

Christ Church Episcopal

Hudson, Ohio



a Parish of the
Diocese of Ohio

December



2019

THE COMMUNICANT

Christmas Eve Services

2:00 p.m.

Traditional Quiet Service with Christmas Hymns

5:00 p.m.

Festive Family Service with Young Choristers
and Woodwind Trio

8:00 p.m.

Festive Service with Choir & Woodwind Trio

All Services include Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service at Laurel Lake



When they saw

THE STAR, they rejoiced
exceedingly with **great joy**.

Matthew 2:10

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

As I think about Advent and our preparations for the birth of the Christ Child, I am drawn to thinking about all the places I have experienced the Christ Child in the past year. The Christ Child has been born in our midst over and over again, even as we await his birth each Christmas.

The Christ Child is born in our midst:

- ◆ *in the way members of this parish care for one another, especially in difficult times.*
- ◆ *when guests are welcomed well and made to feel at home here.*
- ◆ *when we respond to human need, whether through First Serve, or serving lunch at Open M, or building a Habitat house, or serving dinner for Family Promise, or knitting for children overseas.*
- ◆ *when we come together to tackle a project much larger than we could reasonably expect to accomplish and when people step up to make a ministry or project happen. Vacation Bible School for 40 children would be one example, and the "Building for Community" campaign would be another.*
- ◆ *when we are singing a great hymn at the top of our lungs, or laughing joyously at the Variety Show, or simply enjoying one another's company at the parish picnic.*

These are just a few of the ways I experience the Christ Child at Christ Church. The point of looking for the Christ Child here is not an end in itself, however. The point of finding the Christ Child here is to be better able to recognize Him in the world around us. Jesus was born in a stable when Mary and Joseph had gone to be registered for the census, so out in the world in the midst of ordinary life. During Advent, as we shop, cook, clean, wrap, bake, and make other preparations for Christmas, my prayer is that we can find the Christ Child already in the midst of our ordinary lives. The practice will prepare our hearts to make room for Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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BUILDING
for Community

Capital Campaign Update

The vestry is hard at work formulating a plan to begin work on our building. Come to the Annual Meeting on January 19 at 9am when the vestry hopes to be able to present a plan and a timeline to the parish.

Healing Service
Thursday, December 5
at 9:30 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. Please join us for this quiet, yet powerful, service.

Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, December 5 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 for Eucharist, then for lunch afterwards. For more information

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

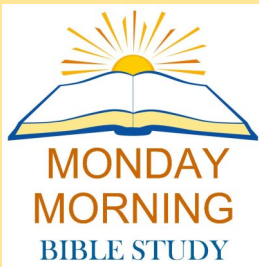


Wednesdays at
Open Door Coffee Co.
December 4, 11, 18

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!

Morning Bible Study

This group gathers in the Christ Church library at 8:00 on Monday mornings and looks at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com.

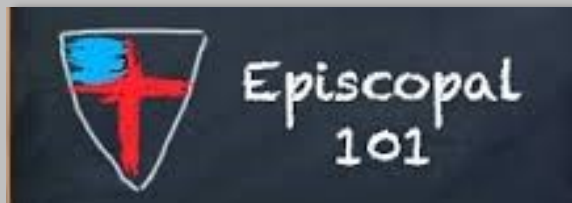


First Sunday Bible Study

December 8 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Hand/EFM room



2 Corinthians 1-7: First Sunday Bible Study is actually Second Sunday Bible Study this month. Please read these chapters of 2 Corinthians before you come. If you think Paul's relationship with the churches he visited and wrote to was all peace, love, and little donuts, think again! Paul is not happy with the Corinthians. Come and find out why.



Episcopal Church 101
December 15th at 9:00 a.m.
in the Hand/EFM room

Join Robin Woodberry for this month's topic:
The Christian Year



December 22 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall

Bring your questions, comments, concerns and join the rector and wardens for conversation (and coffee).

Christ Church Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m.

It is time to begin planning our annual Christmas Pageant at Christ Church! This is such a highlight of the holiday season for our church family. Everyone loves seeing the kids tell the story of Jesus' birth. This year the pageant is on Sunday,



December 22 at the 10:30 service. Toddlers through 5th grade are all welcome, as are any middle schoolers and high schoolers who would like to be in on the fun! Please contact Sarah Bhatia at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org with questions or to sign up. The rehearsal schedule is below.

Sunday, December 1 - 10:15 (during Sunday School)
 Sunday, December 8 - 10:15 (during Sunday School)
 Sunday, December 15 - 10:15 (during Sunday School)
 Saturday, December 21 - 10:00-11:30

Advent Evensong

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
 in the Chapel
 December 4, 11, and 18

Join Don Reed in the chapel and slow down for this quiet, peaceful service during Advent. The service offers us an Advent respite from the busyness of the holiday season. Come to sing or come to listen!

The Greening of the Church Sunday, December 22nd

Following the 10:30 service.



Many hands make light work, so please plan to stay after church and help prepare the church for Christmas.



Boy Scout Troop 333 Christmas Tree Sale

If you're in the market for a Christmas tree, please consider purchasing one from Boy Scout Troop 333, sponsored by Christ Church. The Troop will sell pre-cut trees on Saturdays & Sundays through December 22 at the "Cabin on the Green" (corner of Rt. 303 and 91).

Wondering what to get the Baby Jesus for Christmas?

Here are some ideas:

- ◇ Baby wipes
- ◇ Sippy cups
- ◇ Bottle brushes
- ◇ Teethers
- ◇ LG/XL diapers sz 5 & 6; pull-ups in any size



These items have been requested by the Battered Women's Shelter of Akron and will be collected at each service on Christmas Eve during the Doxology. Please do not wrap them! Questions? Contact Jeanne McKinny at jmckinny@gmail.com or call the church office.



**Saturday
December 7th
8:30 a.m.**

In order to keep our churches safe places for all people, The Church Insurance Company and the Episcopal Church requires Safe Church training for all church leaders. This includes all vestry members, Sunday School teachers and anyone who works with children in any capacity here, all staff members, and all Lay Eucharistic visitors. The training takes one morning and is good for 3 years. Please contact the office to let us know if you will be attending.

***The Frosty 5 and Mistletoe Mile
Restrooms for Runners!***



The Frosty 5 and Mistletoe Mile is December 24 (Christmas Eve). The races start at 8:00 am and 8:30 respectively; and we will once again open the doors of Christ Church so the runners and their fans have warm restrooms to use before they run. This is a great opportunity to connect with our community and provide simple hospitality to the 1000 people who gather (practically) in our front yard on Christmas Eve morning. People are needed to staff the following two shifts:

7:00 am to 8:00 am and 8:00 am to 9:00 am

For each shift we need at least:

- *Two people inside to greet guests and show them to the restrooms or Parish Hall
- *One person outside in front of Beebe House to welcome people
- *Two people to be on the green talking with people and telling them that the building is open.



NEWCOMER'S LUNCH
CONNECT TO THE CHURCH

**Newcomer's Lunch and Learn
Sunday, December 16
Noon-2pm
in the Upper Room**

Join with other new and newish Christ Church folk for lunch and to learn about the Episcopal Church and Christ Church. Please contact the church office at 330-650-4359 to sign up if you have not already done so. Lunch is provided, as well as childcare.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S
CHRIST CHURCH COLLECTIBLE
HOLIDAY SALE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

Be sure to stop by the ECW table in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 service and during coffee hour after the 10:30 service for a chance to purchase some vintage Christ Church items, including mugs, artwork, ornaments & cookbooks!



Annual Meeting & Budget Forum

**Budget Forum
January 12 at 9am in the Parish Hall**

**Annual Meeting
January 19 at 9am in the Church**



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
mario.buchanan@christchurchhudson.org

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM!

We at Christ Church are so fortunate to have many people who understand the importance of a thriving music ministry program. I am happy to announce the launching of a new program at Christ Church: the Choral Scholar Program. The Choral Scholar Program is a ministry of outreach to young musicians in the area. Choral Scholars provide leadership in the adult choir both during service and during our weekly rehearsals. This unique opportunity allows young musicians to expand their knowledge of good choral repertoire, increase their musicianship skills, and learn about the Episcopal Church. Please welcome our first Choral Scholar, Ezra Keeton! Ezra is a Senior at Kent State University pursuing a Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Performance. He is very involved in the opera program, musicals, and theater both school and locally. He has appeared in numerous operas and musicals, including Kent State's Spring Production of *The Tender Land*, Tulsa Opera Chorus' *La Bohème*, and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (Linus). He took 2nd place in Oral Roberts University's New Music Competition earning a scholarship for his performance. He is passionate about growing the arts community in Northeast Ohio and plans to continue his studies after graduation with a focus on Pedagogy.



We are fortunate that Ezra's position is fully funded by an anonymous donor. If you would like to know more about the Choral Scholar Program or help contribute to growing the Choral Scholar Program, please speak to me.



We have new additions to the choir room! Not only do we have a beautiful baby grand piano donated for the rehearsal space, but we have five choir desks being built for the choir room. These choir desks, which are very popular in England, are meant to enhance long rehearsals by allowing singers to have a place to store their hymnals, prayer books, and have their music on a stand. Multiple choristers can stand at these desks for rehearsal without having to continually store music and books under their chairs. We thank Len Harrison for his hard work building these for us. These choir desks will serve Christ Church for many generations to come!



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, December 12, 2019
The Country Club of Hudson
11:30 am Cash Bar ~ Noon Luncheon**

This celebration is for members of Christ Church, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson and friends.
Men are encouraged and most welcome to attend this festive event.

**Entertainment will be provided by “unreserved”,
the a cappella chorus from Western Reserve Academy**

The cost is \$20.00 per person. There are two entrée selections:

Chicken Piccata — Boneless breast of chicken pan sautéed in a lemon butter sauce. Served with garlic mashed potatoes and a zucchini, yellow squash and carrot medley.

Tortellini al Fresco – Ricotta filled tortellini with roasted Mediterranean vegetables tossed in a pesto sauce.

Dessert of white cake with fresh sliced strawberries & white mousse and beverages are included.

Please complete the reservation form below for yourself and any guests you will be bringing.
Indicate your choice of entrée for each attendee.

Your check, made out to ECW, with “luncheon” in the memo, is your paid reservation.
Submit the check and reservation form to the church office or place it in the ECW mailbox.

Reservations must be received no later than Thursday, December 5.

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**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

| Name of attendee(s) | Entrée selection ( <i>check appropriate box</i> ) |                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                     | <u>Chicken Piccata</u>                            | <u>Tortellini al Fresco</u> |
| _____               | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
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## NOTES OF THANKS



Thank you to.....

- Linda Irving, Guy Wylie and the many people who helped with our Capital Campaign celebration lunch.
- Kate Ribovich and the Fellowship Committee for organizing a fun-filled bowling outing!
- Eileen Gaston and Lucy Kistler for organizing the reception after the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.
- Janet Daniels, Midge Karam, and Jim Lang who served as our Diocesan Convention Deputies.

Dear Friends:

It is now just about three weeks since I received my new hip, and things are going well. Outpatient rehab is just around the corner. I have to say, as many have, that a new hip is really much easier to deal with than a new knee.

Having said that, I want to thank you all for the many cards and notes that you have sent along with the offer of food and other assistance. The warmth of your notes simply reminded me why Ruth Anne and I love being a part of the Christ Church community and would not want to be anywhere else.

Perhaps by the time this makes it into The Communicant I will have had a chance to make it back for worship. I really do look forward to that.

Many thanks to you all.

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**Save the Date For:**

**The Christian Unity Prayer Service**  
**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00-2:00**

On this day you may participate with Christians all over the world who come together in a common service of prayer, learning and fellowship. This year's program has been crafted by the Christian Communities of Malta with the theme, "They showed us unusual kindness." (Acts 28:2).

It was on the island of Malta that St. Paul and his followers, along with others, were shipwrecked en route to Rome. Immigration comes to mind. 2020 will be the 52<sup>nd</sup> year for Hudson Christians to set aside differences and offer prayer in solidarity with one another and those in other towns and countries.

The Rev. Clark Stein, Pastor at Hudson United Methodist Church and Preacher Dr. Carolyn Behrman professor in the Anthropology Dept of Akron State University Program will be our program speakers.

Hosted by: Hudson United Methodist Church (corner of Hudson Aurora and Stow Rds)  
Tickets \$18.00/ person required for Luncheon: See Gretchen Green







The **Episcopal**  
**Diocese of Ohio**

## The 2019 Annual Diocesan Convention November 8-9th

**Christ Church Delegates were:  
Janet Daniels, Midge Karam, and Jim Lang**

**Our delegates have shared some of their reflections with us below.**

The 203rd Diocesan Convention of the diocese of Ohio was held in Sandusky, Ohio on November 8-9, 2019. Resolutions and elections to the diocesan ministries were voted on and are summarized on the Diocese Website, [www.doohio.org/convention](http://www.doohio.org/convention), as well as the Bishop's Episcopal Address - centered around politics. I would strongly urge you to take a moment to read it. The final paragraph, printed below, was the format for our table discussions and for discussion back in our own Parishes.

"I encourage you in the moments in between to think about how we might do this; to think about what would be hard about it for you; to think about practical things we can do within our congregations and with other congregations to help the world understand that Jesus's prayer that we might be one is one we are ready to live into."

My personal opinion is that this is the task of our time.

- Janet Daniels

What a fabulous opportunity to witness what can seem like behind-the-scenes happenings! I mean - how cool is it that lay delegates and clergy vote together? I was struck by the diversity of those gathered and by the common bond formed via shared worship, prayer, and concern for the life of the church. I found several good ideas while perusing the display area, from Cathedral programming about racial issues to ideas for using Bellwether to a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' that I plan to put into practice this year (ask me for details...). Personal highlights for me included discovering Bishop Hollingsworth's sense of humor - he can be pretty darn funny - and beginning and ending the day with a rousing hymn sung loudly, joyously, unaccompanied, and conducted by the Bishop - maybe we should suggest our political representatives try it!

- Midge Karam

The election results and powerful message behind the Bishop's address (cited by Janet) and how relationships matter were central to the results of the Convention in my mind. However, as a first time attendee, I was exposed to the many programs and ministries that the Diocese is actively involved in that I was ignorant of, but impressed with the number and scope of each. The only one I was aware of was Bellwether Farm, others including how to involve and engage young adults/families to connecting communities.

- Jim Lang

# CHRISTMAS 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 Christmas Eve bulletins provided the necessary information is received in the church office by

**Monday, December 16th**

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## Christ Church 2019 Christmas 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 "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line to the office by:  
**Monday, December 16th**



# December BIRTHDAYS

- Suzanne Lund ~ 12/1
- Julie Ridgway ~ 12/2
- Peter Ryerson ~ 12/3
- Cian Trainor ~ 12/3
- Mario Buchanan ~ 12/4
- Terri Bortnik ~ 12/7
- Jessica Agnor ~ 12/9
- Patricia Davis ~ 12/9
- Amy Andrews ~ 12/11
- Pam McCallops ~ 12/11
- Jim Gray ~ 12/14
- Ava Klespies ~ 12/14
- Bob Madison ~ 12/14
- Kevin Cicen ~ 12/15
- James Dalton ~ 12/17
- Cindy Frisby ~ 12/17
- Thomas Hopper ~ 12/18
- Bob Bush ~ 12/20
- Karen Myers ~ 12/24
- Silas Anglewicz ~ 12/26
- Pam Bellin ~ 12/26
- Joe Klespies ~ 12/27
- Alexa Scheiferstein ~ 12/27
- Jay Bixby ~ 12/28
- Steven Greer ~ 12/28
- Lucy Harvey ~ 12/28
- Jacob Phillips ~ 12/28
- Marcie Harvey ~ 12/29
- Betsy Redmond ~ 12/29
- John Stansbrey ~ 12/30
- Kate Greer ~ 12/31



# December ANNIVERSARIES

- Ted & Susan Mailey ~ 12/10
- Bruce & Paula McBrian ~ 12/29

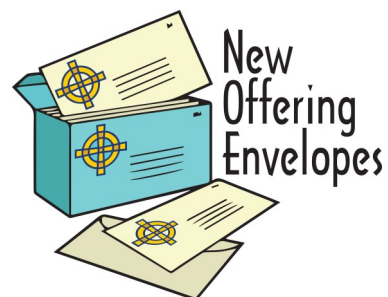
## FOR THE RECORD...

Births: Ashton Finn Parker  
Baptism: Maisie O'Sullivan



## 2020 Giving Envelopes

Because our annual pledge cards were a little different this year and there was no spot to request giving envelopes for 2020, please contact Kathy Garber at 330-650-4359 or [kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org](mailto:kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org) to request a box.



### New Offering Envelopes

## November Vestry Meeting Highlights



The vestry met at 6pm on Tuesday, November 19


- The vestry meeting opened with Bible Study and Prayer.
- Charlotte led a discussion that reviewed the vestry goals for 2019 (run a successful capital campaign, support the development of a Children's Choir, and offer more fellowship events to give parishioners the opportunity to develop deeper relationships). Then the vestry set goals for 2020: Develop, implement, and plan for the upgrades to the building, funded through the capital campaign; develop a more comprehensive plan for welcoming people new to Christ Church and offering hospitality at Christ Church; supporting the work of Sarah Bhatia in Christian Education by forming a committee of vestry members and parents to work with her in developing new programs and sustaining current ones.
- The vestry reviewed a draft version of the 2020 budget and will vote on a final version in December.
- The vestry discussed plans for coming to the parish at the Annual Meeting with an update on the upgrades to the building and a timeline for the work.
- The vestry heard reports from the Vestry Nominating Committee, Diocesan Convention, and the Finance Committee.

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm .



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Linda Irving, Clerk, ex officio

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The Church Office will close at noon on December 24 and 31st,  
and will be closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Charlotte  
at 937-925-5200

#### 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 10:00—12:00