

Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

Who ever coined the phrase “the lazy days of summer” did not hang out at Christ Church! Our summer has been filled with preparations for Vacation Bible School, painting the Christian Ed hallway and nursery, plans for the Capital Campaign, and all of the other day in and day out ministries of this exceptional parish.

As we approach the last bit of summer before the children go back to school and our program year begins, we will kick off our Capital Campaign. Two years of praying, dreaming, planning, talking, and meeting are coming together as we seek to make Christ Church a place of greater welcome and flexibility for all who gather here.

The Capital Campaign kick-off will occur at our annual parish picnic on August 11. In the context of this festive and fun event, we will hear about how we can make our dreams for Christ Church become a reality. We will begin with Eucharist at 10 at the Spicy Lamb Farm, including the Blessing of Teachers and Students, then hear a brief presentation about the Campaign, enjoy a catered lunch, then watch a presentation of “Jungle Book” by a youth theater and/or have plenty of time to explore and enjoy the Farm. Our deep gratitude goes to Laura DeYoung for her invitation to the Spicy Lamb Farm for this event.

To RSVP for the picnic, please contact the church office at 330-650-4359, email Kathy Garber at Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org, or text me at 937-925-5200. Since the food for the picnic is being provided this year, we really do need an accurate count.

I look forward to our annual picnic with this special twist!

Blessings,

Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

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*).

Capital Campaign Leadership Roles

The Capital Campaign will kick-off this year at the annual picnic. Below is the list of campaign leaders.

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**Healing Service
Thursday, August 1
at 9:00 a.m.
in the Chapel**



Once a month (typically the first Thursday), a healing service is offered in the chapel for anyone who would like to ask prayers for themselves or others. The service includes Holy Eucharist. Our August service time will change from 9:30 to 9:00 for this month only as we have a baptism service this month! Please join us for this quiet, yet powerful, service.

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist
and Lunch
Thursday, August 1 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 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.



**Wednesdays at
Open Door Coffee Co.
August 14, 21, 28**

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!



**The Blessing of
Teachers & Students
Sunday, August 11
at 8am and
10am (at the picnic)**

Whatever you teach, wherever you learn, all students and teachers are invited for this special blessing as the new school year begins. We will once again be handing out Christ Church bookbag tags to all teachers and students.



**Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: TBD**

Topic

"Our baptismal covenant calls us to "Seek and Serve Christ in all people." What is service? When has the Christ in you been served? How do we serve the Christ all people?"

The venue will be determined based on the number of people who sign up, so please RSVP to Charlotte as soon as possible at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.



Sunday, September 8th 9a.m-3p.m.

Join our Jewish, Christian, and Muslim brothers and sisters for a day of service on September 8 in Akron. The day will begin with an interfaith Sending Service and the day's projects will all focus on Akron's North Hill community.

Come hear Mark Johnson at on **Sunday, August 4 at 9:00 a.m.**, as he joins us to share what changes have been made to First Serve since last year. Save the dates and watch for more information coming soon on how to sign up and the opportunity to make a huge difference in a short amount of time!



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Greetings!

My, the time has flown by! As we approach the end of summer and the beginning of the school season, I am already thinking about the choirs at Christ Church. This is where I ask those who LOVE to sing if they would like to join the choir. Christ Church is so blessed to have two choirs: The Adult Choir, which sings every Sunday of the season and the St. Cecilia Choir, which is the newly formed choir for Young Choristers and sings on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you have any interest, please contact me!

Here are a few important dates:

- Rehearsals for both choirs starts on Thursday, September 5th.
- Sunday, September 8th is First Serve, so there will be no choir that day.
- We start singing in the choir stalls on Sunday, September 15th.

I have had a rather busy summer traveling around the country. A few weeks ago, I was in Boston for the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) Conference. 302 different organists/choirmasters from around the world came together for a week. The AAM Conference is a great time for professional development and learning, but it also feels like a big family reunion. I got to see people I haven't seen in years and I made many new friends. This conference is not focused around interest sessions, but it is focused around worship. Every day, even multiples times during a day, we gathered together (all 302 of us) to worship in either Eucharist, Morning Prayer, Evensong, or Compline. There is nothing more exciting than so many people in one space singing at the top of their lungs. The conference was both musically inspiring and spiritually fulfilling. It reminds me that we as humans don't sing as enough. When was the last time you brought over some friends and just sang together, regardless if you had a good voice? There are some things you just can't talk about, you have to sing about them, reminding us that singing is still in our bones as humans. Singing can be as important as breathing.

Blessings,
Mario

These are a few of my favorite hymns...



The ballots have been cast and on Sunday August 4 we will sing our favorite hymns. Come and see if your favorite hymn was chosen.. We will sing one hymn at 8am and five at 10am, so come ready to raise the roof with joyful song!

In Search of a Baby Grand Piano

Christ Church is looking for a baby grand piano for the choir room. While the piano in the choir room is quite nice, it makes leading a rehearsal from it quite awkward because of how tall the back of the piano is. If you or someone you know is looking to charitably donate, specifically a Baby Grand piano to Christ Church, please let Mario know. The hope would be to move the wonderful piano in the choir room up to the Parish Hall so it can be continually used.



Children's Corner

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL UNDERWAY!



We are in our summer rhythm with weekly Children's Chapel and continuing with Godly Play, which uses Montessori-based learning experiences to help children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Children ages 3-2nd Grade begin each Sunday in the service with their parents. During the Hymn of Praise, they will join Sarah Bhatia or a volunteer at the front of the sanctuary and return to their families during The Peace. This program offers a great opportunity for your children to grow in their understanding of faith and experience God in new ways. Come join us!

AUGUST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE

August 4th: Children's Chapel at 10:00

August 11th: Church Picnic at Spicy Lamb Farm at 10:00 (VBS participants will be sharing a song from the week so please plan on joining us!)

August 18th: Children's Chapel at 10:00

August 25th: Children's Chapel at 10:00



CALLING ALL DECORATORS!

On August 4 following the 10:00 service, we will be turning the building into an African safari. If you can spare an hour to help set up for Vacation Bible School, please join us.



Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS THIS MONTH!

Date: August 5-9; 9:00am-12:00pm

PRAY FOR VBS Even if you are unable to volunteer in person, you can still be helpful to this ministry by praying for the kids and volunteers throughout the week. Pray that it will be a spirit-filled week! There are several children from families outside of our church. Pray that this week will help them and all of the children to encounter God in new and powerful ways!





Meet Our New Childcare Providers

We are pleased to announce that we have two new permanent caregivers working in the Christ Church Nursery!

Courtney Green is a Kent State graduate from Stow. She works full-time during the week as a Human Resources Relocation Specialist. She has extensive experience babysitting and caring for children.

Cassidy Ridley will be a junior neuro-science major at Kent State this fall. She has worked with children for several years as a babysitter, gymnastic coach, camp counselor and reading buddy. We are so excited that both Courtney and Cassidy have joined the Christ Church family. Please offer them a warm welcome when you see them, and if you're down in the undercroft, don't forget to check out the fabulous new paint color on the walls in the nursery. Thank you to all our wonderful painting volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Garden Care Help Needed

There are several plots in our beautiful Memorial and Street Gardens that are available for your TLC. These beds are all mulched during the spring cleanup and cleaned out in the fall, so your primary responsibility would be weeding and edging as needed during the summer growing season. If you would be interested in helping out for the remainder of 2019, please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to pick your spot. Questions? Contact Guy Wylie at wyliecote112@msn.com.



FLAT JESUS



Our Flat Jesus photo contest will soon be coming to an end. Get your photos of your summer adventures with Flat Jesus into us before 8/25. The photos will be posted on the bulletin board leading into the Parish Hall and voting for your favorite photo will take place on Sunday, August 25. The winner will be announced on Sunday, September 1. Send your photos to Kathy at kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org or text it to Charlotte at 937-925-5200.

Bishop's Bike Ride



The Bishop's Bike Ride is back! This year, the ride will be a one-day event which will start and finish at Bellwether Farm on Saturday, August 31. The event will feature three different ride lengths to accommodate riders of all ages and abilities: a novice/family fun ride, an intermediate ride, and a longer ride for experienced riders. Each route will lead to a parish where volunteers will provide lunch. The riders will return to Bellwether Farm the same day for dinner, fellowship, and fun. The event will be held during the Family Camping Weekend over Labor Day weekend at Bellwether Farm. Overnight accommodations will be available on Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information or to register, visit dohio.org/bbr.



Saturday, August 31st

Greg and Janet Daniels will be riding. Will you?

Please register with the diocese if you want to ride, but if you don't want to or can't, consider other ways to support us.

1) Come to Bellwether & be part of the cheering squad for Christ Church Cyclists.

2) Sponsor or pledge a certain amount per mile. The goal is \$100 per adult rider and \$25 per youth rider.

The Bishop's Bike Ride has a legacy of building community within our diocese and raising funds to support youth programs such as mission trips, leadership development, and faith formation activities.



Each month we will feature different articles on the many ministries here at Christ Church. Please take a moment to read them over to learn more about them and to see how you can get involved!

WORSHIP

Altar Guild

The ministry of Altar Guild is preparing the altars in the Church and Chapel for Eucharist on Sundays as well as any special services such as Christmas, Holy Week, weddings, healing services, and memorial services. Members provide a service to the church, but also find they appreciate the quiet time they spend in the Church or Chapel. Fellowship is shared at our annual meeting and through impromptu conversations; we enjoy talking about the altar candles, linens, hangings etc. Any Church member who is interested can join Altar Guild, and training is provided. If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, please contact Chris Van Buren at cvanb2274@aol.com.

FELLOWSHIP/ADULT EDUCATION

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

Join the local EfM seminar meeting at Christ Church September - May. For more information, contact Janet Daniels at janetsdaniels@gmail.com or call the church at 330-650-4359.

OUTREACH

Family Promise

For the past 15 years, many members of our parish have volunteered their time to help homeless families sponsored by Family Promise of Summit County. Our neighbor, the First Congregational Church of Hudson, is one of twelve churches who house these families, providing services several times a year for one week at a time. We support their efforts. The services include transportation, meals, lodging, fellowship, and homework assistance.

The families I have met during my years of serving in this ministry are all trying very hard to find work and housing in order to provide a good life for their children. Over an evening meal, they have told me of medical bills, layoffs, and other issues that have drained their resources and forced them into homelessness. The good news is that through their own efforts and with the help of Family Promise, most of these families get back on their feet and begin to live a normal life again.

Only an hour or two of volunteer time during a host week can make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. And we only have to go next door to do this! Please call or e-mail Pam Zuhl (330-650-5754 or zuhlfamily@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering or for more information.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Catianna Jackson ~ 8/6
- Suzanne Westlake ~ 8/6
- Grace Boazzo ~ 8/7
- Lee Bortnik ~ 8/7
- Mark Grattan ~ 8/12
- Kate Ribovich ~ 8/14
- Luke Metoki ~ 8/18
- Ruth Wylie ~ 8/18
- Dick Andrews ~ 8/19
- Deborah Kelley ~ 8/19
- Alex Bellin ~ 8/20
- Elise Agnor ~ 8/21
- Dick McCormick ~ 8/22
- Paul Gaston ~ 8/23
- Fritz Kass ~ 8/23
- Roger Hopper ~ 8/24
- Steven Greer ~ 8/25
- Evelyn Cicen ~ 8/26
- Carol Esper ~ 8/26
- Susie Vanaman ~ 8/26
- Bill Curin ~ 8/28
- Dick Schneider ~ 8/28
- Violet Harvey ~ 8/29
- Fred Monreal ~ 8/29
- Larry Rhodes ~ 8/29
- Peter Metoki ~ 8/30
- Elise Kass ~ 8/31

FOR THE RECORD...
Deaths: Lee Ong



Thank you to....

... Allan Belton and Mary Ann Switz for covering the altar and the organ while Charlotte and Mario have been away this summer.
... All of the wonderful volunteers who came out to help with the painting of the nursery and undercroft halls. We are beyond grateful!

July Vestry Meeting Highlights



The vestry met on Tuesday, July 23 at 6pm.

- The meeting opened with Bible Study and prayer.
- Guy Wylie took the vestry on a field trip to the memorial garden to present a proposal for \$5500.00 from Suncrest Gardens to remove weeds and overgrowth along the front walkway of the memorial garden and replace with grass and a few shrubs and perennials. Upon returning to the library, a motion was passed to have the work done.
- Charlotte gave an update on Vacation Bible School, noting that there are still a few openings for helpers that need to be filled.
- Janet Daniels reported on the recent Gift Worker training for the Capital Campaign. Vestry members were reminded that their pledge cards are needed by August 7 and that, in order to reach our goal of \$1.6 million, together the parish needs to pledge 3.5 times our annual pledge income.
- The meeting ended with prayer and the signing of the prayer cards. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 27 at 6pm in the library.



Flat Jesus enjoying some summer fun on the Mackinaw bridge in Michigan with the Kings and on the beach in Daytona, Florida with the Marks.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Jim & Sallie Bear ~ 8/8
- Bob & Ethel Bush ~ 8/9
- Shel & Nancy Schweikert ~ 8/9
- Alan & Carol Donley ~ 8/16
- Kevin & Jeanne McKinny ~ 8/16
- Jay & Courtney Bixby ~ 8/17
- Kevin & Chris Cicen ~ 8/18
- Fred & Tina Monreal ~ 8/24
- Scott & Sarah Koebley ~ 8/31



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am Rite II/Quiet—
Chapel

10:00 am Rite II/Festive—
Church

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Nursery available for children

3 and under 9:30—12:00

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8th

when we will resume our regular worship schedule

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00am: Holy Eucharist in the chapel

8:45am: Coffee in the Parish Hall

10:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Holy Eucharist

(Children's Chapel the first Sunday of each month)

11:30am: Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall



WORSHIP
SCHEDULE