

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.*

March



2020

LENT at Christ Church

I invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent.

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Sunday Worship: Beginning March 1, our Sunday worship will reflect the themes of Lent, helping us slow down and reflect on our relationships with God and the whole human family. On March 1, our worship at 10:30 will begin with the Great Litany, sung in procession, accompanied by handbells.

Lenten Reflection Booklets: Our annual parish Lenten project offers a reflection written by a fellow parishioner for each day during Lent. Take a few moments each day to engage in this church-wide reflection.

Wednesday Evensong: Led by Don Reed, this simple chanted service is a sip of cool water in the wilderness of Lent. Singing is not required, but always invited. Join Don in the chapel each Wednesday at 5pm.

Gratitude: Once again this year, the congregation is invited to participate in an intentional discipline of gratitude. Each week, there will be a “thank you note” in your bulletin that you can fill out to thank someone in the parish. Place the completed note in the offering plate or put it in the mailbox on the door to Charlotte’s office in Beebe House. The notes will be mailed out to their recipients on Monday morning. We practice the discipline of gratitude at Christ Church, giving thanks for gifts large or small, so that we can better be people of gratitude in the world.

Lent Madness: Think March Madness where saints rather than basketball teams face off. Use Lent to learn about some well known and some lesser known saints of God as we learn enough to make an informed decision about which saint should advance to the next round. The prize is the Golden Halo awarded on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Visit Lent Madness at www.lentmadness.org to sign up and an email will be delivered to your inbox each weekday during Lent with the saints in competition that day.

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

When you read this, we will be either on the cusp of Lent, or we will have already entered the Lenten wilderness. So, as your rector, I should offer some thoughts about keeping a holy Lent in this article. However, I have another thought on my mind these days.

Showing up.

Yes, showing up. We recently had a glorious funeral for a beloved member of Christ Church. Al Donley's service was infused with energy and love. I received many compliments on behalf of Christ Church from people who were moved by the service. But here's the truth: What made that service, and others like it, so powerful was not Mario's wonderful organ music, or the beautiful eulogies from Al and Carol's children. What made the service so glorious is all the people who showed up and sang their hearts out.

Showing up.

Whether for a funeral or a regular Sunday service, the power of showing up to make a difference in the lives of our fellow parishioners and guests cannot be overstated. A random Sunday service is made deeper and more meaningful for everyone when the church is full. When we think "I am only one person; my attendance won't matter," the only person we fool is ourselves. The Lenten wilderness is more easily traveled when we travel together. Easter is more glorious when we greet the Risen Christ together. Baptisms are richer when a great crowd of people respond to the question "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?" with a hearty "We will." Showing up matters because YOU matter to your fellow parishioners, our guests, and, most importantly, to God.

Blessings,
Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

Contact Charlotte by email at charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.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.



Charlotte on Vacation: March 9– March 15

Charlotte will be on vacation from March 9-March 15 and will return on March 16. The Rev. Eric Funston will be serving at Christ Church on Sunday, March 15. In case of emergency, call either The Rev. Allan Belton at 330-814-5123 or Deacon Gretchen Green at 330-603-1411.

Hudson Ministerial Association Lenten Food Drive

Christ Church, in conjunction with the Hudson Ministerial Association, will be collecting items for the Hudson Food Pantry each week during Lent. Below is the list of items we will collect each week. Please place your donated items in the white wood box in the coat closet. Thank you for your generosity!

Week 1: March 1
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Week 2: March 8
Applesauce

Week 3: March 15
Jarred Spaghetti Sauce

Week 4: March 22
Tuna, Chicken and Hamburger Helper

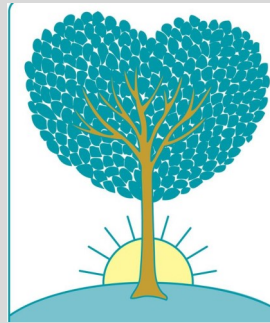
Week 5: March 29
Macaroni and Cheese

Week 6: April 5
Liquid Laundry Detergent



**Healing Service
March 5
at 9:30 a.m.
in the Chapel**

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.



*Memorial Service
for
Bob Entenman
Saturday, March 7th
at 3:00 p.m.*

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m.**



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.

**Do you have a key to Christ Church?
If so, you need Safe Church Training!**

At the Diocesan Convention last November, a resolution was passed requiring all churches in the Diocese to adopt a Safe Church policy. Our vestry adopted the policy at the January vestry meeting. This new policy requires that everyone who has a key to the church take Safeguarding God's children training. The training is less than 3 hours and is good for 3 years. In addition, all vestry members, staff members, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and anyone who works with children at Christ Church (Scout leaders, Sunday School teachers, nursery attendants, etc) are required to have the training. In order to accommodate the increased need for the training, we are offering three trainings at Christ Church before the end of the program year:



Saturday, February 29 at 8:30am
Saturday, March 7 at 8:30am
Saturday, April 25 at 8:30am

Please contact Kathy Garber and let her know which training you will attend at 330-650-4359. kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org.



**Wednesdays at
Open Door Coffee
March 4, 18, 25**

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!



**Pub/Dinner Theology
will take a break in
March and resume on
April 1st. Watch for info
about an "April Fools"
themed Pub Theology!**

**Building
for
Community
Update**

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In January, an architect was chosen for our project. We will be working with Level Heads, led by Chris Trotta. In February, construction companies were interviewed and one will be selected in the near future. The next months will be spent with the architect, engineers, and construction company working on plans, permits, and costs. The hope is that work will begin in early summer. Stay tuned!

March Sunday Morning Adult Education

First Sunday Bible Study

March 1 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Hand/EFM room
Romans 5-8



Please join Charlotte in the EFM/Hand Room in the upstairs of the chapel building to talk about Romans 5-8. Please read prior to coming to the class.



Episcopal Church 101
March 8 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Hand/EFM room

Join Robin Woodberry for this month's topic:
Understanding Salvation

Rector
&
Warden's
Coffee



March 15
9:00 a.m.

Charlotte and the Wardens will be in the Parish Hall for coffee and conversation on March 15 at 9:00 a.m. Stop by with questions or to chat.



BREAKFAST THEOLOGY

Breakfast Theology
March 22
9:00 am
in the Parish Hall

Join us for another episode of
"Crazy things Jesus said." Topic TBD.

RSVP to the church office: 330-650-4359
or charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.



Sunday, March 29
9:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall

Come hear about Family Promise of Summit County, a service for homeless families that provides overnight shelter, transportation, meals, and case management services to help them progress toward sustainable independence. Christ Church is one of more than 25 interfaith congregations that provide financial and volunteer support. Our featured speaker will be Beth Sosinski from First Congregational Church, one of 12 congregations who serve as hosts to families."

Fellowship



Sunday, March 8 during Coffee Hour

On Sunday, March 8 our various Fellowship and Adult Education ministries will offer a ministry fair at coffee hour. Each ministry will have a table with information as well as people to talk about the ministry. The coffee hour treats will be on the various tables. Come and learn about the work of our receptions committee, our fellowship committee, ushers and greeters, flower delivery and so many other ministries that help us connect with each other!

Notes



From *the* Music Director

Friends,

As we approach the season of Lent, we are reminded of the epic journey to spiritual truth Abraham led. People left their familiar and comfortable lives on a pilgrimage where they didn't know where they were going, how long it would take, and what to expect on the other side of the journey. How much like our lives. We may start a new career path, not

knowing what will come of it or move to foreign city not having a sense of community. However, unlike the pilgrimage of Abraham, we know the ending of this Lenten pilgrimage: Jesus' cross and tomb. This trip may not require us to actual pack up and leave our home but to make a spiritual pilgrimage of our hearts and minds. When we join a pilgrimage, we learn more about ourselves which brings us more in touch with our relationship to others. How are we to deepen our faith if we are not tested?

A custom in many Episcopal Churches is to start the season of Lent with The Great Litany. The Great Litany found in our Book of Common Prayer is a revision of the first English litany, written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and introduced to King Henry VIII in 1544. A litany is a series of prayers which are responded to by a simple congregational response. Think of the Prayers of the People. The Great Litany is the first original-English (meaning it wasn't translated from Latin or Greek) prayer that we have. It even predates the first Prayer Book from 1549. Like the great pilgrimage, singing a litany in procession is an action as ancient as the litany itself. The Great Litany is a pilgrimage; a reminder of Lent. Litanies were also prayed for a specific purpose. For example, if the prayer was meant to be for harvest, the procession would originate at the church, move to the fields and back again. We sing this year the Great Litany, set to music by Peter Hallock. While our singing of The Great Litany will be processed by the acolytes, the choir, and clergy while the congregation stays in the pews, it is still a pilgrimage ending at the altar, our promise of heaven. The piece is scored for cantor, congregational responses, choir, and handbells. Since a litany is quite repetitive, some people experience an "out of body" experience while praying. It is a time to forget the things that don't matter and focus on ourselves and our own spiritual needs. I invite you to join us for this experience of the Great Litany on the First Sunday in Lent, March 1st. I hope it brings you spiritual renewal this Lenten Season.

Blessings,

Mario

Mario Buchanan

Director of Music and Organist

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Another reminder:

One of our newest members at Christ Church, Drew Le, will be giving a benefit piano recital at Christ Church on April 25th at 3pm. Drew Le, his wife, Jenny, and their two children come to us from Holland, Michigan. Drew is newly appointed on the piano faculty at Kent State University. Drew studied piano performance at the Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan, and was also a C.V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at the Juilliard School, where he received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2007. The recital will be given to help benefit the Choral Scholars program at Christ Church, which allows young professionals the opportunity to participate in the music ministry at Christ Church and learn about the Episcopal Church. Please come and enjoy the concert!

Music
from
The Western Reserve

March 1st at 5:00 P.M.

Jack Sutte on trumpet & Christine Fuoco on piano

Single Tickets \$20 and Student Admission FREE.

Tickets can be purchased at www.mftwr.org, The Learned Owl Book Shop in Hudson, or at the door the evening of the concert. A meet-the-artist reception will follow immediately after the concert.

For more information visit www.mftwr.org.

Children's Corner

MARCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

March 1st

- Young Choristers at 9:45
- Children's Chapel for ages 3 to 2nd Grade (those children not participating in Young Choristers) at 10:30

March 8th

- Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15

March 15th

- Young Choristers at 9:45
- Sunday School PreK-2rd Grade (those children not participating in Young Choristers) at 10:15

March 22nd

- **SPRING BREAK - Children's Chapel for ages 3 to 2nd Grade at 10:30.**

March 29th

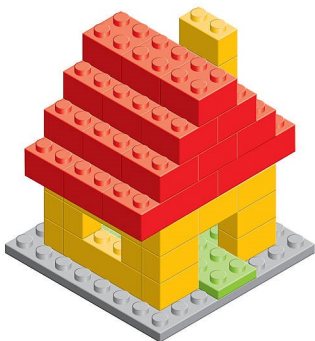
- Sunday School PreK-8th Grade at 10:15

VBS 2020 is August 3-7th
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!

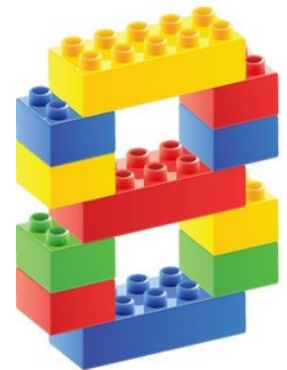
Our theme this year is Great Big Beautiful World. We will be learning about God as creator and celebrating the beautiful world around us. Registration is \$10 and these fees will be used to support relief efforts in Australia in response to the ongoing brush fires.



LEGO CHURCH

March 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a new worship experience at Christ Church. Using LEGOS, we will explore Biblical themes and stories in



a short worship service. Following worship, we will enjoy a meal together. Dinner will be provided. Please join us for this new, fun, and interactive worship experience for the whole family! RSVP to Sarah Bhatia at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org or with questions.



March Birthdays

Renee Agnor ~ 3/1
 Maria Metoki ~ 3/1
 Kirsti Reed ~ 3/2
 Pat Schron ~ 3/3
 Reed Stith ~ 3/4
 Alexandra Coombs ~ 3/8
 Landon Trainor ~ 3/8
 Ella Harvey ~ 3/9
 Tom Marks ~ 3/9
 Abigail Bailey ~ 3/10
 Kelly Robinson ~ 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
 Matthew Le ~ 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
 Tom Horner ~ 3/29
 Sarah Fulytar ~ 3/31



March Anniversaries

Peter & Nan Ryerson ~ 3/30

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Death: *Betty Demspey*

Baptism: *William Bear Abramson*

Transfers In:

Shannon Bailey, Jacob Phillips

Thank you to....



- Katie & Steve Barger for hosting "Fromage & Fellowship"
- Tom Dukes and Eileen Gaston for hosting the February Breakfast Theology.
- Len Harrison for the beautiful new hand rail beside the lectern in the church
- All of the wonderful cooks, servers and helpers for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, including Boy Scout Troop 333
- Tina Monreal for her help with the Parochial Report
- Janet Daniels, Robin Woodberry and Pam Zuhl for representing us at "Ashes to Go" this year
- All who made muffins or cookies for "Ashes to Go"
- Eileen Gaston and Linda Irving for the reception on Scout Sunday (and the cakes!)



Thank you so much to everyone who baked, provided tins and/or helped to pack the brownies for the college students and members of the military. We had a few brownies left over even after sending off 18 tins. I know the time you spent was very much appreciated by all those who received them - and I appreciate your quick response to answer the call for help!!

- Lucy Kistler

February Vestry Meeting Highlights




The vestry met on February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

- The Vestry meeting began with Bible Study and prayer.
- Leslie Pendleton, our Episcopal Church foundation consultant, met with us via Zoom to deliver our end-of-service report for our capital campaign.
- The vestry approved the parochial report, which provides the diocese and The Episcopal Church with financial and membership data on all of the parishes.
- The vestry approved Guy Wylie, Jim Bear, Janet Daniels, Pam Zuhl, and Len Harrison to sign checks on the Capital Campaign checking account.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, March 24 at 6pm.

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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



**Mark your calendar; now for Family Fun Night
on Friday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
There will be pizza, popcorn, shakes, and lots of games!
More info coming soon.**