

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.*

September



2020



Looking Forward in *Faith, Love, and Generosity*



2021 Annual Stewardship

Our stewardship campaign will look a little different this year but we have a history of successful stewardship campaigns at Christ Church so we will rise to the current challenge.

Here's what you can expect this fall:

- A packet will go out in mid-September with a letter from the stewardship co-chairs, George Murray and Jim Lang, and the Rector. The packet will include a brochure with photos of some of our 2020 ministries and activities along with whatever construction photos we might have by press time, as well as a pledge card and return envelope.
- Because we cannot have a breakfast or other in-person event this year in which we can ask questions, a team of 14-15 people will call every household in late September to check in and answer any questions you might have.
- Pledges are due back to the church in early October. We know that the economic effects of the pandemic are felt unevenly across our congregation so we are asking that people who are able to raise their pledge do so knowing that others may need to reduce their financial support to Christ Church in 2021.
- Follow up calls will be made to folks we have not heard from by mid-October. Work will begin on the 2021 budget in November.

At Christ Church, we are looking forward in faith, love, and generosity!

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

I am excited! I am excited that we will soon begin construction on our building project which will make Christ Church a more accessible, more adaptable place for both our own groups and ministries as well as for our community groups. In the midst of the current challenges, we are creating a beautiful space that will move us into a future where we will make more use of technology to reach people, have space that is easier to keep clean, and that will allow us to be together and keep better physical distance as needed.

I am also excited as we move to more in-person worship and can resume the distribution of Holy Communion. There is information about our Sunday worship schedule elsewhere in this Communicant.

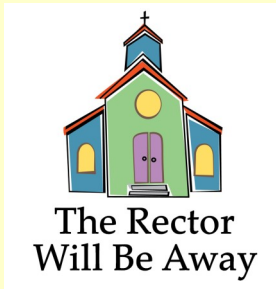
Lastly, I am excited about the new ways we have found to be the church online and in the community over the last 6 months. From meetings, to Sunday worship, to special worship services, to mid-week gatherings, we have adapted to new ways of doing things. We are adding in-person worship back to all that we offer online, not replacing our online experiences. We will be "physically distant but socially and spiritually connected" for a good while yet and we will likely never go back to in-person only worship.

As with all new things, there will be bumps in the road and inconveniences. As we proceed with construction, the staff will likely work from home quite a bit due to the noise and dust of construction and the lack of a restroom in Beebe House. The 9am Sunday service may be disrupted if there is an increase in Covid-19 cases in our county or community. But if we've learned anything these last 6 months, we have learned patience and flexibility! The next few months will be exciting, challenging, interesting, and, at times, frustrating. But they will certainly not be boring! We will move through the next few months the way we have moved through the last 6 months-together!

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.



The Rector Will Be Away

Charlotte will be away on Continuing Education leave from September 7-13. Robin Woodbury will lead worship at both 8am in the church and 10:30 online on September 13.

Construction Update!

The construction phase of our Building for Community project will start right after Labor Day. Photos will be posted on Facebook and included in the eNews to help keep everyone up to date. Because of the construction, our last service in the Memorial Garden will be Sunday, September 6.



Sunday worship in September: All services require masks!



Sunday, September 6:

8am: Memorial Garden Service

10:30am: Worship on Facebook Live and Zoom

Sunday, September 13

8am: Worship in the church (max 30 people; sign-ups required)

10:30: Worship on Facebook Live and Zoom

Sunday, September 20

9am: Holy Eucharist and Baptism in the church (Max 30 people; sign-ups required)

10:30: Worship on Facebook Live and Zoom

Sunday, September 27

9am: Holy Eucharist in the church (Max 30 people; sign-ups required)

10:30: Worship on Facebook Live and Zoom

Frequently Asked Questions about resuming in-person worship with Holy Eucharist

- ◆ **Why 9am?** 9am is a compromise between 8am and 10:30. Mario, Robin, and Charlotte will have about 20 minutes to take down the 9 o'clock service and set up for Zoom and Facebook Live before streaming begins.
- ◆ **Will we need to sign up?** Absolutely! Sign-ups are required. There will be a sign-up genius online or you can call the church office.
- ◆ **Why the 30 person limit?** We want to make sure we can assure a 6 foot physical distance between each household. Depending on who signs up, we may be able to add a few more slots. But we are going to start small, then we can grow as/if appropriate.
- ◆ **Are masks required?** Yes. There is a supply at each entrance in case you forget yours.
- ◆ **What about hand sanitizer?** We have touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each entrance and ask you to please use the hand sanitizer as you come in.
- ◆ **Will we have bulletins?** Yes, they will be on the usher table for you to pick up as you come in.
- ◆ **What about Passing the Peace?** Yes and no. Yes, we will exchange the peace, but verbally only and from 6 feet away.
- ◆ **What about passing the offering plate?** No. There will be an offering plate at each entrance for your offering.
- ◆ **Any chance of singing?** Unfortunately, no. We will have music, just no singing.
- ◆ **How will we receive communion?**
*Come forward at the direction of the usher, maintaining 6 feet between each household.
Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Distribution of the wine is not allowed.
Return to your seat where you can briefly remove your mask and prayerfully consume the wafer.*
- ◆ **What happens if Covid-19 numbers go up?** The Rector and Wardens will carefully monitor the situation in Summit County and the actions of Hudson City Schools and will make decisions accordingly. The 10:30 Zoom/Facebook Live service will be our constant worship experience. The vestry is aware that we may start in-person worship with Holy Eucharist and then have to suspend that service for a while if numbers go up.
- ◆ **How long will the 9am in-person and the 10:30 livestreams be our Sunday Schedule?** The plan is to keep this schedule through the end of the year, subject to change with changing circumstances. The goal is to have the technology to livestream in-person services and that will come as part of the building project, hopefully by the end of the year. If that is the case, then we'll have a new plan for January. Flexibility is the name of the game here.



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 at 8pm.
September 8 and 22



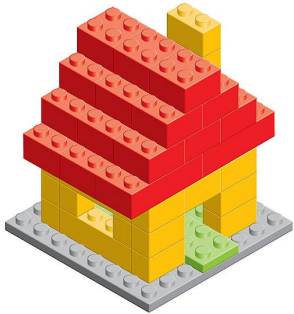
Join your Christ Church family and friends on Zoom for this brief service of quiet prayer and a bit of conversation afterwards. The link and service bulletin are sent out ahead of time, so watch your email!



Christ Church Healing Service

First Thursday, September 3 at 9:30 am
Third Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm

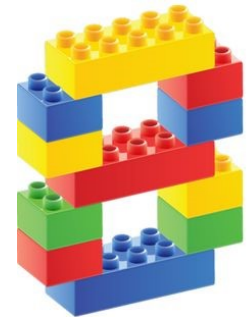
Join us as we seek God's healing for ourselves and others. The link and service bulletin are sent out ahead of time, so please watch your email.



LEGO CHURCH

BUILDING FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP

**September 6 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 fun, and interactive worship experience for the whole family! Link to follow, so watch your email!



Summer of Service

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 is 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.

Notes



From
the
**Music
Director**

Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Hello All!

As we continue through these times, I thought it would be good to update you all on what is going on in the music world. We have very good news that the anonymous donor who has been funding Ezra Keeton, our tenor Christ Church Choral Scholar, has agreed to give additional support for this year so we may keep him. While we are not able to sing at this time, Ezra's duties have shifted. He will be helping me in other administrative duties, like organizing the church choral library and editing audio files for Sunday worship. We are so happy to see him continue on with us!

I am actively working on plans for a modified choir season which will be held on regular Thursday nights on Zoom. We will be doing some singing and also having some presentations given on different aspects of music and liturgy either by myself or a guest speaker. The Adult Choir and I hope this will be a fruitful time of learning new things. I am working on a way to engage the Young Choristers in a similar fashion but with less virtual involvement since they have so much virtual school already.

Did you also know that on our *Music at Christ Church* Facebook page I highlight a different hymn each day? I have been doing this since April, where each day I give background information about a different hymn and have a recording to go along with it. I hope that if you don't know about this you will go onto the Facebook page to check it out! In all of the Christ Church E-blasts there is a link at the bottom for the *Hymnal Journey*. I hope you enjoy!

Mario



- A team of Christ Church parishioners delivers the flowers from the altar each Sunday afternoon to remind fellow parishioners that they are loved and cared for by Christ Church?
- The Christ Church Flower Guild made flower arrangements for all of our parishioners at Laurel Lake and delivered them?
- 41 Care Jars were made and delivered to our families with children at home as the prepare for this challenging fall?
- Over 20 Christ Church folks have gathered for conversation about Race in America?
- Sarah Bhatia leads Children's Chapel online for our children each Sunday morning at 10am?
- Linda Irving, Sarah Bhatia, the Metokis, Jim Lang, and Ed Wiles made yoga videos for Vacation Bible School and Eileen Gaston, Susie Spearman, Sallie Bear, Heather Swift and Sue King made Bible Story videos.
- Ellen Turner and RuthAnne Belton serve as greeters for our Facebook Live Service.
- Jacob Phillips and Allison Courtney serve as ushers for our Zoom service.
- Gretchen Green records morning prayer for broadcasting at Laurel Lake each week.

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. Email Sarah to get the link and password.



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 and password.

EYC ON INSTAGRAM

Follow Christ Church EYC's 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 4:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons each month for the duration of physical distancing. This is a time to chat and connect with one another and enjoy some fellowship. For the month of September, we will be discussing the devotional Seeking Justice. Email Sarah for the link and password.

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>



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://ccehfaithformation.weebly.com>.



Ben Bixby ~ 9/1
 Sue King ~ 9/1
 Griffin Vaughn ~ 9/1
 Titch Foster ~ 9/5
 Sue Potts ~ 9/7
 Doug Harvey ~ 9/8
 Susie Spearman ~ 9/8
 Courtney Bixby ~ 9/9
 Nathaniel Lund ~ 9/9
 Guy Wylie ~ 9/9
 Travis Anglewicz ~ 9/10
 Matt Girvin ~ 9/10
 Dave McCallops ~ 9/10
 Charles Haake ~ 9/11
 Karen Petterson ~ 9/11
 Anna Klespies ~ 9/12
 Barbara Pomeroy ~ 9/12
 Ralph Weary ~ 9/12
 Michael Calkins ~ 9/12
 Don Reed ~ 9/17
 Andrew Girvin ~ 9/19
 Eloise Kosanovich ~ 9/19
 Julie Micheletti ~ 9/19
 Debbie Currin ~ 9/20
 Pam Zuhl ~ 9/20
 Nicholas Haake ~ 9/21
 Jim Lang ~ 9/23
 Olivia Andrews ~ 9/24
 Will Bixby ~ 9/28
 Susan Girvin ~ 9/28
 Tom Dukes ~ 9/29
 John Ong ~ 9/29



...Guy Wylie for his presentation on our Building for Community project at our Zoom Parish Meeting.
 ...All who helped for a great week of virtual Vacation Bible School.
 ...Malcolm Robbie, Len Harrison, Doug Swift, & Mario, who helped remove everything from the Parish Hall in preparation for the construction work to begin.

August Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry meeting began with a Bible study about endurance, and prayer.
- The financials were reviewed through the end of July. Pledge income is down about \$9000 from this time last year.
- There was lengthy discussion about resuming in-person worship inside as well as the distribution of communion. The decision was made to begin a 9am service on September 20 with communion and continue the 10:30 service online. (More on that on page 3).
- Peter Eells joined the vestry meeting at 6:45 to talk about the possibility of a project to use solar panels to create some of our electricity. He is working with the City of Hudson to figure out what we might be allowed to do since Christ Church is in the Historic District. The vestry is waiting for more information on that process as well as the cost.
- Tina Monreal is working with Key Bank on a Line of Credit to fund the building project while the remaining pledges come in over the next 2-3 years. We are waiting to hear the terms of the loan before moving ahead. The loan will require the permission of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
- Construction is set to begin right after Labor Day.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, September 22 at 6pm on Zoom.

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Deaths: Marilyn Bankhurst



Dave & Karen Petterson ~ 9/3
 Conor & Lindsay O'Sullivan ~ 9/4
 Richard Shirey & James Helmuth ~ 9/5
 Lou & Marti Young ~ 9/6
 Kevin & Tracey Vaughn ~ 9/18
 Damon & Carrie Cronkey ~ 9/20
 Steve & Katie Barger ~ 9/22
 Bill & Lynda Warren ~ 9/25
 Mike & Linda Pitz ~ 9/27
 Larry & Jean Rhodes ~ 9/27
 Malcolm & Rhonda Robbie ~ 9/27
 Peter & Shirley Eells ~ 9/29
 Guy & Ruth Wylie ~ 9/30

Options for Giving to Christ Church

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







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Jeanne McKinny
George Murray
Marilyn Hansen, Treasurer, ex officio
Linda Irving, Clerk, ex officio

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am Online Service via
Facebook Live and Zoom



**Weekly sermons can be found
online at :**

How Very Good Life Is

<http://howverygoodlifeis.blogspot.com/>