

# THE COMMUNICANT

## Christ Church Episcopal

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*Seeking to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded  
in the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving Hudson and beyond.*

**July/  
August**



**2022**



## Christmas in July Sunday, July 17th

We will once again celebrate Christmas in July at the 10 o'clock service on July 17. We will rejoice with beautiful music, including two anthems from our choir, many favorite Christmas hymns, & the added holiday sparkle of harp and flute. A festive reception with our favorite Christmas cookies will follow. But we want you to come to the reception for more than the cookies! We need your help in raising \$2,000 to donate to Habitat for Humanity. And how will we raise these funds? Turn the page to learn more!



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# Christmas in July

## Step-Stool Fundraiser to Benefit Habitat for Humanity



Each year, for more than 25 years, Christ Church has joined with a coalition of Hudson area churches in funding and volunteering labor for the construction of a home for a Habitat for Humanity partner family. In addition to continuing this tradition of hands on outreach this year, we have also set a goal of raising \$2,000 to donate to Habitat.

And how will we raise these funds? Through the sale of hand-crafted, high quality two-step stools, constructed by Christ Church woodworkers. The stools (see picture) will be made from cherry hardwood, which has a beautiful grain, and is one of the lightest, strongest woods available. They are an attractive furniture piece that can be easily used for reaching high objects in your kitchen, bathroom, or library.

A few stools will be available for purchase on July 17, and orders will also be accepted for delivery of stools before Christmas, perhaps as an heirloom gift for a special friend or family member. Interested buyers can choose from two custom designs and four stain alternatives. Builders of the stools will be available for questions about construction, use, and care of the stools.

We look forward to seeing you soon for this special day of worship, fellowship, and service!

## THE PADRE PONDERERS ~ THOUGHTS FROM THE REV. ALLAN BELTON



### **Why the Orange Stole**

In 2013 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Barack Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, while on a playground in Chicago, she was shot and killed. To commemorate her life, a group of her friends encouraged classmates to wear orange, the color worn by hunters to warn other hunters not to shoot me.

Since that time, it has become a national movement marked especially on the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Day. As a movement, it has drawn the attention of a wide range of renown people and corporations. A prominent spokesperson, actress Mandy Moore, told *People Magazine* in 2017, "This is not an anti-gun or pro-gun argument. It is a safety issue." The goal is to reduce the many deaths related to gun violence.

Many clergy across the country have participated in the movement by wearing orange stoles. That was evident at Robin Woodberry's ordination as a number of the participating clergy wore orange stoles.

More often than not, the orange stoles come out in June or after a gun violence incident. I plan to wear an orange stole all summer since we need to be cognizant of the danger of gun violence all the time, not just after an incident.

Allan+

### **Important Information During Charlotte's Sabbatical**

The Rev. Allan Belton joins us as celebrant and preacher on Sundays this summer while Charlotte is away on sabbatical. During this time, Allan will cover Sunday services and pastoral concerns only and will not have regular office hours at the church. He can be reached at 330-814-5123 for pastoral needs. All other questions or concerns should be addressed to either Ann Kirk, Senior Warden (216-316-2852), James Boazzo, Junior Warden (216-440-3278), or Kathy Garber at the church office for normal day to day operation questions.



Prayers for healing will be offered during communion at the 10:00 Sunday service at the healing station to the right of the pulpit. Typically, either the Rev. Allan Belton or the Rev. Daniel Grosseohme will be at the healing station. If someone is already being prayed for at the healing station, please wait a respectful distance away until they are finished. Prayers for healing will continue to be offered until there is no one left in line.

# Summer Worship



Through September 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
with Children's Chapel & Nursery Care

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Laurel Lake



July 7 and August 4  
at 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.



## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 100,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The program invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet in local settings and online, and provide a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.

EfM has been meeting at Christ Church Hudson on Monday nights during the academic year for thirty years. Our next session begins on September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Visit the EfM website at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/> for more information on the program. If you are interested in joining the EfM seminar at Christ Church Hudson, contact one of the mentors below.

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# Children's Corner



## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will be held each Sunday during the 10:00 service through September 4. Three-year-olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

IT'S TIME TO POP THE CORN!

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

July 18 at 8pm  
The Bhatia Residence

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Questions? Contact Sarah Bhatia  
at [sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org)



## Summer Playgroup!

Sarah Bhatia will be hosting a bi-monthly playgroup for all ages on the following dates from 11-12:00 at local area parks.

July 14: Cascade Park

July 28 Middleton Park

August 11: Veterans Way Splash Pad & Park

Invite your friends, enjoy time outside playing, and get to know other families in the parish outside of the walls of the church! All playgroup dates are weather permitting. Email Sarah at [sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org) to be on the list to get up to date information.

## Youth Group Potluck



Please join us for a middle school potluck welcoming our new

**6th Grade Families**

Sunday, August 14, 2022  
6 o'clock in the Evening

RSVP:  
[SBHATIA@CHRISTCHURCHHUDSON.ORG](mailto:SBHATIA@CHRISTCHURCHHUDSON.ORG)

## FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

Check out our Faith Formation Website full of resources to help develop your faith at home and on the road. 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 at: <https://ccefaihfformation.weebly.com>.





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## Recollections from a former Christ Church Chorister

Annie Hodges (Greer) was a young chorister years ago at Christ Church. I asked her to recount some thoughts from her years. I hope you enjoy reading!

### **1. How long were you a chorister?**

At least 5 years, maybe more.

### **2. What is an important lesson you learned as a chorister that has helped you in your adult life?**

I think choir gave me a certain appreciation for spiritual discipline. It's a big undertaking to learn the service structure, how to process down the aisle, when to stand, when to breathe... In life and in faith you aren't always "feeling it". But the structure and responsibility of my role as chorister gave me a rhythm and a sense of ownership in my own worship. Many days, as a kid, you just aren't "feeling it"-- I still feel this way as an adult! But I fall back on the importance of spiritual discipline, repeating your worship and prayer patterns. Those patterns will continue to feed you through both the fun moments and the boring moments.

### **3. What does being a "Young Chorister" mean to you?**

I should probably say something deep and reflective here, but it was loads of fun. My days in the choir were full of laughter, trying (and failing) to pronounce Latin words, and forging new friendships as we all learned. Christ wants us to experience discipline, holiness, patience, peace, etc.-- but I think he also wants us to have joy and laughter. And as a kid, most of my laughter in the church happened up in those choir pews.

### **4. Did you ever have a time in your chorister journey that you wanted to stop doing it? If so, how did you motivate yourself to stay?**

I didn't experience this while I was in the full choir, but after I graduated from high school, I was asked to sing with my sister. As a college kid, I thought my chorister days were in the rearview mirror, and I wasn't sure I was interested anymore. But every time I came back to sing with my sister or with the choir, I felt completely at home, and I felt a deep connection with the church that I grew up in-- through the music.

### **5. As someone who was a chorister, what advice would you give to parents who are thinking about choristers for their children?**

One of the best ways that I get plugged into my faith as an adult is active participation, and I think the same is true for kids. It may be disguised as fun or entertaining, but choir is its own form of participation for a child to unknowingly get swept into the church community.

### **6. How did being a chorister strengthen your faith?**

Being a chorister really helped me plug into the liturgy of the Episcopal church. By participating in a new way, you enhance your awareness of the structure of the service as a child, without even realizing it. To this day, the psalms have a special place in my heart for this reason.

### **7. Did you find that being active in the music program gave you a new appreciation for the church?**

At the time, I don't know if I realized the role that my involvement in the church played in my Episcopalian journey. But looking back, participating in the choir led me to a greater appreciation for the sacred and musical moments that make our Anglican tradition special.

### **8. Do you still geek out on choral music?**

Of course!! Kate and I exchange Anglican chant playlists on Spotify once a month.

## Volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity July 16 and July 30

### *Frolic*



Have you ever seen a movie or video of an Amish barn raising and wondered what it would be like to be a part of something like that? A barn raising is an example of a "frolic" - a work event that combines socializing with a practical goal. This year, there will be three opportunities for you to "frolic" with other folks from Christ Church as we help James Chandler, a future Habitat homeowner, to build a home for himself and his daughter Zoey (5) in Goodyear Heights (Akron). As you can see in the picture, construction is already underway. The first two workday opportunities for Christ Church are Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, July 30.

If you're thinking, "I'd like to help someone else out, and I'd like to get to know others at Christ Church a little better ... but I'm not very handy", read on. Habitat for Humanity has been helping unskilled (but thoughtful) volunteers (18 or older) to build homes for others for over 40 years. On a typical workday, an experienced supervisor instructs volunteers on the tasks of that workday during the first hour and then observes their progress as they begin the work themselves. By the end of the second hour, volunteers are chatting together as they share the task they've been assigned, be that putting in new windows or doors, hanging vinyl siding, hanging drywall, or installing baseboard and trim around windows and doors. The workday is from 9 AM to 3:30 PM with lunch at noon and short breaks in the morning and afternoon. It's always a bit of a surprise to see how much has been accomplished by the end of the day. And it's fun to acquire a new skill, too.

Members of Christ Church have joined with other churches in Hudson to build a new home for a Summit County family every year for the past 25 years. If you'd like to be a part of that tradition, email Len Harrison at [harrison13n@gmail.com](mailto:harrison13n@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Hudson Food Pantry-Laundry Detergent Collection**

The Christ Church monthly offering to the Hudson Food Pantry is liquid or pod laundry detergent, which cannot be purchased with government Assistance (SNAP). The Hudson Food Pantry has requested **35 jugs or packs of pod detergent** by July 21 for the July distribution and by August 25 for the August distribution. Detergent can be left on the bench inside the parking lot door, or if it is locked, it can be left outside the door.

Thank you for helping to support the Hudson Food Pantry!





## OUTREACH *Ministry*

This is the third in a series of articles highlighting various outreach ministries at Christ Church. These ministries are supported by both our financial resources as well as our time and talent. If you are interested in getting involved with Family Promise, contact Pam Zuhl at [zuhlfamily@aol.com](mailto:zuhlfamily@aol.com).

## FAMILY PROMISE

For over 15 years, many members of our parish have volunteered their time to help homeless families sponsored by Family Promise of Summit County. Our neighbor, the First Congregational Church of Hudson, was one of 12 churches who housed these families, providing services several times a year for one week at a time. We supported their efforts. The services included transportation, meals, lodging, fellowship, and homework assistance.

The families I have met during my years of serving in this ministry were all trying very hard to find work and housing in order to provide a good life for their children. Over an evening meal, they have told me of medical bills, layoffs, and other issues that have drained their resources and forced them into homelessness. The good news is that through their own efforts and with the help of Family Promise, which provides employment as well as other social service assistance, most of these families get back on their feet and begin to live a normal life again.

And now, a new chapter begins as Family Promise initiates Survive to Thrive: Destination Home Ownership to move families from poverty to prosperity. Families will no longer be housed in churches, but instead will stay at Glendora House, an Akron apartment building that has been refurbished to house families in the program. You may remember that we funded the purchase of several futons last summer to help furnish these apartments. Going forward, Family Promise will purchase homes through the Summit County Land Bank Inventory, rehab them, and enable qualified families to live in them while paying rent and utilities with home ownership as the ultimate goal.

Thank you for your pledges and other contributions that provide much needed support to Family Promise of Summit County.

- Pam Zuhl

### June Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, June 28 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- Pledge income was down for the month of May, and is currently below budget for June. Both the business services and endowment corpus accounts have taken a substantial loss this year due to the stock market downturn.
- Jim Lang and Guy Wylie joined the meeting to discuss the fall stewardship campaign and update the vestry on the capital campaign must-do-list. There is about \$50,000 remaining in capital campaign income that has been received and an estimated \$50,000 expected to come in by the end of the year, for a total of \$100,000 to be used on must-do projects. \$57,000 of this is allocated for projects currently in progress or considered high priority in the near future.
- James Boazzo presented church security information that was previously discussed at a security task force meeting. This included conversation on what can be done to protect those at Sunday worship, and protecting the children in the undercroft on Sunday mornings. Some recommendations were to install new locksets on the doors leading to the undercroft, double-sided room numbers on the classroom windows to help identify the classrooms, window breaking hardware, step ladders to reach the windows in each class, and window well escape ladders.
- The vestry voted to approve \$3,447 in funds to make the above mentioned security updates to the undercroft and \$47,370 for the addition of air conditioning and ionization systems to the undercroft in preparation of the fall school year.
- Tina Monreal updated the vestry on the formation of a Legacy Society, with plans for a Legacy Society kick-off event sometime before the end of the year.
- Judy Brookhart presented information from Sarah Bhatia on plans for the fall Sunday school program.
- Low Sunday attendance was discussed with follow-up on the subject planned for the August meeting.
- The next vestry meeting will be held on August 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.





Mary Ann Switz ~ 7/1  
 Kevin Vaughn ~ 7/1  
 Elizabeth Calkins ~ 7/3  
 Paul Westlake ~ 7/3  
 Danielle Coombs ~ 7/4  
 Larry King ~ 7/4  
 Alexa Klespies ~ 7/5  
 James Hassan ~ 7/6  
 Marti Hall ~ 7/8  
 Corinne Agnor ~ 7/8  
 Greta Foster ~ 7/10  
 Calvin Harvey ~ 7/11  
 Tina Monreal ~ 7/11  
 Bill Phipps ~ 7/11

Doug Swift ~ 7/14  
 Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 7/14  
 Dot Lang ~ 7/19  
 Anna Ribovich ~ 7/21  
 Judy Murray ~ 7/23  
 Jack Brookhart ~ 7/24  
 Drew Le ~ 7/24  
 Emily Anglewicz ~ 7/25  
 Thomas Kiener, Sr. ~ 7/26  
 Cynthia Pirie ~ 7/28  
 Anna Barger ~ 7/30  
 Samantha Parker ~ 7/30  
 Ethan Calkins ~ 7/31

Doug & Heather Swift ~ 7/1  
 Peter & Ginny Young ~ 7/2  
 Brandon & Samantha Parker ~ 7/8  
 Larry & Sue King ~ 7/9  
 Midge Karam & Ed Wiles ~ 7/10  
 Jim & Dot Lang ~ 7/10  
 Nicholas & Erin Petro ~ 7/23  
 John & Cindy Frisby ~ 7/24  
 Jon & Suzanne Lund ~ 7/24  
 Joe & Erin Palmer ~ 7/29



Jeff & Emily Rankin ~ 8/2  
 Bill & Debbie Currin ~ 8/3  
 Todd & Stephanie Ewing ~ 8/5  
 John & Emily Longenecker ~ 8/5  
 Jim & Sallie Bear ~ 8/8  
 Matthew & Shannon Bailey ~ 8/8  
 Kevin & Jeanne McKinny ~ 8/16  
 Jay & Courtney Bixby ~ 8/17  
 Dick & Amy McCormick ~ 8/17  
 Kevin & Chris Cicen ~ 8/18  
 Fred & Tina Monreal ~ 8/24  
 Scott & Sarah Koebley ~ 8/31



Catianna Jackson ~ 8/6  
 Suzanne Westlake ~ 8/6  
 Grace Boazzo ~ 8/7  
 Mark Grattan ~ 8/12  
 Jeff Rankin ~ 8/12  
 Kate Ribovich ~ 8/14  
 Schaeffer Barnhardt ~ 8/17  
 Amy McCormick ~ 8/18  
 Luke Metoki ~ 8/18  
 Ruth Wylie ~ 8/18  
 Dick Andrews ~ 8/19  
 Deb Kelley ~ 8/19

Dick McCormick ~ 8/22  
 Paul Gaston ~ 8/23  
 Evelyn Cicen ~ 8/26  
 Hudson Rankin ~ 8/26  
 Susie Vanaman ~ 8/26  
 Bill Currin ~ 8/28  
 Dick Schneider ~ 8/28  
 Violet Harvey ~ 8/29  
 Fred Monreal ~ 8/29  
 Larry Rhodes ~ 8/29  
 Peter Metoki ~ 8/30

*Thank you to...*

- .... All who helped with the Memorial Service for Julie Weary
- .... Guy Wylie and Rich Wilson for dealing with the alarm system and sump pump issues after the bad storm in June
- .... Sallie Bear, Jane Harrison, and Ann Kirk for covering the office for Kathy on Friday afternoons in June
- .... Len Harrison, Jim Lang, Judy Brookhart, and Doug Swift for covering our Facebook Live services this summer



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**Remember  
Your Pledge  
This Summer**

**Pledge income typically goes down in the summer months, and this year is no exception. As you travel and enjoy the summer, please take a moment to send in your pledge payment to the church by mail, through the giving button on our website [www.christchurchhudson.org](http://www.christchurchhudson.org), or in person (the best option 😊).**