

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



2021

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Welcome Home!

**MAKING ALL THINGS NEW
(REVELATION 5:21)**

**Christ Church Sunday Schedule
Begins Sunday, September 12**

8am: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**9am on 2nd and 4th Sundays: Family Worship
& Christian Education in the Parish Hall**

9:45: Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:30: Holy Eucharist in the Church

- **Livestreamed on Facebook in the Parish Hall**
- **Children's Chapel (1st and 3rd Sundays)**

11:30 Coffee Hour

5pm on the First Sunday:

Lego Church in the Parish Hall (starting in October)

Mask requirements will be announced on September 1. The current mask requirements (mask optional at 9am for fully vaccinated; mask required for all at 10:30 regardless of vaccination status) are in effect through September 5.

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

“Welcome Home! Making all things new (Rev. 21:5)” is the theme of our life together this fall. For the past several weeks, the Christ Church staff and leadership have been focused on how we bring people back together safely this fall and look to the future and the new things God is doing in our midst. This issue of the Communicant is full of ways we plan to do that, from a parish picnic on September 12, to a new family service at 9am on the second and fourth Sundays, to Cottage Conversations that help us dream together about the future.

The Cottage Conversations are a critical part of this process and I encourage everyone to take part. We have 13 parishioners who have been trained as facilitators for the conversations, which will take place at different times over two weeks beginning September 26. The vestry will take the information we receive from these conversations to begin planning for the next 12-18 months. You will receive an invitation from one of the facilitators in early-mid September.

Every voice is important as we begin this planning process so please plan to participate. As I have said numerous times over the past 18 months, God always calls us forward, never backwards. What new thing is God doing in our midst?

Blessings,

Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

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



If you would like to host coffee hour one Sunday after the 10:30 service, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCCoffeeHour> or call the church office to sign up. Coffee hour is a great time to get to know people new to Christ Church and reconnect with those you haven't seen for a while. The food offering can be simple and store bought. The new coffee maker is super simple to operate. We are currently using disposable cups because of Covid, but dishwasher lessons are available for anyone who would like to learn. Because the Family Service is in the Parish Hall at 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, there will be coffee hour after the 8am service only on the first Sunday of each month and only if someone signs up.

Welcome Home!

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW
(REVELATION: 5:21)



Christ Church "Homecoming" Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 12
Noon at Colony Park

Wear your picnic clothes for worship on Sunday morning, then bring a picnic and head to Colony Park to reconnect with your Christ Church friends and family. Water bottles and cake will be provided, but due to Covid we are asking everyone to bring their own lunch. There will be games and other activities as well as a chance to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while.

Cottage Conversations

An opportunity to share your vision
for Christ Church!



Cottage Conversations will be hosted by Christ Church parishioners between September 26 and October 10. Everyone will receive an invitation to participate from one of our facilitators and will have an opportunity to share their hopes and dreams for the future at Christ Church. Stewardship packets will be distributed at the end of the conversation. Please join us for these important Conversations. More information coming soon!

Labor Day Parade
Monday, September 6 at 10am
Gather on Milford behind Acme.



Christ Church will have our "three building" float in the parade and we need folks to walk with the float and hand out Christ Church magnets to people along the parade route. Please email Charlotte at charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org or call the church office at 330-650-4359 to let us know you can walk. This is a great way to re-connect with the Hudson Community!

Christ Church to host
Regional Confirmation Service
Wednesday, September 15 at 7pm

Bishop Hollingsworth will be at Christ Church on September 15 to confirm and receive people into the Episcopal Church from churches around the area. We have a large group of our own parishioners who have been preparing for confirmation



or reception since early 2020 so we are delighted to be able to host this service. At this writing, we don't have a lot of details yet, so watch your e-News and Sunday announcements for more info.



Healing Service

September 2nd
9:30 am
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. Join us for this quiet, yet powerful, service.

Blessing of Hands

Sunday, September 5th
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

*“With glad and generous hearts,
let us present our life
and labor to God”*



Join us as we offer our labor to God on Labor Day Sunday with special prayers and the opportunity for the anointing of our hands.

Monday Morning Bible Study



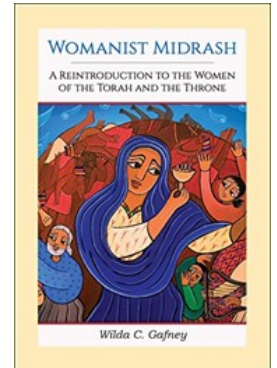
Join us in the Parish Hall or on Zoom at 8:00 on Monday mornings to look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com with questions or to request the link to attend on Zoom.

WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

Date and time to be determined
September 1st based on Covid precautions.

Women of Christ Church and First Presbyterian are invited to join Sarah Bhatia monthly for a book discussion.

For the month of September, we will join together for discussion of Womanist Midrash by Wilda Gafney. Gafney, an Episcopal Priest takes an in-depth and creative exploration of the well- and lesser-known women of the Hebrew Scriptures. Using her own translations, Gafney offers a midrashic interpretation of the biblical text that is rooted in the African American preaching tradition to tell the stories of a variety of female characters, many of whom are often overlooked and nameless. Email Sarah to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org



YOGA CLASS

Friday Mornings
9:30 in Parish Hall
(Please bring a yoga mat)

Join certified yoga instructor Kay Powers for a gentle, mindful yoga class designed to increase strength and flexibility, while releasing tension and promoting relaxation. Suitable for all levels, especially beginners and those with some yoga experience. The class is free, although a \$5 donation is suggested to help cover the cost of Kay's required liability insurance.

Acme Community Cash Back Program

The Acme Cash Back receipt program has begun and runs through December 25, 2021. Purchase store brands at Acme and save your receipts dated August 5 through December 25. Then place your receipts in the Acme box in the coat room by January 25, 2022. The proceeds from this ministry will help us support Open M of Akron.



Children's Corner



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month during the 10:30 service. 3-year-olds through 2nd Graders will join a leader during the Hymn of Praise at the front of the church for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.



FAMILY TABLE

September 12 & 26 at 9am in the Parish Hall

Families are invited to join us for a new worship and faith formation experience. Starting September 12, we will gather in Parish Hall at 9:00 am on the second and fourth Sundays each month to worship together. We will then break into age-groups to further explore the scripture of the day. Families will have the opportunity to discuss their learning with one another as well as take turns setting up and leading in worship. This service is meant for families with children of all ages—including Middle School and High School students. Masks are required and tables will be set for individual families to social distance. Email Sarah Bhatia for more information.

SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

September 5th

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

September 11th

- First Serve at North High School in Akron 8-3:00

September 12th

- Family Table 2/4 at 9:00
- Church Picnic at Colony Park at 12:00

September 19th

- Children's Chapel ages 3 to 2nd Grade

September 26th

- Family Table 2/4 at 9:00

FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE



Check out our website 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://ccehfaiithformation.weebly.com>.



EYC ON INSTAGRAM

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



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Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Greetings!

I know all of us have missed the Christ Church choirs in service. Pre-recording is never a replacement for live singing. So, I am happy to say that the Adult Choir is planning a full return to Sunday services! Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 2nd and our first Sunday back in the stalls will be September 12th. I am so looking forward to working together with the choir!

As for Young Choristers, I have decided to take a different approach. Unlike the fully vaccinated Adult Choir, the Young Choristers are in a different boat. I am very happy that we will **not** be on Zoom! The Young Choristers will start in September with regular, in-person rehearsals on Thursday nights from 5-6:10pm. We will be having as many outdoor rehearsals as we can, weather permitting, and indoor rehearsals with masking and social distancing required. However, we will delay the start of the Young Choristers singing regularly for Sunday morning worship until the pandemic situation changes. While I am sad the Young Choristers will not be able to sing regularly on Sunday mornings, I think with the uncertainty of the Delta variant and children not being able to be vaccinated, this is best for the safety of our Young Choristers. We still plan on working hard, learning music, and learning theology with the possibility of pre-recording a piece at our Thursday rehearsal to play on Sunday morning or having small groups of Choristers come sing on a Sunday morning. I am so excited to see the Choristers again and if you are interested in the program, please contact me and I would be happy to talk more with you!

In other news, I am so excited to announce one of our new Choral Scholars, Davis C. Badaszewski! The Christ Church Choral Scholars are generously funded by anonymous donation and sing regularly on Sunday mornings and other special services. In addition to singing regularly in the choir, you may hear Davis play the organ every once and awhile! Here is a bit about Davis:



Davis C. Badaszewski is a Master of Music student in Organ Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he studies with Professor Todd Wilson. Prior to attending CIM, he received a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from Mercer University, and a Certificate in Injury Preventive Keyboard Technique from Salem College. At Mercer, he received the award for General Excellence in Music. He has studied organ with Mr. William K. Trafka, Dr. John Cummins, and Dr. Jack Mitchener. Beyond his primary lessons in organ, he has studied choral conducting with Dr. William Weinert, as well as piano with Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink, and Miss Kelsey Berg. He is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the American Guild of Organists.

The first Sunday of the choir season is September 12th. I hope you will join in welcoming Davis to Christ Church! As always, if you want to join the choir please contact me.

All my best,
Mario



Education for Ministry: 2021-2022 Seminar

Education for Ministry is a 4-year small group program of adult education/formation. It was created and is administered at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The goal of the program is to educate its members in the Christian faith - its texts, history, and current theology - and to help members articulate their faith from a foundation of that education and their own life experiences. Upon completion of the program, members will have read the entire Old and New Testaments, studied Christian history around the world, and discussed 21st century theology. In the past 40+ years, more than 80,000 people have participated in EFM seminars. At least 50 are from Christ Church Hudson.

The impact of EFM is best described by those who have been participants in the course. These are quotes from two current members of the class.

“The reading and course of study in EFM are excellent, but I think the program’s greatest strength is the community we create. This gift shows itself in great humor, warmth, and caring. We exchange ideas, personal trials, and blessings. I heartily recommend EFM to all who want to be better informed lay ministers and want to be in a terrific group of almost sane people!!”

- Tom Dukes

“In an inexplicable way, there evolves a deeper connection to the Trinity and to our classmates that is irreversible with time. Priceless gifts.”

- Fran Sweeney

If you have never considered joining Education for Ministry here at Christ Church Hudson, feel free to contact Janet Daniels, mentor, at janetsdaniels@gmail.com or 330-414-5975.



EFM 2020-2021 Seminar members

Left to right, back row: Jake Phillips, Tina Monreal, Janet Daniels, Ed Wiles, Malcolm Robbie.

Front row: Susie Spearman, Cindy Pirie, Gloria Gagich, Midge Karam

Not pictured: Tom Dukes

Education for Ministry Scholarship Fund

In order to provide assistance with Education for Ministry (EFM) tuition for members of Christ Church Episcopal, Hudson, we have established a fund supplied by contributions from parishioners. While EFM in Sewanee offers reduced tuition for groups of 8 or more, there are situations in which additional help is needed. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to Christ Church Episcopal and indicate EFM Scholarship on the memo line



September Birthdays

- Ben Bixby ~ 9/1
- Sue King ~ 9/1
- Griffin Vaughn ~ 9/1
- Titch Foster ~ 9/5
- Judy Brookhart ~ 9/6
- Doug Harvey ~ 9/8
- Susie Spearman ~ 9/8
- Courtney Bixby ~ 9/9
- Nicholas Haake ~ 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
- Eloise Kosanovich ~ 9/19
- Julie Micheletti ~ 9/19
- Debbie Currin ~ 9/20
- Pam Zuhl ~ 9/20
- Jim Lang ~ 9/23
- Olivia Andrews ~ 9/24
- Will Bixby ~ 9/28
- Susan Girvin ~ 9/28
- Tom Dukes ~ 9/29
- John Ong ~ 9/29



September Anniversaries

- Conor & Lindsay O'Sullivan ~ 9/4
- Richard Shirey & James Helmuth ~ 9/5
- Lou & Marti Young ~ 9/6
- Robin & Anthony Woodberry ~ 9/14
- 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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to...
All who helped with the memorial service for Joan Van Osdol.

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths: Shel Schweikert

*A Memorial Service
 for
 Shel Schweikert
 September 17
 at 2:00 p.m.*



To All Parish Members,

Please accept my gratitude and appreciation for all of the kind comments and notes regarding our efforts to complete the Building For Community project. We had a great team with Len Harrison, Tina Monreal, Susan Mailey, Charlotte, Kathy Garber, levelHeads and Krill who all worked very hard and well together to bring this labor of love project to near completion.

Sincerely,
 Guy Wylie



Welcome, Ben Slone!

Ben Slone will be our new AV technician at Christ Church, working with a team of volunteers to run our livestream on Sunday mornings and at other times. Ben is a Junior at Kent State this year, majoring in Digital Media Production. Ben is currently the producer of "The Agenda," Kent State TV2's longest running entertainment broadcast. Len Harrison has been overseeing all aspects of our livestream on Sunday morning and will work with Ben over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition. Ben will join us in mid-late August. When you see Ben and on Sunday mornings, please give him a warm Christ Church welcome.

August Vestry Meeting Highlights



The vestry is scheduled to meet on August 31 at 6:00 p.m., after the publication of this Communicant issue. If you would like a copy of the vestry highlights for that meeting, please contact Kathy Garber at kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org.

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FIRST SERVE

Annual Day of Service
in the North Hill Community of Akron
September 11, 2021 Beginning @ 8:00 am

Remembering 9/11 with Faith, Hope, and Love

This is an interfaith day of service focused on the North Hill community in Akron and is a great opportunity to come together with our Jewish, Christian, and Islamic brothers and sisters and make a difference in the lives of those in need. Working together to make a difference is also an excellent way to mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Most projects will be located at North High School, focused on updating and refreshing classrooms, hallways, and restrooms in the school and areas outside. To view a complete list of projects and to register go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/FirstServe2021>.