

# 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.*

January



2021

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### Official Notification

# ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 17th following the 10:30 service (on Zoom).**

**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.

A quorum of 50 voting members is required. The Sr. and Jr. Wardens will record attendance by name, the meeting will be recorded on Zoom, and a voice vote will be taken for all elections and approvals. If you worship on Facebook Live that day, please switch to the Zoom link at the end of the service.

**Who is a voting member?** Voting members are “members in good standing age 16 or older.”  
Members in good standing:

- ◆ Have their membership recorded at Christ Church
- ◆ Are faithful in worship, having attended at least 3 times in the past year
- ◆ Are “known to the treasurer” (support the church financially as they are able)
- ◆ Are engaged in the life and ministry of the church

Because we must have 50 members in good standing to hold the meeting, your presence really matters!!! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we elect vestry members, delegates to diocesan convention, pass the budget, thank outgoing vestry members, and hear a report or two. Information about those running for vestry and diocesan convention delegate is found inside this issue of the Communicant. Watch your email for the Zoom link in the coming weeks.

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## Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

On January 17, we will have our Annual Meeting at Christ Church. We will gather on Zoom to conduct the necessary business of the church, and information about that meeting and those standing for election can be found throughout this issue of the Communicant. At the Annual meeting, we look both back at the previous year and forward to all that is to come.

Looking back, I see a congregation that has come together (not physically!) over and over again to keep our life together as strong as possible given the current challenges. From the vestry's vision that kept us moving ahead with our construction project, to the many people who have reached out to others in the parish to check on them and give them someone to talk with, to those who have gathered week after week for Sunday worship, the healing service, compline, or our other services, to the many generous acts that have kept outreach at the heart of what we do here, to the many activities and educational opportunities we have offered both our children and adults, together we have been the church at a time when the light of Christ has been especially needed in the world.

Looking forward, I see a congregation that continues all of the above in a physically distanced way for at least the first half of the year. Eventually we will be able to regather, first in small groups then hopefully as a whole congregation. We will have a wonderful renovated Parish Hall and new restrooms to welcome both ourselves and the community back to Christ Church. We will slowly begin to worship together, perhaps in small groups by the late spring. We will have learned patience, endurance, flexibility, and how very strong we are as a congregation when put to the test.

Last year was incredibly difficult. There are no two ways about that. Grief, loss, disappointment, isolation, and fear make for hard times. Yet, at the same time, we have so much to celebrate at Christ Church as we enter this new year. For now, we celebrate on Zoom. But soon, we will celebrate in person and what a grand celebration we will have!

Blessings,

Charlotte

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### Sign Up for 2021 Altar Flowers



The flower guild depends solely on donations from parishioners to defray the cost of the flowers placed on the altar each Sunday. The current cost of altar flowers for the church each week is \$75. If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/Altar-Flower-Sign-Up> or call the church office. Payment can be mailed to the church or made through the "Give Online" button on our website at [www.christchurchudson.org](http://www.christchurchudson.org). Please submit the dedication you would like us to put in the bulletin when you sign up, email to [kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org](mailto:kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org), or call the office at 330- 650-4359.



## 2021 Budget Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 17, the 2021 Christ Church budget will be presented to the parish on Sunday, January 10 following the 10:30 service on Zoom. This is a chance to see what our financial resources are for the coming year and to ask questions. Please watch your email for the Zoom link. If you worship on Facebook Live that day, please switch to the Zoom link at the end of the service.



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

## Monday Bible Study

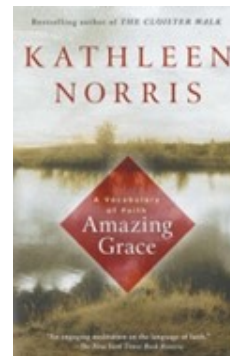
Join us on Zoom at 8:00 on Monday mornings to look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jim Lang with questions or to request the link to attend at [jglang00@gmail.com](mailto:jglang00@gmail.com).



## Healing Service

January 7 at 9:30am  
January 21 at 7:00pm  
on Zoom

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.



## WORDS AND WISDOM

Tuesday, January 26  
8:00 pm via 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 January, we will read Amazing Grace by Kathleen Norris. This book examines theological words and concepts through the lens of regular life. Email Sarah Bhatia to sign up.

## Talking about Race in America

### “How to be an Antiracist” by Ibram X. Kendi

The next piece of our conversation about race in America will be a discussion of the book “How to be an Antiracist” by Ibram Kendi.



We will discuss the book on January 20 at 7pm on Zoom. You don't need to have been part of any of the other discussions to be part of the conversation, however, please read the book before the conversation.

COMPLINE  
&  
CONVERSATION  
January 12 & 26  
8:00 p.m.



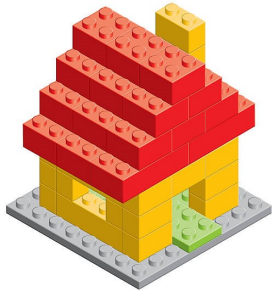
Join your Christ Church family and friends on Zoom for this brief service of quiet prayer and bit of conversation afterwards. The link, service bulletin and conversation prompt will be sent out the Thursday prior, so watch your email!

# Children's Corner



## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL via ZOOM

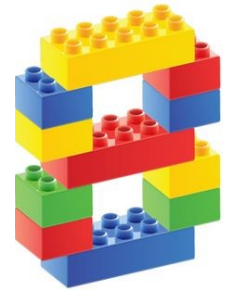
Join Sarah Bhatia weekly via Zoom at 10 am for Children's Chapel. We will have a short lesson followed by a suggested activity that children can do at home while their parents tune into the church live stream. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to tune in as well. Email Sarah to get the link and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



## LEGO CHURCH

**BUILDING FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP**

**January 3rd 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!



Kids in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join Sarah Bhatia on Zoom every Sunday at 4:00pm for a time of fellowship and formation. We will be engaging in a formation experience about the Beatitudes. Children and families can experience the Beatitudes through **art, reflection, and discussion**. They will learn about Jesus' vision of God's kingdom for all people, how **Jesus turned expectations and traditional beliefs about being blessed upside down**, and how to live into the promise of Jesus' Beatitudes.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 January, we will continue discussing the devotional Seeking Justice. Email Sarah for the link and password.



## 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>.



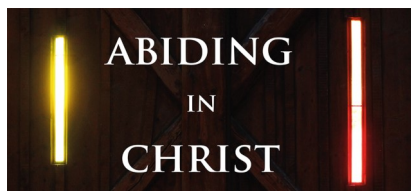
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Friends,

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful musicians in the parish. They continue to make our services filled with music, even when we cannot be in the same room to sing together. Our two choirs, the Adult choir and the Young Choristers, have continually been hard at work preparing music for our services from their homes. In normal times, I would say hug a choir member but in these times please remember to thank a choir member, whether they are 10 or 80! They are what makes my job fulfilling.

In the new year, our choir season will continue regularly on Zoom as long as we cannot meet in person. While singing on Zoom is quite strange, I am fortunate we have the technology to continue fostering community. Our Adult Choir is still at its normal numbers and we are happy that the Young Choristers have grown in size! If you would like to be a part of the weekly Zoom rehearsals, please email me so I can add you to the email list. We meet every week and there is a specific topic for each rehearsal that we talk about. I hope you will consider joining us!

Best,  
Mario



**CHRISTIAN UNITY VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE  
AND LUNCHEON  
JANUARY 21, 2021**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each January. A worldwide observance, this week is also an important expression of ecumenical events at the local level. Hudson churches are planning a virtual event for the 2021 Christian Unity Prayer service on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM. This interdenominational service will be pre-recorded then broadcast the day of the event online on Facebook, First Congregational Church of Hudson website, YouTube or HCTV. The 2021 theme verse is, "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*" (John 15: 5-9). Rev. Doug Fidler, Rejoice Lutheran Church, Hudson, will give the sermon.

Instead of "purchasing a ticket" this year at your individual church, you can "register" for the event at [www.hudsonucc.org/CUPS](http://www.hudsonucc.org/CUPS). You will provide your contact information and have an opportunity to give your offering by credit card or by mailing a check. This year's offering will be divided between these organizations:

- Hudson Community Service Association Food Pantry (local option)***
- Akron Canton Food bank (regional option)***
- World Central Kitchen\* (international option)***

Instead of the traditional luncheon, there will be an opportunity to purchase a box lunch when you register. Box lunches will be prepared by Nosh Catering in Hudson and delivered to your home church the day before the event. You can pick it up from your home church on Wed., Jan 20, check with your church for the time.

After the prayer service, those who wish to participate will have received an email link to join a Zoom group to eat lunch together and have some time for fellowship. You do not have to buy a box lunch to participate. You are welcome to make your own lunch, or just join the Zoom group with your coffee or tea. There will not be a speaker this year after lunch this year. Lunch reservation deadline is January 13, 2021.

The prayer service is free and open to all; participants only need to register to receive the information and links about how to log in to view the service.

## Christ Church 2021 Vestry Candidates

This year's Vestry Candidates are:

***Kathie Balcerzak, James Boazzo, & Mark Metoki (vote to fill 3 slots)***

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 opportunities in the next three years?**
- \* **What do you see as our greatest challenges?**
- \* **What gifts and skills would you bring to the vestry to help us meet those opportunities and challenges?**



**Kathie Balcerzak**

I am a lifelong Episcopalian, and have enjoyed being a member of a number of congregations. I have served several vestry terms over the years.

The most exciting aspect of Christ Church is, to me, the strong connections between our members. In times of joy and sadness this church family has consistently been, for me and many others, a source of support. In short, we reach out to each other.

Our greatest challenges now involve reaching others in the Hudson community and beyond. I believe we can attract others most effectively by demonstrating our Lord's love in the world.

Over the next three years as we complete our church renovations we will attract new members. I believe my experience working in groups will allow me to help in this process and I look forward to contributing to our growth.

*What excites you about Christ Church?*

I have always viewed Christ Church being a peaceful and welcoming church, a spiritual home and more for families, couples and individuals in the community. Although a little more difficult during these challenging times and given the relative size of our church population, it is exciting to see us continue to help and care for each other, stick together while finding creative ways to continue the outreach and serving needs of the community in Hudson and beyond.

*What do you see as our greatest opportunities in the next three years?*

While our country experiences divisiveness in many aspects, Christ Church's biggest opportunity is to continue helping find common ground, respecting all views and being a welcoming home for people who feel their past experiences or the ideas with church don't work for them. How can we continue to offer welcome, expand our impact by pooling resources with other area churches / faith communities, helping people to remain connected within the church, and to be good financial stewards?



**Mark Metoki**

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*What do you see as our greatest challenges?*

The Episcopal Church is experiencing a continued declining trend in membership. How can we work on bucking this trend? People still need a sense of belonging, and a relationship to a trusted spiritual home. How can we build on our strengths of community, stability and spiritual nourishment while at the same time, adapting to serve evolving needs and preferences of our community and our congregation?

Moving forward into post-pandemic life, our challenge is to remain relevant, to respect each other, and to find creative solutions to tackle our individual concerns and broader community issues.

As welcoming Christians, we hope to continue to attract people seeking a respectful community, and we hope to serve the needs of our current and expanding community by balancing:  
(1) maintaining the essence of the church and (2) adapting to nourish the spiritual needs of those who may be drawn to Christ Church for its inclusiveness, not necessarily its traditional worship.

*What gifts and skills will you bring to the vestry to help meet those opportunities and challenges.*

Incorporating new technologies and innovative ideas in my job and at home is a priority for me. Also, my multi-cultural family 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.

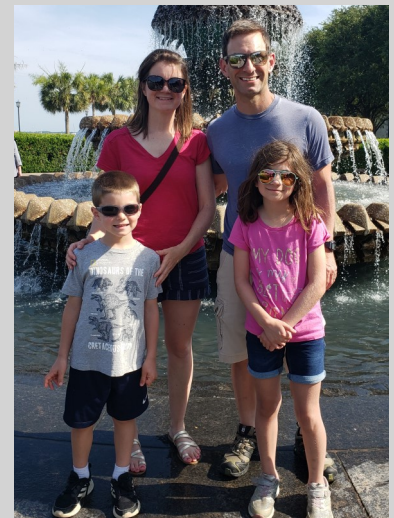
*What excites you about Christ Church?*

The sense of true friendship and community are what excite me the most about Christ Church. The foundation of our church family really understands the importance of community in the life and mission of the church.

*What do you see as our greatest opportunities in the next three years?*

As my favorite philosophy professor in college said, "What you win them with, is what you win them to." Therefore, the emphasis of the preaching of the gospel would be our overarching opportunity in the next three years.

I see other opportunities as: 1.) To be an entity in the community that would be missed if we were gone. 2.) Continued adult and children small group sessions for spiritual enrichment 3.) Mission oriented work in our community and 4.) An initiative equipping parents to lead at home.



**James Boazzo**

*What do you see as our greatest challenges?*

Our first challenge is how do we continue to cultivate relationships inside and outside the church despite not being able to be physically together due to COVID-19?

Another challenge is the balancing act of asking ourselves tough questions such as 1.) Does my heart reflect God's heart? 2.) Is Christ Church growing spiritually? 3.) Are we developing leaders? without losing focus on the church making and building disciples beginning with strong and consistent reminders of our individual need and collective need for Jesus to become our identity.

*What gifts and skills will you bring to the vestry to help meet those opportunities and challenges.*

Throughout my career in the private and public sector, I have always tried to be a servant leader. My top priority will be to ensure Christ Church's needs are being served. I will focus on the growth and well-being of our church during the years ahead. Also, I am self-aware enough to realize that I do not have a monopoly on good ideas. I look forward to hearing from our members about expectations and ideas during the next three years.

## Christ Church 2021 Convention Delegate Candidates

This year's Convention Delegate Candidates are:

*Sallie Bear, Jeanne McKinny and Heather Swift (vote to fill 3 slots)*

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

**Why would you like to represent Christ Church at the 2021 Diocesan Convention?**



**Sallie Bear**

As a member of the Vestry, I would like to attend the Diocesan Convention next year as a delegate so I can be in a position to relay important actions that may occur which could impact our church. Since I've attended the Convention before, I find it a good way to learn more about the inner workings of the church on a broader level. Several committees make up the governance of the Diocese. These committees provide counsel to the Bishop, help oversee the finances and investments, and give consent to the candidacy and ordination of priests and deacons. At the meeting church legislation takes place plus church policy and programs are approved. Offices are filled by election as well. Much of what happens equips parishes with guidance and direction for the coming year. Again it would be my responsibility as the Christ Church delegate to advise the Vestry and congregation about these matters.



**Jeanne McKinny**

I first became involved with Christ Church through enrolling in Education for Ministry in the fall of 2014. The following spring my family and I joined the church, and since I have looked for opportunities to serve through participation in Open M, Welcome Table and service on Outreach and Fellowship committees. In May of 2018 I completed the EFM program. For the past six years, I've been a volunteer with the Hudson Food Pantry and help clients on Distribution day. I work at Hudson High School as an aide in special education. I look forward to any opportunity to serve my community and church. I will be coming to the end of my time serving on Vestry this year, and look forward to continuing serving Christ Church as a Diocesan Convention Delegate.



**Heather Swift**

I would like to represent Christ Church at the 2021 Diocesan Convention because Pam Zuhl invited me and thought I would make a good representative. I have been on vestry twice and have been a member of Christ Church since 1992. I'm an Episcopalian PK (preacher's kid) and as a teen, I served on the Peace and Justice commission with my father in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I was a student representative to their convention with voice but no vote. I look forward to representing Christ Church through voice and vote in 2021.



# January

## BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay O'Sullivan ~ 1/2  
 Galianna Jackson ~ 1/3  
 Mae Kosanovich ~ 1/3  
 Grace Andrews ~ 1/4  
 Jeanne Vasu ~ 1/7  
 Ashton Petro ~ 1/9  
 Damon Cronkey ~ 1/10  
 Jill Phipps ~ 1/10  
 Katherine Zuhl ~ 1/12  
 Marilyn Hansen ~ 1/13  
 Brandon George ~ 1/14  
 JoAnn Armstrong ~ 1/15  
 Nan Ryerson ~ 1/15  
 Milan Kosanovich ~ 1/19  
 Ted Mailey ~ 1/19  
 Jenny Walvoord ~ 1/19  
 Ed Gibson ~ 1/23  
 Ashton Klespies ~ 1/23  
 Allan Belton ~ 1/24  
 Celine Agnor ~ 1/25  
 Jan Hill ~ 1/26  
 Kevin McKinny ~ 1/26  
 Nicholas Petro ~ 1/27  
 Ken Lowe ~ 1/27  
 Christopher Haake ~ 1/28  
 George Van Buren ~ 1/30  
 Stephanie Ewing ~ 1/30  
 Virginia Sommers ~ 1/31

# January

## ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Charlotte Reed ~ 1/2  
 Ralph & Julie Weary ~ 1/7

### FOR THE RECORD...

**Baptisms:**  
 Nicholas Haake on November 22

### Thank you to..

- ... All who donated yams to our Yam Drive and to Susan Mailey for organizing, collecting, and delivering the yams to Open M.
- ... RuthAnne Belton for making chocolate suckers for our children and parishioners at Laurel Lake for Halloween and Christmas, and to all our volunteers who delivered them.
- ... Len Harrison for all his work on getting our new AV equipment set up and also running it.
- ... Tina Monreal for her extensive work on helping to secure a line of credit loan for the Capital Campaign and the lot consolidation necessary for the loan.
- ... Fern MacMillan, Jane Harrison, and the flower guild for the beautiful Christmas flowers and to all who donated.
- ... Thank you to our outgoing vestry members:  
 Janet Daniels, Scott Koebley, and Jeanne McKinny.



I would like to sincerely thank the many Christ Church friends that extended love, prayers, and other expressions of care during my two recent heart procedures at the Clinic. God bless you all.  
*-Tom Green*

### December Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry met on Tuesday, December 15 at 6pm via Zoom and began with prayer and Bible study.
  - Guy Wylie and Tina Monreal joined the meeting to update the vestry on construction progress (Guy) and our loan application with Key Bank and the lot consolidation (Tina). The parish was updated on the situation with the loan and the need for an all parish meeting via email on Sunday, December 13 in preparation for the meeting on Sunday, December 20. The cost of the survey work, title insurance, and attorney fees to complete the lot consolidation and get to closing is estimated and approved at \$15,000.
  - The vestry voted to revise the Christ Church Personnel Handbook to specifically address holiday pay for part time hourly employees. The current handbook was written in 2007 when Christ Church was staffed differently than we are now and is vague on holiday pay for part time employees. The revision is to pay 4 hours of pay for a holiday that falls on a day a part time hourly employee is regularly scheduled to work.
  - Janet Daniels reported that the Nominating Committee has completed its work. Kathie Balcerzak, Mark Metoki, and James Boazzo are standing for the 3 three year vestry terms. Sallie Bear, Jeannie McKinny, and Heather Swift are standing for the three diocesan delegate positions.
  - A budget for 2021 of \$558,329 was passed against projected income of \$568,467. We are still hoping to get in a few more pledges.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, January 26 at 6pm on Zoom.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

10:30 am online service via  
Facebook Live and Zoom



Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1671 from the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for Open M's medical clinic and \$2800 from Christmas Flower donations for The Peter Maurin Center in Akron this holiday season.  
Thank you!