Ralph Holtzhauser—Organist

Friday, March 27 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.

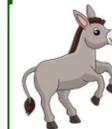
This Black History Month program will highlight the artistry and influence of African-American composers whose contributions have shaped—and continue to shape—the American sacred and concert music traditions.

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Ralph will also perform Friday morning for the Lincoln School Children.

Youth Ministry Palm Sunday Fundraiser

WHO WILL KISS THE DONKEY?



\$1

Circle your vote

\$10 Each chance to vote for your choice

Mother Robin Paul Keriotis Jamie Shiell Johnna Ben Tiffany Fisher

\$10

JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS AS WE WALK WITH THE DONKEY..

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY!

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE: As part of our children's ministry's outreach, we will collect new or gently used children's Easter clothes each Sunday in Lent. You may deposit them in the narthex in the bins marked "Palm Sunday Clothing Drive". On Monday of Holy Week, Paul and children will take the clothes to Warren Family Mission to be distributed.

# LINCOLN SCHOOLS

By Linda Day

## LINCOLN SCHOOL

One thousand children attend Lincoln school which offers education to children Pre-K through eighth grade. Next to the high school it is the largest of the Warren City Schools.

The city of Warren ranks as the 4<sup>th</sup> poorest city in Ohio. Overall, roughly 31.9% to 35% of residents live below the poverty level. The child poverty rate is approximately 56.7% of children (under 18) who live in Warren live in poverty. The median household income is approximately \$37,887.

The challenges remain. Facing the Lincoln children in 2026 once again are food, clothing and shelter fears. Year after year they face insecurities – Will there be food when I get home? Will the soles of my shoes get holes? Will I have a roof over my head tonight? Imagine that faced as a child of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 years.

Our CEC family has an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many of these children. Mother Robin applied for a grant from the diocese and CEC was awarded \$5,000 toward the cost of Happy Meals. Lynn Peteritis, one of the “Bag Ladies” is exploring the possibility of a grant through Sam’s Club.

On Tuesday 100 Happy Meals are delivered (initially it was 25) by Wednesday there are NONE. In addition, 2 dozen loaves of bread and a case of peanut butter and a case of jelly are delivered to help stock a food pantry that is mostly bare.

Your LOVE is needed. If you are able the following items will make a difference in the lives of our Lincoln children.

**Food** \* A Happy Meal bag item

Macaroni and Cheese cups \*

Ramen Noodles \*

## 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.



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### **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 **March 15th**, during Coffee Hour following both the **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services**.

**March 15th Topic: The Life & Teachings of Jesus (The Gospels)**

Open to all levels of biblical experience.

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## 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:

**March 11**  
**March 18**  
**March 25**



### **Lenten Saturday Instructed Eucharist: Understanding the Mystery** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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**

Peanut Butter Crackers \*

Fruit cups \*

Individual Cereal Boxes \*

Juice Box \*. (100% juice)

Fruit Bars \*

Jar of Peanut Butter

Jar of Jelly

### **Clothing** - Gently used and new

Sweat-pants sizes 5 to 14 for boys.

Leggings /sweatpants size 5 to 14 for girls.

Underwear sizes boys 5 to 14

Underwear sizes girls 6 to 14

Belts - size small-large for ages 6yrs old to 10 years old.

T-shirts for girls size 6x - size 14

Short sleeve and long sleeve.

Hoodies- girls and boys size 6x to size large.

Tennis shoes- size 10 youth all the way up to a size 8 adults.

**Our Love Can Make a Difference for these children.**

**Thank You for All You Do**

God Bless Us All,

Linda

## PRAYER GROUP

Steve Watts is attempting to see who is interested in the prayer group. He would like anyone interested to come to the meeting March 22nd @12:30, after church, in the Narthex. If you have any questions you can call Steve at 330-770-4763.

# March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 11:30am 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 SCOTCHGUARD NARTHEX CARPET 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	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	7 2:00pm warren Olympic Swim Club Winter Social Event/ Fundraiser
8 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 11:30am Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	9 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Happy Bag Delivery to Lincoln 6:00pm AA Meeting	11 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	12 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	13 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	14 8:00am Toastmasters 10:30am Ladles of Love 1:00pm First Presby Cooking
15 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 11:30am Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	16 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Happy Bag Delivery to Lincoln 6:00pm AA Meeting	18 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	19 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	20 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool	21 10:00am In-structured Eucharist 11:00am Ava Beagle Bday Party
22 8:00am Sunday Service 10:00am Sunday Service 11:30am Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	23 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Happy Bag Delivery to Lincoln 6:00pm AA Meeting	25 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie w/ Jesus "The Chosen"	26 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Vestry Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice	27 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Ralph Holtzhauser-organ Music of African-American Composers	28 Community Outreach Easter 8:00am Toastmasters
29 8:00am Palm Sunday Service Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 10:00am Palm Sunday Service 11:30am Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	30 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Happy Bag Delivery to Lincoln 6:00pm AA Meeting	1 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am "Growing Deeper" Bible Study, & Prayer 12:00pm weekly Bulletin Deadline to submit information	2 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 10:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & service	3 6:00am Shining Stars Preschool 12:00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross service 7:00pm Good Friday Service	4

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 08:00 AM Service 2026	
MARCH	
1	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
8	Beth Landers
15	Jan Henrey Clare Adams
22	Beth Landers
29	Jan Henrey Clare Adams

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

Christ Church Altar Guild Schedule 10:00 AM Service Wednesday 2026	
MARCH	
4	Kathy Hughes
11	Jan Henrey
18	Kathy Hughes
25	Jan Henrey

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



Christ Church Ministry Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
MARCH		
1	Sandy Schlecht	L
	John Panagis	LC
8	Megan Massaro	L
	Steve Watts	LC
15	Mike Cantelmo	L
	Faith Scarmuzzu	LC
22	Amie Prezioso	L
	John Panagis	LC
29	Stacy Jo Costley	L
	Sally Mazey	LC

Christ Church Greeters Schedule 10:00 AM Service 2026		
MARCH		
1st Sun.	Kathy Hughes	G NT
2nd Sun.	Carson Buydos	G NT
3rd Sun.	The Massaro family	
4th Sun.	Linda Day	
5th Sun.	Sam Davis	
	Amie Prezioso	

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

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