

# 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



2022

## CHRIST CHURCH LENTEN SERIES

*March 9th - April 6th*

All are invited to participate in a 5-week video series discussion based on the Netflix mini-series, entitled, "Colin in Black and White" which follows the life of Colin Kaepernick. Participants will be asked to watch an episode each week. We will then gather in the Parish Hall and share in conversation over a light meal. The series will be held weekly at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings in Lent. If you do not have access to Netflix, we will show each week's video at 5:00 pm each Wednesday before we begin at 6:00. Please sign up to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/Lentenseries>.

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THE PATH IS POWER



FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS  
COLIN KAEPELNICK,  
AVA DUVERNAY &  
MICHAEL STARRBURY  
**COLIN  
IN  
BLACK AND  
WHITE**

March 9: Episodes 1 & 2  
"Cornrows/Quarterbackin"

March 16: Episode 3  
"Roadtrip"

March 23: Episode 4  
"The Decision"

March 30: Episode 5  
"Crystal"

April 6: Episode 6  
"Dear Colin"

*Questions? Contact  
Robin Woodberry at  
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## Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

As we head into the holy and penitential season of Lent this year, we also head into a season with the option of seeing each other's faces in worship for the first time in a very long time. I find myself wrestling with the tension between the solemnity of Lent and the absolute joy of seeing the faces of those who choose to be mask free on Sunday morning. Not all of us will chose the mask-free option for a variety of good reasons, but I find myself wondering how our worship will change when some of us do chose that option.

Two thoughts come to mind as I wrestle with this tension.

First, part of the discipline of Lent is finding joy in the wilderness. The question is not how bad it feels to give up chocolate or take on yoga. The question is where I can find joy in those challenges. In what new ways do I experience God or find joy when I deny myself a particular pleasure or take on a new discipline. Joy and Lent are not incompatible.

Secondly, Lent challenges us to see the face of God in each other, masked or unmasked, and not just folks at church. But we practice seeing the face of God in each other here so that we can better see the face of God in people at Costco, or the gas station, or who cut us off in traffic. This Lent, perhaps we are called to be very intentional about seeing the face of God in each other and treating each other with the love and respect due the face of God. The more we do that at Christ Church, the better we will be at doing the same thing out in the world.

We will keep a holy Lent at Christ Church, even if, this year, the holiness of Lent comes with a good measure of smiles and tears of joy.

A blessed and holy Lent to each of you,

Charlotte

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### New Mask Policy at Christ Church

At the vestry meeting held on February 22, based on the significant decline in Covid numbers in both Summit County and the state of Ohio, and the fact that Hudson and Twinsburg schools have gone "mask optional" along with Hudson Montessori, the vestry voted to make masks optional at both the 8am and 10:30 services beginning on Sunday, February 27. So, what does this mean?

- Some of us will opt to continue wearing masks as we are more comfortable being out and about with that layer of protection. That is a completely valid option. Others of us will opt to go mask-free. That is also a completely valid option.
- At Family Table, Lego Church, and Children's Chapel, the adult leadership will continue to mask for the time being.
- The Adult Choir will determine their comfort level with masking or not masking. Mario will work with the Young Chorister parents to determine a mask policy for our young singers and for the adult choir on the Sundays when the two choirs are singing together.



## MARCH 2ND

12:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH  
ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH  
& LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK  
ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

7:30-9 A.M. & 4:30-6 P.M.  
ASHES TO GO  
IN THE DRIVE OFF AURORA ST.

CHURCH SERVICES INCLUDE  
THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
AND HOLY EUCHARIST



March 3rd 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 or anyone who would like to ask prayers for themselves or others. The service includes Holy Eucharist. Join us for this quiet, yet powerful service.

## Monday Morning Bible Study

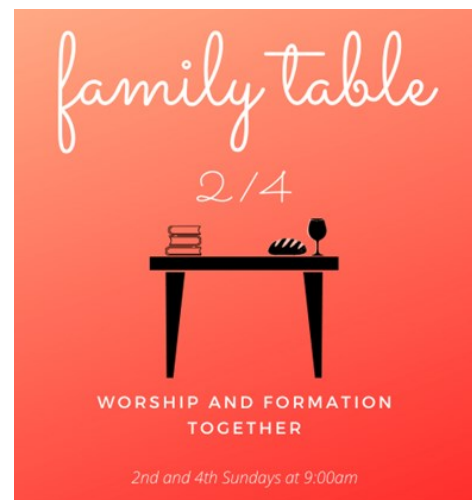
Bible Study will be meeting at Laurel Lake for the month of March. Bible Study meets at 8:00 Monday mornings to look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jim Lang for more information at [jglang00@gmail.com](mailto:jglang00@gmail.com)



## FAMILY TABLE

March 13th & 27th at 9am in the Parish Hall

We will gather in Parish Hall at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for this family worship and faith formation experience. We will worship together and 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 optional and tables will be set for individual families to social distance. The adult leadership will continue to mask for the time being. Email Sarah at [SBhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:SBhatia@christchurchudson.org) for more information.



# Children's Corner

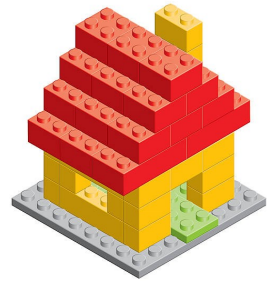


## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month during the 10:30 service. 3-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.



## BUILDING FAITH family worship



**March 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Join us in the Parish Hall for Lego Church, a fun and interactive worship experience for the whole family! Using LEGOS, we will explore Biblical themes and stories in a short worship service. Lego Church is a hybrid program, so we will also be streaming on Zoom. Masks are required. Email Sarah Bhatia for more information, to sign up, or to request the Zoom link to attend at [sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org).

## MARCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

### March 6th

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.
- Lego Church at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### March 13th

- Family Table at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

### March 20th

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.
- Evensong at 4:30 p.m.

### March 27th

- Family Table at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

## FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

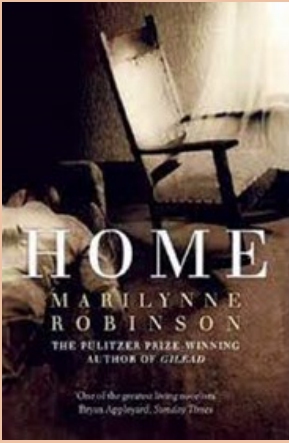


Check out our website full of resources to help develop your faith. There are resources for personal and family faith formation as well as activities to engage in together to mark the holy days and seasons. You can find it at: <https://ccehfaithformation.weebly.com>.



## EYC ON INSTAGRAM

**Follow Christ Church EYC's Instagram @cceh\_eyc for inspiration, reflections, & fun photo challenges!**



## WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

**March 15 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. For the month of March, we will be discussing Home by Marilynne Robinson. Set in rural Iowa, Home is a moving and healing book about families, family secrets, and the passing of the generations, about love and death and faith. It is Robinson's greatest work, an unforgettable embodiment of the deepest and most universal emotions. Email Sarah at [sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org) to sign up.



**Evensong at Christ Church  
Sung by the Young Choristers  
Sunday, March 20 at 4:30 p.m.  
With a reception to follow.**

Please come and support our Young Choristers as they lead us in worship.

**MUSIC** FROM THE  
WESTERN RESERVE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27 AT 5:00 P.M.  
at Christ Church**

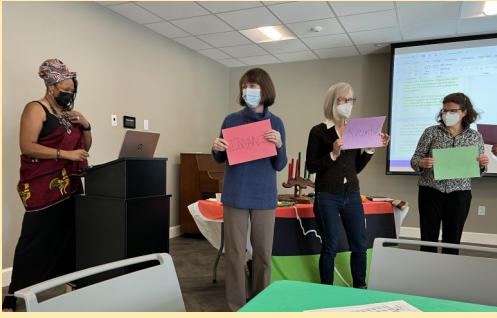
**Featured Young Artist:  
Jiarui Cheng, piano**

Single tickets \$20; under 18 & Student Admission is always free. Special new 18-25 price with ID \$10. Purchase tickets online at [www.musicwr.org](http://www.musicwr.org) or at the door the night of the concert. Contact Zsolt Bognár for information on masking protocols for the concert at [info@musicwr.org](mailto:info@musicwr.org).

### **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). For March, the Hudson Food Pantry has requested **35 jugs or packs of pod detergent** by March 24 for this month's 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!





Thank you to Robin Woodberry for a wonderful Kwanzaa presentation and celebration and to Linda Irving for the fabulous food. If you were unable to join us, you can view the presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/KwanzaaCCE>



**Lent Madness** is a great way to learn about the Saints during Lent. Modeled on a March Madness bracket, the Saints pair off against each other for a daily popular vote, based on information about the Saints provided on the Lent Madness website. The bracket narrows until the winner of The Golden Halo is elected on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and sign up so you get a daily email in your inbox describing the saints who are pairing off each day.



Thank you to James Boazzo for a very informative presentation on security awareness at Christ Church on February 24. If you were not able to attend, we plan to hold another training some time this spring, so keep an eye out for the date to attend.

## Updates on 2022 Christ Church Goals

***Goal: Continue to develop our middle school youth formation program.***

The Middle School Youth Formation Committee met on February 17 and discussed the following ideas for possible youth events and activities this year. The Committee will plan to meet the third Thursday of every month at 7pm. The next meeting will be on March 17.

- Christ Church to host an overnight Diocesan Middle School event on April 23-24.
- Get together of middle school youth for Lion King performance at Hudson High School on May 6.
- Family Potluck in June.
- Movie night outdoors during the summer.
- Possible Akron Ducks game and community service project with First Congregational Church.
- Easter bread baking on Good Friday before the Good Friday family service.

***Goal: Developing our outreach in conjunction with the desire for more fellowship.***

The Outreach Committee Ministry met on February 6 and accomplished several tasks including the formation of sub-groups relating to drafting an outreach budget, exploring the Afghan Refugee Project, and planning a fundraiser. They will consider including Habitat for Humanity and the Afghan Refugee Project as beneficiaries of a fundraiser. It was also reported that Family Promise has dropped the church rotation model, so we will no longer be able to serve people connected with that program here in Hudson. The Outreach team will continue to meet at 9:00am on the first Sunday of each month.



March  
BIRTHDAYS

- Maria Metoki ~ 3/1
- Kirsti Reed ~ 3/2
- Pat Schron ~ 3/3
- 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
- Sarah Bhatia ~ 3/19
- Daniel Grosseohme ~ 3/20
- 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

- Alex & Alexa McMahan ~ 3/22
- Peter & Nan Ryerson ~ 3/30

**FOR THE RECORD...**

**Deaths: Julie Weary  
Bob Madison**



*A Memorial Service  
For  
Bob Madison  
March 5 at 2:00 p.m.*



**Thank  
You!**



- ... Heather Swift for organizing the brownie baking for our college students & military members for Valentine's Day and to all who helped bake and donated supplies
- ... All who helped with the Memorial Service for Stuart Murray
- ... Tina Monreal for her help with the parochial report
- ... Heather Swift for once again creating the Lenten Devotion Booklet

**February Vestry Meeting Highlights**



- The vestry met on Zoom on February 22 at 6pm. The meeting opened with Bible Study (Joshua 1:7-9) and prayer.
- The 2021 Parochial Report, which details membership and financial statistics, was approved. Of note was our average Sunday attendance which declined from 150 in 2020 (using the first 9 Sundays before the shutdown) to 83 in 2021. Only in-person attendance is allowed to be counted.
- The vestry approved the expenditure of up to \$4000 for the purchase of new carpet for the nursery from the Building for Community Funds as one of our "must do" projects which were part of the Capital Campaign.
- The vestry approved paying off the loan with the Diocese for the purchase of the LED lightbulbs through out the building to take the burden of those payments at 4.5% interest off the operating budget.
- The vestry once again considered the mask policy at Christ Church. Because of the decline in Covid numbers in both Summit County and the State of Ohio, and the fact that Hudson and Twinsburg schools, along with Hudson Montessori, have gone "mask optional," the decision was made to revise our policy to "masks optional" at both the 8am and 10:30 services.

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, March 22 at 6pm.  
In-person or Zoom to be determined.

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**Daylight Savings begins  
on Sunday, March 13th.**

**Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead one hour  
before you go to bed on  
Saturday the 12th, so you  
are not late for church on  
Sunday!**