

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.*

May



2022

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN ALL PARISH

Jubilee Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 15 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

In the Old Testament, every 50th year was a Jubilee year to mark the end of 7 cycles of 7 years. Those years were to be times of rest, renewal, celebration and fellowship. Bishop Mark has called on us to set aside one Sunday in the Easter season as a Jubilee Sunday. Our vestry has decided to mark May 15 as our Jubilee Sunday and to host a festive lunch following the 10:30 service with fried chicken from Mr. Chicken and side dishes and dessert provided by the vestry. Our Jubilee Celebration will be in the Parish Hall and (weather permitting) the Memorial Garden. So that the vestry knows how much food to prepare, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/JubileeSunday> by May 9.

The Jubilee Menu

Fried Chicken from Mr. Chicken

Potato Salad and Pasta Salad

Spinach Salad

Baked Beans

Marinated Green Beans

Chips

Homemade Rolls

Cake (of course) and Cookies

Iced Tea and Lemonade

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Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

When I was in England last fall, I found some very basic things that are the hallmarks of growing, thriving churches, even toward the end (we hope) of a pandemic. These things are not rocket science, and I have written about them before, but they bear repeating because they are So Very Simple.

1. When I walked by a church, I could tell something about the church from the outdoor signage. The mission statement would be on the sign, or perhaps a list of community groups that meet there, or a very clear statement about who is welcome. Granted, I was in places where people walked a lot and passed by churches on foot. Perhaps our website and Facebook presence count as similar signage, although there is a good bit of foot traffic on Aurora Street.
2. The people I spoke with were excited about their faith and very knowledgeable about their church. They could speak about the history of their church as well as the ministries they are engaged in. They knew when AA met, what the youth were doing, and what outreach ministries were available to get involved in. At Christ Church, we make knowing what is going on as easy as possible with the weekly eNews, announcements, Communicant, our website and Facebook page.
3. I experienced some fabulous hospitality in churches both small and large. Parishioners went out of their way to greet us, engage us in conversation, and answer any questions we might have. Doors were opened for us (literally) and we were actively welcomed in. We were even handed hymnals open to the correct page when we entered a church in the middle of a hymn.

Every Sunday, we have visitors at Christ Church. May they find a church full of people excited about their faith, knowledgeable about their church, and ready to actively welcome them. If there is a key to becoming the church God is calling us to be as we come out of two years of upheaval and uncertainty, simply showing up to do these simple things is probably that key.

Blessings,
Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

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.



Prayers for Healing at the 10:30 Sunday Service during Communion

Beginning May 1, prayers for healing will be offered during communion at the healing station to the right of the pulpit. Typically, either the Rev. Allan Belton or the Rev. Daniel Grossoehme 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.



May 5 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.

*A Memorial Service
For
Shirley Veale
and Nancy Styer
Saturday, May 7th
at 11:00 a.m.*



**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m.**



All Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us, are invited to gather at The Mixing Place at Laurel Lake at 11am for Eucharist, then for lunch afterwards. For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.

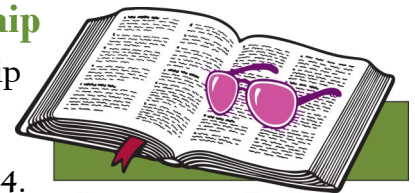
Monday Morning Bible Study



Bible Study continues to meet at Laurel Lake 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

Summer Worship

Our summer worship schedule begins on May 29 and runs through September 4.



8am: Holy Eucharist in the chapel
10am: Holy Eucharist in the Church with Children's Chapel

#1 New York Times Bestseller
ANGIE THOMAS



WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

May 17 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. We will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, via Zoom, and discuss a book we have spent the month reading. For the month of May, we will be discussing The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Starr must decide if she will speak up about the night's events or stay silent. Email Sarah with question or to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.

A Message from Our Wardens

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church:

It is hard to believe that Charlotte will have been with us for six years as of May 2nd. Her letter of agreement states that she accrues two weeks of paid sabbatical time for each year of service to Christ Church. She is allowed to take this sabbatical after her sixth year of service. Charlotte has decided to take her well-deserved twelve weeks off from June 6th through September 6th. Sabbatical is a time for rest and refreshment as well as time for reading and studying.

The Rev. Allan Belton will cover Sunday services while Charlotte is away. He should only be contacted for pastoral needs (330-814-5123). Allan's role this summer is to lead Sunday worship, and he will not have regular office hours at the church.

Kathy Garber will continue to perform her duties in the church office with volunteer assistance as needed. Please be considerate of Kathy's responsibilities, be timely with any information she needs to communicate to the membership, and contact her only as you would in a normal situation. Any other questions or concerns should be addressed to either Ann Kirk, Senior Warden (216-316-2852) or James Boazzo, Junior Warden (216-440-3278). Ann is more accessible during daytime hours.

Charlotte has very thoughtfully planned her leave of absence so as not to miss a major season of the church year, feast day or the start of the program year in the fall. Sarah Bhatia and Mario Buchanan will be spending the summer planning their respective church year programs.

The summer will be business as usual. We must all be supportive of Charlotte's time of rest as well as the energies that Allan, Kathy, Ann and James will put forth in Charlotte's absence to make sure that the heart-beat of the church continues to be strong and vital.

Faithfully,

Ann Kirk, Sr. Warden
James Boazzo, Jr. Warden



OUTREACH
Ministry

This is the first 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.

OPEN M

Open M is an Akron based neighborhood ministry that helps residents through their food pantry/meals programs, free health clinic, employment services and various seasonal and educational services. Christ Church is one of many covenant churches and businesses that support Open M through financial and physical support. We currently budget \$1,000 annually towards their programs. In a typical year we provide lunches for their Grab and Go lunch program, collect over 200 cans of Yams for their Christmas food baskets and participate in the Walk the Talk fundraiser. There are many opportunities to volunteer individually in the food pantry, medical/dental clinic and the on-site pharmacy.

It is true that we help others when we are engaged with OPEN M but oftentimes we find we help ourselves equally. By engaging with those in need we see life from a different perspective, with all of its challenges and rewards, deepening our sense of God's presence in every situation.

Children's Corner



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

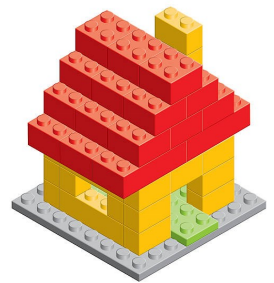
Children's Chapel will be each Sunday morning during the 10:30 service. 3-year-olds through 2nd Graders will join a leader during the Hymn of Praise at the front of the church for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.



LEGO CHURCH

BUILDING FAITH

family worship



Sunday, May 1 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. Pizza will be served following the service, so please email Sarah Bhatia at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org. to R.S.V.P. to attend or to request the Zoom link.

MAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

May 1st

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

May 7th

- Middle School Play at HMS 7:00 p.m.

May 8th

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.

May 15th

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.
- Church Jubilee following the 10:30 service

May 22nd

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.

May 29th

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.

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:// ccehfaith formation.weebly.com](https://ccehfaithformation.weebly.com).



EYC ON INSTAGRAM

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



Security Awareness Training

Wednesday, May 11

6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Presented by James Boazzo

If you were unable to attend our first Security Awareness Training in February, we will be holding another session in May. The purpose of the training is to educate our members in the event any of us ever find ourselves in an active shooter situation. Throughout my over 13 years as an FBI Agent, I have responded to mass shooting events such as the 2015 Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, the 2016 Pulse Night Club Shooting in Orlando, Florida, and the 2016 police shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I will draw on my experiences from these events to stress the importance of the mindset needed during an active shooter situation. Above all, adequate preparation and training is imperative. Our training will consist of a presentation by me in the Parish Hall in which I will present background/statistics regarding active shooter events and I will provide you a few security consider points for our church. Also, we will watch a short video that is intended to change your mind set in the event you are confronted with an active shooter situation. Neither the training itself nor the video should cause you apprehension. I would consider the rating of this training to be PG-13. Therefore, I hope you will all join me in the Parish Hall on May 11 from 6pm to 7pm. If you have any questions regarding this training, you can feel free to email me at jamesboazzo@yahoo.com or call me at 216-440-3278. Pizza and cookies will be served, so we ask that you sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEsecuritytraining> to let us know you will attend.



Calling all Graduates!



If you are graduating from High School, College, or Professional School this year, we would like to feature you in the June issue of the Communicant. Please send an email to Kathy Garber at Kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org and include a photo, the school from which you graduate, and your plans for the future.

MAY 8 AT 5:00 P.M.
at Christ Church

The Inaugural Lola Rothmann Concert

MUSIC FROM THE
WESTERN RESERVE

Sponsored by her daughters Beth, Pamela, and Susan, in memory of their mother Lola Rothmann, this remarkable season closer features the inaugural performance of The Cleveland Consort of Voices, with Steven Plank, Music Director. The program includes music by Bach, Brahms, Gibbons, Byrd, and Vilette with a meet and greet reception following the concert.

Single tickets \$20; under 18 & Student Admission is always free. Special new 18-25 price with ID \$10. Purchase tickets online at www.musiccwr.org or at the door the night of the concert.

Join us as we celebrate Robin Woodberry's ministry at Christ Church!



Sunday, May 22 is Robin's last Sunday at Christ Church. While she came to Christ Church to learn, she has taught us much in her time here. We will send her off with our prayers and a reception after each service that day.

Celebrating Robin's last vestry meeting at Christ Church on April 26 with cake!

To My Beloved Christ Church Family,

When I arrived here for my field assignment about three years ago, little did I know that I would inherit a new group of friends. From the very beginning, when I first began making connections and meeting people at the church picnic held at The Spicy Lamb Farm, until now, I have had nothing but great experiences with you all.

I have been able to share in the joys of the church, such as using the newly renovated Parish Hall. As well as shed tears over the loss of those who had become an integral part of my formation. People such as Ed Sweeney, Bob Madison, Al Donnelly, and Marilyn Hansen will forever be in my heart.

I thank all of you whom I have served alongside as acolyte, chalice bearer, crucifer, torchbearer, etc., for giving me space to make mistakes. Whether I forgot to turn on cue, get the offering plates, fought with lighting candles, or messed up words in the readings, your grace in it all did not go unnoticed.

This church is blessed to have a phenomenal staff. Kathy, Mario, Sarah, Rev.'s Gretchen and Allan are valuable assets to the ministry. I will forever be grateful to Rev. Charlotte, who has poured more into me than she will ever know. She has given me the tools I need to help me grow and develop in all things Episcopalian.

This wise woman has helped me learn how to be authentically me in the Episcopal Church. Rev. Charlotte has guided me in deepening my understanding, thinking outside of boxes, and stretching my wings. And there is something to be said about one who can get a former Baptist preacher to deliver a sermon in 10 minutes. She deserves one of Sallie Bear's crowns for that accomplishment! I pray that Christ Church realizes the gem they have in Rev. Charlotte and will continue to follow her as she follows Christ.

I am not yet clear on where my path will lead me next, but please know that you all have been a part of my journey that I will never forget. I love you all with the love of the Lord!

May God continue to use you as a light in the darkness that presents itself in the world. And a place of hope and healing in the city of Hudson and beyond. You will forever be in my prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Robin Woodberry

THE PROMISE OF LIVING

Hudson Community Choruses Spring Concert



Hudson Community Choruses
Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m.

The Hudson Community Choruses, with our own Mario Buchanan as Director of the Children's & Youth Choruses, will be holding their Spring Concert, *The Promise of Living* at Christ Church. Tickets and more information can be found at hudsonsings.org.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Heinz Chapel Choir

"We'll Rise Together" Tour ~ Spring 2022



Christ Church is excited to host the University of Pittsburgh Heinz Chapel Choir for a concert at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. The concert is free and open to the public. Founded in 1938, the Heinz Chapel Choir is an auditioned ensemble at the University of Pittsburgh comprised of students pursuing degree programs representing a broad range of academic areas. Led by their director, Dr. Susan Rice, the Choir returned to public performances in the Heinz Memorial Chapel in December and will sing its first performance tour since 2019 in Northeastern Ohio on May 3-5, 2022. Their spring program, *We'll Rise Together*, includes music by Ēriks Ešenvalds, Heinrich Schütz, Karl Jenkins, Jussi Chydenius, and Morten Vinther. The Choir members are excited to share their music with you and hope you'll stay to chat with them at the conclusion of the performance.



**Can I ask you
a few questions?**

Getting to Know You

Each month we will feature a little “getting to know” you vignette of a Christ Church parishioner or family in the Communicant. Tom Dukes will be our “investigative reporter,” so don’t be surprised if he approaches you and says, “Can I ask you a few questions?” If you would like to be featured in an issue of The Communicant or know someone who would, please let Tom know at jtdukes@uakron.edu. This month we get to know a little bit more about the Boazzo family. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to Know the Boazzos

The Boazzo family has become a very active group in our church! The family includes James and Beth and their children Grace (age 11) and Sam (age 9).

Beth was born and raised on a dairy farm outside Mount Vernon, Ohio, and graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Agricultural Business and Applied Economics. She then switched career paths and got a Master’s in Speech Language Pathology, working in pediatric speech language pathology since 2006.

James was born in Cortland, Ohio, and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Grove City College in 2003. He worked at Deloitte in Pittsburgh from 2003–2008, becoming a Special Agent with the FBI in 2008.

The family lived in New Jersey and Maryland before moving to Ohio in 2016. Beth was raised Methodist and James, Catholic. While both revere their respective religious traditions, they found that the Episcopal church was the perfect fit for their family.



We’re so glad to have the Boazzos at Christ Church!

The Boazzos were introduced to Christ Church by their friends Milan and Jessica Kosanovich. Of the many things that attracted them to Christ Church on their first visit was how warmly their family was greeted at church and coffee hour, the recognition of birthdays and anniversaries during the service, and Charlotte’s words “This is God’s table, not ours, and wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here.”

James is Junior Warden and sees part of his role as acting as liaison between the vestry and church members. In addition to being Junior Warden, he serves as an acolyte and usher. He wants to further our shared ministry goals in outreach, communications, and in reaching middle school youth, as well as promote security awareness. He enjoys especially working with Charlotte and our senior warden, Ann Kirk, in reaching our goals.

He hopes to see—as do we all—packed pews on Sunday morning. James says, “What I want for our church in the future is a community full of leaders.”

Updates on 2022 Christ Church Goals

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

The Middle School Youth Retreat was held April 23-24. Fifteen children attended, six of which were from Christ Church. The remaining children were from other churches in the diocese. There were five adult chaperones, three of which stayed overnight. Some of the youth participated as leaders in the 10:30am service.

Goal: Further develop ways of communicating with the congregation and the community.

The Communications team (Tom Dukes, Jake Phillipa, Kathy Garber, and Charlotte Reed) continue to work on getting photos of all events and ministries that can spice up our communications. Tom is writing a vignette about a different family each month to help us get to know one another better after this long time apart. Please take photos whenever you are at a Christ Church event and send them to Kathy.

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

At the April 3 Outreach Committee meeting, it decided to act immediately in support of the Akron International Institute refugee program by raising enough money to outfit an entire classroom with Chromebooks. Our goal was to raise \$5,000 and the hope was that the money would be raised as an Easter initiative. Several committee members also attended a gathering at a local diner in support of the All, in hopes of furthering personal connections with the program and resettled refugees.

We also are planning three other fundraisers this year to support our designated allocations: Christmas in July on July 17, an in-person auction on October 21 with a meal included for socialization, and the sale of beautiful wooden stepstools, designed by Len Harrison and made by Len and a couple of other craftsmen in the congregation. It is our hope that as COVID recedes and we return to “normal” activities, we can include more opportunity for socializing, both within our community and as outreach.



Chromebook Easter Challenge Update

Thank you to all who donated to our Chromebook Easter Challenge to benefit the Akron International Institute refugee program. Thanks to your generosity, we were able surpass our goal of \$5,000 and raised \$5,470 to provide Chromebooks to an entire classroom!

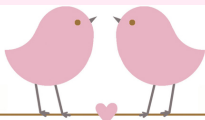
Hudson Food Pantry-Laundry Detergent Collection

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 May, the Hudson Food Pantry has requested **35 jugs or packs of pod detergent** by May 26 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!





Cathy Agnor ~ 5/1
 Irene Gillette ~ 5/2
 Timothy Jackson ~ 5/3
 Genevieve Coombs ~ 5/4
 Beverly Grant ~ 5/4
 Lindsey Coombs ~ 5/6
 Collins Reed ~ 5/6
 Lido Perini ~ 5/6
 Bob Comben ~ 5/8
 Cathy Antholine ~ 5/9
 Erin Palmer ~ 5/9
 Maryanne Buchanan ~ 5/11
 Jean Rhodes ~ 5/11
 Richard Fulytar ~ 5/14
 Virginia Rogers ~ 5/14
 Midge Karam ~ 5/16
 Jack Fish ~ 5/19
 Rose Fulytar ~ 5/21
 Sophie Fulytar ~ 5/21
 Rich Wilson ~ 5/22
 Christine Cicen ~ 5/23
 Laura Haake ~ 5/24
 Scott Koebley ~ 5/25
 Susan Mailey ~ 5/25
 Marilyn Marks ~ 5/26
 Fern MacMillan ~ 5/27
 Emily Fulytar ~ 5/29
 Janet Daniels ~ 5/30
 Ross Agnor ~ 5/31



MAY Anniversaries

Kaye & Ken Lowe ~ 5/2
 Lindsey & Danielle Coombs ~ 5/9
 Doug & Marcie Harvey ~ 5/13
 Jack & Karen Fish ~ 5/23
 Daniel & Henny Grossoehme ~ 5/23
 Brandon & Claire George ~ 5/25
 Richard & Sarah Fulytar ~ 5/26

FOR THE RECORD...

Births: Banks Daniel Reed



Thank you!

- ... Jane Harrison for organizing the making of palm crosses this year and to all who helped make them
- ... Linda Irving for providing the meal for Maundy Thursday
- ... The Flower Guild for the spectacular Easter flowers
- ... The Altar Guild for all their work preparing the Chapel and the Church for Holy Week and Easter
- ... The Christ Church Choirs for the wonderful Holy Week and Easter music
- ... All who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt
- ... Laura DeYoung and The Spicy Lamb Farm for bringing all the cute little animals for the children to pet at the Egg Hunt



April Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, April 26 at 6pm in the Upper Room. Cake was served in thanksgiving for Robin Woodberry's time at Christ Church since this was her last vestry meeting. Then the meeting proceeded with prayer and Bible study.
- The vestry passed a resolution creating a Planned Giving Committee at Christ Church.
- The vestry decided to move to Sunday worship at 8am and 10am from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend
- First Presbyterian Church presented a proposal to install an AV system in the chapel, at their expense, similar to what is in the church. The vestry approved their proposal.
- The vestry discussed Jubilee Sunday on May 15 and divvied up responsibilities for food.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 6pm in the Upper Room.

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