

## THE COMMUNICANT



### ANNUAL MEETING

**Christ Church Episcopal Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 20th at 9:15 AM**

*Childcare Provided*

#### *Official Notification*

**The Vestry Candidates are:**

*Sallie Bear, Doug Harvey, Pam Zuhl*

**The Diocesan Convention Delegates are:**

*Jim Bear, Jay Bixby, Janet Daniels, Greta Foster, Midge Karam, Jim Lang  
(vote for 3)*

We will gather as a parish to elect new vestry members, hear a few brief reports, thank out-going vestry members, and adopt the 2019 Christ Church budget. Fifty members in good standing are required for a quorum. Your presence matters!

**Please plan to join us.**

**Diocese Canon: Title II, Canon 1, Section 3(a):** In every Parish of the Diocese, there shall be held an Annual Meeting, for the election of members of the Vestry and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting. Unless otherwise provided (by Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, or by Resolution), such meeting shall be held on the third Sunday of January in each year.

**Diocese Canon: Title II, Canon 1, Section 5(a):** All members of the Parish who are communicants in good standing as defined by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and not being under sixteen years of age shall be qualified to vote in its meetings.

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## Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

What new things did we do in 2018? We hosted "The Underground Railroad" concert, had a presence at the Ice Cream Social and Community Day at the Hudson Farmers' Market, and celebrated Christmas in July. We participated in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and opened our doors as a warming station for the Christmas Eve Frosty 5 and Mistletoe Mile. We welcomed Mario Buchanan as our music director and laid the foundation for a Young Choristers' program to begin in 2019. I am sure there are other things as well, but this gives you a flavor for the year that has now gone by.

What most of these ministries have in common is that they helped connect us with the community. Even Christmas in July did so as we collected enough underwear and socks for two elementary schools in Akron. Compline on the Green before Pub Theology, office hours at the Open Door Coffee Company, and our presence in the Memorial Day parade do the same thing.

Here's a secret that's not really a secret: studies show that growing, thriving churches are those that are actively connecting with their community not those whose focus is only on what goes on in the building. Connecting with our community not only increases our visibility in Hudson, which would be a good result in an of itself. Connecting with our community also encourages us to be able to tell our story. What are we about at Christ Church? What do we value? What kind of difference do we seek to make in the world? What do we believe? Who is Jesus? The list of ways to tell our story is endless. What is important is that we are willing to connect, to listen, and to tell.

The Diocese of Ohio is offering "Connecting Communities," a nine month program with three meetings that will help us better connect with God, each other, and our communities. Each church is invited to send a team of 4-6 people to the three Saturday meetings, then to come home with ideas to try over the next weeks and months. I would love to be part of this project and deepen the work we are already doing. Please let me know if you would like to be part of our Connecting Communities team.

When we look back on 2019, my prayer is that we can see ever deepening relationships with God, each other, and the community around us.

Blessings,

Charlotte

### Rector's Contact Information:

Contact Charlotte by email at [charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org](mailto: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.

### 2019 Giving Envelopes

If you signed up to receive Giving Envelopes for 2019, they are now available for pick up on the table leading into Parish Hall. If you didn't sign up to receive envelopes and would like a box, or if you do not see your box on the table, contact the church office at 330-650-4359 or [kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org](mailto:kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org) to request a box.





**Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Rosewood Grill**

**Topic: "Ask the Philosopher"**

Join us for good food and great conversation at Rosewood Grill. We will meet for Compline at the Gazebo at 6:45, weather permitting. Bring your philosophical/theological questions or send them to Don Reed in advance at [doncollinsreed@iclouds.com](mailto:doncollinsreed@iclouds.com). We will be in the private dining room, so please bring \$5 to cover the room fee. RSVP to 330-650-4359 or [charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org](mailto:charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org).

**Healing Service in the Chapel  
Thursday, January 3 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.

**Evening Prayer  
January 17, 24 & 31**

Allie Heeter leads Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Church sanctuary. This is a weekly worship that follows the Evening Prayer daily office from the Book of Common Prayer. Questions? Contact Allie at [adeanheet@gmail.com](mailto:adeanheet@gmail.com).



**Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee  
January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30**

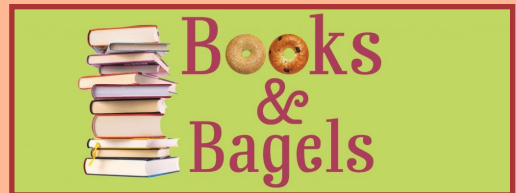
Charlotte continues to hold office hours at Open Door Coffee Company (164 N. Main Street) on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. Stop by for a chat!

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch  
Thursday, January 3 at 11:00 AM**



Holy Communion

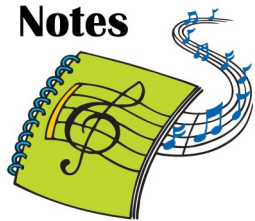
All Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us, are invited to gather at Laurel Lake's Serenity Chapel at 11am for Eucharist, then for lunch following. For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at [ghg2@aol.com](mailto:ghg2@aol.com).



Christ Church's monthly book group, Books & Bagels, returns in 2019 and is calling all readers. After our break in November and December, we're back with more books to discover. For January, join us in reading Rachel Held Evans newest book, Inspired. Evans, drawing on recent scholarship, literary analysis, and the ancient Jewish tradition of "Midrash", creatively explores and retells some of our favorite Bible stories. Join me on Evans' journey through the stories of the Bible in reading Inspired this January, preparing to come together and discuss the book on the 27th of the month at 9:15 am. Contact Allie at [adeanheet@gmail.com](mailto:adeanheet@gmail.com) with any questions, recommendations, or comments regarding Books & Bagels.

*-Allie Heeter*

**Notes**



**From  
the  
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Director**

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**Young Choristers Program Update:**  
**Our first rehearsal is Thursday, January 10th!**



Greetings! I am so excited that we will be starting rehearsals for Young Choristers this month. After talking with parents who came to the information sessions about a rehearsal schedule, here is the final rehearsal schedule for the Young Choristers.

Thursdays

4:45 - 5:00pm Arrival of Choristers/light snack in the Parish Hall

5:00 - 6:10pm Rehearsal begins in the choir room(undercroft of the church)

The choristers will be singing the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning in February, with Sunday School during church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. **However, rehearsal will still be every week!**

At our first rehearsal, Thursday the 10th, we will be talking about basic structure of the program, what children will be required to do, and I will have some materials for them to bring home and read with you, like a choir handbook and a choir covenant to sign. With any other activity, we will be covering a lot of material in each rehearsal. It is crucial for the choristers to be present for rehearsals/practices, since we don't want anyone falling behind because they couldn't be present. Since the children will be singing in the choir stalls, they will be fitted with a cassock, which they are responsible for caring for and cleaning.

If you have any other questions, feel free to talk to me after church or email me.

**Wooster Chorus**

I am so excited to announce that on Saturday, March 9th, the Wooster Chorus will be stopping at Christ Church on their spring concert tour. This is not a concert that you will want to miss!

Under the direction of Dr. Lisa Wong, Associate Professor of Music at the College of Wooster and Director of Choruses at The Cleveland Orchestra, The Wooster Chorus has been praised for its beautiful sound, high level of artistry, and engaging performances. Wooster Chorus presents several concerts both on and off campus throughout the academic year, and embarks each spring on a weeklong domestic tour. Members of the Chorus collaborate annually with The Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. The Chorus has performed at the Central Division conference of the American Choral Directors Association, and also at the state conference (2014 and 2016) of the Ohio Music Education Association.

To keep costs down, we are asking for volunteers to help with housing students for the night of the concert. There is no set number of students you are required to house, however they ask that you take no less than two students for security reasons.

If you have any interest in helping with this, please contact me. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

Mario Buchanan

# Children's Corner

A new year means new things for children at Christ Church! The addition of a much anticipated Young Choristers program will shake up our Sunday morning schedule. Please pay close attention to the calendar below to understand the changes.

## Important Changes!!

- Middle School Sunday School will meet twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays so as not to conflict with Young Choristers.
- Sunday School for Grades 3-5 will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month so as not to conflict with Young Choristers. Any 3-5 Grade students not participating in Young Choristers should worship with their parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, which is an important aspect of faith formation.
- Children's Chapel will now be for ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. 3-5<sup>th</sup> Graders should be worshipping with their parents if not participating in Young Choristers

For any questions regarding these changes, please contact Sarah Bhatia

## JANUARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

### January 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

- Middle School Sunday School at 9:30
- Sunday School PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade AT 10:15

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday School PreK-2<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### January 27<sup>th</sup>

- Middle School Sunday School at 9:30
- Sunday School PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:15

**VBS 2019 is August 5-9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12:00pm.**

**I'm seeking members for an advisory and planning committee for Vacation Bible School. If interested, please let me know. Thanks!**



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018



# LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, January 17th

12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Parish Hall

**Topic: Medicare for 2019**

-What changes are coming starting this month

**Speaker: Doug McDowell**

- Senior Health Insurance Product Specialist

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

## 2019 Budget Forum Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 20, the 2019 Christ Church budget will be presented to the parish on Sunday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



This is a chance to see what our financial resources are for the coming year, where they come from, and how they are allocated. Please bring your questions and join the Rector and Wardens for this important conversation.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

JANUARY 24, 2019

Hudson's Christian Unity Prayer Service and Luncheon

**"Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue"**

(Deuteronomy 16:20)

The service, traditionally held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, has the theme, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (*Deuteronomy 16:20*). It is an annual international offering of prayer and unity among Christians of all denominations, cultures and languages; this year created by the Christian Communities of Indonesia where the Christians comprise just 10% of the population.

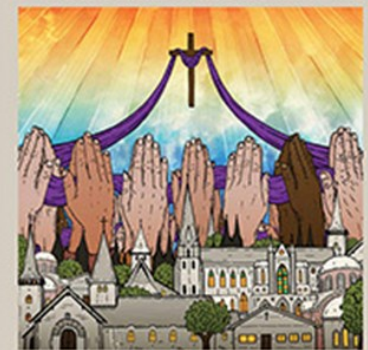
Hudson's Christian Unity Prayer Service and Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hudson, located at 340 N. Main St. The ecumenical service, led by local clergy, begins at 10:00 AM. It is followed by a luncheon and guest speaker. The Rev. Jon Dodson, Laurel Lake, Hudson, will give the sermon.

After the service, a luncheon catered by Hudson's Restaurant, is provided for ticket holders.

Our featured speaker after the luncheon is Sr. Anne Victory, who represents the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking. Their mission is to educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services on behalf of trafficked persons.

**Luncheon Tickets for \$15.00 per person and may be obtained from Gretchen Green.** Make checks for tickets payable to Christ Church Episcopal with CUPS on the memo line. Reservation deadline is January 20, 2019. The prayer service is free and open to all; it does not require a ticket to attend.

Justice, Only Justice,  
You Shall Pursue (DEUTERONOMY 16:20)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019



## Epiphany Party

**Sunday, January 6th  
During Coffee Hour**

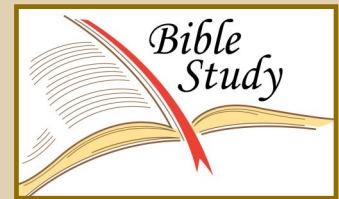
Please join us during coffee hour on January 6th for a party to celebrate the arrival of the wisemen. We will share a cake with “hidden” treasures and crown a king and queen of the party, and jester, too!

## Monday Morning Bible Study

*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 [jlang@progressive-marketing.com](mailto:jlang@progressive-marketing.com).



## Fromage & Fellowship

*January 19 at 6:30 p.m.*

Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun at George and Judy Murray’s home. There will be a nominal charge- \$15-\$20/person. Contact Jim Lang to reserve your spot — [jlang@progressive-marketing.com](mailto:jlang@progressive-marketing.com).

**Event:** A free luncheon\* on **February 8, 2019** for Hudson Seniors over 65 who would like to share their thoughts about senior citizen programs and services planning in Hudson. This will be in the format of an open meeting. Mayor Basil will be in attendance.

**Time:** 12-2:00pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church at 47 Aurora Street. Seating is limited to the first 230 people who sign up.

**RSVP by January 31** to Cindy Murphy at EMS in Hudson, (330) 342-1842. This phone number is a 24/7 phone line.



\* Danbury is partnering with EMS Outreach Hudson to provide the meal. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to meeting you at this first of its kind event!

Heidi Schweighoefer, EMS Outreach Board President  
[nelsonmorgan1989@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonmorgan1989@gmail.com)



Christ Church's resident seminarian and coffee fanatic, Allie, can be found holding office hours at Open Door! Join her for coffee, a snack (be it gluten-free or not), or some simple conversation between 3 and 5 pm on Friday the 18th and 25th of January.

## YOGA CLASS

**Monday Mornings at 9:00 in Parish Hall, January 7th & 28th**

Join certified yoga instructor Kay Powers for a free, gentle, mindful yoga class designed to increase strength and flexibility, while releasing tension, reducing stress and promoting relaxation. Suitable for all levels, especially beginners and those with some yoga experience. Please bring a yoga mat.





- Galianna Jackson ~ 1/3
- Mae Kosanovich ~ 1/3
- Grace Andrews ~ 1/4
- Jill Phipps ~ 1/10
- Marilyn Hansen ~ 1/13
- JoAnn Armstrong ~ 1/15
- Nan Ryerson ~ 1/15
- David McCallops ~ 1/16
- Milan Kosanovich ~ 1/19
- Ted Mailey ~ 1/19
- Al Donley ~ 1/21
- Ed Gibson ~ 1/23
- Ashton Klespies ~ 1/23
- Allan Belton ~ 1/24
- Celine Agnor ~ 1/25
- Jan Hill ~ 1/26
- Kevin McKinny ~ 1/26
- Marilyn Bankhurst ~ 1/28
- Christopher Haake ~ 1/28
- George Van Buren ~ 1/30
- Virginia Sommers ~ 1/31



- Don & Charlotte Reed ~ 1/2
- Ralph & Julie Weary ~ 1/7

**FOR THE RECORD . . .**

**Deaths:**

Bill Edwards on October 28th.  
Marty Russell on December 26th.



**Thank you to...**

- ...all who made our Christmas Eve services glorious
- ...everyone who volunteered to help with the Frosty 5 & Mistletoe Mile
- ...everyone who helped with the 100th birthday party for John Stansbrey
- ...All you donated diapers to the Akron Battered Women's Shelter, and to Jeanne McKinny for coordinated the diaper drive.
- ...Lou Young, Gabe Lefebvre, and Bob Zuhl who are completing their terms on vestry
- ...Peter Eells for his many years of service as chair of our Finance Committee

A huge THANK-YOU to our friends at Christ Church Episcopal! On December 9th, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson held a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for a mission trip to Puerto Rico. The breakfast exceeded all expectations-- in large part due to the support from CCE. Over \$2000 was raised for the people of Puerto Rico! An added plus of the event was the fellowship our congregations shared in support of this special cause. Thank you so much and please don't hesitate to lean on FCPH with future endeavors.



**December Vestry Meeting Highlights**



- The vestry met on December 18 at 7:15. The meeting opened with Bible Study and prayer.
- The vestry approved the budget for 2019 which will be presented to the congregation on January 6.
- Guy Wylie gave an update on the building projects. (Take a look at the railings on the steps up to the chapel!). He noted that many "must do" projects were done this year because either the church was offered an exceptional price (chapel painting), or we had insurance coverage (the roofs), or the damage was so significant that the project could not wait (chapel steps and railing).
- Guy Wylie gave a report on the progress of the work with the architects. We are looking at a feasibility study for the capital campaign soon after the first of the year.
- Jim Bear was appointed Chair of the Finance Committee to replace Peter Eells who has resigned after many years of service.
- Bob Zuhl, Lou Young, and Gabe Lefebvre were thanked for their service to Christ Church as vestry members as this was their last meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 22 at 7:15 in the library.



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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



**Bishop's Visit  
Sunday, January 13th**

**Bishop Hollingsworth** will be at Christ Church on **Sunday, January 13** for the 10:30 service for Confirmation and to receive people into the Episcopal Church. A reception will follow the service. Please join us that day to support our fellow parishioners and greet the Bishop. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Eileen Gaston at [eileengaston@yahoo.com](mailto:eileengaston@yahoo.com).