

THE COMMUNICANT





Official Notification

Christ Church Episcopal Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 19th 9:00AM

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The Vestry Candidates are:

Cathy Agnor, Kathie Balcerzak, Tom Dukes, Ann Kirk, Mark Metoki, George Murray (vote for 3)

The Diocesan Convention Delegates are:

Sallie Bear, Midge Karam, Dave McCallops, Fred Monreal, & Pam Zuhl (vote for 3)

We will gather as a parish to elect new vestry members and convention delegates, hear a brief report on our "Building for Community Campaign", thank out-going vestry members, and adopt the 2020 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,



At the end of 2018, the vestry set three goals for 2019. We sought to run a successful capital campaign, to begin and support a young choristers' program, and to have more fellowship events so that we can get to know each other better. I am pleased to say that we accomplished all of those things. We raised close to \$1.5 million dollars to make our facilities more welcoming and attractive for all who come here. Our young choristers, also known as the St. Cecilia's choir, grace our worship with their music on the first and third Sundays of each month. And the Fellowship Committee has outdone themselves with a Mexican dinner and variety show, a wonderful picnic at Spicy Lamb Farm, a bowling outing, and numerous other events where we came together to have a good time and enjoy the company of one another.

The vestry has set three goals for 2020 (in addition to continuing the work begun in 2019). The first is obviously to do the work of "Building for Community." The congregation will be updated at the Annual Meeting on January 19, when the vestry hopes to have a timeline for the project. The second is to form a team of people to work with Sarah Bhatia as we develop our programs for children and youth. There will be two vestry members on the team along as well as some parents of children of various ages. At every baptism, we all agree to do all in our power to support the newly baptized in her life in Christ. Part of that work is to ensure that we have formation opportunities that meet the needs of our families. The third goal is to build on our ability to welcome people to Christ Church and provide opportunities for new people to get involved in our life and ministry here. As we grow, the vestry recognizes that we need a more systematic approach to our welcome. A vestry member will be involved in this project as well.

As always, making our goals a reality is the work of the entire parish and there are many ways to get involved. Please watch for opportunities and let us know how you would like to help. Just as a village is required to raise a child, a whole congregation is required to grow a church!

New Year's blessings to each of you,

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). This number can also be used for text messages. Please give your name so Charlotte knows who is texting.

2020 Giving Envelopes

If you signed up to receive Giving Envelopes for 2020, 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 email kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org to request a box.



Healing Service in the Chapel Thursday, January 2 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.

First Sunday Bible Study



January 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hand/EFM room

2 Corinthians 8-13

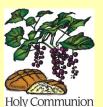
Please read these chapters of 2 Corinthians before you come and join us for a lively discussion.



Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee January 8, 15, 22, & 29

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 2 at 11:00 AM



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.



Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Location: Christ Church Parish Hall

Topic: "Ask the Philosopher"

Join us for good food and great conversation! Send your philosophical/theological questions to Don Reed at doncollinsreed@iclouds.com and join us for a lively conversation about all manners of topics. Dinner will be complete potluck, so please bring something (homemade or store bought) to share. R.S.V.P. to Charlotte at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.



Episcopal Church 101 January 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Hand/EFM room

Join Robin Woodberry for this month's topic: *The Ministry of the Laity*

Morning Bible Study

This group gathers in the 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.



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

A blessed new year to you all! We are very excited to announce that the St. Cecilia Choir has been invited to participate in Treblefest this year on Saturday, February 29th. Treblefest is a yearly festival for Young Choristers from Episcopal churches all around Ohio, housed at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland. Choristers get the opportunity to meet with their peers and learn some great music. Choristers arrive early on February 29th and sing all day, with the day ending with Choral Evensong sung by the Choristers at 3pm, with Bishop Hollingsworth officiating. I am so happy that this year Todd Wilson, the Choirmaster and Organist at the Cathedral, will be the guest conductor. The Evensong is open to the public so please come show your support for our Choristers!

Best,

Mario Buchanan

children's Corner

Thank you to all who participated and helped to make our Christmas pageant a success! All the kids did so great and I couldn't have done it without the support of the church, particularly parents who brought their children to church, practiced lines and helped with costuming. Thank you so much!

JANUARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

January 5th

Young Choristers at 9:45

Children's Chapel for ages 3 to 2nd Grade (those children not participating in Young Choristers) at 10:30

January 12th

Sunday School PreK-8th Grade

January 19th

Young Choristers at 9:45

Sunday School PreK-2rd Grade (those children not participating in Young Choristers at 10:15

January 26th

Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15

VBS 2020 COMING IN AUGUST

I am seeking members for an advisory and planning committee for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks!

-Sarah Bhatia



2020 Budget Forum Meeting



In preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 19, the 2020 Christ Church budget will be presented to the parish on Sunday, January 12 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.

The Christian Unity Prayer Service Thursday, January 23rd, 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 $52^{\rm nd}$ 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



Confirmation Class 2020

Bishop Williams will be with us on September 27 to confirm and receive people into the Episcopal

Church. We will begin classes in early 2020 to prepare for Bishop Williams' visit since he will be here so soon after the program year begins in the fall. Please contact the church office to let us know of your interest in these classes (which are also open to those who just want to learn more about their faith and the Episcopal Church) at 330-650-4359 or email Charlotte at: charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.

ILUNCH 8 LEARN

Thursday, January 16th 12:00 – 1:00 PM in Parish Hall

Topic: Crime Prevention Tips

Speaker: Summit County Prosecutor,
Sherry Bevan Walsh

Prosecutor Walsh works tirelessly to provide people with information to help minimize their chances of becoming a victim of crime. Her goal as prosecutor is to empower Summit County residents with information to help keep themselves and their family safe. Prosecutor Walsh will have tips on how to protect yourself and stay safe throughout the community, as well as the best ways to avoid common scams.

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

Christ Church 2020 Vestry Candidates

This year's Vestry Candidates are:

Cathy Agnor, Kathie Balcerzak, Tom Dukes, Ann Kirk, Mark Metoki, and George Murray. (vote for 3)

Each candidate was asked to answer the following questions. Their responses are below.

- * What excites you the most about Christ Church?
- * What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years?
- * What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges?



Cathy Agnor

1. What excites you about Christ Church?

One of the main things that excites me about our Church is the number of young families that have joined the Church since Charlotte's arrival. I feel our Church under Charlotte's positive guidance is much better now at community outreach and inclusion. I like that we are marketing ourselves ©.

In addition I am excited to be part of the upcoming Church renovations and know after going through my knee surgeries that it will be a more accessible place for all parishioners.

2. What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years?

One challenge I see is retaining the new young families along with continuing to add more new families. There are so many Church choices in our town and surrounding areas that it can make it difficult for some families that are looking for a new place

of worship. Also keeping the middle schoolers and high schoolers engaged and wanting to go to Church. I know I struggled with this with my girls over the years.

3. What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges?

My background is that I was a nurse (RN) at Cleveland Clinic for 15 years but once the kids came it was clear I couldn't keep that up. I was very lucky to be able to stay home with the kids for last 20 years and now our last child Corinne is in College we are empty nesters. During those 20 years I kept myself busy volunteering for everything from room mom, swim team parent, field hockey, Cross country & dance mom! Also was the After Prom chairperson and high school office volunteer. I am currently enrolled in an RN refresher coarse at CSU.

I hope to get back into nursing and possibly work with Hospice of Western Reserve. Although I have no children at home full time anymore I feel like I still have allot of resources or skills that might assist the Vestry. I feel that I am a collaborative person, patient, organized and a "doer".

In my role as Swim parent, I represented the parent's and relayed their concerns to the coach. Not only did I represent the parents, it was also my duty to create a clear line of communication between the coach and swimmers' parents. Another collaborative role I volunteered for was the After Prom Chairperson. In this role I was responsible for raising over \$17,000 in a short period of time to fund the event. Raising this much money required a tremendous amount of collaboration. Between working with the principle, the owner of the venue, community businesses and parent volunteers I gained a considerable amount of experience working with different professionals.

During my time as a swim parent, patience played a key role in my success. Working with passionate coaches who wanted the best for their team proved to be a challenge at times, but through patience and hard work it was a successful partnership.



Kathie Balcerzak

1. What excites you about Christ Church

The most exciting part of Christ Church to me, is the genuine, caring, and love shown by the members of our church family to each other and to many others who have contact with us. This can be through joining in worship, using our buildings for positive goals, or outreach.

- 2. What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years? In the next three years, as we work toward improving our physical facilities, the greatest challenge may be to continue on the path of being welcoming and caring. We will need to focus on being the love of our Savior to the world.
- **3.** What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges? As far as gifts I believe I can bring as a Vestry member to address these challenges, I have experience in Vestry service at Christ Church Shaker Heights. I enjoy working in groups, and my work has taught me to *really* listen.

1. What excites you about Christ Church?

My journey at Christ Church began post Brian and pre Charlotte. The Church was struggling both in membership and financial support. The issues had not been officially resolved, and the search had not started for a new rector. I wondered why I had been drawn into this atmosphere of uncertainty. However, I was so impressed with the faithful folk who were seldom outwardly discouraged. Rebuilding was never a question; and through it all, the members faithfully worshipped and continued to reach out to help those within and outside our church walls who needed help.

Fast forward to three years post Charlotte's arrival. There is so much to celebrate at Christ Church. We are growing spiritually, financially and numerically. The leadership of our staff and volunteers couldn't be better. We are attracting many new, young families. We continue outreach both within and outside our building. I love looking out from the choir loft on Sunday mornings at the faces in the congregation. It's is wonderful family picture. And speaking of choir, Mario's leadership is uplifting and challenging, and our new members really add to the joy of singing.



Ann Kirk

2. What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years?

We all have our own ideas of current and future challenges. What comes to mind for me is addressing the needs of our growing, younger members and specifically offering meaningful opportunities for children and youth. They are our future, and their nurturing is critical to our long-term growth.

I also think that we should not forget our wish list of ideas expressed at our cottage meetings and through the feasibility study that we cannot implement or consider at this time. We should not give up on our dreams. As we continue to grow, perhaps some of those wishes can become a reality. We should never lose our momentum to better our great church.

3. What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges?

I am a "numbers" person. I practice fiscal responsibility (most of the time). I am currently serving on the Finance Committee at Christ Church. This exposure gives me insight into the Church's fiscal requirements and future needs.

I also think I have good organizational skills. This attribute was put to the test during the recent capital campaign when I supervised all the volunteer callers. Whatever the challenge might be, I feel confident that I can offer effective support and be able to assist in implementing solutions to the challenges that we face.

1. What excites you about Christ Church?

Almost everything at Christ Church, Hudson, excites me. From the moment I began attending, I felt a wonderful energy here. Everything--from the Capital Campaign to the children's Sunday School, from the Adult Education series to the splendid music program, from the constant use of the building (by us and others) to our community outreach--shows the presence and the work of the Holy Spirit at this church.

I am so impressed, too, by the Make It Work attitude that suffuses so much of what we do. While other churches might throw in the towel on, say, certain kind of community outreach or encouraging teens to take part in church life and liturgy, Christ Church, Hudson, does not. If there is a challenge, we work until we meet it. (I look forward to the replacement of the dishwasher, and I am not alone.) We do not solve problems through gritted teeth; rather, we embark with joy and a realistic attitude to deal with whatever comes.

I love our commitment to diversity and my being part of that diversity. I love that we put less emphasis on counting heads during Sunday morning than doing God's work in our church and the world. I love EFM and other opportunities to learn. I love our joint services with First Congregational and Beth Shalom Temple.



Tom Dukes

I love being part of this Christian community. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.

2. What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years?

To do the job, we must have money; as a homeless activist, who had been homeless herself, said at a conference, "Nothing happens without money." That is a reality we must grapple with. While we have had a very successful Capital Campaign, we must continue to find, with prayer and love, how we will finance our holy work.

I would like us to think about working toward greater diversity in our membership and the larger Hudson area. "Diversity" is a word that covers a lot of ground and people, and I would like our membership to reflect the breadth and depth of the greater Christian community. I would like to see us have conversations, informal and/or formal, about this challenge.

I hope we can persuade our members that their presence on Sunday mornings is vital for the church and for them. I was recently reminded of the joke, "Mike wondered why they played 'Silent Night' every time he went to church." Let's show our members why they want to come most Sunday mornings. Let us show other people the same thing.

Finally, I hope we can sustain our practice and the challenge of opening our building to the community, both as a gift and as a way of showing who and what we are, and that we indeed practice what we preach.

3. What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges?

I have years of administrative experience as an Associate Provost and as Interim Director of the English Language Institute, the School of Communication, and the School of Music, Dance, Theater, and Arts Administration at The University of Akron. My work in has taught me organizational budgeting, successful communication practices, human resource management, and most of all, problem solving by using what assets are available. I have extensive public speaking and writing experience that came from representing my various units and from over forty years of college teaching experience. (I was but a babe when I started.) I also have served on many departmental, college, and university committees—and lived.

I served one-and-a-half terms on the Vestry of another Episcopal church. I would bring that experience and its lessons, plus the experience at that church of serving on that church's call committee, serving as lector, usher, chalice bearer, altar guild, etc. (About brass polishing--) I am so grateful to serve in a number of those roles at Christ Church, Hudson.

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I would bring the gifts that have come with education (BA, MA, University of Texas at El Paso; Ph. D., Purdue University) and with being exiled from Eden by illness at an early age: I have had my Fall. ("Let suffering teach you." Aeschylus)

I would also bring my faith, my beliefs in faith practice, my love for Christ Church, and a great sense of humor. Finally, I could be counted on to bring baked goods to the meetings, the best that the Acme bakery has to offer.

1. What excites you about Christ Church

Christ Church is a peaceful and welcoming church home for families, couples and individuals in the community. It is exciting to see the church serve diverse needs of the community in Hudson and beyond through many congregation activities and sharing of church space.

2. What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years? In our polarized society, Christ Church's biggest challenge is to continue being a welcoming community for people who feel their past experiences with church and the idea of church don't work for them. We can work on maintaining a sense of tradition, while at the same time, choosing not to keep doing things the same way based on tradition only. Our challenges are to offer radical welcome, continue to expand our impact by pooling resources with other area churches / faith communities, helping people to connect within the church, and to be good financial stewards.



Mark Metoki

3. What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges?

Incorporating new technologies and innovative ideas in my job and at home is a priority for me. Also, my cultural background gives me an appreciation for tradition but I am also able to look at old ideas with an outside perspective and see where changes would be helpful.



George Murray

1. What excites you about Christ Church

What excites me about Christ Church is the openness and honesty of the parishioners. The willingness to explore their faith and the spiritual fellowship we enjoy together. I've always enjoyed the educational offerings such as EFM(education for ministry), and Sunday classes.

- **2.** What do you see as our greatest challenges over the next three years? The greatest challenges in the next 3 years will be around growth, specifically a need for compassionate and inclusive leadership as we grow as a parish. That growth is spiritual. That growth is in the number of new parishioners. That growth is in fellowship.
- **3.** What gifts would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those challenges? I would bring compassionate leadership with open and honest dialogue; a willingness to share my faith journey with a strong educational underpinning from EFM(education for ministry). I've been at Christ church since 1995, and that's also a gift.



- Shirley Eells and all who helped with the Newcomer Lunch
- ♦ All who helped with the Christmas Pageant
- All who baked cookies for our outside groups for Christmas
- ♦ All who made our Christmas Eve/Day services so glorious
- Everyone who helped with hospitality for Restrooms for Runners (especially Dave McCallops for going above and beyond his assigned duties)
- All who donated baby items to the Akron Battered Women's Shelter, & to Jeanne McKinny for coordinating the drive
- Susan Mailey, Guy Wylie, and Heather Swift who are completing their terms on vestry













We just wanted to thank those of Christ Church Episcopal for extending such a warm welcome to the runners of Frosty 5 mile.

"You had me at warm restrooms" and a place to stretch before the run.

Our Fleet-feet group appreciated your gracious hospitality.



From a Giving Tree Family:



We want to deeply thank you for your kind initiative for the gifts we received. People like you are blessings that cover our soul.

Please pass on our immense thanks to

the people who contributed to and be assured we'll be forever grateful!!



Thank you so much for your continued support for Open M and our For the Love of Children program. Your generous donation of sweet potatoes will feed 210 families. Thanks again, and have a safe and blessed holiday season.

The Open M Staff

Thanks for the lovely card you sent to Bob. We also appreciate the prayer to send us on our way on the last Sunday. Miss everyone. Had 8" of snow yesterday and it is very cold.

Love,

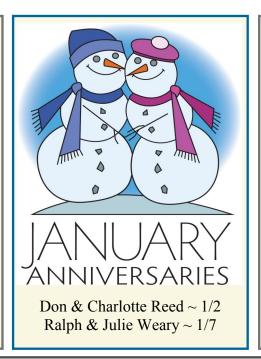
Ethel and Bob Bush



Lindsay O'Sullivan ~ 1/2 Galianna Jackson ~ 1/3 Mae Kosanovich $\sim 1/3$ Grace Andrews ∼ 1/4 Jeanne Vasu ~ 1/7 Ashton Petro ~ 1/9 Jill Phipps $\sim 1/10$ Marilyn Hansen ∼ 1/13 Brandon George ~ 1/14 JoAnn Armstrong $\sim 1/15$ Nan Ryerson~ 1/15 Milan Kosanovich ~ 1/19 Ted Mailey ~ 1/19 Jenny Walvoord ∼ 1/19 Al Donley $\sim 1/21$ Ed Gibson $\sim 1/23$ Ashton Klespies $\sim 1/23$ Allan Belton $\sim 1/24$ Celine Agnor ~ 1/25 Jan Hill $\sim 1/26$ Kevin McKinny ~ 1/26 Nicholas Petro ~ 1/27 Marilyn Bankhurst ∼ 1/28 Christopher Haake ~ 1/28 George Van Buren ~ 1/30 Virginia Sommers ~ 1/31

FOR THE RECORD... Deaths:

Bob Entenman Eltha Bartels







February 25th 6:00 P.M.

December Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry meeting began with Bible Study, prayer, and a surprise birthday party for Kathy Garber.
- The vestry looked at the financial reports and noted that Christ Church is significantly behind in pledge income for this point in the year.
- The vestry passed a budget for 2020 with \$569,006.00 in income and \$568, 208.50 in expenses.
- Guy Wylie discussed the process for hiring a new architect for our "Building for Community" project.
- Janet Daniels reported on the work of the vestry nominating committee. There are 6 nominees for 3 vestry openings. Work continues to find people to run for Diocesan Convention delegate.
- The vestry met in executive session to discuss staff compensation for 2020.

The vestry (and the whole parish) thanks Susan Mailey and Guy Wylie for their three years on vestry, and Heather Swift who filled Janet Greer's unexpired term.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 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 10:00—12:00

