

THE COMMUNICANT

April



2019

Holy Week at Christ Church

April 14th ~ Palm Sunday

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

April 19th ~ Good Friday

12:00 p.m.
*Ecumenical Service
at Laurel Lake*
5:00 p.m.
Children's Service
7:00 p.m.
The Liturgy for Good Friday

April 18th ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m.
Simple Meal & Communion

April 21st ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.
*Quiet Service
in the Chapel*

9:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m.
*Festive Service
in the Church
with Children's Chapel*

10:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

How do we live as resurrection people in the wilderness of Lent or any other wilderness? As I write this column on the first day of spring, we are not even at the mid-point of our Lenten journey. And yet, as the days grow longer and we see a bit more sunshine, I find myself thinking more about resurrection than about Lent. We are, after all, resurrection people even in the midst of this season of penitence and preparation.

First, I believe that we “do” wilderness together as the Body of Christ whether we are intentionally engaging a liturgical season or we are forced into a wilderness not of our own choosing. As Paul says in First Corinthians, when one part of the body suffers, we all suffer and when one part of the body rejoices, we all rejoice. As Christians, we are one body so we are in the wilderness together.

Secondly, I believe that we are called to seek out the Risen Christ in the midst of the wilderness. Where is Christ at work among us during Lent? Where is Christ at work among us in seasons of grief, loss, or hardship? Sometimes we cannot see Christ at work ourselves and we have to rely on others, and sometimes we have to be Christ at work for others. We “do” wilderness together for a reason!

Thirdly, as resurrection people, we believe that the wilderness, while quite real, neither has the final word nor is our final destination. Love will triumph over hate. Joy will conquer despair. And life will conquer death.

As we journey through the Lenten wilderness, let us do so together. Together we can find the Risen Christ at work in the wilderness and together we can journey knowing that the power of life and love will prevail.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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Feasibility Study Results!!

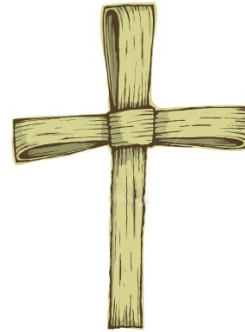
The results are in! Leslie Pendleton will be at Christ Church on Sunday, April 7 to deliver the results of the feasibility study for our capital campaign. We will gather at 9am in the Parish Hall to hear the results and what the Episcopal Church Foundation thinks is possible for us. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



**Evensong in Lent
Wednesday April 3 and 10 at 5pm
Christ Church Chapel**

Led by Don Reed, Evensong is sung simply and unaccompanied. Candles and icons are set on the altar to provide a visual focal point for prayer for those who desire that. The service lasts 30 minutes and is a sip of cool water in the desert of Lent. Come to sing or come to listen. But do come!

PALM CROSSES



The Christ Church Episcopal Church Women will be making Palm Crosses on Thursday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! No experience? No problem! There will be plenty of people on hand to teach you.

A word about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday



Maundy Thursday

On **Maundy Thursday** (April 18) 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.

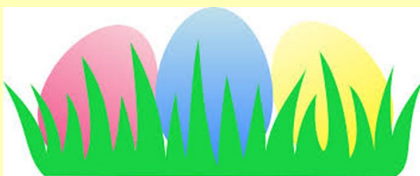
The Ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at noon in the Community Room at Laurel Lake.



The Children's service will be held at 5:00 in the Church. 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.

Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us for a fun *Easter Egg Hunt for children at 10:15! Invite your friends and family and plan on joining us at the 9:00 or 11:00 service!

*Easter candy is needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute candy for this event, please drop off to the church office the week of April 7th and not later than Friday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m.

The Churches of Hudson and the broader community are invited to the annual Hudson Ministerial Association's Hudson Community Good Friday Service

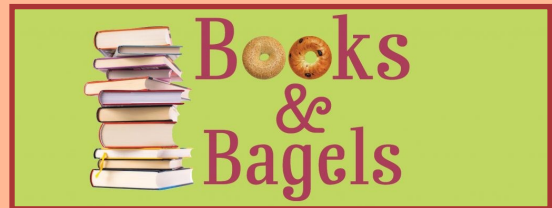


12:00 - 1:00 PM
The Community Room
Laurel Lake Retirement Community
200 Laurel Lake Drive



**Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee
April 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!



**Sunday, April 28
9am in the Parish Hall**

For the month of April join the Christ Church Books & Bagels group in reading "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" by Rachel Held Evans. In a narrative which may feel familiar to A.J. Jacob's book from late last year, this book tells the story of a Jewish woman who seeks to live a year of her life as closely in line with Biblical rules as she can. Learn some obscure aspects of historical Biblical life with Rachel as she makes this journey. We will join together for conversation over the best bagels in Cleveland. Feel free to contact me with any questions at adeanheet@gmail.com.

-Allie Heeter



Pub Theology is taking the month off. We will return in May. Stay tuned for the time, place, and topic!

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



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.

Evening Prayer: April 4 & 11

Evening Prayer is the second to last Daily Prayer option listed in The Book of Common Prayer and, brought together with the Episcopal resource *Enriching our Worship*, is led in the Church on Thursday evenings at 6:45 by Allie Heeter. If you have any questions about Evening Prayer, please contact Allie at adeanheet@gmail.com.

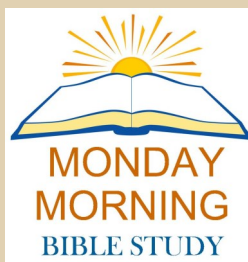


**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m.**



Holy Communion

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



**Morning Bible Study
Monday mornings at 8:00**

This group gathers in the Christ Church library and looks at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Questions? Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com.



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Greetings!

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season. As we look forward to the Resurrection, I want to give a reflection of what Holy Week means to me. I think of Holy Week like reading a book. One does not read only the first chapter and the last chapter of a book. When you read a book, you want to read and digest every word so you get the full story. I equate this to Lent and Holy Week. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are chapters in the story of Christ, each giving context to the next. If I thought I didn't have to go to Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services because I already know the story, then I wouldn't be doing justice to the joyous occasion of Easter. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday prepare us for the Crucifixion, to remind us why Jesus died. I encourage you all to come to the other services in Holy Week, not just Easter. Easter is a joyous occasion, but how would we know the magnitude of that joy if we had not gone through the pain and suffering of Holy Week?

Blessings,

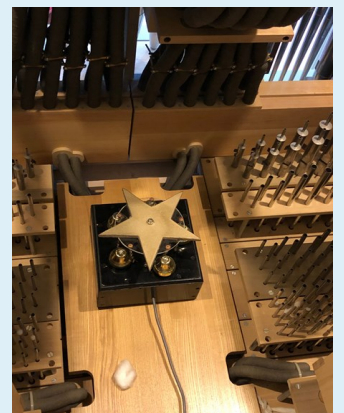
Mario



Thank you to all who helped to make the Wooster Chorus concert a success! We could not have done it without the help of the adult choir providing dinner to the students, Deborah Kelley and Tom Dukes for the lovely reception afterwards, all of the hosts for the students the night of the concert, to those who made coffee cake the next morning, and everyone else who came to the concert and enjoyed. It was quite a night to remember! Hosting this concert is another reminder of how there are great outreach opportunities at Christ Church. The Wooster students and the director expressed to me how wonderful of a space our church is and how wonderful the people are here in Hudson. Thanks, again, for making this a success!

New Organ Zimbelstern

On St. Patrick's Day, or the Second Sunday in Lent, you may have heard some bells coming from the organ on the first hymn. Those came from what is called a Zimbelstern, which is an organ stop consisting of small bells mounted onto a spinning wheel. We are now fortunate, thanks to the Holden Memorial Fund, to have one of these in our organ! Here is a photo of our Zimbelstern inside the Noack organ. We also want to welcome a new bass to the choir, Dick McCormick. Happy to have you!



Children's Corner

April is a fun month! Easter brings a change to our regular schedule. Please take note of the calendar below.

APRIL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

April 7th

- Episcopal Youth Community at 9:30
- Young Choristers at 9:45
- Children's Chapel for ages 3 to 2nd Grade at 10:30
(those children not participating in Young Choristers)

April 14th

- Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15

April 21st EASTER SUNDAY

- Children's Chapel at 9:00
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15
- Children's Chapel at 11:00

April 28th

- Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15



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

Mark your calendars now so that you are here for this week of fun! Even if you can't be a part of the daily activities, your help is still needed for many of the behind the scenes preparations, such as decorating, resetting the rooms each night, shopping, copying, craft prepping, and praying. We had an amazing turn out last year and only expect more children this summer. This is an all hands on deck event and we need every member of Christ Church to pitch in to make this another successful week!



Family Game Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
5:00 P.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL

Fun and easy games for the whole family. Everyone is invited! Pizza & Drinks provided. (Free will offering to cover cost of food).
Sign up in Parish Hall or email Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com

Game board guru since 2004, Ken Grazier of geek-craft.com will lead our family game night here at Christ Church. Ken has a collection of over 1,200 games and will bring approximately 10 board games that will range in age appeal (starting 3+) and duration of 2 to 35 minutes.

Here is a quote from Ken that sums up his love of gaming:

"For a family of 4 to go to the movies, it's \$80? \$100? After snacks and every thing? I know that I can find a boardgame for a family in the \$40-\$60 range, they can get pizza / Chinese / take out and have a great interactive time with each other. Then a week later, they can order more food and play the same game. I love my technology, my video games, but you can't replicate the experience of a board game. You can play it digitally, but it's still not the same."



Mondays at 9 am Beginning April 8th

Let's enjoy the spring weather and companionship by walking together. Meet in the church parking lot at 9am on Monday, April 8. All are welcome! For those with little ones, after walking let's stop at the play-ground by Oviatt and Division!

Contact Lori at 630-776-4525 with questions.



LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, April 11
12:00 – 1:00 PM in Parish Hall

Topic

The Importance of Music to Your Health
(rescheduled from the fall)

Speakers

Eve Sliwinski & Kathy Sluzewski
of the Hudson Community Chorus

Everyone knows that music can make you feel better – lift your mood – settle your spirits – lull you to sleep but not everyone knows that music, particularly choral music, can be a healthy habit. Choral music challenges the brain, energizes your heart rate, helps breathing and gives you a social and emotional outlet. It’s intergenerational and open to all, whether singing in a choir or in the shower. Eve Sliwinski, musician, choral director and singer and Kathy Sluzewski, just your average alto who sang in high school, invite you to join them for an interesting and musical presentation. **No singing required!**

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

Music
 from
 The Western Reserve

APRIL 7th
5:00 P.M.
JAMES WILSON

The final concert of the season features the talented pianist James Wilson. Local Hudson resident and aspiring young pianist, James will captivate the audience by presenting classic and challenging Works by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel, and Chopin. Not only will the mesmerizing music move you, but the triumphant story of a boy overcoming cancer will fill the hearts of audience members.

Single Tickets \$20 and Student Admission FREE. Tickets can be purchased at www.mftwr.org, The Learned Owl Book Shop at 204 N. Main Street in Hudson, or at the door the evening of the concert. For more information visit www.mftwr.org.



Frolic

Have you ever seen a movie or video of an Amish barn raising and wondered what it would be like to be a part of something like that? A barn raising is an example of a “frolic” - a work event that combines socializing with a practical goal. This year, there will be three opportunities for you to “frolic” with other folks from Christ Church as we work with Danielle Woods, a future Habitat homeowner to build her new home in Twinsburg. As you can see in the picture below, construction is already under way. The first workday opportunity for Christ Church will be Saturday, April 4th.

If you’re thinking, “I’d like to help someone else out, and I’d like to get to know others at Christ Church a little better ... but I’m not very handy”, read on. Habitat for Humanity has been helping unskilled (but thoughtful) volunteers (18 or older) to build homes for others for over 40 years. On a typical workday, an experienced supervisor instructs volunteers on the tasks of that workday during the first hour and then observes their progress as they begin the work themselves. By the end of the second hour, volunteers are chatting together as they share the task they’ve been assigned, be that putting in new windows or doors, hanging vinyl siding, hanging drywall, or installing baseboard and trim around windows and doors. The workday is from 9 AM to 3:30 PM with lunch at noon and short breaks in the morning and afternoon. It’s always a bit of a surprise to see how much has been accomplished by the end of the day. And it’s fun to acquire a new skill, too.

Members of Christ Church have joined with other churches in Hudson to build a new home for a Summit County family every year for the past 20 years. If you’d like to be a part of that tradition, email Len Harrison at harrison13n@gmail.com for more information.



Spicy Lamb Farm Spring Fling



Join us at The Spicy Lamb Farm's Spring Fling on Saturday, April 13th from noon to 4pm. The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed will be blessing the sheep at 1pm. Seating is limited so visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair if they want to sit and relax while watching. Kilts are encouraged. Spicy Lamb Farm is owned by parishioner Laura and Michael Minnig.

The farm will be open for visitors from noon to 4pm. When you visit the farm, enjoy watching the ewe flock being shorn. Visitors can even try their hand at shearing through the Adopt-a-Sheep program that ends with an heirloom blanket in time for next winter.

At the farm, you can also enjoy seeing any lambs, ducklings, or bunnies that have arrived. Down at the trial field, herding demonstrations will be taking place. At 3pm, there will be a youth theatre performance from the same group who turn our sheep barn into a Player's Barn each August. We also invited exhibitors to the farm for you to visit.

Boston Mills Road is under construction but you can still get through to the farm. This event tends to get very crowded. Please plan ahead for ride sharing, parking, and walking. We will have a policeman to direct traffic, but remember to turn around at the dead end of the road and park heading out. We have had folks park down by Camp Ledgewood so be very careful of children on the road. You can also drop the young and old at the driveway. Just please don't create a traffic jam. It is also a muddy mess after such a mild winter so please dress for the farm.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Admission is our fundraiser to pay for hay and capital improvements for the flock. 10% of all sales goes to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. You can order your tickets at www.TheSpicyLamb.com, but cash sales at the gate are also available. There are also a few limited seats left for the egg hunt brunch at 10am.



**Steve Greer & Will Bixby join Hudson High School's (HHS) production of
"The Phantom of the Opera"**

Hudson High School will be performing Andrew Lloyd Weber's "The Phantom of the Opera" on April 5, 6 and 7, and two of our parish members are in the cast/crew!

Steve Greer, a senior at HHS, is the Production Stage Manager leading a crew of twenty students. In addition to ensuring the crew knows what to do, Steve is responsible for set transitions, light and sound cues, recording stage movements and tracking props. Steve acted in 14 shows when he was younger and now loves to lead the stage crew, which he has done for ten shows.



Will Bixby, a sophomore at HHS, will play the role of Rauol in the production. Rauol is the second male lead (opposite the Phantom!). This is Will's "debut role," never having joined a stage production. Will's passion for music and love of Broadway shows inspired him to audition. To prepare for his audition he worked with our own Midge Karam. Midge directs all choirs, the Symphonic Winds and Academy Strings at Western Reserve Academy.

Hudson High School is known for terrific musical productions that include "West Side Story", "Les Miserables", and "Shrek the Musical." You won't want to miss Phantom!

Purchase RESERVED or GENERAL ADMISSION seats through Brown Paper Tickets: <https://hhsphantom.brownpapertickets.com>. You can also call Brown Paper Tickets directly at 1-800-838-3006.



**Kate Greer to be USG President at
The Ohio State University**

On Thursday March 7, Christ Church's Kate Greer was announced as the next president of Ohio State's Undergraduate Student Government (USG). Along with her vice president partner Julia Dennen, they received 82.8 percent of the total student body vote. Kate is finishing her third year as a dual major student in History and German. Her reasons for running have less to do with a future in politics and more to do with her passion for education which was core to their campaign platform. Kate became active in USG

her freshman year when she served as a representative for Academic Affairs, and then served as Director of Academic Affairs for USG her sophomore year. Inauguration will be held April 2. And if anyone from Hudson or associated with Christ Church currently is or plans to be a student at Ohio State, Kate would be happy to share her experiences and encourage involvement in USG!

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, April 14

Christ Church 2019 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, April 14, 2019



- Erika DeYoung ~ 4/2
- Paul Frank ~ 4/2
- Nancy Styer ~ 4/2
- Alivia Klespies ~ 4/3
- Charlotte Reed ~ 4/3
- Karen Stansbrey ~ 4/3
- Lis Hugh ~ 4/4
- Malcolm Robbie ~ 4/5
- Leo Mehl ~ 4/7
- Kimberley Calkins ~ 4/9
- Laura Stith ~ 4/11
- Ellen Turner ~ 4/11
- Nancy Schweikert ~ 4/15
- Laura Minnig ~ 4/18
- Cecily West ~ 4/18
- Cindy Hartman ~ 4/21
- Howard Bankhurst ~ 4/23
- Jon Ridgway ~ 4/26
- Jim Bear ~ 4/30



- Reed & Laura Stith ~ 4/3
- Jon & Julie Ridgway ~ 4/4
- Tom & Marilyn Marks ~ 4/6
- Bob & Joyce Comben ~ 4/21
- Roger & Laura Hopper ~ 4/28
- Bob & Pam Zuhl ~ 4/28

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Deaths: Janet Greer 2/28/19
 Transfers In: Diane DeWall



Thank you to....

- Don Reed for leading Evensong.
- Lucy Kistler for making new curtains for the work room.
- Everyone who helped with food and planning for the Greer Memorial Service.
- All who helped with the Wooster Chorus Concert, including housing Choir members and preparing food.
- All of the wonderful cooks and servers and helpers for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, including Boy Scout Troop 333. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$500 for Habitat for Humanity.
- Allie Heeter for braving the cold and representing Christ Church at "Ashes to Go".



March Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met at 6:00 p.m. on March 26.
- The vestry meeting opened with Bible Study and prayer.
- The vestry voted to appoint Heather Swift to fill out the unexpired vestry term of Janet Greer.
- Sallie Bear and Charlotte Reed reported that 99 surveys were returned for the feasibility study far surpassing the 30% we were told by Episcopal Church Foundation to expect.
- Guy Wylie updated the vestry on current building projects. Work on Beebe House will wait until funds are available. The stain on the steps to the chapel will be redone at no charge. Most of the lightbulbs in the building have been replaced with the new LED bulbs.
- The vestry asked Marilyn Hansen, the treasurer, to look into a savings-type of account at Key Bank so that we do not hold large sums of money in our checking account.
- The next vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am Rite II/Quiet—
Chapel
10:30 am Rite II/Festive—
Church
11:30 am Coffee Hour
Nursery available for children
3 and under 10:15—12:00



THE CHRIST CHURCH VARIETY SHOW

MAY 4TH at 6:00 p.m.

DETAILS COMING SOON!