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

**July/
August**



2020

August 3-7th
JOIN US FOR
AN AT-HOME/VIRTUAL VBS
Registration is due JULY 24!

Vacation Bible School is coming! This year's program will be a mix of live Zoom calls each morning, pre-recorded videos, and at-home family activities. Each day we will sing, do yoga, learn bible stories, and make physical reminders of the ways we are loved, can show kindness, and can be our true selves. As families, you will have the opportunity to discover together ways you can show compassion to yourselves, your community, and the world!
Volunteers are needed! See page 5 for details.

Register at : tinyurl.com/CCEHVBS20 by July 24.
There is no fee to participate this year, but the registration deadline is firm as we will be including t-shirts and cookies for those participating.

VBS T-Shirts!

This year, we will be offering a t-shirt to celebrate our VBS program. As VBS is a whole-church endeavor (even if you are not actively participating, your prayers are meaningful and an important part of the program), everyone is invited to order a t-shirt if desired. The design reminds us of the themes of compassion we will be focusing on during VBS. If you would like a t-shirt, please let Sarah know what size you would like by July 24. The cost is \$10 for those who are not participating in VBS and a portion of the proceeds will go to Hudson Food Pantry. We will all wear our t-shirts the Sunday after VBS to celebrate all we have done and learned together!



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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

At first, the pandemic seemed like a sprint. We were going to throw everything we had into getting to the finish line, which we thought, or at least I thought, would be somewhere around Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, I and many others hoped, we would be back in the church with baptism and trumpets, singing our hearts out as we regathered.

As it turns out, pandemic life is a marathon, albeit one none of us prepared for or wanted to run. We are creating a new normal, parts of which will be with us for a long time to come. We have reached new people with our online worship offerings and I doubt we will ever cease to livestream our services. We are learning new ways to connect with each other and pray together. Our patience and perseverance is being tried, but our trust in God is growing as we keep putting one foot in front of the other. We are finding creative ways to support those less fortunate in the world around us. And we are learning to pace ourselves, taking one day at a time and focusing on what we can do now rather than what we can do when the pandemic is over.

God's people have often found themselves in a marathon rather than a sprint. (Think 40 days on the ark, 40 years in the wilderness, decades in exile in Babylon...). And every time, God's people experienced God's presence with them, learned to worship in new ways, and emerged from the marathon with a deepened understanding of their identity and call as children of God. My hope, trust, and prayer is that this marathon is such a time for us.

Keep running!

Blessings,
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.

Resuming In-Person Worship at Christ Church

At the June 30 vestry meeting, the vestry made the difficult decision to continue with the suspension of in-person worship through the month of July. This decision was based on the survey responses, many of which indicated that people are not yet comfortable returning to church, as well as the current situation in which cases of Covid-19 are rising at an alarming rate in Ohio.

The plan, as you will see on the August Calendar, is to begin an 8am Sunday morning service in the memorial garden in August. That service will be the same one that is streamed at 10:30 minus the music. Masks and social distancing will be required. The garden will hold about 12 people depending on how many households are represented. There will be a sign up for each service that will be posted online in the next week or two. People who are interested in the service will be asked to sign up for one Sunday to make it possible for as many to attend as possible through out the month. More information will be coming soon.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging season!



**MONDAY
MORNING**
BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Zoom at 8:00 on Monday mornings to look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com with questions and for the link.

COMPLINE & CONVERSATION

2nd & 4th Tuesdays in July and August at 8pm.
(July 14 and 28/August 11 and 25)



Join your Christ Church family and friends on Zoom for this brief service of nighttime prayers and a time for conversation. A prompt will be given to start the conversation, such as, "Where do you find hope these days?" or "Where were you surprised by joy this week?" Then we'll see where the conversation goes from there. The Zoom link will be sent out starting the Thursday prior to each service.



Episcopal Church 101
Led by Robin Woodberry

Sunday, July 19
at 9:30am

Learn more about the Episcopal Church in this 45 minute class before the 10:30 service on Sunday morning. The class may be repeated in August if there is interest as we explore new ways of doing adult formation.



Christ Church Healing Service

First Thursdays at 9:30am (July 2/August 6)
Third Thursdays at 7pm (July 16/August 20)

This service is an opportunity to gather for prayers for healing for ourselves, our friends and family members, the nation and the world. The service lasts about 30 minutes. We are adding an evening service in July and August so that the service is accessible to more people. The Zoom link will be sent out starting the Thursday prior to each service.



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



ZOOM COFFEE OFFICE HOURS

Our Wednesday morning Zoom Coffee Office Hours are on a hiatus for the rest of the summer. However, the rector would love to have coffee with you online at a time more convenient for you. Just send her a text message at 937-925-5200 or an email at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org and she'll set up a time and a Zoom link with you!

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.

EYC 345



Kids in 3rd-5th Grade are invited to join Sarah Bhatia on Zoom every Thursday at 4:00pm for a time of fellowship and formation. Email Sarah for the link.

BEST CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to provide continued support, encouragement and engagement for your family, Sarah will be putting together activity packets and care packages that she will safely drop off to those interested. Additionally, she wants to make sure she is ministering to each of you as physical distancing continues and quarantine fatigue ramps up. Please fill out this form with the best way to contact you: <https://forms.gle/4m6VEZ4ohDC4upFt6>

EYC ON INSTAGRAM

Follow Christ Church EYC's new Instagram @cceh_eyc for inspiration, reflections, and fun photo challenges!



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! Email Sarah for the link.



YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Personal connections and accountability are vital to faith and community, especially as youth. To that end, youth are invited to partner together so they have a friend to check in with regularly as well as agree to attend events with. Knowing at least one friendly face is joining the next Zoom offering or event gives motivation and takes away anxiety. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/CCEyouthconnections>



Talking about Race in America Monday, July 20 at 7pm AND Monday, July 27 at 7pm

This two-part conversation will be based on a video by Phil Vischer, the creator of Veggie Tales titled “The History of Race in America.” The video is 17 minutes long and packed with information. You are asked to watch the video prior to the Monday, July 20 conversation.

The link is <https://youtu.be/AGUwcs9qJXY>. Participants can come to the July 20 class only, but to come to the July 27 class, participants must have come to the July 20 class. Questions? Contact Charlotte Reed at charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org or by calling the church office at 330-650-4359.



Virtual VBS is coming soon! We need volunteers who are willing to either hold a live Zoom lesson or pre-record videos of different aspects of the program and send them to Sarah Bhatia to be used throughout the week. No need to be tech savvy. All you need is a phone or computer. This is a fun way to interact with the kids without needing classroom management skills.

We need: 3-4 Bible storytellers and 3-4 Yogis. We will also need 2-3 drivers willing to drop off supply packs to participants the weekend before our program (July 31-Aug 2).

Please email Sarah at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org for more information or to sign up!

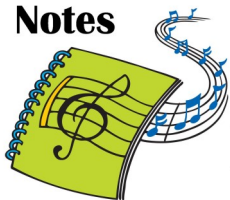
As always, if you are not able to participate as a leader or driver, I ask for your participation as a partner in prayer. VBS is a meaningful experience for our children and their families. Your prayers are vital in ensuring the week brings open hearts and new learning. As this year is quite different than other years with us unable to meet together, I ask for extra blessings for the hearts of the participants and leaders. And I would not say no to prayers that technology will be on our side during the week!

June Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, June 30 via Zoom and began the meeting with prayer and Bible Study.
- The end of May financials show good pledge giving, but we are down in plate offering (obviously) and rental income. May’s pledge income was boosted by one family/person who paid their pledge for the rest of the year in May.
- The vestry voted to give bonuses to Kathy Garber, Mario Buchanan, Sarah Bhatia, and Susie Vanaman in thanksgiving for the extraordinary efforts they have made to keeping our life at Christ Church running smoothly during the pandemic.
- After much discussion, the vestry voted to continue with the suspension of in-person worship through July because Covid-19 numbers continue to climb in Ohio. The plan is to have an outdoor service each Sunday in August at 8am (weather permitting) with all precautions in place (physical distancing of 6 feet between households, mask requirement, no music or passing of the peace, or coffee hour).
- The vestry will meet again on July 15 at 6pm to review the plans for the building project and make a determination about moving forward.

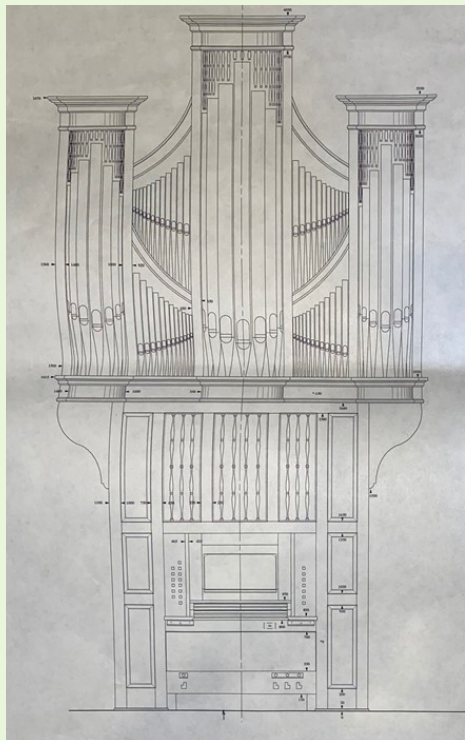
Notes



From
the
**Music
Director**

Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Good News! The choir room cubbies are done and installed! I want to give my deepest thanks to Len Harrison for giving his time and talents. In each of those cubbies, you can see that the the choir has room for their hymnals, a folder, and other materials. Len also built shelving to store extra hymnals, music books we use frequently, and other materials. This, like the choir desks he built earlier this year, will serve Christ Church for decades to come. Thank you, Len, for your wonderful craftsmanship!



A Quiz about our Noack Organ!

In our archives, we have the design drawings from the organ builder for our pipe organ.

There is a slight difference between the initial design and how our pipe organ looks now.

Can you spot the difference?

THE ANSWER: If you look at the façade (the visible pipes on display), you can see that the roof line was originally suppose to be curved but the organ now has straight beams. The same can be seen on the sides of the organ case, where the corners are more pointed rather than curved. According to correspondences in the archives, right before the contract was to be signed with the Noack Organ Company there was a strong objection to the top of the organ case being curved and instead wanted the roof line to follow the straight outer tower molding. Mr. Noack hastily made a few new drawings while he was out and sent them off, which were accepted by the organ committee. Another interesting note is that there was first talk about the instrument being turned 90 degrees from its original spot to be facing out into the congregation and even it being in the rear balcony.



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

Our Faith Formation website is 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://cehfaithformation.weebly.com>.

Thank you for helping Family Promise to help those without a home!



Thank you to all who donated to provide futon beds for Glendora House's transitional housing program for homeless families as they look for employment and permanent housing. With your donations and the matching gift, we have raised \$2414, which is more than enough to cover not only our goal of 5 futons, but all 14 futons that they are in need of!

The St. Vincent DePaul/St. Mary Parish Hudson Back to School Supplies Program *to benefit Hudson students in need.*



This year's program will be coordinated through the Hudson Community Service Association and the Hudson Ministerial Association, as an inter-faith invitation, to involve all churches and civic groups in Hudson who want to participate in this program to help Hudson students in need. Please go to www.stmaryhudson.cc for instructions and to sign up to donate supplies. The backpacks & school supplies are due back by July 19 to the two wooden boxes in the Brown Narthex at St. Mary Parish in Hudson, or you can make arrangements with us at Christ Church to drop off at Christ Church by July 16.



Visit
www.joinfirstserve.org
to sign up to volunteer!

For the past eight years, First Serve has been an annual day of service, held during the second Sunday in September, led by First Congregational Church of Hudson in partnership with the Islamic Society of Akron & Kent, Temple Beth Shalom, and supported by many other faith communities, including Christ Church. First Serve 2020 will be a Summer of Service as well as a Day of Service. Projects began in June and continue throughout the summer, leading up to a cumulative day of service on Sunday, September 13th. Go to www.joinfirstserve.org for more information and to sign up.





Thank you to....
 ... Malcolm Robbie for helping to remove the old A/C unit in the upper room.
 ... Heather Swift, Midge Karam, Robin Woodberry, and Janet Daniels for leading worship while Charlotte was on vacation.
 ... Doug and Heather Swift for bringing the outdoor CCHE sign back to life. (check out the photos of their work on the next page!)



Doug & Heather Swift ~ 7/1
 Peter & Ginny Young ~ 7/2
 Brandon & Samantha Parker ~ 7/8
 Midge Karam & Ed Wiles ~ 7/10
 Larry & Sue King ~ 7/10
 Jim & Dot Lang ~ 7/10
 Nicholas & Erin Petro ~ 7/23
 Jon & Suzanne Lund ~ 7/24
 John & Cindy Frisby ~ 7/24
 Joseph & Erin Palmer ~ 7/29

John Hormel, Jr. ~ 7/1
 Mary Ann Switz ~ 7/1
 Kevin Vaughn ~ 7/1
 Elizabeth Calkins ~ 7/3
 Paul Westlake ~ 7/3
 Danielle Coombs ~ 7/4
 Larry King ~ 7/4
 Alexa Klespies ~ 7/5
 Ed Sweeney ~ 7/6
 Marti Hall ~ 7/8
 Corinne Agnor ~ 7/8
 Greta Foster ~ 7/10
 Calvin Harvey ~ 7/11
 Tina Monreal ~ 7/11
 Bill Phipps ~ 7/11
 Robert Dieter ~ 7/13
 Doug Swift ~ 7/14
 Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 7/14
 Shel Schweikert ~ 7/17
 Dot Lang ~ 7/19
 Anna Ribovich ~ 7/21
 Judy Murray ~ 7/23
 Drew Le ~ 7/24
 Emily Anglewicz ~ 7/25
 Paul Heinzerling ~ 7/25
 Thomas Kiener, Sr. ~ 7/26
 Lida Hendrickson ~ 7/27
 Joan Van Osdol ~ 7/27
 Cynthia Pirie ~ 7/28
 Anna Barger ~ 7/30
 Samantha Parker ~ 7/30
 Ethan Calkins ~ 7/31

Catianna Jackson ~ 8/6
 Suzanne Westlake ~ 8/6
 Grace Boazzo ~ 8/7
 Lee Bortnik ~ 8/7
 Mark Grattan ~ 8/12
 Jeff Rankin ~ 8/12
 Kate Ribovich ~ 8/14
 Amy McCormick ~ 8/18
 Luke Metoki ~ 8/18
 Ruth Wylie ~ 8/18
 Dick Andrews ~ 8/19
 Elise Agnor ~ 8/21
 Dick McCormick ~ 8/22
 Paul Gaston ~ 8/23
 Roger Hopper ~ 8/24
 Steven Greer ~ 8/25
 Evelyn Cicen ~ 8/26
 Carol Esper ~ 8/26
 Hudson Rankin ~ 8/26
 Susie Vanaman ~ 8/26



Bill Currin ~ 8/28
 Dick Schneider ~ 8/28
 Violet Harvey ~ 8/29
 Fred Monreal ~ 8/29
 Larry Rhodes ~ 8/29
 Peter Metoki ~ 8/30



Jeff & Emily Rankin ~ 8/2
 Bill & Debbie Currin ~ 8/3
 Matthew & Shannon Bailey ~ 8/8
 Jim & Sallie Bear ~ 8/8
 Bob & Ethel Bush ~ 8/9
 Shel & Nancy Schweikert ~ 8/9
 Kevin & Jeanne McKinny ~ 8/16
 Jay & Courtney Bixby ~ 8/17
 Dick McCormick & Amy Greenberg ~ 8/17
 Kevin & Chris Cicen ~ 8/18
 Fred & Tina Monreal ~ 8/24
 Scott & Sarah Koebley ~ 8/31



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am Online Service via
Facebook Live and Zoom



As we continue to see increases cases of Covid-19 in Ohio, the Christ Church staff will continue to work from home as possible. Please be sure to call the church office before you come in to make sure someone is here. Masks are required for everyone who comes in the building. There is a supply of masks

available on the table inside the back parking lot entrance to the building. Thank you for helping to keep each other and the staff safe and healthy!

The Christ Church outdoor sign on Aurora St. is currently undergoing a much needed facelift, courtesy of Doug and Heather Swift. Check out these before and after photos of the newly buffed and polished lettering! Thank you, Doug and Heather. It looks fabulous!

