



From the Rector

October/November
2017 Issue

In this Issue

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127)

At the beginning of this year, I opened our Annual Meeting with these words from *the Book of Psalms* and it is helpful to remember these words as we begin our stewardship campaign. Indeed, God has given us a household with a heritage of 153 years of service to the community of Berea, Ohio for which we are to care. Our first instinct might be to look to the past for inspiration and to conserve and maintain the best of what we remember from past times. And while there is a lot of value in looking to the past for inspiration, we believe in a God who is “making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). As a church, we are called to have a forward moving trajectory rather than a static glance to the past. The Church as a movement is a response to Jesus’ call to follow him and help extend his reign on earth. We are not a museum or a social club that happens to support worthy charitable efforts. We are, rather a community of people

committed to proclaiming God’s love in worship, community, and in our service. At St. Thomas, we are a people on the move. In my time at St Thomas, I have been impressed and heartened by our commitment to finding new and innovative ways to preach the Gospel in the 21st century. I look forward to continuing my journey alongside you as we seek to be faithful to the mission God has given us. Indeed, I look forward to renewing my commitment with you this Fall during our stewardship campaign.

Stewardship is a core value of the Christian faith. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to commit ourselves to the mission of his Church. We are called to commit our hearts to this effort. It also means, inviting those closest to us to experience the love of God’s beloved community here at St. Thomas. We are also called to offer our talents, education, and skills in service of Jesus’ mission of transforming the world. All of us,

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whether we realize it or not, is uniquely gifted some way and called to offer that something to the mission of Christ's Church.

We are also called to offer our material support, including monetary contributions, to the mission of the Church. As someone who grew up in a family where money was seldom discussed, I can understand how this aspect of stewardship can make some very uncomfortable. The inconvenient fact, however, is that it costs money to further our mission and care for the legacy that we have been entrusted. As *Psalm 127* reminds us, we are a household and as in any family household we must work together for our mutual support. We have a lovely church building and physical plant that needs to be maintained and occasionally repaired in order to serve the needs of our mission. We have several paid staff, aside from myself, that help in sustaining and the building up of our parish church. We have countless supplies and other expenses that are part of the day-to-day running of the church. The leadership of St. Thomas has been fiscally disciplined in our use of resources and are attempting to build a vision that is sustainable into the future. However, we all need to work together in this effort. As members of St. Thomas, God has given us a responsibility to care for this church community, including its material support.

God doesn't ask us to give us more than we are able to give but God does ask us to examine ourselves and the ways we have supported the mission of church. He asks us to be as generous as we can be in our given life situation. As we journey together this Fall, I ask you to examine the ways in which you have committed yourself to Jesus' mission this past year and the ways in which you might be feeling called to contribute over the next year. I will be journeying alongside you in all of this and as your pastor, I welcome any opportunity to talk or pray with you during this stewardship season.

Our Stewardship campaign begins on September 30th with a potluck dinner following the 5:30 pm Saturday Eucharist at 6:30 pm. This will be an opportunity for us to talk about the ministries we have accomplished over the last year and a time to recommit ourselves to our work of the next year. The season will conclude with an all parish restaurant night out to celebrate the conclusion of the Stewardship Season at Tony K's Bar and Grille at 841 W Bagley Rd, Berea, OH 44017 at 7:00 pm on October 28th. All are invited but we ask you to **RSVP by October 21st** so that we can make the appropriate reservations.

You will also receive a pledge card, which will help you plan your own contribution and will help us plan for our 2018 budget. The pledge card will also have room for you to express other ways, aside from material support, you plan to help support our mission at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. As we seek to recommit ourselves to our lives together at St. Thomas, my prayer for us is that our hearts be open wide to the power of generosity in your lives. And my prayer is that together, we can help God build the church God needs us to be.

In Christ, Dave +



From the Treasurer
By Bruce McLaughlin

<u>Y-T-D through August 2017</u>		
	Actual To Date	Budget To Date
Pledges and other Offerings	\$83,521.43	\$86,618.00
Harkess Fund	\$19,060.82	\$18,333.36
Revenue minus expenses	(\$24,463.63)	(\$20,329.12)
Est Total revenue 2017	\$167,927	\$163,516
Est Total Expense 2017	\$202,555	\$194,010

Family Christmas Tree
By Anita Cooper

The Family Christmas Tree is returning again this year and will be put up December 9th. The ornaments that are stored each year will be on the tree.

Years past have brought family ornaments, memorial ornaments and ministry ornaments. If you have missed any of the years, please include them this year. There is lots of room on the tree for your beautiful ornaments.

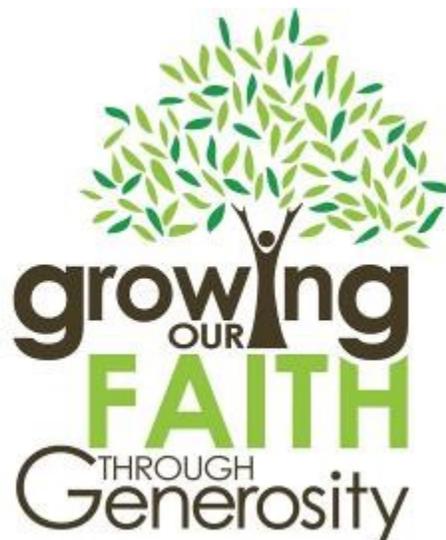
This year's theme is going to be our beloved pets (past and present), Tags will be available for labeling ornaments. Please contact Anita Cooper at 330-635-3752 if you have any questions.



Stewardship Wrap-Up
Restaurant Night Out

Join us for dinner at Tony K's Bar and Grille on Saturday, October 28 at 7:00 pm as we enjoy an evening out to wrap-up our Stewardship drive.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the office window. We hope to see you there!





Outreach Committee

By Ruth Ihde

We are always looking for new members, so do join us for the upcoming Outreach Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 pm in Harkess Hall. We are very involved in the Veteran's Meet and Greet program, in supporting all our other outreach programs, and most recently in finding ways to assist those persons affected by hurricanes Harvey (Texas), Irma (Florida), and now Maria (Puerto Rico). Look to us for further information on this project.

The next Veterans' Meet and Greet will be on Friday, September 29, at 11:00 am. We will be serving Sloppy Joes, salad, pies, and beverages. Merlin Joe Stonko, a magician, will be entertaining all veterans and their spouses, so you wouldn't want to miss this program!

On October 27 we will be serving spaghetti with meatballs, Italian salad, and sherbet. The program will be a talk by Kevin Buck, Care Patrol CEO who will speak on Eldercare Options and How to Pay for Them. This will be another great program.

I want to say "thank you" to committee members who work tirelessly every month to assist with this program and support it. This project is really growing and in August there were 42 veterans and wives in attendance. It is wonderful that we have been able to provide this, evidently, much-needed activity, but we do need more volunteers. Can you help?

Final Preparations

By Father Dave

Preplanning...

*The Most Important Thing
You Can Do For Your Family.*

Part of the duty of a priest within the Anglican tradition is to help care for people in serious illness, to assure them of God's love and forgiveness, and to help individuals and families make final preparations for the end of life. As your priest, I consider this a sacred part of my job and the gravity of this responsibility is not lost on me. But I also see it as a privilege to share God's love and help others find comfort even in the midst of darkness.

While preparing for the end of our lives is not an easy thing for us to consider, you are not alone. God is with you and the community of Christ gathered at St. Thomas Church is with you. I, as your priest, welcome any conversation on this sensitive and personal topic. I am available to assist you, including helping you choose the hymns and scriptural readings. We also have resources provided by the Episcopal Church Foundation available in the church office to assist you in thinking about end of life and how to prepare for it. It includes sections on drawing up an Advanced Medical Directive, Funeral Planning, and writing a will. (The same packet can also be found at the following web address: <http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/30/planning-for-the-end-of-life>). All of which, I think are important topics for us to consider. Preparing for death, though difficult, is an important part of living a good life. Knowing that we have made concrete decisions about how we will be cared for, how we will be remembered, and how our earthly legacy will be utilized helps give us peace and allows us to express our faith and values even after we are gone.



Feast Day Services

By Fr. Dave Radzik

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us – Hebrews 12:1

As Christians we believe in the Communion of Saints – that is, we believe that all those who have died to themselves in the waters of baptism, are united together as one body in Christ. Indeed, we believe that Christians both living and dead are forever united in this body. On November 1st (or, in our case, the closest Sunday to it) we celebrate the Feast of All Saints in remembrance of all those saints who have gone before us, especially those saints whose witness and example have inspired us on our pilgrimage.

Likewise, our Anglican/Episcopal tradition sets aside special days during the year where we remember the lives of particular saints whose examples of holiness and perseverance inspire us as we seek to follow the path Jesus has trod for us.

These feast days are typically set on the dates traditionally associated with their death or martyrdom and are, in a sense, celebrations of their heavenly birthdays. The Christian Year as laid out in our *Book of Common Prayer* sets aside many such feast days for Biblical saints such as the apostles, the evangelists (authors of the Gospels), and several commemorating events in the life of Jesus or St Mary the Virgin. There is great value in marking these feasts, or holidays, within the life of our parish church as it gives us time to reflect on how we too are called to be saints in the 21st century.

Starting at the beginning of this coming Church Year in November, we will be observing the major feast days found in *the Book of Common Prayer* with at least a simple said Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM on the day of the feast. I hope you will join

us in marking these holy days with us as they are a wonderful opportunity for us to grow together in holiness together. The following is a list of the dates:

- ✠ Thursday, Nov. 30th – St. Andrew, Apostle
- ✠ Thursday, Dec. 21st – St. Thomas, Apostle
- ✠ Thursday, January 18th – the Confession of St. Peter, Apostle (Beginning of the Week of Christian Unity)
- ✠ Thursday, January 25th, - the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (End of the Week of Christian Unity)
- ✠ Friday, February 2nd, - The Presentation in the Temple (Candlemas)
- ✠ Wednesday, April 25 – St Mark, Evangelist
- ✠ Tuesday, May 1 – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- ✠ Thursday, May 31st, - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
- ✠ Monday, June 11th – St. Barnabas, Apostle
- ✠ Monday, June 25th – the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- ✠ Friday, June 29th – St. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- ✠ Monday, July 23rd – St. Mary Magdalene
- ✠ Monday, July 25th – St. James, Apostle
- ✠ Monday, August 6th – The Transfiguration
- ✠ Wednesday, August 15th – St. Mary the Virgin (the Dormition)
- ✠ Friday, August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- ✠ Friday, September 14th – the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- ✠ Friday, September 21st – St. Matthew, Evangelist
- ✠ Thursday, October 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist
- ✠ Tuesday, October 23rd – St. James of Jerusalem
- ✠ Monday, October 29th Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

Los Amigos Episcopales

by Ruth Ihde



Come join us for a great occasion!

St. Thomas Church has been one of the most dedicated churches in helping Los Amigos to directly assist our schools in El Salvador. And this year we will be staging our 6th annual soup supper fund-raiser right here in Harkess Hall.

It will be a very festive occasion in blue and white (colors of the Salvadoran flag), with an offering of all-you-can-eat soup (over 15 varieties), bread, dessert and beverages. Please see the accompanying flyer for further information. Please see or phone Ruth Ihde (440-572-9425) for tickets (\$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, or \$30 per family). Tickets will also be for sale at various church services. Our guests at the supper this year will be Bishop David of the Diocese of El Salvador and his wife, Irma, also a priest. They will be greeting parishioners at the 5:30 service here on October 21 – do come and meet them. Come, share this excitement with our group! And don't forget that October 21 is also Sweetest Day, so treat your Sweetie to a grand soup supper!

You are all welcome to the upcoming Los Amigos meeting, which will be at St. Thomas Church on Friday, October 6 at 6:30pm. We will be making final plans for our soup supper, and for the stay of our Salvadoran guests in Ohio.



December 2017/January 2018 Wayfarer

by Ginny Kubiak

Articles for the December/January issue of the Wayfarer are due by **November 20, 2017**. Please forward articles to the church e-mail address at: stec1@sbcglobal.net.

Photos are always welcome!!! Please submit your photos of St. Thomas events to the above e-mail address for publication.

Thank you in advance for promptly sending your articles and observing the submission due date.



Prayer Group

by Clint Anderson

Our Prayer Group has been meeting now for several years to study the Scriptures and to undergird our church, community, and world in prayer. We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the church office, unless there is a holiday.

We are currently in the midst of an in-depth study of the Gospel of Luke, looking carefully at the life and teachings of Jesus and how they relate to our lives in the 21st century.

We have a strong, loving, and faithful group, and would love to have you join with us! If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office or Clint Anderson.

From the Desk of the Music Minister

by Kira Seaton

We are coming into a fun and busy time of year at the church, and I am just delighted to offer some truly great musical opportunities for Fall. First, we will once again host a concert by the Cuyahoga Community College Concert Band in October, but this year we have invited some other terrific guest groups as well. Our very own Sue Griffith will be bringing her quintet of professional woodwind musicians, called The **New Winds of Fire**, and a dear friend of mine, Dr. Robyn Lanier, will be bringing her **Lanier Jazz Trio** to the Sanctuary as well. The Concert is Sunday afternoon **October 29 at 4pm**. The Concert is free with a free-will offering taken to defray costs, and features a world premiere of a new composition by our own Kira Seaton, (me!) and some other fabulous selections.

We will continue our concert schedule with a special **Broadway Meets the USO** Veterans tribute concert on **Sunday, November 12 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary, featuring the Tri-C Chorale, the St. Thomas Choir, soloists, and some other great guest artists. If you came to our Broadway gig last year, you might remember the wonderful singers – well, they will be BACK!

Not to be forgotten is our continuing music ministry in worship here at St. Thomas. A hearty welcome-back to the Choir, and we look forward to all the wonderful music that they bring. Please say hello and thanks to our stalwart members, and take the time to greet a couple of new members as well. Thank you to all these dedicated and VERY talented singers! How good it is worship and sing together!



Stay tuned for more news of musical happenings in the life of St. Thomas. It is truly an honor and blessing to serve with you all!

Again, coming concerts:

Sunday, October 29:

4pm in the Sanctuary– **Tri-C Concert Band, Jazz Trio and New Winds of Fire**

Sunday, November 12:

7pm in the Sanctuary – **Broadway Meets the USO**, featuring the Tri-C Chorale, and professional soloists from the Cleveland area paying tribute to our Veterans and their families –
BRING A VETERAN!



What is your favorite Hymn or Anthem?

by Kira Seaton

Ephesians 5:19-20 says, ““Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

What does THAT mean?

Music is such a great way to bring people together, to express the un-expressible, to soften our hearts and to encourage us! No doubt when Paul wrote this to one of his beloved churches, he knew what he was talking about!

So we want to know – WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS, ANTHEMS, SPIRITUAL SONGS? Send the church an e-mail, leave a note for Ginny or me, or catch me or a member of the Choir after worship and let us know. We want to make our services “draw you into the tether of God’s love” Help us do this by expressing what you would like to hear and sing!

VETERANS' MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON

By Clint Anderson

We invite all military veterans and their spouses to our monthly Meet and Greet Luncheon.

This is our way of saying thanks to our veterans for all they have done for our country, and giving support and encouragement in any way we can.

We normally meet on the last Friday of each month at 11:00 am. **Our October luncheon will be on the 27th. The November luncheon will be on the third Friday, the 17th, because the fourth Friday is the day after Thanksgiving.**

Please spread the word to any Veteran's you may know. Contact the church office, Ruth Ihde or Clint Anderson for further information.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be meeting at the home of Linda Kinsey until further notice. Please call the church office for more information.



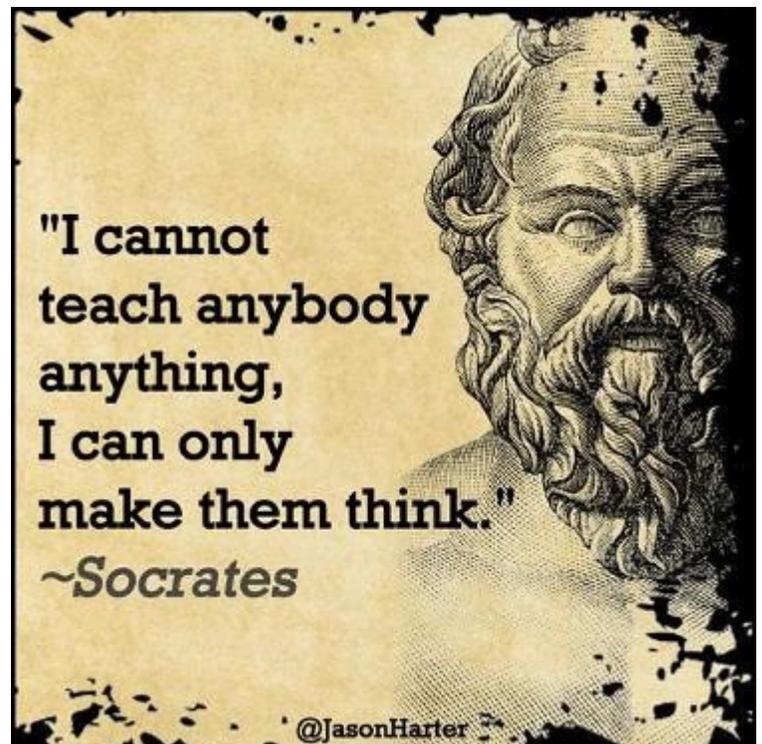
Socrates Café

By Clint Anderson

Our Berea Socrates Cafe has been meeting to discuss philosophy and life now for almost five years. Time flies when you're having fun! We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Room 2 in Harkess Hall. Our group is an official member of a worldwide network of hundreds of Socrates Cafe groups. We pick a philosophical question submitted by our members for each meeting and have no problem discussing it for almost an hour and a half. It's amazing how many thoughts and insights are expressed by group members!

Here are a few topics we have recently considered: "Is truth different from reality or are they the same?"; "I want to change the world - how do I go about that?"; "What is the best way to gain knowledge"?

If this sounds interesting to you, please come and join us! No advance preparation is needed. We regularly have about 12-15 people in attendance at each meeting - and there is always room for more! For questions or comments, please contact the Church Office or Clint Anderson.



Medieval Dinner

By Bev Smith



Come back with us to the Medieval Era when life was non-digital and communities gathered for big feasts at the local Castle.

We transform our Great Hall into a banquet lit by candlelight, with music from Medieval era instruments and foods created from honest medieval cookbooks (translated into modern English). The walls are decorated with Coats of Arms of guests (and we'll make one for you also if you make an early reservation.) The young table servers come from our own church (they just look like acolytes) and bring you small portions of lots of different dishes from authentic old time breads, roasted "chicken" with orange sauce, "benes" with bacon, blak perys and whatever gorgeous creation our food artist Randy Molmen creates (that alone is worth the price of admission.)

Tickets are \$30 each and would be a delightful Christmas gift for family or friends. Costumes are encouraged and we have a stock on hand but not required. We provide you with a dagger for your meat and a spoon for the soup but the fork has not been invented during medieval times. Bev Smith



and Etta Scheu and John Staub work under direction of a master chef to bring you this event.

The feast is on **Saturday January 20th, 2018** (even though we think it's 1478.) Come enjoy, come back in time. Tickets may be purchased at the church office or mailed on receipt of payment. For further information call Bev Smith at 440-235-3585.

Chairs

By Becca Bretz

Do these chairs belong to you? Or do you know who they belong to or may have been donated by? Please contact Becca Bretz if you have any info! Thanks.



Coat Collection

By Barb Emigh



Through the months of November and December, we are collecting new or gently worn coats to donate to St. Luke's West Side Shared Ministries in addition to the duffle bags and blankets we are also collecting. Please make sure there are no broken zippers, torn linings or holes.

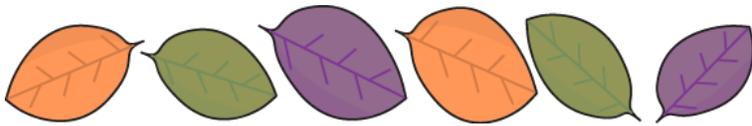
Please leave your donation under the sign on the coat rack in the hall way. Barb Emigh will be delivering the donations to St. Luke's. Please contact her if you have any questions.



Christmas Flowers

We are now taking orders for the Christmas poinsettias that will enhance our church during the Christmas season. It is a perfect time to remember parents and family members or to honor special people in your life with your donation.

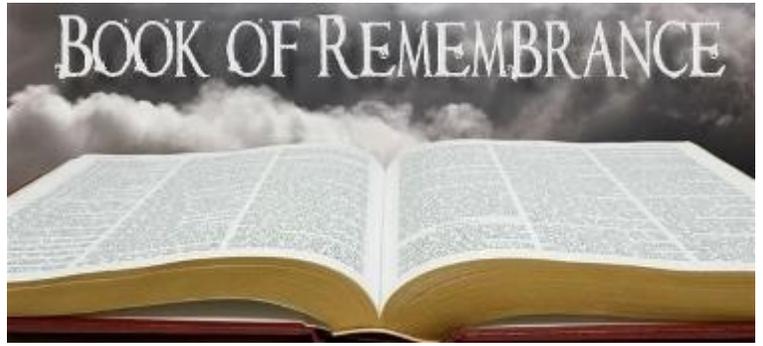
Forms are on the literature table in the entrance hall. The cost is \$25 and payment is due with order. **The deadline for placing your poinsettia order is December 15.** Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



Time Change

Daylight-savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

It's also time to check your fire extinguishers, test and change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Stay safe!



We will once again have the Book of Remembrance out in the front of the Columbarium in the main church. The book will remain out through the month of November. Please list your departed loved ones and we will hold them in prayer.

Please keep in prayer those members and former members of St. Thomas that have died in the past year and family and friends of parish members:

Brian Carlsen
Jean Cookson
Raymond F. Kurtz
Gale E. Mette
Dody Sandt
Marion Sewell
Robert James Standring
Philip L. Walter
Sarah L. Walter

*Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them: May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may they rise in glory.
Amen.*



Berea Community Meal

By Ruth Ihde

The Berea Community Meal is an ecumenical dinner held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Bagley Road on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Several St. Thomas members assist with this venture every month, but each participating church also gets an opportunity to be in charge of one month's dinner.

Wednesday, November 29, is St. Thomas night and we will be providing about 10 workers, and we will also need to supply about 15 pies for dessert. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the office window in early November, as we are once again asking parishioners to help us. Fortunately, this year the event is the **Wednesday after Thanksgiving**, not the evening before Thanksgiving (a difficult schedule we have dealt with in previous years). The dinner is open to anyone, so please join us for a lovely event.

Pies can be left at the St. Thomas kitchen on November 29th from 9:00 am till noon. If this is not an acceptable time for you, please call Ruth Ihde, and we can make other arrangements. Thank you in advance.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Christmas Duffle Bag Project

By Barb Emigh

St. Thomas is again participating in a special Christmas project sponsored by the Episcopal West Side Shared Ministry.

As a gift to the impoverished and homeless, we have been asked to donate 80 (40 men's and 40 women's) filled duffle bags/backpacks. **Please label the gift as "man's" or "lady's"**.

Individual items will also be accepted which will be used to make additional filled bags. These gifts will be presented as part of a Christmas dinner gathering and later distributed to other people throughout the area.

Contributions should be turned in as soon as possible, but by no later than **Sunday, December 3rd** and should be new or in excellent condition. Please look for the donation bins, which will be set out in early November.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give some much-appreciated, practical help to those in need! Please see the flyer in this issue of Wayfarer with the list of items needed for this project.



Blessing of the Animals

Please mark your calendar for October 1st from 3 – 5 pm for our annual Blessing of the Animals. This service is held outdoors in the side lot, weather permitting. We will be in Harkess Hall if the weather is uncooperative.

Blanket Project

By Barb Emigh



Now through December 3, we are collecting blankets for the impoverished and homeless. These blankets are very much needed during the upcoming cold winter months. *Please note this this collection is in addition to the Duffle bag project.*

New or excellent condition blankets can be put in the marked donation box near the entry way of the church, which will be set out in early November. Twin size blankets are especially needed.

Thank you for helping those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Emigh.

Holiday Gift Cards

By Ginny Kubiak

Did you know that when you purchase gift cards through our Shop with Scrip program, St. Thomas earns an average of 5%?

Our program only works with your support! With over 300 popular retailers to choose from including shopping, dining, travel and on-line purchases, there is something for everyone!

With the Christmas season approaching, you can do all your shopping quickly and easily without wasting time or gas! For the holiday season, many retailers are offering small denomination cards which make a great gift for the special people in your life.

Cards are available after worship services or call the office at 440-234-5241 to place an order. A full retailer list is available, just call or e-mail the church office.

You can also purchase, reload and manage your gift cards directly from the Shop with Scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Mission & Meal Event

By Etta Scheu

The Berea United Methodist Church is holding a *Mission and Meal Event* on **Saturday, November 4 from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm.**

All proceeds from this event will be divided between Church Street Ministries, Ohio Guidestone and Hanson House. Our ECW has reserved tables at the fair to help raise funds for these missions. Volunteers are needed to work in shifts at the tables to sell bakery and crafts. We are asking bakers to donate delicious items to sell, and if you are a crafter, we are asking for either donated items or if you could provide items to sell and donate a portion of your proceeds to the mission event.

Please have all baked goods and craft items dropped off at St. Thomas on November 3. A sign-up sheet for table volunteers, bakery donations and craft items is posted on the office window along with more information regarding the event. Please contact Etta Scheu for more information.



Fall Clean-Up Work Day

By Anita Cooper

We need your help! On **Saturday, October 14th**, there will be a fall clean-up around the church yard. We will get started at 10 a.m.

Bring anything that can rake, dig or clip. Drinks and munchies will be provided. Please sign up to help. A sign-up sheet is located on the office window. Contact Anita Cooper at 330-635-3752 if you have any questions.

STAR Concert and Lunch

By Julie Kalbrunner

Participants really kicked up their heels as we began our 2017-2018 STAR season! Guests danced in the aisles to the wonderful sounds of Dennis Ford! Thank you to Carole Pozek for all the wonderful photos!



<u>Date/Performers</u>	<u>Menu</u>
September 6, 2017 Dennis Ford	Brats, baked beans, coleslaw and desserts
October 4, 2017 BW Voice	Beef Stroganoff, buttered noodles, carrots and desserts
November 1, 2017 BW Strings	Vegetable Soup, rolls w/ butter, apple dumplings
December 6, 2017 Tri-C Holiday Program	Rigatoni with meatballs, salad, rolls and Christmas cookies
January 3, 2018 Northern Cascade Chordsmen	Chili, rolls, oyster crackers and desserts
February 7, 2018 BW Keyboard	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and desserts
March 7, 2018 Tri-C	Macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce and desserts
April 4, 2018 BW Bach Festival Brass	Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and desserts
May 2, 2018 BW Guitar	Pulled pork, potato salad and desserts
June 6, 2018 Dennis Ford	Hot dogs with the works, sauerkraut, macaroni salad, watermelon and desserts





THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

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If you have any questions or can help with this project, please call Barb Emigh at 440-465-7720.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PUT IN A MAN'S OR WOMAN'S DUFFEL BAG

- *Duffel Bag
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush



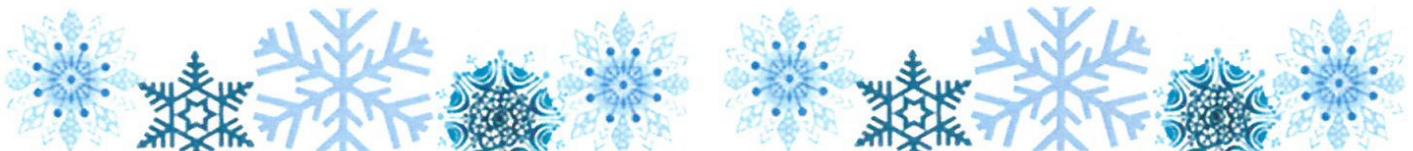
- Disposable Razors
- Hand lotion
- Candy
- *Gloves
- *Hats
- *Socks
- Cough drops

- Brush
- RTA bus pass
- Books
- *Blankets
- Toilet paper
- Comb
- Lip balm



*** - These items are especially needed!!**

OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR MEN	OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR WOMEN	
After shave Deodorant Shaving cream Underwear	Shaving cream Deodorant Tampons Maxi Pads	Panty liners Underwear Small notebook Pen



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Sunday, October 29, 2017, 4:00 pm

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- **Lanier Jazz Trio**
- **New Winds of Fire**



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Sunday, November 11, 2017, 7:00 pm

**A Musical tribute to the U.S.O., featuring the Tri-C Chorale, guest musicians, a fabulous trumpeter, and various professional Singers from the Cleveland area. Hear a Little Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, You're a Grand Old Flag, and many other great tunes paying tribute to our Veterans and their families.
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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 17th S after Pentecost	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 a Native Garden Bible Study 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 12:00 pm DOK Meeting 3:00 pm Pet Blessing Service	7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group	7 p Growth Group Meeting	12:15 p STAR Concert & Luncheon 3 p - 7 p City Fresh 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)	2-4 p Foodbank Produce Distribution 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	6:30 p Los Amigos Episcopales Meeting	5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
8 18th S after Pentecost	9 Columbus Day Church Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group	10 a Greeting Card Workshop 7 p Socrates Cafe	3 p - 7 p City Fresh 6:30 p Outreach Committee Meeting 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)	7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon		10 a Fall Yard Clean Up Day 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
15 19th S after Pentecost	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service	7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA		3 p - 7 p City Fresh 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)	7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon		5 p - 7 p Los Amigos Episcopales Soup Supper 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist (In Sanctuary)
22 20th S after Pentecost	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	7 p Socrates Cafe	3 p - 7 p City Fresh 6 pm Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)	7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch	5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist 7 p Restaurant Night Out at Tony K's for Stewardship Wrap Up
29 21st S after Pentecost	30	31 Halloween				
8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 4:00 p Tr-C, Jazz, Woodwind Concert	7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA					

November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 All Saints' Day</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 12:00 p DOK Meeting</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends - Tum clocks back 1 hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 p Growth Group Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 p Outreach Committee Meeting 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 Veteran's Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>12 23rd S after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 7 p Broadway Meets the USO Concert</p> <p>11 a Dedication & Eucharist Service at Bellwether Farm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>19 24th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>23 Thanksgiving - Office Closed 8 p Al-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>26 Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour</p> <p>(Happy Birthday Fr. Dave)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study (meets at home of parish member)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 p Feast Day of St. Andrew Eucharist Service 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon</p>		
<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>						

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist

Sunday

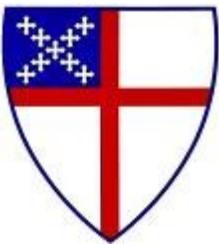
8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist

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