



# THE COMMUNICANT

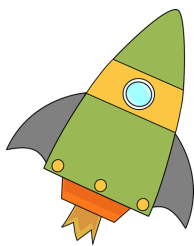
## Ready for Lift Off – Christ Church Looks Toward 2018

Following a fabulous celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Christ Church, now we turn to planning for the future. As a parish, we accomplished much in 2017. Sarah Bhatia was hired as our Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. We achieved our goal of greater visibility in the Hudson community through Open Door office hours, Pub Theology, our presence in the Memorial Day Parade, and our Forum events. We also hired Kathy Garber as our Parish Administrator, Susie Vanaman as our Parish Accountant, and Valerie Thorson as our Director of Music. We have seen more people in church and at Laurel Lake on Sundays.

We have accomplished a great deal in 2017!

We have so much to be thankful for, starting with our leadership which includes Charlotte, Vestry, the staff and volunteers. We truly have a strong foundation in place. We are “READY FOR LIFT OFF”!

So what is ahead for 2018? While Vestry is still working on specific plans and goals, the vestry brainstormed some ideas at the August vestry meeting.



- Increasing budget and commitment to Outreach
- Grow our Music Program
- Continue Speaker Forums
- Promote greater use of the garden
- Explore possibility of a new Parish Nurse Program
- Provide raises to the staff

More details on our 2018 goals are the topic for our Annual Fund Campaign Kickoff Brunch on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. There will be a fun program for kids and good food for everyone as we launch Christ Church into another year of mission and ministry. Babysitting will be provided.

Now is a perfect time to get involved in the future of Christ Church. Those who have invested time, money and faith over the last 175 years would certainly have been filled with joy at the gathering to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What we are doing now will not only benefit our current membership and our surrounding communities, but also will be the foundation of future benefits for generations to come.

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## Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

Every time we have a baptism at Christ Church, we each have the opportunity to renew our own baptismal covenant. Time and again, we promise to be faithful in worship, to resist evil, to proclaim the gospel, to seek and serve Christ in all people, and to respect the dignity of all people and work for justice and peace. We renew these promises over and over again as a reminder of the life to which we have committed ourselves. We typically renew these promises with loud and enthusiastic voices.

Each fall, we have a similar opportunity to renew our commitment to the work of this parish. We do this as part of the way we live out our baptismal covenant and also as a reminder of the life to which we have committed ourselves. Our pledge to Christ Church is not our payment of membership dues, as there are no membership dues. Our pledge is not payment for services received. In the upside down, inside out world of the gospel where the last are first, and the first are last, our pledge is our gift and a sign of the service we will render to others. Our pledge is our thank you note to God for all that God has done for us and our promise to respond to God's generosity with generosity of our own.

This fall, not only are we embarking on our annual opportunity to make a pledge to Christ Church to support the mission and ministry of this parish in the next year. We are also embarking on a series of cottage meetings to dream a bit about our ministry at Christ Church, who we are, and how our buildings reflect our ministry and what we value. There will be 10 opportunities to be part of one of these gatherings and I strongly encourage each of us to sign up. The conversations will be guided by fellow parishioners who have been trained as facilitators and most of the meetings will occur in homes. The time is sure to be productive and enjoyable. Sign up sheets will be in the Parish Hall beginning October 1 at the parish breakfast. There will be a cottage meeting at Laurel Lake for our residents there as well.

Let the joy we experience as we renew our baptismal vows be the same joy with which we renew our commitment to the work of God at Christ Church.

Blessings,  
Charlotte

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This number can also be used for text messages. Please give your name so Charlotte knows who is texting her.

### An Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults of the Church to Meet the Presiding Bishop

At the Diocesan Convention in November, we have the great pleasure of welcoming the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, to the Diocese of Ohio in celebration of our 200th anniversary as a Diocese in the Episcopal Church. In connection with this, the Presiding Bishop Curry is having a time for conversation with the youth and young adults of the Church at Bellwether farm in Wakeman, Ohio on November 12th. This will be followed by Eucharist and Lunch, all at no cost to those attending.

This is an amazing opportunity to come together not only with other youth and young adults of the Diocese, but to get to meet with and speak with Presiding Bishop Curry. There is, as mentioned, no cost for this event but all those who want to attend do need to register online by October 13th. If you are interested in attending or want more information about this event, please contact Allie Heeter or go online to [www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org) and click the heading at the top labeled "Convention".

# Children's Corner

Sunday School has started!

You are invited to join us for one of four classes:



- **Pre-K and Kindergarten**
- **1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*PLEASE NOTE:*

Classes for **Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** are Sundays starting promptly at 10:15.

**Middle and High School** meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 9:30.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING TEACH OUR CHILDREN, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH**  
[sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org)



**Children's Chapel** is making a return during the program year! On the **First Sunday of each month**, we will hold Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service

rather than Sunday School for those 3-years-old to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. EYC will continue to meet for Sunday School on these Sundays. This provides an opportunity for our older Elementary students to experience the service regularly and for all of us to share the joy of intergenerational worship.

## Musical Notes

From the Director of Music,  
Valerie Thorson



The CCE Choir is up and running for the season! We always welcome new members—no experience is required—just a love of singing and a desire to become part of a warm and friendly musical community. We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the downstairs choir room. Rehearsals last 90 minutes. We'd love to have you join us!

I am planning to feature an interesting hymn tune every month in this column. This coming Sunday (September 24<sup>th</sup>) we will be singing the hymn tune "McKee" during 10:30 worship. This is hymn number 529 in the Hymnal 1982. The text is "In Christ there is no East or West."

According to the eminent composer Charles Villiers Stanford (born in Ireland, he lived and worked in England until his death in 1924) this hymn tune was originally an Irish tune that was brought to the United States and adapted by African American slaves, with the title "I know the angels done changed my name."

Harry T. Burleigh (born in Erie, PA in 1866) arranged the tune to the current text in 1939. He named it after Elmer M. McKee, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh was the baritone soloist from 1894-1946. It's a beautiful tune with a most compelling text!

Dear friends,

Please accept my sincere "Thank You" for the special (and delicious) coffee hour you held for me on August 27th, and also for the beautiful card with all your nice comments and good wishes. I enjoyed reading each of them! It was a privilege and pleasure to serve as your Interim Organist this past summer. In all my years as a church musician, it has always meant so much to be able to share my love of great organ music with others, and that certainly includes all of you.

Again, many thanks.

With blessings,

Mary Ann Switz





**Wednesday, October 4**

**Location: Peachtree Southern Kitchen**

Come and bring a friend as we explore the intersection of faith and life. We will gather at the Clock Tower for compline at 7p.m., then head to Peachtree for conversation.

**Topic: "The Promised Land- Where do we find it in our everyday lives? How do we get there?"**

Join us for a lively conversation.  
Please R.S.V.P. to Charlotte at 330-650-4359  
or [charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org](mailto:charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org)

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch  
Thursday, October 12th at 11:00 AM  
Serenity Chapel**

All Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us, are invited to gather at Laurel Lake's Serenity Chapel at 11am for Eucharist, then for lunch following. For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at [ghg2@aol.com](mailto:ghg2@aol.com).



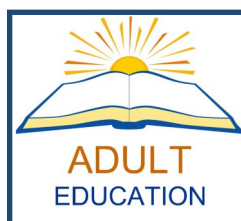
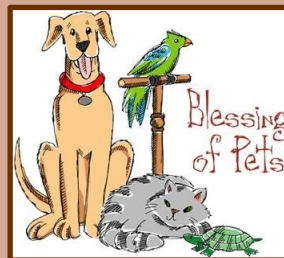
**Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee  
October 4, 11, 18, & 25**

Charlotte continues to hold office hours at Open Door Coffee Company (164 N. Main Street) on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. On the rare weeks that Wednesday is not an option for some reason, the alternate date will be in the e-blast the week before, the Sunday announcements, or if the change is very last minute, in an email.

**The Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 PM**

Calling all animals! Bring your human(s) and join us in front of Christ Church for a brief service and individual blessing for each animal. In case of rain, we will be in the Parish Hall and you are invited to enter through the garden.

All animal and human friends and family are welcome!  
All dogs must be on a leash.



**Breakfast Theology  
Sunday, October 15  
9am in the Parish Hall  
Breakfast Provided!**

Think Pub Theology, breakfast version. Our Sunday morning Adult Christian Ed will take the form of a breakfast Pub Theology on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Join us for a hot breakfast and lively conversation. Our topic this month is freedom. "Freedom is not having everything we crave, it's being able to go without the things we crave and being OK with it." ~ Rob Bell

Because breakfast is provided, we do need a head count. So please contact the church office (330-650-4359 or [Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org](mailto:Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org)) to let us know you are coming. Also, if you need childcare, please let the office know.

**Healing Service  
\*Thursday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m.  
Christ Church Chapel**



Join us for this simple, yet powerful service, which includes the laying on of hands with prayers for healing and Holy Eucharist.  
\*Please note the day change from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday this month.





**October 19th**

**Healthy Living for your Brain and Body**

*Presented by  
The Alzheimer's Association*



**Come and learn how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Parish Hall**

**Please R.S.V.P. to  
330-650-4359 or**

**Kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org**

**by Monday, October 16th.**

Join Janet and Greg Daniels for a leisurely hike as part of the **Fall Hiking Spree** sponsored by the Summit County Metroparks. See <http://hikingspree.summitmetroparks.org/>

Meet us on:

**Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 pm at  
Munroe Falls Metro Park Meadow Trail (2 miles)**

**Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 pm at  
Furnace Run Metro Park Old Mill Trail (1.4 miles)**

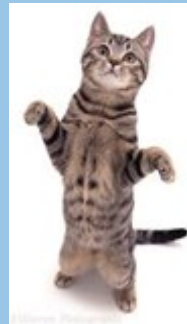
These trails are both rated "easy" but would not be suitable for those with mobility issues. Families are definitely welcome!

We will leave the trailhead promptly at 2 pm. Both hikes should take an hour or less.

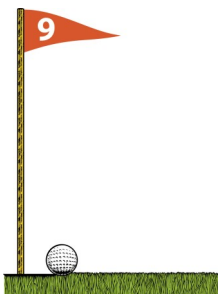


**Upright**

Jill Rango's  
New *Balance*  
Class  
**Wednesdays  
1:30 – 2:30  
thru  
November 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Class is FREE**  
compliments of  
Laurel Lake Community  
Outreach Dept.  
No RSVP required  
Contact Jill Rango with  
Questions 330-730-8400

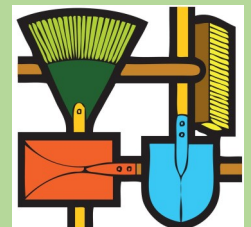


**Christ Church Co-Ed Golf Outing, October 8th**

Join us for a game of golf after worship on Sunday, October 8. Tee times begin at 12:01 at Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course (1101 Barlow Road). Cost is \$36.00 per person and includes 18 holes with cart lunch at the turn (hot dog or sausage, chips, and drink). Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Lang at [jlang@progressive-marketing.com](mailto:jlang@progressive-marketing.com).

**Save  
the  
Date!**

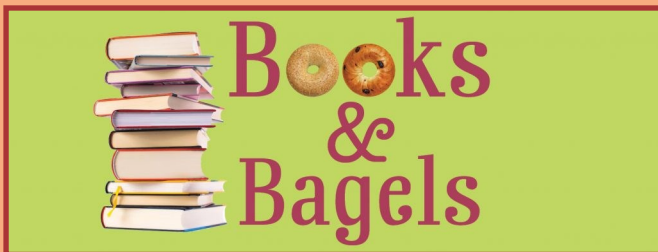
Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4th for our annual fall church grounds clean-up from 9:00 a.m. to noon. A sign-up sheet will be available in Parish Hall in early October. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. Stay tuned for more details!



**GROUNDS  
CLEAN UP**

A message from Allie Heeter:

**New: Books & Bagels  
on the fourth Sunday of every month!**



I am very excited to announce that the inaugural book for our Christ Church Book Club, **Books & Bagels**, is going to be *Present Over Perfect* by **Shauna Niequist**. I invite you to read this book over the course of the next few weeks and on October 22nd, the fourth Sunday of October, come together with me for bagels and conversation during our formation hour at 9am. *Present Over Perfect* is an amazing book which asks for us all to think what it means to “live a life of meaning and connection instead of pushing for perfection.” This Book Club will focus on reading incredible books which examine different aspects of what it means for us to live as Christians. I hope that these books will help us to foster our Christ Church Community and help us to connect with our greater Christian Identity over the course of these coming months. If you have any questions about this book, where to find it, or anything related to Books & Bagels please contact Allie Heeter at [adeanheet@gmail.com](mailto:adeanheet@gmail.com).

**Donating Appreciated Securities to a Capital Campaign**

In contemplating a possible donation to Christ Church, one should consider gifting long-term appreciated securities-including stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Compared to donating cash, or selling appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to increase your gift and your tax deduction. An example of the different approaches to long-term securities gifting is as follows:

Original cost of security Appreciated value of security \$10,000  
Appreciated value of security \$30,000

**#1 Example:**

Sell security and donate net proceeds:  
\$30,000  
Less (\$4,760) capital gains tax  
**\$25,240 Net Gift**

**#2 Example:**

Gift security:  
\$30,000  
0:capital gains tax  
**\$30,000 Net Gift**

Example #2 would give a donor and the church the full value of the gift. If you need specific examples of how gifting appreciated securities can work for you, your financial advisor should be consulted.



**35TH SEASON  
MUSIC FROM  
THE WESTERN RESERVE**

Music from The Western Reserve showcases six concerts with the world’s finest chamber music artists. Concerts are presented at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church, with a meet-the-artist reception following immediately after each concert. The next concert is on Sunday, October 29th with this year’s Featured Young Artists: Noa Barenblat, Emily Brett, Kelsey Brown, Colin Carswell, Sam Columbus, Warren Egypt Franklin, Courtney Hausman, David Holbert, Gillian Jackson, Tia Karaplis, Caroline Kasay, Amy Keum, Zach Landis, Matthew Pitts, Joshua Regan and Jake Slater.

Hailing from twelve different states, these gifted young artists are Music Theatre majors at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory. When they take our stage, expect a lively and energetic program of show tunes from the Golden Age of Broadway.

Season Tickets \$100;  
Single Tickets \$20;  
**Students Admission FREE.**  
Tickets can be purchased at [www.mftwr.org](http://www.mftwr.org), the **Learned Owl Book Shop**, or at the door the evening of the concert.

For more information about **Music from The Western Reserve’s 35th season**, visit [www.mftwr.org](http://www.mftwr.org) and [www.facebook.com/mftwr](http://www.facebook.com/mftwr).



Peter Eells ~ 10/2  
 Kaye Lowe ~ 10/3  
 Ginny Young ~ 10/6  
 Morgan Foster ~ 10/8  
 Sarina Kinney ~ 10/8  
 Sallie Bear ~ 10/12  
 Lou Young ~ 10/12  
 Lucy Kistler ~ 10/14  
 Chris VanBuren ~ 10/15  
 Madlein Eileraas ~ 10/17  
 Jean Hudson ~ 10/18  
 Mike Pitz ~ 10/18  
 Mark Metoki ~ 10/19  
 Gindy Smith ~ 10/19  
 Joseph Palmer ~ 10/22  
 Debbie Sergi ~ 10/23  
 George Murray ~ 10/25  
 Dede Klein ~ 10/27



Harry Bartels ~ 10/29  
 Dave & Pam McCallops ~ 10/1  
 George & Judy Murray ~ 10/2  
 Mark & Lori Metoki ~ 10/8  
 Ellen Turner & Dick Peller ~ 10/15  
 Steve & Janet Greer ~ 10/20  
 Greg & Janet Daniels ~ 10/22  
 Gave & Doris Lefebvre ~ 10/26

Thanks to your generous donations, Christ Church, along with Cub Scout Pack 3322, was able to collect over 6,000 diapers for the Houston Diaper Bank in response to Hurricane Harvey.

Thank you again for your support!



### September Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met at 7:15 on September 26. The meeting opened with prayer and Bible study.
  - Sue Leishman, the CFO for the Diocese of Ohio, was with us to go over the 2016 audit. She was pleased with our accounting procedures and found no irregularities. She had some recommendations around making an inventory of our buildings and contents to make filing a claim easier in the event of a disaster.
  - Bob Zuhl and Lou Young updated the vestry on this year's stewardship program.
  - Charlotte Reed and Guy Wylie updated the vestry on the progress of our conversation with the Summit Food Coalition. The SFC pairs budding food entrepreneurs with underutilized church kitchens to help the entrepreneurs get started. A small group of CCH people met with a potential food entrepreneur last week and are waiting for her to let us know if she would like to continue the conversation.
  - The vestry had conversation about the skills needed in the next class of vestry members.
  - Charlotte Reed reported to the vestry on the conversations the Worship Ministry Team had about Christmas Eve services. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, which makes the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent the same day as Christmas Eve. The concern of the Worship Team is that we not plan more services than we can staff with acolytes, ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, etc. The plan is to have a quiet service in the chapel at 8am, a service at Laurel Lake (to which all are welcome) at 10am, then festive Christmas Eve services in the church at 5pm and 8pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.  
 The next meeting is Tuesday, October 24 at 7:15pm in the library.

## FOR THE RECORD . . .

**Births:** Violet Grace Harvey was born on August 29th to Doug and Marcie Harvey and siblings Lucy, Ella, and Calvin.

**Deaths:** Dewey Hansen.

A memorial service is scheduled for October 14th at 2:00p with visitation at 1:00 and a reception in Parish Hall after the service.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:00 am Rite I/Quiet—Chapel  
10:30 Rite II/Festive—Church with Children’s Chapel  
11:45 Coffee Hour  
Nursery available for children 3 and older 10:00—12:00

**“The Opioid Epidemic”**

Christ Church will host “The Opioid Epidemic ” on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 3pm. Greg McNeil, a Hudson resident, will tell the story of his late son, Sam and his battle with opioid dependence. He will share the lessons learned during his family’s journey with Sam and how they came to form COVER 2 Resources, a non-profit organization whose mission is to “fight the opioid epidemic through education and advocacy.” His discussion will include alternatives to prescription opioids for pain management as well as resources for families struggling with an addiction. In addition McNeil will present preventative measures such as educational programs that are working well throughout the country. There is no admission to attend and activities for young children will be available. For more information and to reserve a spot in the children’s room please call the office at 330-650-4359.



Greg McNeil with his late son, Sam