

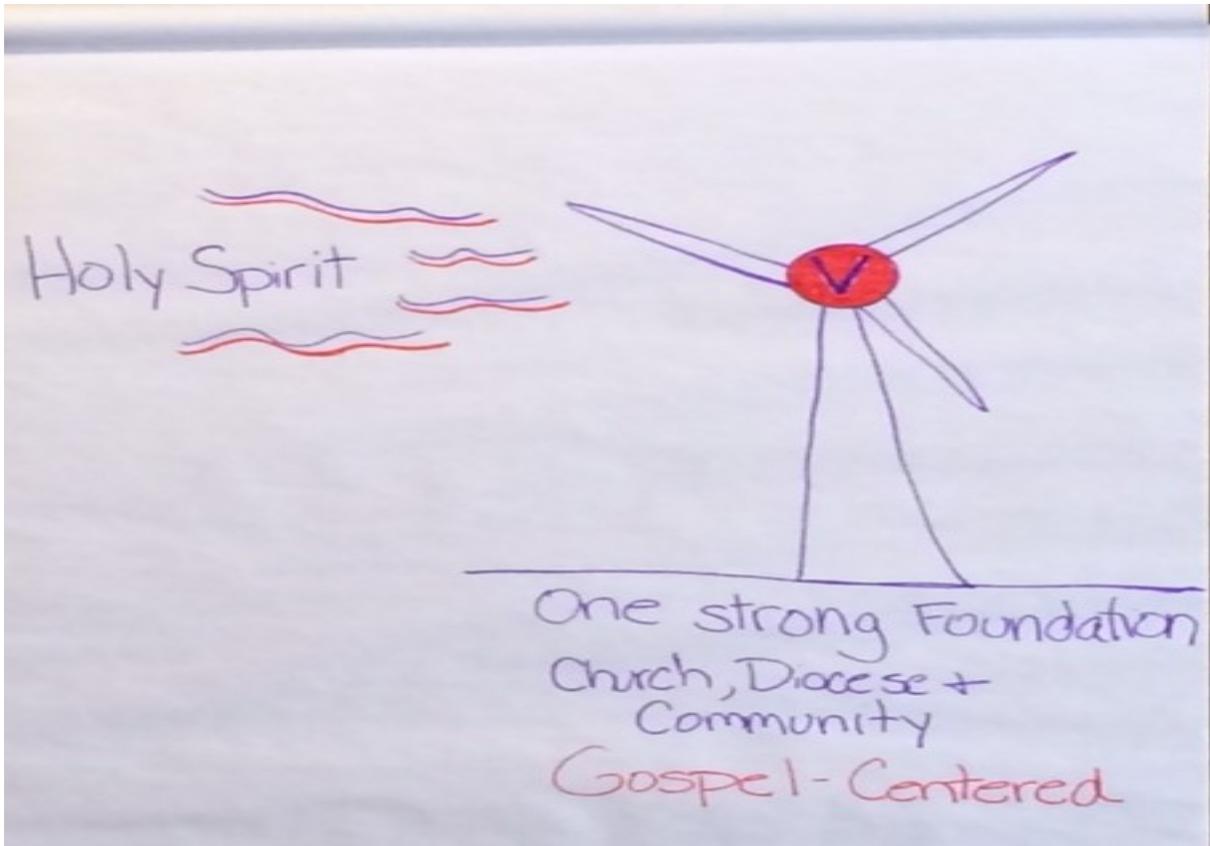


## **VESTRY RETREAT FEBRUARY 20-21, 2015**

On the first weekend in Lent, the vestry met at Christ Church for their annual retreat. On Friday evening, February 20, Fr. Larry Minter led a spirited discussion on the topic of clergy wellness (Healthy Clergy = Healthy Congregation). Some ideas will be shared with the parish as we draw closer to the arrival of the new rector.

On Saturday morning, Bob Madison volunteered his time to share “An Inclusion Experience,” an exercise in group dynamics which he has organized with hundreds of different groups. Members of the vestry shared personal stories, then collaborated on a list of Hopes, Expectations, and Concerns for the future of the parish. At Bob’s suggestion, the vestry developed the image of the wind turbine, powered by the Holy Spirit, with blades representing the vestry, channeling energy to the church.

The day ended with a review of Diocesan Canons relating to roles and responsibilities of the vestry and the rector. The Letter of Agreement (similar to a contract) between the vestry and the rector was also discussed. It was a busy and successful conclusion to a week that included the Pancake Supper, three Ash Wednesday services, and the funeral of Ada Cooper Miller.





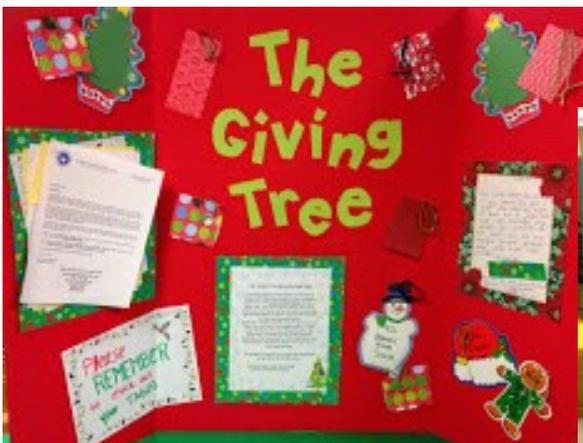
## MINISTRY FAIR A SUCCESS!

Christ Church's ministry fair-- with the theme "Find Your Fit!" took place on Sunday, January 25, and was a big success! Parishioners had an opportunity to learn about our community, service to others, and worship by visiting displays, and talking with ministry team representatives.

We hope everyone who visited the ministry fair found their fit!  
Thanks to all who participated!

- Joyce Harrison





**Daylight Savings Time  
begins  
Sunday, March 8th**



**Set your clocks forward!**



**Christ Church Now Re-Cycles!**

Single Stream Recycling, also known as Co-Mingled Recycling has been instituted at Christ Church! It is not hard to do! Most of our trash is created in the kitchen and you simply need to read the signs posted on re-cycle containers as to how to separate trash. Thanks for helping us!

*We are not only helping to save the earth,  
but we are saving waste disposal cost as well!*



**Deadline for the monthly  
Communicant is  
the 15th of the prior month**

**Deadline for the Friday Eblast  
is Noon Thursday**



## About the Seasons of the Church Year

The Episcopal Church observes the seasonal telling of our foundational narrative of God working through Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit. These seasons and their meanings are an important rhythm of our spiritual life and are one of the many reasons that a complete representation of the Faith requires regular attendance all year around.

The thousands of years old observance of the church seasons celebrates God's participation with us in time and immerses us again and again in our stories of faith, that we might move faithfully with God into the future. The church year is anchored in time on the days of Christmas and of Easter each year, and begins with Advent.

### Lent

Things did not go well for Jesus as he began to teach. People began to feel threatened. He challenged their way of thinking and doing and they killed him on a cross. This is a reality in our world. We, too, suffer and die. The marvel of the Faith is that God makes that journey with us as well. Our seasonal observance of this reality is called Lent. It begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday at the dark end of win-ter. (The word Lent means, literally, spring-time.) It is a time of recognizing our need for God to understand what we face in this life and accompany us along the way. Its highest message is that God is so willing, and that in the depths of our pain, we can be related to our God, who also knows pain and tears and death.

Lent is 40 days long (not counting Sundays, which are always feast days) reflecting the 40 days of rain for Noah, the 40 years of schooling of the people, Israel, in the Exodus, and the 40 days of testing of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism in the Jordan River. Liturgies during Lent are subdued, introspective, and penitential in nature, often beginning in silence and with the general confession of the people. The color used is deep purple, signifying penitence and the mood of Lent.

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Linda Irving, Clerk, ex officio

**Christ Church Hudson is a Parish  
in the Diocese of Ohio**

#### Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 Rite I ~ Chapel  
9:15 Education  
10:00 LEV Service at Laurel Lake  
10:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Rite II ~ Church

Nursery available

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