

# THE COMMUNICANT

## Christ Church Episcopal

*A ministry of the Diocese of Ohio*

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded  
in the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving Hudson and beyond.*

April



2020

# THE HOPE of Easter

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## Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

Time has taken on a new dimension these days. As I write this, we are approaching Holy Week and Easter, the most sacred time of the year for Christians. We enter into the days of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his last meal with his disciples, his arrest, trial and crucifixion. And over and over again over the last 20+ years as a priest, I have written that the way we are called to walk through those days is together.

In this time when days all seem to blend together, and something I did two days ago seems like a month ago, and quite frankly I have trouble remembering exactly what day it is, traveling this Holy Week journey together becomes all the more important. This year, we will each have to be all the more deliberate about setting these days apart as we move through them to Easter.

We hear the term "social distancing" a lot right now. We are encouraged, even required, to stay at least 6 feet from any other human being, other than those in our immediate household. However, I have also heard the term "physical distancing" which seems much more accurate to me. We are physically distant, but we are socially and spiritually connected through phone calls, emails, social media, and communication platforms like Zoom.

We are going to experience Holy Week and Easter as physically distant, but together as the socially and spiritually connected people that we are. As I write this, we are still working out details since much could still change between now and Palm Sunday, much less Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. But the plan is for socially and spiritually connected services on all of those days as outlined on the following page of this Communicant.

Church has never been just about the building. Church has always been about God's people gathered, however they could, inviting the Spirit to work among them, so they could be God's resurrection people in the world. Nothing, not even COVID-19, can change that reality!

Blessings and love to you all,

Charlotte

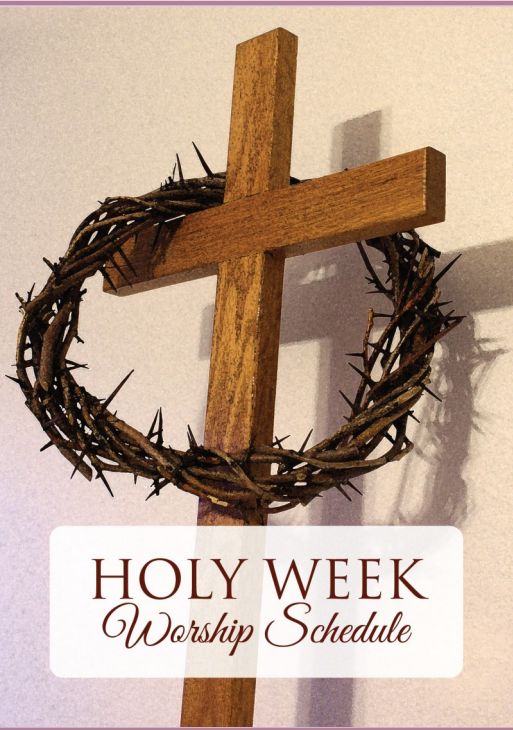
### Rector's Contact Information:

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### Garden Care Help Needed

Looking for an outdoor activity to do while still maintaining a safe social distance? Consider volunteering to help tend the flower beds at Christ Church. 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 spring and summer growing season. If you would be interested in helping out please contact Guy Wylie at [wyliecoyote112@msn.com](mailto:wyliecoyote112@msn.com).



**HOLY WEEK**  
*Worship Schedule*

## Holy Week and Easter

*Details forthcoming via Email and may change as circumstances change.*

**Palm Sunday:** The blessing of the palms and dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel on Zoom and Facebook Live at 10:30.

**Maundy Thursday:** The Liturgy of the Word and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm on Zoom and Facebook Live.

**Good Friday:** The Good Friday liturgy at 7pm with cello and chanting of the Good Friday Gospel on Zoom and Facebook Live.

**Easter Sunday:** Festive Easter Service with Trumpet and Organ.

Since we will not be able to gather in the church for Easter, we invite the parish to contribute the funds we would have given for Easter flowers to an agency on the front lines of serving people economically devastated by COVID-19.

Open M, a ministry in Akron serving people in need in our county, is seeing a surge in the number of people coming to their Food Pantry. Many are people who "never in a million years would have thought they would need our assistance" (Julie Carneal, Director of all food related services at Open M).



In lieu of flowers

If you would like to contribute to this effort, in honor of or in memory of someone, please send a check to Christ Church with the form below or use the online giving portal on the [Christ Church website](#) and mark your gift "Easter flowers." Your name and the name(s) of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering will be in our Easter bulletin as usual and we will send one check from Christ Church to Open M after Easter. In order to get your info in the Easter bulletin, we must have the names along with your donation by Wednesday, April 8 at noon.

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### Christ Church 2020 Easter Donation to Open M

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

As a memorial to...

In celebration of...

In thanksgiving for...

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Online  
Healing Service  
April 2  
at 9:30 a.m.

Keep an eye out for a Zoom link coming soon to your email inbox!

We'll be online at 9:30 on Thursday April 2 for anyone who would like to ask prayers for themselves or others.



*Led by Don Reed, Evensong is a 30-minute service which is sung simply and unaccompanied. Join Don via Facebook live on Wednesday April 1 at 5:00 p.m. You do not need a Facebook account to log in.*



### ONLINE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

(Links will be emailed each week by Charlotte)

**Brown Bag Lunch together on Zoom: Mondays at noon**

**Compline: Tuesdays at 8pm**

**Zoom Office Hours: Wednesdays from 9-11AM**

**Sundays at 10:30 via Facebook Live and Zoom**

**More events will be added as needed.**



BROWN BAG LUNCH  
TOGETHER ON ZOOM  
MONDAYS AT NOON



### ZOOM OFFICE HOURS

DROP IN ONLINE WITH  
THE REV. CHARLOTTE  
IN HER ZOOM OFFICE  
ON WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 9-11 AM



TUESDAYS AT 8PM  
ON ZOOM



*Join us for*  
ONLINE  
**Sunday Worship**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
ON ZOOM AND  
FACEBOOK LIVE

# Children's Corner



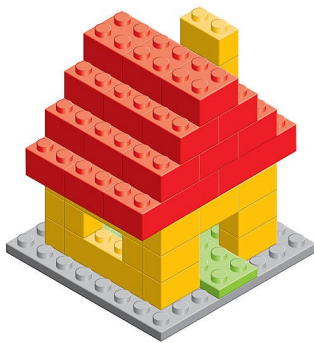
## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL via ZOOM

Join Sarah Bhatia weekly via Zoom at 10 am for Children's Chapel. We will have a short lesson followed by a suggested activity that children can do at home while their parents tune into the church live stream. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to tune in as well. Stay tuned for ways we will mark Holy Week with Children's Chapel experiences.



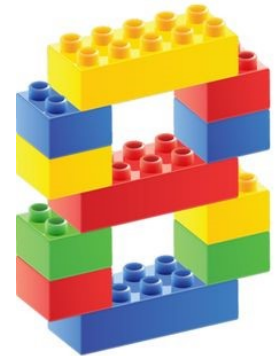
## AGAPE LATTE

Middle School and High School youth are invited to join Sarah for a Zoom chat with their favorite warm beverage at 10:30 am on Saturday mornings for the duration of physical distancing. This is a time to chat and connect with one another and enjoy some fellowship. Topics will be whatever you want to talk about. This is a time for you! Link to come!



## LEGO CHURCH

BUILDING FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP



**April 5 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**via Zoom**

Join us on Zoom for this worship experience. Using LEGOS, we will explore Biblical themes and stories in a short worship service. Please join us for this new, fun, and interactive worship experience for the whole family! Link to follow, so watch your email!



## FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

Check out our new website full of resources to develop your faith while we are physically separated from one another. There are resources for personal and family faith formation as well as activities to engage in together to mark the holy days and seasons. You can find it here:

<https://ccehfaithformation.weebly.com>.

**Notes**



**From  
the  
Music  
Director**

**Mario Buchanan**  
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Greetings,

Quite a weird time we live in! My job as a Director of Music is to be making music with others and planning more great music. I find myself at a loss with no rehearsals or planning. This is quite hard for someone like me who is a rabid planner to have all of my planning halted. I can bet all of you had similar experiences, trips being cancelled, tournaments being halted, etc. So, what shall we do with our time? I have been able to do things now that I have been putting off for months. There were a number of cupboards that had seen the wear and tear of “oh, I’ll clean that sometime”. I have been able to do some reading, learn some new music, and watch some Netflix. I have been having some Zoom check-in meetings with the young choristers and the adult choir so we catch up on each others lives. This is a perfect time to contact some old friends and check on them.

We are so blessed to live in a great age of technology. Our response to this quarantine five years ago would have been totally different for having church. We are so fortunate to have Facebook Live and Zoom available for our worship together, even if they are limited. I find myself able to tune-in to other colleagues churches and hear their services. Youtube is a fantastic resource to explore. Much of the worlds greatest music is on You Tube. Maybe you can take this time to explore composers or bands that you don’t know much about and listen to their music.

While all of this is scary, we all are in the same boat. Be reminded that outreach ministry can happen from your couch.

Blessings,

Mario

**VBS 2020 is August 3-7<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am-12:00pm.**

**GREAT  
BIG  
beautiful  
WORLD**

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!

Our theme this year is Great Big Beautiful World. We will be learning about God as creator and celebrating the beautiful world around us. Registration is \$10 and these fees will be used to support relief efforts in Australia in response to the ongoing brush fires.



Erika DeYoung ~ 4/2  
 Paul Frank ~ 4/2  
 Nancy Styer ~ 4/2  
 Alivia Klespies ~ 4/3  
 Charlotte Reed ~ 4/3  
 Karen Stansbrey ~ 4/3  
 Eric Rhodes ~ 4/4  
 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 DeYoung ~ 4/18  
 Cecily West ~ 4/18  
 Cindy Hartman ~ 4/21  
 Jonathan Andrews ~ 4/23  
 Howard Bankhurst ~ 4/23  
 Kate Le ~ 4/24  
 Bill Warren ~ 4/25  
 Jon Ridgway ~ 4/26  
 Caldwell Reed ~ 4/29  
 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:** *Chub Russell*  
**Births:** *Theo Grattan Brown*



**Thank you to:**

.... all who made the Fellowship Ministry Fair a success.  
 .... all who helped with the memorial service for Bob Entenman.

.... Don Reed for leading Evensong during Lent.

**March Vestry Meeting Highlights**




- The vestry met via Zoom on Tuesday, March 24.
- The meeting began with Bible study and prayer.
- The vestry noted that income was down in February, even before COVID-19 required the cancelling of services.
- Outreach grants for 2020 were approved by the vestry as recommended by the Outreach Ministry Team.
  - Bexley-Seabury Seminary: \$1000
  - Community Resource Coordinator: \$1000
  - Habitat for Humanity: \$2200 (plus the \$800 from the Pancake Supper)
  - The Bail Project (designated for Cleveland): \$1000
  - First Serve: \$1000
  - Family Promise: \$1000
  - Akron-Canton Food Bank: \$1000
- At Janet Daniel's suggestion, the vestry voted to invite parishioners to contribute the money they would have given for Easter flowers to a fund that will be given to Open M, which has seen a surge in need for food and requests for meals in the current economic situation.
- Kathy Garber reported on our new online giving portal, which will allow people to give online with a credit card or electronic check. The portal is at the far right on the tool bar on the Christ Church website ([www.christchurchudson.org](http://www.christchurchudson.org)).
- The building committee has decided to have Level Heads and Krill proceed with the architectural drawings, since money is available. A determination to proceed with the building phase will be made at a later date. The "shelter in place" directive may impact construction work.
- Charlotte reported on the activities of the staff during this time when the building is closed. The building staff have been sent home, with pay, until April 15. The rest of the staff is working from home. Susie Vanaman is coming in once a week to pay bills. Kathy Garber is coming in two or three times a week to check the mail, deposit checks and check the building. All other work is happening from home and requiring about the same amount of time as under normal circumstances.
- Holy Week and Easter: Plans are underway for all services to be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Because the COVID-19 situation is still rapidly changing, announcements about exactly how the services will happen will come out closer to the dates.

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday April 28 at 6pm one way or another!



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am Online Service via  
Facebook Live and Zoom



## Options for Giving

### Options for Giving to Christ Church During Shelter-in-Place

- Mail a check to the church (21 Aurora St., 44236).
- Have your online banking send a check to the church.
- Use our new Online Giving Portal on the Christ Church Website  
([www.christchurchudson.org](http://www.christchurchudson.org))

Kathy Garber goes in to the church at least twice a week to collect the mail and make a bank deposit.