

THE COMMUNICANT

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

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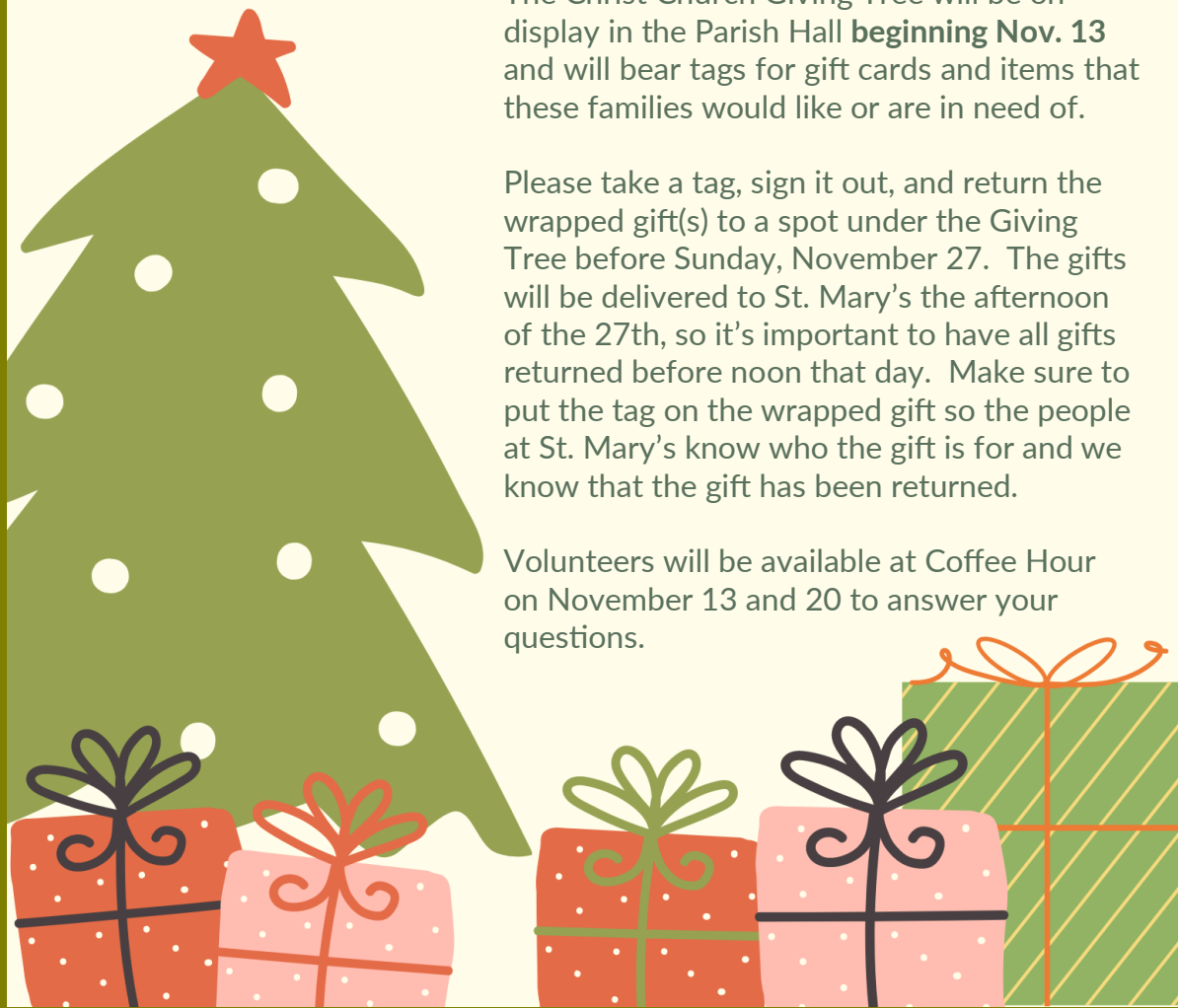
THE GIVING TREE

Christ Church has a long history of participating in The Giving Tree to help ensure that all Hudson families have a joyous Christmas. As we look forward to the Advent and Christmas Season, Christ Church parishioners have a wonderful opportunity to help local families who are in great need.

The Christ Church Giving Tree will be on display in the Parish Hall **beginning Nov. 13** and will bear tags for gift cards and items that these families would like or are in need of.

Please take a tag, sign it out, and return the wrapped gift(s) to a spot under the Giving Tree before Sunday, November 27. The gifts will be delivered to St. Mary's the afternoon of the 27th, so it's important to have all gifts returned before noon that day. Make sure to put the tag on the wrapped gift so the people at St. Mary's know who the gift is for and we know that the gift has been returned.

Volunteers will be available at Coffee Hour on November 13 and 20 to answer your questions.



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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

November is the month when our focus naturally turns to giving thanks. We have much for which to be thankful at Christ Church as we rebuild our life together and in the community after the two year disruption caused by Covid-19. Our worship has new energy. We are finding new ways to do outreach in a more hands on way. We enjoy the company of one another at a growing number of fellowship events. Our young people are serving as lectors, acolytes, and in Young Choristers. We continue to livestream the 10:30 service so those who cannot be with us in person can still feel connected to their church. We have so many talented people offering so very much to make life at Christ Church rich and full.

Real gratitude, however, is not an end in itself. Real gratitude is about how we live our lives. Actions that show gratitude could be telling someone about Christ Church and inviting them to join us, or giving of one's time, talent, or treasure in our various ministries, or making a point to be more regular in worship and other Christ Church ministries so we can be "Better Together." There is no end to the ways we can show gratitude with our lives. Real gratitude is not just a matter what we say with our lips, but a matter of how we live as grateful people.

The list of things for which we can be grateful at Christ Church is long. May we be people who show our gratitude not only with our lips, but with our lives.

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 2022 Annual Diocesan Convention
November 18th & 19th**



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

On November 19, the Diocese of Ohio will elect the 12th Bishop of Ohio. Please keep our delegates (Ellen Turner, RuthAnne Belton, and Malcolm Robbie) and our clergy in your prayers as they discern who they believe is called to be our next bishop.

Loving Creator, you call us together and you send us forth to be your witnesses in all places. We ask you now to lead us, accompany us, and direct us as we seek that person who is to be our next Bishop. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy that we may hear your still small voice. And then, give us the courage to follow as you lead us along the way. In the name of Christ Jesus who is the shepherd and bishop of our souls. Amen.



All Saints' Sunday

November 6th at 8:00 am & 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us, sing fabulous hymns, & light the All Saints' candles in memory of our loved ones. This year, there will also be a baptism at the 10:30 service along with brass and timpani!



SERVICE OF HEALING

November 3rd
at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Once a month, 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.



Election Eve Compline

Monday, November 7th

8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join with your Christ Church friends and family on Zoom to pray for our city, state, and country, those who vote, and those who are standing for election. The link will be sent out via email several times in the week before Election Day.

Holy Eucharist Service
at Laurel Lake
November 17th 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 in The Community Room at Laurel Lake for Eucharist at 11am. For more information, please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

at Temple Beth Shalom

Join with our brothers and sisters from First Congregational Church and Temple Beth Shalom for this annual service of Thanksgiving. There will be music, prayers, scripture reading, and stories as we gather with Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters to give thanks to God for our many blessings.

Adult Christian Education & Fellowship



**Wednesday, November 30
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

“What role does ritual (of any sort) play in your life?”

Bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/potlucktheo22> or call the office at 330-650-4359.



**CCEH Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, November 15th
at 6:00 p.m.**

Join your Christ Church sisters for an evening of great food, good conversation, and lots of laughter! We will meet for dinner at The Tomato Grill, 106 First Street in Hudson on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. This is a great way to make and meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Please sign up through the church office or at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight> by Friday, November 11. Contact RuthAnne Belton at 330-814-5341 or therevmrs52@gmail.com if you have any questions..

Adult Forum

**November 6, 13, 20
at 9:00 am
in the Parish Hall**

November 6: The Rev. Dr. Daniel Grossoehme
“10 things not to say to a grieving parent (or anyone else)”

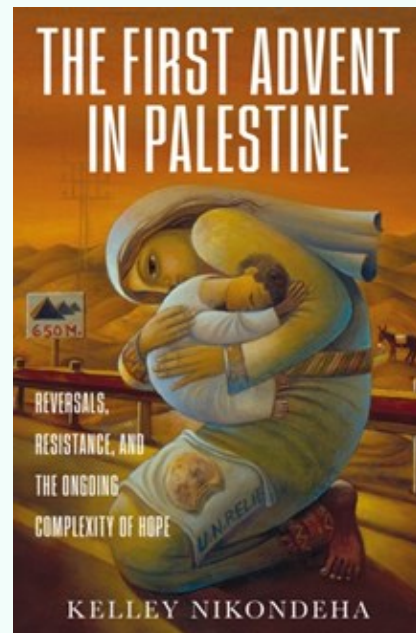
November 13: The Rev. Allan Belton
Why do we have bishops and where do they come from?

November 20
A report from our Convention delegates
on the election of our bishop.

WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

November 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 November, we will join together for discussion of The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope by Kelley Nikondeha. Trusted scholar and community organizer Kelley Nikondeha takes us back, to where the landscape of Palestine is once again the geographic, socioeconomic, and political backdrop for the Advent story. Reading the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew anew, in their original context, changes so much about how we see the true story of resistance, abusive rulers and systems of oppression, and God coming to earth. Throughout her explorations, Nikondeha features the stories of modern-day Palestinians, centering their voices to help us meet an Advent recognizable for today. This thought-provoking examination invites us into a season of discovery, one that is realistic and honest, and that still wonders at the goodness of God's grace. Email Sarah to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.



Children's Corner



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will be held on the 1st Sunday of 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.

Fruits of the Spirit

We know a tree by the type of fruit it gives. In the same way, people will know we are Christians by how we live and act in the world—our fruit! So what are the Fruits of the Spirit? Galatians tells us they are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. This year, we will be exploring one fruit during each month of the program calendar. Join us to learn more! Our November Faith Formation schedule is below.

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up



Our Christmas pageant is coming soon! We will begin rehearsals on November 27th during the Children's Chapel time. If your family is interested in participating, please fill out the following form by **November 17**: www.tinyurl.com/ccepageant. Please fill out one for each participating child so we know who would like which role.

The characters listed in the form have speaking roles, but we will also include non-readers in the pageant as well, so please do fill out the form so I know to send you information on how we will include your children. If your child is not interested in acting, but would like to offer their musical talents, there is an option on the form to indicate that preference. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Bixby at cbixby@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE

November 6th

- Children's Chapel during 10:30 Service PreK-2nd Grade
- Youth Group at 4:30p in Youth Room

November 13th

- Sunday School at 10:15 on Lower Level PreK-5th Grade

November 20th

- Sunday School at 10:15 on Lower Level PreK-2nd Grade
- Youth Group at 4:30p in Youth Room

November 27th

- Christmas Pageant rehearsal at 10:15

EYC ON INSTAGRAM



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



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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November 20th at 5:00p.m.

Choral Compline is “Prayer at the close of the day”, a service with no sermon, mostly chanted, a lot of candles and the choir offering special music. The service usually runs 20-25 minutes. **In November we will meet for Compline at 5:00 and then enjoy soup and conversation afterwards.** Please join us!

Welcome to Alex Lindenmeier, our new Tenor Choral Scholar!

Alex is a senior vocal performance major that studies under Dr. Sue Wallin at Baldwin Wallace University. He has sung roles in baroque operas such as “Oronte” in Handel’s Alcina and “Liberto” in Monteverdi’s L’Incoronazione di Poppea. Alex is looking to pursue a Master o Music in the fall of 2023.



Advent Lessons and Carols December 11th at 5:00p.m.

Come hear the Adult Choir sing a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11. This service is totally different than a Sunday morning service. We will hear Advent lessons interspersed with favorite Advent hymns and great choral anthems. Please come join us for this special service and bring a friend!

Recollections from a former Christ Church Chorister

This summer we heard from Annie Hogdes (Greer) about her time as a Young Chorister at Christ Church. In this two part series, we now hear from her sister, Kate Greer, about her time as a Young Chorister. The Young Choristers Program at Christ Church is a way for children to be leaders in the church through music. We pray together, learn about music, sharpen their musical skills, and learn the importance of music in the church. The program is free and offers opportunities for the Choristers to sing outside of our walls. Enjoy reading and I hope it sparks your interest in the program!

1. How long were you a chorister?

I was a chorister from age 7-15. Even after I stopped regularly singing in the choir, I still came back for major church holidays and the occasional anthem.

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

As a young chorister, I learned a lot about commitment and practice during those Thursday evening rehearsals. Every week, we had to practice extensively and be determined in order to perform a "finished project" for the congregation on Sundays. When you're a young kid, taking the deliberate time to learn and polish a three minute choral anthem can result in a more committed and patient attitude towards approaching other projects.

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

Being a young chorister was always a source of artistry and comradery for me. I was able to express myself through song and musicality, and even as a little kid, I could comprehend the beauty of choral voices singing in a space with awesome acoustics. I also got to make a lot of friends. Back in those days, the young choristers formed a tight-knit community, complete with funny games, nicknames, inside jokes, and shared love for performing a type of music that most kids our age thought was old-fashioned.

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?

When you're in elementary school, attending weekly choir practice at your church can get a little tedious. Plus, the kids at school look at you funny when you say you're in your church choir. The friendships with other choristers certainly kept me committed, but even more than that, the transformational experiences I had as a chorister helped me realize that what I was doing was unique and impactful. I've performed in major cathedrals across the country, and I even got to do a choral residency in England back in 2011. After our performances, people from all walks of life would come up to us and thank us for the music. Seeing the impact we had on people definitely motivated me to stay in the choir and continue giving to the community.

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

Your child will never regret that they learned to read music at a young age. They will also make new friends and see the church from a whole new perspective.

6. How did being a chorister strengthen your faith?

Being a chorister really introduced me to the idea that faith is bigger than the individual. Fellowship is such an integral part of being a chorister, and uplifting God as a group through music can truly strengthen a person's devotion to the Body of Christ. I also have several distinct memories of encountering the Holy Spirit through beautiful choral music, even when I was in second grade!

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

I love the Episcopal Church for so many reasons, and I never would have had that appreciation for our church had it not been for kids' choir. Singing choral music has strengthened my devotion to church tradition and the worship of God through artistry.

8. Do you still geek out on choral music?

I still have all of my favorite anthems from 10 years ago completely memorized. They are some of my favorite songs to this day.

YAMS for Open M

Help us build our
YAM PYRAMID!



As the song "Better Together" goes, it would not be the holidays at Christ Church without collecting Yams for Open M! We'll collect 200 (40oz). cans which you can add to the Yam pyramid inside the parking lot entrance or in the bin if the door is locked. We will collect through Sunday, Nov. 27th. These cans will then be donated to Open M to be added to their Christmas Baskets of food for families in need. Please call Susan Mailey at 330-714-7575 with questions.

HOODIES FOR FIRST SERVE

We will be collecting new and slightly used pullover sweatshirts with a hood in a variety of adult sizes through November 20. These hoodies will be available to North High School students in Akron who are in need of warm winter clothing. Please no hoodies with personal names or high school names on them. College and sports team names are okay.

Please place donated hoodies in the bin in the coat room. Thank you for helping to keep the students at North High warm this winter!



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 November 16 for the November 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 article is part of an ongoing series of Communicant articles about the ministries our outreach dollars support.

RIFT VALLEY CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

The Rift Valley Children's Village (RVCV) is one of the global outreach programs sponsored this year by Christ Church. The RVCV is located in the northern highlands of Tanzania in East Africa and is home to 100 marginalized and orphaned children.

Sallie Bear volunteered there several times, is a former member of the Board of Directors and is still very much connected to the children through various programs such as the Volunteer Alumni Initiative.

The children living at the RVCV are raised to be thoughtful, ambitious and passionate and with the unwavering support of their family, the children will become Tanzania's next generation of leaders. We want to support these children through each step of their development along the way to adulthood with the understanding the RVCV will always be their home forever.

Lifting Lives
Building Futures
Lasting Change

Prayers for healing are offered during communion at the 10:30 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.



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. If you would like to be featured in an issue of The Communicant or know someone who would, please let us know. This month, Eileen Gaston helps us get to know a little bit more about Allison Courtney and Jake Phillips. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!



Get to Know Allison Courtney and Jake Phillips

If you were at church (or on Facebook) on Sunday, October 9, you have already had a fine introduction to Allison Courtney. She was the Stewardship Speaker that day and shared the story of how and why she and husband Jake Phillips love Christ Church.

Allison and Jake met at a Labor Day picnic in 2012. He was raised in the Episcopal faith, in Ashland, OH. She lived in an Army family, with several locations (especially Lansing, MI) and several churches (Church of God, United Methodist, and United Church of Christ - her brother is an Army chaplain). Planning to visit several churches in the Hudson area, they came first to Christ Church. Shirley Eells welcomed them enthusiastically and...the rest is history.

Their deep connection to Christ Church grew out of a profound disappointment. They had planned a destination wedding at St. John the Divine, NYC, with a reception at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The date was to be 10/10/2020. Of course, the Covid pandemic changed those plans. But on that very same

date, they were married at Christ Church, with a limited guest list and careful protocols drawn up by Charlotte. The ceremony was available on Facebook Live. And it still is! Shirley and Peter Eells made it possible to have a small reception at their country club. Doug and Heather Swift provided a drive-up bridal shower. Of course, Mario's music and the Flower Guild's artistry were “the icing on the wedding cake.” It was not the wedding and reception that Allison and Jake had planned, but it was a splendid example of flexibility and support from their new church family.

Allison and Jake live in Streetsboro. He is a financial advisor. She works in customer service and has just earned a Master's degree in public health. You have seen her name in the prayers because they are expecting a baby boy, on or around March 4.

Jake serves on the vestry. They are members of the Christ Church Choir, singing when their work and travel schedules permit. They look forward to continued growth in membership at Christ Church. They are especially interested in welcoming additional young couples and young families. Christ Church is fortunate to have the *three* of you among our young families!

Bishop Election Party!

Celebrate the election of our new bishop with an Election Party at coffee hour on Sunday, November 20 (the day after the election). Join Dave McCallops and Charlotte Reed (Standing Committee), Greg Daniels (Search Committee), and Ellen Turner, RuthAnne Belton and Malcolm Robbie (Convention delegates from Christ Church) to celebrate this momentous occasion in the life of our Diocese.



2023 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who have returned pledge cards for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. 89 pledge cards have been returned for a current total of \$390,012 toward our goal of \$484,000. If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card as soon as possible as work on next year's budget is underway. If you did not receive a pledge card yet, please contact the office.

Thank you to our fellowship team for a fabulous "Better Together Party" and to all who helped plan, execute and contribute to a great night of food, fun, and fellowship!





Jim Munson ~ 11/1
 Owen Cronkey ~ 11/3
 Heather Swift ~ 11/3
 Jane Harrison ~ 11/4
 Fran Sweeney ~ 11/4
 Matthew Bailey ~ 11/6
 Greg Anglewicz ~ 11/7
 Madeline Bailey ~ 11/8
 Len Harrison ~ 11/11
 Doris Lefebvre ~ 11/11
 Diane DeWall ~ 11/12
 Jessica Kosanovich ~ 11/13
 Carol Donely ~ 11/14
 Beth Boazzo ~ 11/15
 Stratton Parker ~ 11/15
 Ashton Parker ~ 11/16
 Richard Shirey ~ 11/16
 Thomas Kiener, Jr. ~ 11/21
 Bob Zuhl ~ 11/22
 Wesley Cicen ~ 11/26
 Sarah Koebley ~ 11/27



Len & Jan Harrison ~ 11/13
 James & Beth Boazzo ~ 11/29

FOR THE RECORD...

Baptism: Banks Daniel Reed
Transfer In: Richard Gunning



We had a great turnout for our first Potluck Theology in over two years! Thanks to all who attended.



...Thank you to
 ...The Rev. Dr. Daniel Grossoehme for his forum on Science and Faith
 ... Dianna Garvey for organizing the first Ladies Night Out
 ... All who helped with the service and reception for Joan Schultz
 ... The Fellowship Team for the great Better Together party
 ... All who donated and helped label candy for the Hudson Merchant Trick or Treat
 ... Cathy Agnor, Sallie Bear, and Judy Brookhart for representing Christ Church at Merchant Trick or Treat

October Vestry Meeting Highlights



The Christ Church vestry met on Tuesday, October 25 at 6pm in the Upper Room. The meeting began with a Bible Study on this month's "Fruit of the Spirit" which is joy.


- Ann Kirk, our acting treasurer, reported that pledge income was down in September. The endowment portfolio has lost about \$247,000 in market value over the past year.
- The vestry set goals for 2023:
 - *Continuing our work on Christian formation for children and youth*
 - *Working with our families (using an expansive understanding of "family" to learn more about their wants and needs regarding church and implementing plans where possible to meet those desires.*
 - *Increasing our hospitality with intentional programs designed to connect new folks as well as current parishioners and families with others at Christ Church as well as ministry opportunities.*
- The vestry adopted a revised personnel handbook which will go into effect on January 1, 2023.
- Kathy Garber gave a report on our current situation with regards to pledges for 2023. As of the vestry meeting, we have 83 pledges with 5 more promised on the way. We had 119 pledges for 2022. Of the pledges that have been received, 31 pledges were increased, 5 decreased and there are 7 new pledges.
- Kathy Garber reported that all the work on Beebe House (painting, new railings, new shutters, new light) has been completed.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, November 29 at 6pm in the Upper Room.



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Thanksgiving Office Hours

The Parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. In case of emergency, call Charlotte at 937-925-5200.

