

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.*

February



2021

Mardi Gras at Christ Church



The congregation is invited to dress up in Mardi Gras clothes for church on Sunday, February 14 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) with beads, crazy hats, and costumes. Please take a photo and send it to Kathy Garber at kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org and the photos will be put on the Christ Church Facebook page on Shrove Tuesday.



Lent at Christ Church

Lenten Devotion Booklet: a wonderful way to keep a holy Lent with your Christ Church friends. Booklets will be delivered to each home before Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Service: February 17 at 7pm on Zoom and Facebook Live.

A small packet of ashes for use during the service will be delivered to each home along with the Lenten Devotion Booklets.

Compline: Tuesdays in Lent on Zoom at 8pm led by Robin Woodbury.

Evensong: Every Wednesday in Lent starting February 24 at 5pm on Facebook Live. Don Reed will once again lead this quiet, prayerful service.

"Talking about Race in America" Sundays in Lent at 3pm on Zoom.

Each week, we will have a video to watch before the discussion.

Please sign up by emailing Charlotte at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org.

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

Difference vs. Division. How can we, as a church, hold our differences respectfully in order to avoid having differences become divisions? The Episcopal Church, and I believe Christ Church specifically, prides herself in being a large tent church where people of a variety of views on faith and politics can worship together as one body and love one another.

These past weeks have tested our ability to be a place where people can respectfully disagree on important, even urgent matters. If the election cycle was not test enough, the events of January 6 further stretched our ability to disagree without being divided.

“But surely not at Christ Church,” you might be thinking. “We love each other.”

Too many times over the past months of the election cycle, and more recently in the past few weeks, in a variety of Christ Church Zoom meetings, I have heard participants speak disparagingly of “people” who voted for a candidate other than the one they voted for. Almost always, the participants on the Zoom call included people who voted Democrat and people who voted Republican. Do we want Christ Church to be a place where beloved members of this church feel they do not belong because of who they voted for?

Perhaps this coming Lent is a time to learn to practice the spiritual discipline of really listening to each other and learning to be genuinely curious about what makes each other think/believe/take the actions they do. Being genuinely curious is to say “Please tell me about” or “Please help me understand” in a way that conveys love and respect for the person with differing or even opposing views. Listening deeply means listening without thinking about rebuttal or how to prove one’s own point. Deep listening seeks simply to understand.

In John’s gospel, after Jesus has washed the disciples’ feet, Jesus says “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35) We can show the world how to love and disagree if we put our hearts and souls into listening and understanding.

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.

Annual Meeting Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Vestry Members and Diocesan Convention Delegates!

Vestry: *Kathie Balcerzak, James Boazzo, & Mark Metoki*

Diocesan Convention Delegates: *Sallie Bear, Jeanne McKinny, & Heather Swift*

A special thank you to our outgoing vestry members:
Janet Daniels, Scott Koebley, & Jeanne McKinny

ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship*

February 17th
at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Ashes will be delivered to each household prior to Ash Wednesday for use during the service.

Why can't we do Ashes to Go or Drive Thru Ashes?

With the rise in cases of Covid and the new strains of Covid beginning to circulate, Bishop Hollingsworth takes seriously the call to stay home as much as possible and go out only as necessary. He sees the role of the church as a leader in the effort to contain the virus.

Doesn't a priest have to bless the ashes?

Actually, no. The blessing over the ashes is more like the blessing over a meal than the blessing of the bread and wine in the Eucharist. The prayer book allows everything in the Ash Wednesday service except the absolution after the confession to be done by a lay person.

If ashes can be delivered to our homes and blessed virtually, why can't the bread and wine of the Eucharist not be blessed virtually?

This is a hotly debated question in the Episcopal Church right now and one that all of the bishops recently took on together. Their determination was that because in the prayers over the bread and the wine in the Eucharist, Christ becomes truly present in those elements, they must be blessed "in person" for the sacrament to be valid. This is the doctrine of the Real Presence which is the teaching of the Episcopal Church about the Eucharist. Our brothers and sisters of other denominations are distributing bread and wine to members which is blessed during a virtual service. However, their theology of the Eucharist is different than ours.



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Greetings,

For Black History Month, we will be exploring the contributions to church music from African American composers, which includes using hymnody from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*. I will also be centering my organ music around African American composers, such as Florence Price, David Hurd, and others. I hope you will enjoy this journey with me. In addition, we will continue the practice of no closing voluntaries during Lent. Finally, both choirs will continue with our *Season of Learning* model on Zoom where we explore different musical topics each week. We continue to pre-record music weekly for services, which I am incredibly thankful for the choir's willingness to continue this great ministry.

Blessings,

Mario



Zoom
Healing Service

February 4th
9:30am

February 18th
7:00pm

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.

**COMPLINE
DURING LENT**

*Tuesdays at 8:00pm
on Zoom*

*February 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23*



Join Robin Woodberry for this quiet service of nighttime prayer each Tuesday in Lent. The link and service bulletin will be sent out early each week.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
in Lent

10:30 a.m. on Zoom and Facebook Live



In Lent, we will explore another way of worshipping together online, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 10:30 on Zoom and Facebook Live. While no one will actually receive communion, we will say the prayer of spiritual communion together after the very small amount of bread and wine have been blessed. For theological reasons described in the article about Ash Wednesday, the Episcopal Church does not allow virtual communion. But this Lent, as we mark one year of virtual worship, hearing the words and praying the prayer of the Great Thanksgiving will give us strength for our Lenten journey.

These are the prayers we will pray:

I believe that you are truly present in the holy sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Adapted by James Koester SSJE from the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, revised editions 1967 and 2014)

Monday 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 or to request the link to attend.

Evensong in Lent



Wednesday evenings in Lent

February 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24

5:00 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join Don Reed for the sung version of Evening Prayer. The service is a sip of cool water in the desert of Lent and a time of prayer & meditation. The service lasts about 30 minutes.



WORDS AND WISDOM

Tuesday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Women of Christ Church and First Presbyterian are invited to join Sarah Bhatia monthly for a book discussion. We will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, via Zoom and discuss a book we have spent the month reading. For the month of February, we will read **Human(Kind)** by **Ashlee Eiland**. Through a collection of essays regarding her experience as a black woman in America, Eiland explores how extending radical kindness toward every person--regardless of social status, political views, or religious beliefs gives us hope and rekindles our common humanity. Email Sarah to sign up.

Talking about Race in America Sundays in Lent at 3–4 p.m. on Zoom February 21 & 28; March 7, 14, & 21

*An Adapted Version of The Episcopal Church
curriculum "Sacred Ground"*



This series will focus on 5 videos about race in America. Participants will be asked to watch the video prior to the session. Links to the videos and the Zoom will be sent out a week in advance to the congregation. All are welcome and no prior participation in our Christ Church conversations about race is required.

February 21: "American Creed" (PBS broadcast)

February 28: "We Shall Remain" (PBS series that explores Indigenous history)

March 7: "The African Americans-Many Rivers to Cross" with Henry Louis Gates (PBS series)

March 14: "Race: The Power of an Illusion" (Episode 3: "The House We Live In"-PBS series)

March 21: "America Inside Out with Katie Couric" (Episode 4: "White Anxiety"-National Geographic series)

There is much more we could do with this curriculum and this topic. If there is interest, we will continue in the Easter season. There are also a number of articles and other readings to go with each session that will be offered but not required.

Please email Charlotte at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org to let her know you plan to attend.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Brownie Care Packages

Sending homemade brownies to Christ Church college students and members of the military for Valentine's Day has become a tradition at Christ Church. This year, the process will be different (thank you, Covid). Instead of making brownies and dropping them off in the church kitchen to be divided among containers, we are asking people to sign up to make a pan of brownies and pack them up for one person. There are tins at the church if you need a tin. Deliver your packed box or tin to the church, addressed to your person, and Marilyn Hansen will handle the mailing. If you want to make brownies or submit the names of your college students or military members, please email Lucy Kistler at kistler646571@gmail.com. Packed brownies need to be at the church office by Monday, February 8 at noon.

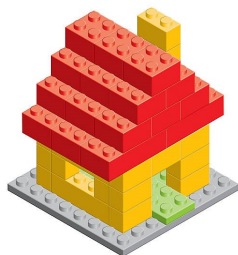


Children's Corner



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL via ZOOM

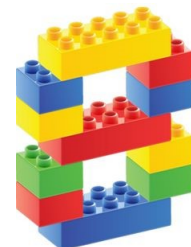
Join Sarah Bhatia weekly via Zoom at 10 am for Children's Chapel. We will have a short lesson followed by a suggested activity that children can do at home while their parents tune into the church live stream. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to tune in as well. Email Sarah to get the link and password.



LEGO CHURCH

BUILDING FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP

February 7th 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!



February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

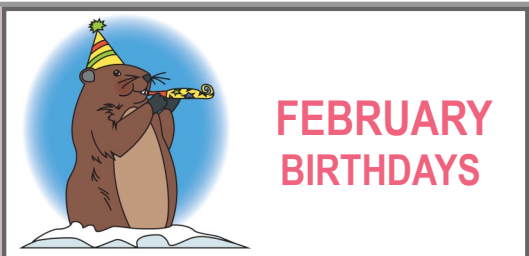
Middle School and High School youth are invited to a night of fun and games on Zoom on Friday, February 26 at 7:00 pm. Sign up with Sarah to get the link as well as some other instructions for our games.



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://ccefaithformation.weebly.com>.



- Greg Mailey ~ 2/1
- Natalie Cronkey ~ 2/2
- Lynda Warren ~ 2/2
- Sunita Bhatia ~ 2/3
- Sarah Kiener ~ 2/5
- Carrie Cronkey ~ 2/6
- Nathaniel Haake ~ 2/6
- Eileen Gaston ~ 2/7
- Brandon Parker ~ 2/7
- Jones Foster ~ 2/8
- Zachary Haake ~ 2/8
- Shirley Eells ~ 2/9
- Vera Perini ~ 2/9
- Sam Boazzo ~ 2/11
- Peter Hendrickson ~ 2/12
- Shannon Bailey ~ 2/13
- Carmella Jackson ~ 2/13
- Allison Courtney ~ 2/14
- Barbara Heinzerling ~ 2/22
- Tim Lund ~ 2/22
- Joyce Comben ~ 2/24
- Linda Irving ~ 2/24
- Scott McKinny ~ 2/24
- Kellan Palmer ~ 2/24
- Steve Barger ~ 2/26
- Jeanne McKinny ~ 2/28
- David Trainor ~ 2/28
- Gabe Lefebvre ~ 2/29



- George & Chris Van Buren ~ 2/2
- Allan & Ruth Anne Belton ~ 2/12
- Rich & Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 2/29

Notes of thanks....



Dear Christ Church Family,

Words cannot express our deep gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love and support during Marilyn's health struggles and after her passing. The visits, cards, phone calls, and meals were such wonderful gestures during such a difficult time for our family. Christ Church always meant so much to Marilyn, and we felt God's hand through all of your support.

With gratitude,

The Bankhurst Family ~ Howard, John, and Jane

Dear Christ Church Members,

Thank you for your support of Open M during this past year. Your donation of 2 hot meals and yams for Christmas is deeply appreciated. Open M is truly grateful for your faithfulness over the years.

Julie Carneal, Food Services –Facility Manager at Open M

January Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry met on Zoom on January 26 at 6pm and began with Bible Study and prayer.
- The new vestry members, Kathie Balcerzak, James Boazzo, and Mark Metoki, were welcomed with sage advice from continuing vestry members.
- The following were elected as officers of the vestry: Sr. Warden: Pam Zuhl; Jr. Warden: Ann Kirk; Treasurer: Marilyn Hansen; Clerk: Linda Irving
- A review of the 2020 end of year financials indicated that we only missed our pledge goal by about \$5000 which the vestry considered quite amazing given the year we had.
- Liaisons for the ministry teams are: Outreach: George Murray and Kathie Balcerzak, Education/Fellowship: Doug Harvey and Mark Metoki; Worship: James Boazzo and Tom Dukes; Liaison to Sarah Bhatia and Christian Education and Youth Ministry: Sallie Bear.
- The vestry authorized \$17,000 to pay the remaining attorney fees and fees associated with the lot consolidation.

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, February 23 on Zoom.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am online service via
Facebook Live and Zoom

Hudson Food Pantry-Take the Laundry Detergent Challenge!

The Hudson Food Pantry has done some reorganizing and is under new leadership. Rather than collect random items for the Food Pantry, at Christ Church our offering will be laundry detergent which cannot be purchased with government assistance (SNAP).

We need 40 jugs of liquid laundry detergent by February 22 for the fourth Saturday of the month distribution at the Food Pantry. Jugs of laundry detergent can be left on the bench inside the parking lot door, or if it is locked, they can be left outside the door. Thank you for taking the Christ Church Laundry Detergent Challenge!

