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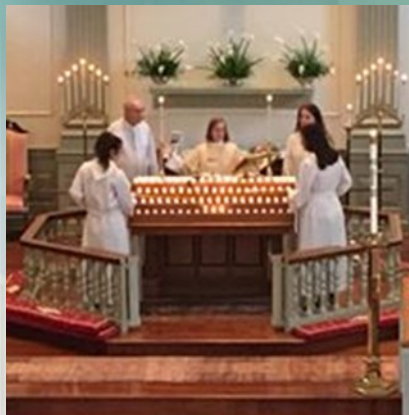
Christ Church Episcopal Holy Week & Easter Services

March 25 ~ Palm Sunday
Blessing of the Palms

8:00 a.m. ~ Quiet service in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. ~ Festive service in the Church

March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday
6:00 p.m. ~ Simple Meal & Communion

March 30 ~ Good Friday
5:30 p.m. ~ Children's service
7:00 p.m. ~ The Liturgy for Good Friday



April 1 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. ~ Quiet service in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Festive service in the Church with
Communion and Brass & Timpani



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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

As I write this message, we are about a week and a half into Lent. You may have noticed changes to our liturgy to reflect the more solemn nature of this season. We have read wonderful reflections in our Lenten Devotion booklet. We have sung Evensong in the chapel on Wednesday evening. And many people have participated in our Lenten discipline of gratitude, which gives us an opportunity to thank a fellow parishioner for an act of kindness or job well done.

I am grateful for so much at Christ Church. I am grateful that, two years ago last fall, Bishop Hollingsworth asked me to “just take a look” at Christ Church, Hudson, and to the Search Committee who so splendidly represented Christ Church. I am grateful for the tenacity of this parish, and for leadership that simply does not give up. I am grateful for the welcoming spirit on Sunday mornings and for all of the lively chatter before and after church. I am grateful for a dedicated and talented staff that keeps the church running day in and day out. I am grateful for everyone who comes to worship on Sunday morning and who engages in the ministry of this parish, from our babies who delight us with the ministry of smiles and cuddles, to our children who delight in helping others, to those who teach Sunday School and participate in the leadership of worship, to those who make the Good News come alive for so many people in so many different ways. I could go on and on!

When we hold in our hearts all for which we are grateful, I believe our hearts are transformed. Transformation is what Lent is all about, so that when the Great Feast of Easter arrives, our hearts are so full that they can be broken open to receive the Risen Christ. Yes, Lent is somber as we engage in self-reflection and practices that deepen our trust in God. But Lent is also joyful as we recall and give thanks for all that God has done for us, often through the lives of those around us. This Lent, may our hearts be broken open with love and gratitude.

Blessings,
Charlotte

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Contact Charlotte by email at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org, by phone in the church office: **330-650-4359**, or by cell phone: **937-925-5200** (*before 9pm please, unless it's an emergency*).

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



Opportunities to Keep a Holy Lent

Evensong will be led by Don Reed in the Christ Church chapel at 5:30 each Wednesday during Lent through March 21. Evensong is sung simply and unaccompanied. Come and sing or come and listen.

Gratitude: Each Sunday in the service bulletin this month, there will be short form to use to express your gratitude to someone in the parish for a kindness offered. The forms can be put in the offering plate and the office staff will mail the “thank yous” to the recipients. In the Easter season, we will practice gratitude towards those outside Christ Church.



**Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Peachtree Southern Kitchen**

We'll pray compline at the restaurant, and begin promptly at 7:00.

Our topic is : The 4th of the 10 commandments is "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." How do we keep Sabbath (or not) in our busy lives? Is Sabbath still relevant to our spiritual lives in the 21st century.

RSVP to charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org or 330-650-4359 and let us know you are coming so we can let Peachtree know how many to expect.

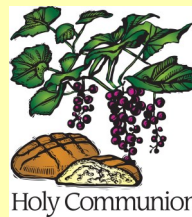


**Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee
March 7, 14, 21, & 28**

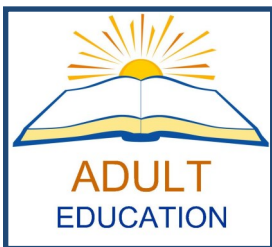
Charlotte continues to hold office hours at Open Door Coffee Company (164 N. Main Street) on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. On the rare weeks that Wednesday is not an option for some reason, the alternate date will be in the e-blast the week before, the Sunday announcements, or if the change is very last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

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist
and Lunch**

Thursday, March 1st at 11:00 AM



All Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us, are invited to gather in Laurel Lake's Community Room (note changed location) at 11am for Eucharist, then for lunch following.



Breakfast Theology

Sunday, March 18
9am in the Parish Hall
Breakfast Provided!

Topic: "First Serve"

Think Pub Theology, breakfast version. Our Sunday morning Adult Christian Ed will take the form of a breakfast Pub Theology on one Sunday each month.

This month we welcome Mark Johnson from First Congregational Church talk about "First Serve." The members of First Presbyterian will join us for breakfast and this conversation. "First Serve" brings together people of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths for a day of service in low income neighborhoods in Akron. "First Serve" is on September 9 and Christ Church is invited to participate. This is a great opportunity to work side by side with people of other congregations and faiths, as well as with those we are serving. Please plan to come hear about this exciting program!

R.S.V.P. to the church office at 330-650- 4359 or kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org.

Healing Service

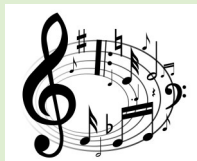
**Thursday, March 1st at 9:30 a.m.
Christ Church Chapel**



On the first Thursday of each month, at 9:30 in the chapel, a healing service is offered for anyone who would like to ask prayers for themselves or others. The service includes Holy Eucharist. Please join us for this quiet, yet powerful, service.

Musical Notes

From the Director of Music,
Valerie Thorson

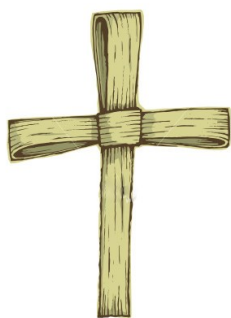


It was a great pleasure to host the Hudson Community Choruses and soloist Frank Ward, Jr., last month for a concert of Spirituals. Many thanks to Nathan Duvuvuei, Director of the Chorus, and Eve Sliwinski, Director of the Youth and Children's Choruses, for helping to make this memorable event possible; and very special thanks also to Kathy Garber, who printed the programs for us.

Coming up later this month: on Lent V (March 18, the final Sunday before Holy Week) during 10:30 worship, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day in our music. All the hymns will be of Celtic/Irish origin, including "I bind unto myself this day," "The King of love my shepherd is," "Morning has broken," and a special setting of the Londonderry Air ("O Danny Boy") to a beautiful text anticipating Easter, "We shall go out with hope of resurrection." The choir will be joined by flutist Julie Micheletti for a lovely setting of the hymn tune "Slane" ("Be thou my vision") titled "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Wear a bit o'the green and join us in church!

Valerie Thorson
Director of Music

PALM CROSSES



The Christ Church Episcopal Church Women will be making Palm Crosses on Thursday, March 22 at 11a.m. in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome!

No experience? No problem! There will be plenty of people on hand to teach you.

Children's Corner

March is going to see a different schedule for Children's Ministry at Christ Church. Hudson City Schools will be on Spring Break at the end of the month, which means a break in our regular Sunday School schedule. Please take note of the dates below.



March 4th

Episcopal Youth Community at 9:30
Children's Chapel at 10:15

March 11th

Sunday School for PreK-6th Grade at 10:15

March 18th

EYC at 9:30
Sunday School for PreK-6th Grade at 10:15

March 25th Spring Break-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



March 25th at 9:00 a.m.

The next Books & Bagels will be exploring "Christ Actually" by James Carroll. While some books on the historical Jesus discount the Christ of Christianity, Carroll explores a different perspective. As a former Catholic priest, he connects the historical Jesus with the realities of religious belief and Christ's lasting impact on the world. He also looks into how we can believe in Christ in the midst of the 21st century.

We will join together on March 25th to discuss our thoughts and opinions over Bialy's Bagels at 9:15 (between our two Sunday services).

If you have any questions, please contact Allie at adeanheet@gmail.com.

A word about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday (March 29) at 6pm, we will gather in the Parish Hall to observe Jesus' commandment on the night before he died that we break bread and share the cup in remembrance of him. We will do that in the context of a simple meal. Following the meal and the sharing of the bread and cup, we will process to the church for the stripping of the altar. The service is designed to be meaningful for people of all ages.

Good Friday

The Ecumenical Good Friday service will be hosted by The First Presbyterian Church of Hudson at noon, here in the church.

The Children's service will be held at 5:30 in either the Parish Hall or the Chapel. This service is similar in approach to the children's Ash Wednesday service. All are welcome, but the service is geared to children.

The Good Friday liturgy with communion from the reserved Sacrament is at 7pm in the Church.



**March 15th
12-1:00 PM
Parish Hall**

**Topic: Estate Planning Under
the New Tax Laws**

**Speaker: John S. Seich, Attorney at
MacCarthy Leibet**



John S. Seich is a principal at McCarthy Leibet, with over 30 years of experience specializing in tax law, as well as estate planning and corporate law.

John has spoken before the Cleveland Estate Planning Institute, the Estate Planning Council, Cleveland State University, KeyBank National Association, the Cleveland Bar Association and the Ohio Society of CPAs and has authored articles that have appeared in the Ohio CPA Journal.

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The Christ Church Fellowship Committee extends a warm invitation to all parishioners and friends for an all parish spaghetti dinner and variety show on Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 pm! Food, fellowship and fun are guaranteed.



**March 10th
6:00 P.M.
Spaghetti Dinner
&
Variety Show**

We will enjoy dinner together followed by a variety of entertainment. "Entertainers" of all ages are welcome to participate. Ideas include skits, comedy, magic, lip syncing, and of course singing and instrumental performances. Imagination and creativity are encouraged - no "real" talent required!

To RSVP for the dinner and to sign up to participate in the Variety Show please sign up in the parish hall or online [here](#).

The Fellowship Committee has also requested additional help with set up, dinner preparation and clean up. If you are available to help please contact Jim Lang at jlang@progressive-marketing.com or Courtney Bixby at cbixby@hotmail.com

Mark your calendars now to come for dinner, stay for the show, and consider how you can participate. It will be a great night at Christ Church!



Thank you to.....

- ◆ **All of our wonderful Shrove Tuesday cooks and helpers, including members of Boy Scout Troop 333**
- ◆ **Susan Mailey for organizing the forum on North Korea and to Eileen Gaston and Lucy Kistler for hosting the reception.**
- ◆ **Sue King for preparing breakfast for Breakfast Theology in February.**
- ◆ **Everyone who helped with the Valentine's Day brownie project for our college students and those serving in the military.**
- ◆ **Len Harrison and Marilyn Hansen for their assistance with helping us to update our computer server and network equipment.**

Bexley  **Seabury**

Dear Christ Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.00. We are proud that you are part of the Bexley Seabury community, and grateful for your generous support and your prayers.

Our recent increase in enrollment — across all four of our degree and diploma programs — signals to us that there is a real need for Bexley Seabury's low-residency, high-context model of theological education and ministerial formation. Your contribution will help us to meet that need and continue to grow and diversify our learning community.

We promise to put your contribution to good use as we help Bexley Seabury students develop their gifts and the skills needed to take the Gospel beyond our walls.

Thank you again for helping us advance Bexley Seabury's ministry for the church.

Faithfully,
Therese DeLisio
Acting President and Academic Dean



**BOBBY SELVAGGIO JAZZ QUARTET
MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE
SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Each season, 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 on Sunday, March 11 features the Bobby Selvaggio Jazz Quartet.

Performer, composer, arranger and educator, Bobby Selvaggio is one of the leading alto saxophone voices on today's jazz scene. A native of Cleveland, he is Director of the Jazz Studies program at Kent State University. A graduate of Kent and Manhattan School of Music, Bobby spent four years in New York gigging around town in places like the Vanguard and Birdland. He returned to his hometown and is dedicated to keeping jazz alive in Cleveland

Tickets \$20

Students Admission FREE.

Tickets can be purchased at www.mftwr.org, the **Learned Owl Book Shop**, or at the door the evening of the concert. For more information visit www.mftwr.org and www.facebook.com/mftwr.

EASTER FLOWERS



Donations for sanctuary flowers are welcome from individuals or families, in celebration, as a memorial, or in thanksgiving.

Your gift will be noted in the Easter bulletins provided the necessary information is received in the church office by

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Christ Church 2018 Easter Floral Donation

NAME: _____ AMOUNT: _____

As a memorial to... In celebration of... In thanksgiving for...

(please circle one of the above and provide the details below)

Please return with your check - payable to Christ Church with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line - to the office by:

Sunday, March 25, 2018



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Renee Agnor ~ 3/1
- Maria Metoki ~ 3/1
- Pat Schron ~ 3/3
- Reed Stith ~ 3/4
- Alexandra Coombs ~ 3/8
- Ella Harvey ~ 3/9
- Tom Marks ~ 3/9
- Tracey Vaughn ~ 3/10
- Katie Barger ~ 3/11
- Peter Hopper ~ 3/12
- Ethel Bush ~ 3/13
- Gretchen Green ~ 3/15
- Paula McBrian ~ 3/17
- Ed Wiles ~ 3/21
- Mary Ann Balbach ~ 3/23
- Robby Gray ~ 3/23
- Ruth Anne Belton ~ 3/28
- Dick Talley ~ 3/30
- Sarah Fulytar ~ 3/31
- Peter Young ~ 3/31



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Nanette Ryerson ~ 3/30

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Transfers-In:

Elizabeth Cardarelli
Peter & Nanette Ryerson

Cottage Meeting Update

At the Annual Meeting on January 21, Pam Zuhl, Sallie Bear, Dave McCallops and Reed Stith talked about the results of our cottage meetings which took place in the fall of 2017.

They reported that three working groups would be formed to look at potential projects in the Chapel and Beebe House, the Parish Hall, and the Church (including the Sunday School classrooms on the lower level). Those groups, made up of a vestry member, cottage meeting data analyst, and one or two parishioners, met on Saturday, February 17 to begin work on defining and prioritizing projects. That work will continue over the next couple of months and we will report back to the congregation in the spring. Questions?

Contact Bob Zuhl, Sr. Warden, Sallie Bear, Discernment Coordinator, or Charlotte Reed, Rector.

February Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met at 7:15 p.m. on February 27.
- The vestry meeting began with Bible Study and prayer.
- The consent agenda was approved. Charlotte added to her
- Rector's Report that the Rev. Allan Belton is making some pastoral calls to our homebound parishioners.
- The treasurer's report was approved.
- The 2017 Parochial Report was approved. The Parochial Report provides information to the Diocese and The Episcopal Church about the health of congregations using membership and financial data. Our average Sunday attendance, one of the chief measures of the health of a congregation, was up from 131 in 2016 (which was up from 106 in 2015) to 151 in 2017.
- The allocation of outreach funds by the Outreach Ministry Team was approved. \$1400 to Habitat for Humanity, \$1000 to Open M, and \$1000 to support the Community Resource Coordinator. That leaves \$1600 for future outreach ministries this year.
- The vestry voted to make Christ Church a platinum sponsor of Hudson Restaurant Week April 9-13. The cost is \$500 which will come from the Rector's Discretionary Fund as a direct contribution to the Hudson Food Pantry. The vestry chose a logo for the publicity.
- The next regular vestry meeting is Tuesday, March 20 at 7:15 (a week early to avoid Spring Break/Holy Week).

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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

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH



**Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour
before bed on Saturday night, or you will be late for church!**