

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



2021

Holy Week and Easter

All services on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Links and bulletins will be sent out ahead of each service.

Palm Sunday: March 28th at 10:30 a.m.

*Liturgy of the Palms & Reading of Passion Gospel
with Spiritual Communion. Palms will be delivered
to each household prior to Palm Sunday.*

Maundy Thursday: April 1st at 7 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday liturgy with Spiritual Communion
and Stripping of the Altar.*

Good Friday: April 2nd at 7 p.m.

Good Friday liturgy with chanted Passion Gospel.

Easter Sunday: April 4th at 10:30 a.m.

*Festive Spiritual Communion with pre-recorded Adult
Choir and Young Choristers and glorious organ music.*

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

Two well-known statements that vex rectors (and pastors of other denominations as well):

- We've always done it this way.
- We've never done it that way.

Interestingly, however, I do not believe I have ever heard either of those statements at Christ Church. When I arrived in 2016, there had been so many moving parts over the previous 5 years that there was no one way anything had always been done. Christ Church had tried so many different things during that time that "we've never done it that way" just wasn't an issue.

While we all hope to never again experience a pandemic and have to put to use all we have learned in the past year, I do believe the flexibility and adaptability of this congregation, learned over some difficult seasons, are in large part the reason we have been able to function relatively well during this time. Not only are we navigating a pandemic, we also have a major construction project going on. From flower guild and altar guild, to Christian formation and choirs, to pastoral care and outreach, fellowship and worship, parishioners and staff have worked to figure out what needs to happen to keep our life together as "normal" as possible.

Soon, hopefully this summer or perhaps this fall, we will begin to rebuild our life together and in-person. As is often the case, taking something apart is easier than putting it back together. But there again, Christ Church has a strong history of rebuilding and we will draw on that strength as we begin to dream about and listen for what God is calling us to do and be as we move forward. Will the rebuilding of our ministries take a lot of time, effort, and creativity? No doubt. Will we get frustrated at times? Most likely. Will everything go swimmingly and will we get everything right the first time and as quickly as we would like? In my dreams, but not likely in reality. ☺ But I have every confidence that the flexibility and adaptability of this parish, along with a very long history of tenacity and hard work, will allow us to see what God is calling us to do and be going forward. Together, we will put ourselves together again.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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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 on Vacation

Charlotte will be on vacation from March 1-March 6.
In case of emergency, please call The Rev. Allan Belton at 330-814-5123.



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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You may ask, “What are the choirs at Christ Church doing?”. Well, glad you asked! We continue our *Season of Learning* model from the Fall. In the case of both the Adult Choir and the Young Choristers, we start every rehearsal with warmups and singing hymns. The Young Choristers continue to meet every other week with the full choir and individual sessions with choristers the alternating weeks. I hope you have listened and enjoyed hearing the choristers pre-record some hymns. It is a daunting task to sing a hymn all by yourself to a recording of me playing the organ but these choristers are up to the challenge!

The Adult Choir continues to have a topic of the day, which may include history about a composer, a guest speaker, or other various topics. While it is no replacement for live choral singing, I am thankful we continue to have technology to keep us together. In addition, various adult choir members continue to pre-record music for services.

As always, everyone is welcome to join either choir for these rehearsals. Please email me if you are interested!

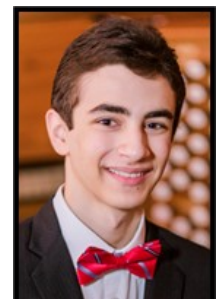
On another note ♪, please take a moment to check out the article below from the Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organist, of which I am Dean. We are having an online concert in March for our two scholarship winners, who are both inspiring young organists. The concert will be available online, either on Facebook Live or YouTube. Stay tuned for more details.

A blessed Lent to you,

Mario

Concert to Benefit Young Organ Scholars

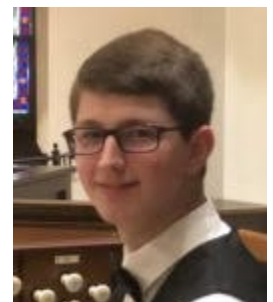
The Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists strives to encourage young musicians to develop their skill and love for the pipe organ, and to nurture their ability to capably lead God's people in worship. These bright young players express great enthusiasm for their studies. The Akron AGO offers scholarships through an audition process. This year we have more applicants than funds. Please help us build our scholarship fund so that we never have to turn away a qualified applicant. Our goal is to raise \$2,000.00 this year.



Daniel Colaner

Join us for a live-streamed organ concert by our two 2019-2020 organ scholarship recipients -Daniel Colaner and Nik Stackpole - on Sunday, March 7 at 3 pm. While this event is free, we encourage you to make a donation toward our scholarship fund in honor of these fine young presenters.

Donation details, along with a copy of the program, may be found at:
<https://akronago.org/>. Thank you for your support!



Nik Stackpole

Evensong in Lent

Wednesday evenings in Lent
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.



Zoom Healing Service

March 4th
9:30am

March 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

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



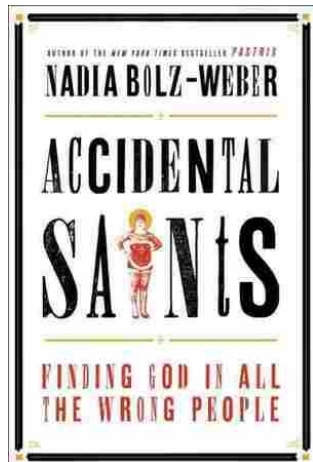
In Lent, we will explore another way of worshipping together online, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 10:30 on Zoom and Facebook Live. While no one will actually receive communion, we will say the prayer of spiritual communion together after the very small amount of bread and wine 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)



WORDS AND WISDOM: Accidental Saints

Tuesday, March 23 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 on the fourth Tuesday of each month via Zoom. For the month of March we will read **Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber**. In *Accidental Saints*, New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls “a religious but not-so-spiritual life.” Tattooed, angry and profane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people—a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA. Email Sarah at s.bhatia@christchurchhudson.org to sign up.

Talking about Race in America Sundays in Lent from 3–4 p.m. on Zoom

March 7, 14, & 21

*An Adapted Version of The Episcopal Church
curriculum “Sacred Ground”*



Our series on talking about race in America continues in March. Participants will be asked to watch a 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.

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.

Anti-Racism Book Conversation with The Right Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr.

This Lent, we are invited to a forum for personal growth, repentance, and transformation through an Anti-Racism Book Conversation. The Right Reverend Arthur B. Williams, Jr. will lead the conversation in two sessions held on Saturday, **March 13th from 10a-1:15p** and Saturday, **April 10th from 10a-noon**.

Participants are encouraged to read one of the following books as part of their Lenten discipline, but it is not necessary in order to participate.

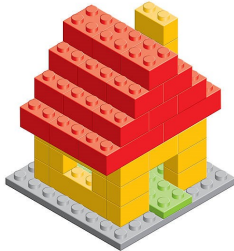
1. *Caste – The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
2. *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo
3. *So You Want to Talk about Race?* by Ijeoma Oluo
4. *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones
5. *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F Saad

If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Robin Woodberry for the Zoom information. robinw10@prodigy.net, or text to 330-506-6647.

Children's Corner

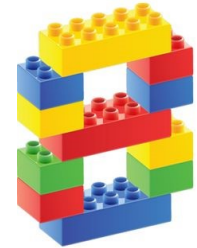
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL via ZOOM

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



March 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!



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>.

EYC ON INSTAGRAM

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



Notes of thanks....

Thanks to all the brownie bakers who sent brownies to our college students & military members as a reminder that on Valentine's Day they were in the thoughts of our Christ Church community and to Marilyn Hansen for handling the mailing of the 13 tins of special treats.

-Lucy Kistler

(And thank you to Lucy Kistler for organizing this annual Christ Church tradition!)

Dear Friends,

We wish to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and good wishes sent to us during the past 5 months of Ken's heart and health problems. Ken is getting stronger every day. We believe the prayers and friendship of Christ Episcopal Church's congregation have seen us through difficult days. You are continuing to raise us up, as Ken regains his strength and health.

With much thanks and appreciation.

Ken and Kay Lowe





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
- Emily Rankin ~ 3/8
- Landon Trainor ~ 3/8
- Catherine Ewing ~ 3/9
- Ella Harvey ~ 3/9
- Tom Marks ~ 3/9
- Abigail Bailey ~ 3/10
- Tracey Vaughn ~ 3/10
- Katie Barger ~ 3/11
- Peter Hopper ~ 3/12
- Ethel Bush ~ 3/13
- Gretchen Green ~ 3/15
- Paula McBrien ~ 3/17
- Sarah Bhatia ~ 3/19
- Matthew Le ~ 3/21
- Ed Wiles ~ 3/21
- James Boazzo ~ 3/22
- Mary Ann Balbach ~ 3/23
- Todd Ewing ~ 3/24
- Adrian Ribovich ~ 3/26
- Ruth Anne Belton ~ 3/28
- Tom Horner ~ 3/29
- Sarah Fulytar ~ 3/31



March ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Nan Ryerson ~ 3/30

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths:

Burt Williams
Peg Staley

Thank you to....

...all those who delivered Lenten packets to our parishioners: Kathie Balcerzak, Eileen Gaston, Ann Kirk, Jane Harrison, Jeanne McKinny, Bob Zuhl, Jack and Judy Brookhart, Ruth Wylie, Cathy Agnor, Jim and Dot Lang, Sue and Larry King, Sallie and Jim Bear, Susan Mailey, Pam McCallops, Gretchen Green, Tom Dukes, and Susie Spearman and to Sallie Bear for helping to stuff the packets

...to RuthAnne Belton for making the Valentine's chocolates for our children and folks at Laurel Lake.

...to Dot Lang and Marti Young for their Altar Guild work as we shift worship formats

...to Len Harrison for his ongoing work to livestream our worship services

...to Don Reed for leading Evensong every Wednesday in Lent

...to Robin Woodberry for leading Compline on Tuesday evenings



February Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry meeting began at 6pm on February 23 with Bible study and prayer.
- The vestry approved the Christ Church 2020 parochial report, which provides data about membership and attendance numbers as well as finances to the Diocese and The Episcopal Church.
- The vestry approved the allocation of outreach funds as follows:
 - o Open M: \$1000
 - o Bexley-Seabury Seminary: \$1000
 - o Community Resource Coordinator: \$1000 (plus \$1500 Rector's Discretionary Fund)
 - o Habitat for Humanity: \$2200
 - o Bail Project Cleveland: \$1000
 - o First Serve: \$1000
 - o Family Promise: \$1000
 - o Akron/Canton Food Bank: \$1000
 - o Gift cards for online outreach auction: \$500
 - o Total \$9700
- Tina Monreal provided an update on the finances for the construction project. Bills paid through January 31, 2021 = \$607,814.22. The balance in the account on January 31 was \$413,965.68. We have not had to access the Line of Credit.
- The vestry discussed and approved a request from Church of Our Savior (Episcopal) in Akron to use Christ Church for a wedding in June, 2022 as the couple has a larger guest list than Church of Our Savior can accommodate.
- The vestry discussed the current coverage for cyber crime provided as part of our policy with Church Insurance and determined that the coverage is sufficient.

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, March 23 at 6pm on Zoom.



2021 Easter Flower Donations to help support The Hope & Healing Battered Women’s Shelter

Since we will not be able to gather in the church for Easter again this year, we invite the parish to contribute a portion of the funds we would have given for Easter flowers to the Hope & Healing Battered Women’s Shelter in Akron, which has seen an increase in domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, in honor of or in memory of someone, please send a check to Christ Church with the form below or use the online giving portal on the [Christ Church website](#) and mark your gift "Easter flowers." Your name and the name(s) of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering will be in our Easter bulletin as usual and we will send one check from Christ Church to Hope & Healing after Easter. In order to get your info in the Easter bulletin, we must have the names along with your donation by Monday, March 29 at noon.

Christ Church 2021 Easter Flower Donation to The Hope & Healing Battered Women’s Shelter

NAME: _____ AMOUNT: _____

As a memorial to...

In celebration of...

In thanksgiving for...

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!





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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am online service via
Facebook Live and Zoom



**VIRTUAL
EGG
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Fun for the Whole Family!

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Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be going virtual this year. Sign up with Sarah Bhatia to participate at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org. More details coming soon!