



THE COMMUNICANT

Our Hearts are Glad About.....

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 Our **faith** community
Mario Buchanan Faith Our family and friends
 beginning a Children's Choir *Painting and roof repairs*
 Our wonderful church **family** Being a member of CCEH
 Our **love of God** and this community at **Christ Church**
Being part of this moment, made strong by family & CCE
 Charlotte's **leadership**, our Flower Guild and Altar Guild
 The **love** and care we show for each other **Good Health**
Being a part of the Christ Church Family Office Staff
 The wonderful **love & support** that our church family
 provides to one another **Love Episcopal Liturgy**
 Opportunities for community involvement
 The **community** of **worship** CCE gives
The love that is shown in our midst
 Wonderful church to call **home**
Charlotte's Creativity
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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

A year ago this month, we were in the midst of our Cottage Meetings at Christ Church, bringing together as many of us as possible to talk about our hopes and dreams for our church. In January at the Annual Meeting, the group of people analyzing the data from those meetings made a presentation, identifying the 10 themes that emerged from those conversations. After another three months of work to identify *potential* projects, we held another parish meeting at the end of April to get feedback and to ask you to help prioritize the 10 themes from the cottage meetings. The top three themes that emerged from that meeting were: 1) Maximize our attractiveness to families, 2) Maximize the use of our buildings, and 3) Maximize the efficiency and durability of our buildings.

Much of the work of the capital campaign will be around themes #2 and #3. We are already at work on theme #1. Late this fall, the nursery where we care for our youngest parishioners will be moved to a larger, more attractive space. The youth room will be moved to a room the youth can decorate and will be outfitted with a small refrigerator and coffee maker, along with some games and other accessories. We are starting at 5th Sunday of the month “Wonder and Worship” service at 9:15, which will combine worship and Christian Education in a format designed to be accessible to children up through 3rd grade.

Much of the work of maximizing our attractiveness to families is not actually about the building. The work is the work of the people, welcoming and engaging families, teaching Sunday School, helping with the soon to be formed Children’s Choir, offering to walk a crying child and giving the parents a chance to worship, chatting with new folks at coffee hour, and taking an interest in our youth and helping them find their ministries in the church and in the world. Maximizing our attractiveness to families is the work of all of us....and that work requires that we be here on Sunday morning to welcome them. Maximizing our attractiveness to families may require change. We want to make Christ Church attractive to families NOT because we need families, but because we believe we have something important to offer families as they seek to raise children in the world today. In other words, maximizing our attractiveness to families is not about us! This work is the gospel work of putting ourselves aside to serve others.

We don’t have to wait for a capital campaign to make ourselves a more welcoming, nurturing church for families. We just have to want to be that church so much that we each step up to the plate and make welcoming happen.

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.



Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Lager & Vine

Mahatma Gandhi “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others.”

Jesus “Those who save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the gospel will save it.”

We will meet for Compline at the Gazebo at 7:00 and then head to Lager & Vine for good food and great conversation about losing our life and finding it. RSVP to 330-650-4359 or charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org.

Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, October 4th at 11:00 AM

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.



Holy Communion

For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.



Ministry Team Night
Wednesday, October 17

Ministry Teams

5pm: Worship
 6pm: Outreach
 7pm: Fellowship/Education (Adult)

Ministry teams are open to everyone with an interest in one of the ministry areas. The teams are a place where we help each other problem-solve if needed, bring forth new ideas, and make plans for current or future events or ministries. Each meeting lasts 59 minutes and includes some lively conversation. Please join us!

Healing Service in the Chapel
Thursday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m.



Once a month (typically the first Thursday), a healing service is offered at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel 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.



Wednesdays at
Open Door Coffee
October 3, 10,
17, 24

Charlotte continues to hold office hours at Open Door Coffee Company (164 N. Main Street) on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. Stop by for a chat.



October 18th
12-1:00 PM
Parish Hall

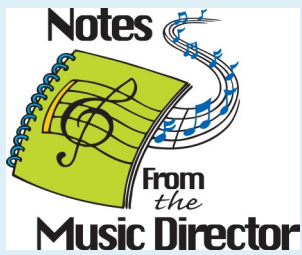
Topic: Elder Law
Speaker: Kathy Cline
of Daniel Seink & Co.

Kathy Cline is a licensed social worker with more than twenty years of experience in the field of aging and is currently part of the Elder Law Attorney team at Daniel Seink & Co.. She will join us to talk about topics such as, “Don’t go broke in a nursing home” and “Asset Protection”, as well as answer any questions you may have regarding Elder Law.



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Please R.S.V.P to 330-650-4359 or Kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org.



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Friends,

I am finding out more and more each day about the abundance of blessings at Christ Church. Thank you all for your wonderful hospitality and welcoming nature. It shows how much of an amazing community is here and I look forward to getting to know all of you more.

Another prod to anyone whose life long secret is to be in the choir. We welcome you with open arms! If you feel so moved to help in this noble act of worship, feel free to get in touch with me! You do not have to be a trained musician to be in the choir, all you need is a smile and a willingness to come to rehearsals. Feel free to email me or come talk to me sometime on Sunday or during the week.

A Young Choristers program is something that I have a true passion to start and I hope it retains itself for years to come! However, I ask you to help in this process. If you have a child that would be interested in coming to sing, please get in touch with me. My hope is to first find how many families would be interested in having their children participate in a Young Choristers program. Then, I would like to sit down with all the parents in the church and give a presentation on what a Young Choristers program will look like. We will address things such as:

- What does it mean to be a "Young Chorister"?*
- When will my children rehearse? How often?*
- How often will my children sing in service?*
- Will I need to buy anything?*

Many more questions will be answered in this session. Keep a look out in your Communicant and other church news in the coming months as to when these will occur.

I look forward to seeing all of you in service.

Best,

Mario Buchanan



MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE
STEVEN NICHOLS BANKS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 5:00 P.M.

Each season, Music from The Western Reserve showcases six concerts with gifted musicians from Ohio. 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 features Steven Nichols Banks, a classical saxophonist, chamber musician, jazz and commercial saxophonist, and music educator.

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.

Children's Corner

Sunday School is underway! We have 5 classes:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten-2nd Grade
- 3rd-5th Grade
- 6th-8th Grade
- 9th-12th Grade



Pre-K through 2nd use the Deep Blue curriculum from Cokesbury while 3rd-5th use Spark Lectionary from Sparkhouse. Both of these curricula utilize age-appropriate activities to teach through the major stories and concepts of the Bible. For Middle and High School, Bible study is combined with discussions of contemporary life.

- ♦ Classes for **Pre-K through 5th Grade** meet every Sunday at 10:15.
- ♦ **Middle School** will meet every Sunday at 9:30.
- ♦ **High School** meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING TEACH OUR CHILDREN, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH
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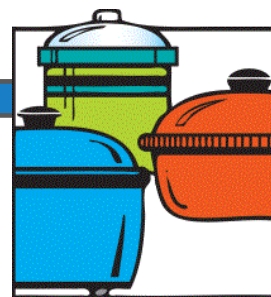


Mark Your Calendars Now!

VBS 2019 is August 5-9th 9:00am-12:00pm.

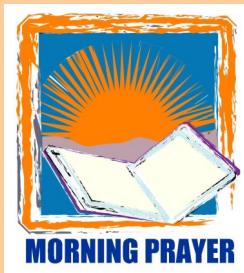
Family Potluck October 7 at 5:30

To celebrate the start of a new program year, we will be gathering for a potluck dinner at the Barger's (2134 Edgeview Dr, Hudson)! Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share. Last names A-E bring a side dish, F-K bring a main dish, and L-Z bring a dessert. RSVP to Sarah by October 3. We hope to see everyone there!



**FAMILY
POTLUCK**

Morning Prayer

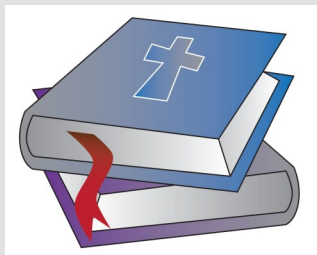


Morning prayer has returned to Christ Church. All are invited to join resident Seminarian and Postulant, Allie Heeter who will be leading Morning Prayer at 8:00 am every Thursday morning. Whether you have formerly experienced Morning Prayer or never heard of it, this worship service is for you, so come and try it for yourself. If you have any questions or want to know more, please see Allie or contact her via email at adeanheet@gmail.com.

Coffee Talk with Allie

October 5, 19, & 26

Join Allie Heeter at Open Door Coffee Co. on Fridays from 2-5:00 pm for some coffee, tea, scones, muffins, or just come to chat about what is going on in your life!



Adult Christian Education at Christ Church 9am in the Parish Hall

- October 7:** First Sunday Bible Study
- October 14:** Breakfast Theology
- October 21:** Rector and Wardens Coffee
- October 28:** Book group with Allie Heeter

First Sunday Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians Sunday, October 7 at 9am in the Parish Hall

On the first Sunday of each month, we will look at one of the shorter writings in the New Testament. Participants are asked to read 1 Thessalonians before coming on October 7 as we will take a one hour deep dive into this piece, which is the earliest writing in the New Testament. Join us for some good conversation about what was on the minds and hearts of mid-first century Christians and how that applies to our lives today.

Rector and Wardens Coffee Sunday, October 21 9am Parish Hall

Join Charlotte Reed, Bob Zuhl, and Susan Mailey on the 3rd Sunday of each month for conversation and coffee. There is no agenda- just a chance to have any questions answered, share concerns, or find out how to get involved.



BREAKFAST THEOLOGY

Breakfast Theology Sunday, October 14 9am in the Parish Hall

Martin Luther King, Jr. said “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” How does this statement fit with your experience of faith? Join us for conversation about living a faithful life.



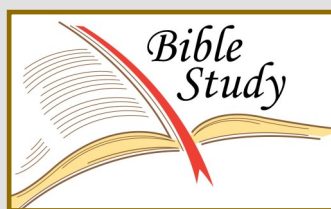
Sunday, October 28 9am in the Parish Hall

“A Year of Living Biblically” by A. J. Jacobs.

Allie Heeter will be leading a discussion on the book “A Year of Living Biblically” by A. J. Jacobs on October 28th at 9:00 am, between our two worship services. In this book, Jacobs undertakes an experiment. What would happen if he tried to follow all of the rules of the Bible? Would it even be possible? We began this book in September, but whether or not you were able to join us then, join us now. Please contact Allie on Sunday or via email at adeanheet@gmail.com if you have any questions, or any recommendations for future books to explore.

“Take this Bread”

The Outreach Ministry Team invites you to read “Take this Bread” by Sara Miles and join them for a book discussion on Wednesday, November 7 at 7pm. This is the third of three books the Outreach Team is reading in order to come up with the mission statement for the team that will guide our outreach ministries at Christ Church. The first two books were “Understanding Poverty” by Ruby Payne and “Toxic Charity” by Robert Lupton. You do not have to have read the first two books to join us for “Take this Bread,” however. Just read the book and join the team for a great discussion. Questions: contact Charlotte at 330-650-4359 or charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org.



Bible Study at Christ Church Monday mornings at 8:00 am

This group gathers in the Christ Church library and looks at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Questions? Contact Jim Lang at jiang@progressive-marketing.com.



- Peter Eells ~ 10/2
- Kaye Lowe ~ 10/3
- Gladys Gate ~ 10/6
- 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 Van Buren ~ 10/15
- Amy Daniels ~ 10/17
- Mike Pitz ~ 10/18
- Mark Metoki ~ 10/19
- Matthew Robinson ~ 10/21
- Joseph Palmer ~ 10/22
- Debbie Sergi ~ 10/23
- Dennis Hido ~ 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
- Zachary & Laura Haake ~ 10/16
- Steve & Janet Greer ~ 10/20
- Greg & Janet Daniels ~ 10/22
- Gabe & Doris Lefebvre ~ 10/26

FOR THE RECORD...

Baptism: Alexa Scheiferstein
September 16, 2018

The following gifts have been made by the Holden Family in memory of Jean Holden:

- ◇ *A gift to the Memorial Garden Fund, in honor of Jane Harrison and the Flower Guild.*
- ◇ *A gift to the Music Fund, in honor of Mario Buchanan and all who provided music for the memorial service.*
- ◇ *A gift to the Music Fund, in honor of Rev. Paul Gaston, who gave Jean's Homily at the service.*
- ◇ *A gift to the Altar Guild, in honor of Rev. Charlotte Reed, and in thanks to all for the glorious service!*

Thank you to all who helped with the memorial service and reception for Jean!



Update on 2019 Annual Giving Campaign

At the time of this publication, 38 pledge cards have been returned out of the 146 packets that were given out, for a total of \$252,714. Many thanks to everyone who has turned in a pledge card. If you have not yet turned in your card, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are due back on October 14. If you have not received a Giving Packet, please contact the office at 330-650-4359. Please remember to also return your completed "heart" that was included in your giving packets so that we can add them to our "Giving" wall in the parish hall.


September Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on September 25 at 7:15pm in the library.
 - The meeting began with prayer and Bible Study.
 - The vestry reviewed the building projects completed to date. The replacement of the backflow preventer for the sprinkler system was approved at a cost of \$3,700.00.
 - Guy Wylie reported on the meeting with DLR, the architect firm working with us on proposals to bring to the parish as part of the capital campaign.
 - Kathy Garber gave an update on our stewardship/generosity campaign. Two days into week two, we have 33 pledges and \$229,514 pledged.
 - Charlotte Reed talked about plans to move the nursery into the current youth room, which has better lighting, ventilation, and more space. The youth room will be moved to the multi-purpose room, which will be out-fitted for them. This is part of our effort to "maximize our attractiveness to families" which was the number 1 theme to emerge from our cottage meeting project last year.
 - Charlotte also reported on the development of a 9:15am Fifth Sunday of the month worship service for families called "Wonder and Worship" which will combine a worship and a Christian Education experience in a service that lasts 45 minutes. This is in response to comments she and Sarah Bhatia have received from families wanting an earlier service.
 - The vestry approved the purchase of two replacement furnace heating units for the sanctuary. While we do not need them at the moment, the ones we have are 25 years old and will become harder to replace with a like model that will fit in the space and use the current ductwork.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, October 23 at 7:15 in the library.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

8:00 am Rite I/Quiet—
Chapel
10:30 Rite II/Festive—
Church
11:30 Coffee Hour

Nursery available for children
3 and under 10:15—12:00

The Animal Blessing goes on the road!

**Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 PM
Laurel Lake: Greenwood Courtyard**

Calling all animals! Bring your human(s) and join us at Laurel Lake for our annual animal blessing.

This short service is followed by an individual blessing for each pet and a St. Francis medal. We are hoping that lots of Laurel Lake residents will join us for this once-a-year event.

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

