

Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

This year, as we prepare to enter the Lenten wilderness, I find myself thinking more and more about how our faith sustains us when we find ourselves in a wilderness not of our own choosing. I wonder if the wisdom of keeping a holy Lent, of entering that wilderness deliberately, is that we get practice that will sustain us in the wildernesses of our own lives. We give up something or take on something to help us practice being dependent on God rather than habits, possessions, or certain food or drink so that when we find ourselves forced into a desert not of our choosing, we know how to depend on God for survival. We practice looking for life in the desert so when we find ourselves dry and parched, we know how to find water. We practice living like we believe resurrection is coming so that we can live believing in resurrection when it looks like death has the final word. We practice hearing God's voice tell us that we are God's beloved children, so that when the world tells us otherwise, we know better.

May our Lenten practices be sources of strength for us this season, as we await the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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Capital Campaign Feasibility Study

In early March, every household in the parish will receive a feasibility study for the capital campaign either via the US Postal Service or by email. This study will help the vestry determine how much money we can raise and what projects we can accomplish. The architect's drawings and rendering are on display in the Parish Hall if you missed the Reveal Party. Take a look, and when you get your feasibility study in the mail, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Only one study is to be filled out per household to make sure we do not have duplicate responses. Thank you for your quick replies!

Telling our Resurrection Story Sunday, March 10th: 2pm-5pm



Christ Church has a powerful resurrection story to tell, having weathered some very difficult times and emerged a strong and vital parish. If you would like to be part of this project to tell our resurrection story, please let Charlotte Reed know. RSVPs are needed for this event so she can plan accordingly. Questions? Contact Charlotte at 330-650-4359 or charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.



On Ash Wednesday, March 6, Christ Church and First Congregational will offer “Ashes to Go” from 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm. This is an opportunity to reach out to those in the community who might not come to church on Ash Wednesday but seek a reminder of their connection with God on this holy day. “Ashes to Go” is not meant to be a replacement for church, but a way to connect with the community outside the church. Allie Heeter will be offering “Ashes to Go” on behalf of Christ Church that day, as Charlotte will be the celebrant at our four Ash Wednesday services, three of which happen at the same time as “Ashes to Go.” If you have friends who are curious about Ash Wednesday but timid about coming to a church service, please tell them about “Ashes to Go.”



**Evensong in Lent
Wednesdays at 5pm
Beginning on March 13th
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.

**Speaking our Faith
Sundays in March
at 9:00 a.m.
in The Hand Room**

Speaking
Our Faith

Equipping the Next
Generations to Tell
the Old, Old Story

Rachel Held Evans, who blogs

at rachelheldevans.com, writes this about millennials and church: “You can’t hand us a latte and then go about business as usual and expect us to stick around. We’re not leaving the church because we don’t find the cool factor there; we’re leaving the church because we don’t find Jesus there. Like every generation before ours and every generation after, deep down, we long for Jesus.”

People of all generations are looking for ways to find meaning in their lives. As the church, we are called to be able to speak our faith and talk about the ways our faith in Jesus helps us find meaning in both the good times and the hard times of our lives.

“Speaking our Faith” is a five week curriculum designed to give us tools to do just that—speak our faith. The class will be led most weeks by Charlotte Reed and will give us all a chance to explore our faith and words to speak our faith so that we can help others find Jesus as Christ Church as we have. Join us for what will be a lively and deep conversation!



The Christ Church Lenten Devotional Booklet will be available for pick-

up on Sunday, March 3, the last Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This devotional booklet has a reflection for each day in Lent, written by a fellow parishioner. Please be sure to pick up a copy so we can all journey through Lent together.



Lent Madness is a great way to learn about the Saints during Lent. Modeled on a March Madness bracket, the Saints pair off against each other for a daily popular vote, based on information about the Saints provided on the Lent Madness website. The bracket narrows until the winner of The Golden Halo is elected on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Go to www.lentmadness.org and sign up so you get a daily email in your inbox describing the saints who are pairing off each day.



**Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee
March 6, 20, & 27**

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!

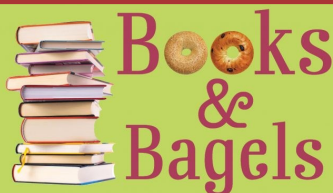


**Potluck
Pub Theology
Tuesday, March 19
7:00 p.m.
Christ Church
Upper Room**

“Living in the Lenten wilderness as Resurrection people”

Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and let Charlotte know what you plan bring when you RSVP.

Please call the church office or email Charlotte at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org to R.S.V.P.



**Sunday, March 24
9am in the Parish Hall**

Join our monthly Book Group on the 24th of March as we dig deeper into Amy-Jill Levine's "The Misunderstood Jew." We began this book in February and have only scratched the surface. Whether you read last month or didn't find the time, read a chapter or got through the whole book, read habitually or haven't read in years, come and join us for great bagels and even better conversation. Feel free to contact me with any questions at adeanheet@gmail.com.

-Allie Heeter

**Healing Service in the Chapel
Thursday, March 7 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.

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, March 7 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 afterwards. For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.

Evening Prayer: March 7, 14 & 21

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.





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



There are two ways you can help with this wonderful event coming to Christ Church on March 9th:

- Host families are still needed for two or four students. If you can host students the night of March 9 after the concert, please let me know. You would be responsible for picking the students up at the church after the concert, providing a place for them to sleep for the night, feeding them breakfast the next morning, and returning them to the church on Sunday morning.
- Help is needed with the reception following the concert. Folks are needed to bring food, help set up, serve, and clean up afterwards. Please contact Tom Dukes at 330.819.3160 or jtdukes@uakron.edu if you can help. We hope to see you at this wonderful concert! Be sure to tell a friend about it!



Thursday, March 21
12:00 – 1:00 PM in Parish Hall

Topic
Elder Law: Part II

Speaker
Daniel Seink of Daniel P. Seink Co.

Dan Seink will return for Part II of our discussion on Elder Law. This month he will address topics including “Who makes decisions for me if I can’t” and “The Sandwich Generation”, as well as answer any questions you may have.

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT 5:00 P.M.
LES DÉLICÉS

The fifth concert of Music from The Western Reserve’s 36th season will feature **Les Délicés** presenting *Mozart in Paris* on Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church. This concert will feature works by Gluck, Cambini, Mozart, Martin, and Boccherini. A meet-the-artist reception will immediately follow after the concert.

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 about Music from The Western Reserve’s 36th season, visit www.mftwr.org and www.facebook.com/mftwr.

Children's Corner

Important Changes!!

- Middle School Sunday School will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays so as not to conflict with Young Choristers at 10:15.
- Sunday School for Grades 3-5 will meet on the 2nd and 4th 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 1st and 3rd Sundays, which is an important aspect of faith formation
- Children's Chapel will now be for ages 3 to 2nd Grade. 3-5th Graders should be worshipping with their parents if not participating in Young Choristers
- PreK-2nd will continue to meet the 2nd-4th Sundays at 10:15

For any questions regarding these changes, please contact Sarah Bhatia

MARCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

March 3rd

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)

March 10th

Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15

March 17th

Episcopal Youth Community at 9:30

Young Choristers at 9:45

Sunday School PreK-2rd Grade at 10:15

(those children not participating in Young Choristers)

March 24th

Spring Break— No Sunday School

March 31st

Wonder and Worship at 9:30 in the High School Room

Children's Chapel for ages 3 to 2nd Grade at 10:30



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 is coming to Christ Church on Saturday, April 5 at 5:00!

Ken Grazier, board game aficionado, will be bringing and teaching us some family games that are fairly short in duration and FUN!!! Food will be provided. More details coming soon!

march BIRTHDAYS

Renee Agnor ~ 3/1
 Maria Metoki ~ 3/1
 Pat Schron ~ 3/3
 Reed Stith ~ 3/4
 Alexandra Coombs ~ 3/8
 Landon Trainor ~ 3/8
 Ella Harvey ~ 3/9
 Tom Marks ~ 3/9
 Tracey Vaughn ~ 3/10
 Katie Barger ~ 3/11
 Peter Hopper ~ 3/12
 Ethel Bush ~ 3/13
 Gretchen Green ~ 3/15
 Paula McBrian ~ 3/17
 Sarah Bhatia ~ 3/19
 Ed Wiles ~ 3/21
 James Boazzo ~ 3/22
 Mary Ann Balbach ~ 3/23
 Robby Gray ~ 3/23
 Adrian Ribovich ~ 3/26
 Ruth Anne Belton ~ 3/28
 Amy Andrews ~ 3/29
 Dick Talley ~ 3/30
 Sarah Fulytar ~ 3/31

march ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Nan Ryerson ~ 3/30

FOR THE RECORD . . .

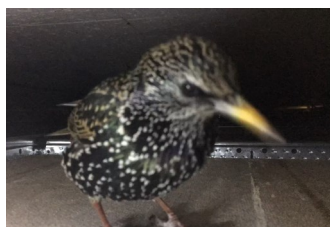
Deaths: Marilyn White 2/9/19

Thank You to..



- ◇ Guy Wylie for his presentation at the Reveal Party and for his leadership getting us to the point of reveal.
- ◇ Shirley Eells, Jim and Dot Lang, and Ruth Andrews for providing the “party” part of the Reveal.
- ◇ Linda Irving and Sue King for making breakfast for Breakfast Theology in February.
- ◇ All who helped stop the dishwasher “leak” and helped with the clean-up.
- ◇ All those who helped with the memorial service and reception for Roxanne Grattan on February 24.
- ◇ George and Judy Murray for hosting a fabulous “Fromage and Fellowship” at their home.
- ◇ Mario Buchanan for bringing the Young Choristers program to Christ Church, to the choristers for the joy they bring to our worship, and to their parents for giving them and us this opportunity.
- ◇ To the person who typed up the wonderful dishwasher instructions, complete with pictures! Please let us know who you are!

BIRD IS THE WORD!



Was it a squirrel, a raccoon, a rat? No, it was a starling who took up residence in the Parish Hall ceiling and had us all guessing what was making that noise. Thank you to Doug Swift for helping to safely evict him!

February Vestry Meeting Highlights



The vestry met on Tuesday, February 26 at 6pm.

- The meeting opened with Bible Study and prayer.
- The vestry voted to approve the 2018 Parochial report which contains our membership and financial information for the year.
- The vestry voted to approve a loan from the Diocese for \$29,925.00 to pay for the LED lighting project which replaces all of our light bulbs with energy efficient LEDs.
- The vestry approved the disbursement of outreach funds as follows: \$1000 to Open M, \$1500 to Habitat for Humanity, \$1000 to support the Community Resource Coordinator, \$1000 for First Serve, \$1000 for the Bail Project, and \$1000 to Bexley-Seabury Seminary.
- Sallie Bear reported on the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study which will begin the first weekend in March.

The next vestry meeting is March 26 at 6pm 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

**Daylight Savings
begins on Sunday,
March 10th. Don't
forget to set your
clocks ahead one
hour before you go
to bed on Saturday!**

