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.

October



2022

Children & Youth Ministries

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life of Christ?



Sunday School
We have two Sunday School classes this year!
PreK-2nd Graders meet every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month. 3rd-5th Grade meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. We are diving deep in exploring the Fruit and Larring a bout to live as followers of Legis and learning how to live as followers of Jesus.



New this year, Youth Group is an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to closely explore faith formation topics and build close relationships with their peers. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food! Keep an eye out for outreach and service events throughout the year as well.





Lego Church

In the months with a fifth Sunday, we will gather to unleash our creativity and engage with familiar Bible stories in new ways. Legos are for all ages and will allow you to explore your faith in a creative way. After a brief, imaginative service, we will enjoy a home cooked meal together.



Young Choristers

We have a thriving Young Choristers program whose purpose is to train youth to be church leaders through music. Young Choristers are active in the leading of the hymns, singing the anthems, and helping to enliven congregational worship. Choristers meet once a week for rehearsal and sing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during the regular choir season.

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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

The past three Sundays have been glorious. The energy has been tremendous. The music, both from the choirs and the congregation, has been glorious. We have Sunday School once again, and our youth group is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month. We have youth lectors reading in church on Sunday, and we had a marvelous pancake brunch to kick off the stewardship season. We are, indeed, Better Together!

This month, we continue to see what we can do "Better Together" as we gather for Potluck Theology, a new dinner group, restart the Sunday morning adult forum, enjoy a "Better Together" party, and bless animals. We missed each other desperately during the pandemic and now that life is returning to something that more closely resembles normal, we rejoice in reconnecting.

However, "Better Together" is not just about our gathering together, whether for worship, education, or fellowship. "Better Together" is also about how we can make a gospel difference in the world together. Our worship, education, and fellowship inspires us and sends us out into the world where the real work of the church occurs. We have done significant work over the past two and a half years raising money to help agencies that assist the people most affected by the pandemic. Now the Outreach Team is working on ways we can connect with those we assist and expand "Better Together" to include those beyond Christ Church.

"Better Together" also recognizes that only when we all work together and use the gifts God has given us, whether our gifts and talents, our time, or our financial resources, can we be the church God is calling us to be. Together, we are a part of the Body of Christ. Together, we can keep Christ Church a vibrant community of faith, making a gospel difference in the world. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our own Christ Church children, helping them "to grow into the full stature of Christ" as we promise when they are baptized. There is so much to be done to be a gospel presence in the lives of each other and the life of the world which we can only do together.

"Better Together" is not just our theme for the fall. "Better Together" is the theme for our life together at Christ Church!

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.



2023 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who attended our stewardship kick-off and to the vestry and stewardship committee for providing the terrific pancake brunch. Everyone should have received their 2023 pledge packets at the kick-off, or by mail if you could not attend. Please return your pledge cards to the office by October 24 so we can begin work on next year's budget in November. If you have not received a pledge packet, please contact the office to let us know.



Sunday, October 2nd at 4:30 pm

Bring your dogs, cats, birds, gerbils, or other pets for this special blessing in honor of St. Francis Day (October 4). We will meet in front of the Beebe House, weather permitting. Please note that all dogs must be on a leash.



October 6th 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.



Sunday, October 16th at 7:00 p.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 and will held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. through May. We hope you will join us!

Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist Service Thursday, October 20th 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.



Prayers for healing will be 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 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.



Adult Christian Education & Fellowship



Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall "How has your faith been shaped by the pandemic?"

Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. A sign-up link will be sent out closer to the date.

WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION



October 18 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 October, we will continue our discussion of See No Stranger by Valarie Kaur. Valarie Kaur — renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer — has ignited the hearts of millions around the globe, making "Breathe and Push!" a mantra in movements for social change. See No Stranger is a practical

guide to changing the world, a synthesis of wisdom, a chronicle of personal and communal history—all joined together by a story of awakening. Revolutionary love is medicine for our times. It just might be our best chance for our collective future. Email Sarah to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.

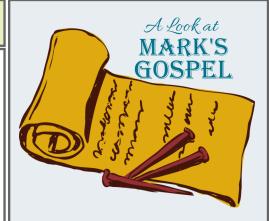


OCTOBER 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Parish Hall at 6:30 on October 21 for an evening of light appetizers, refreshments, and fellowship, made better with YOU there! The cost is \$17.50/person and childcare will be available. Please sign up at https://tinyurl.com/BetterTogetherParty to attend. Questions? Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

- Matthew 18:20



A Look at Mark's Gospel Sunday Mornings at 9:00 October 9-30th

Join Charlotte in the Parish Hall as we engage the earliest gospel and experience the urgency and rawness of the Jesus story as told by Mark.



Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies, join us for the first Christ Church Ladies Night Out and an evening filled with food, fun and fellowship! We will meet for dinner at Oak and Embers Restaurant, 7774 Darrow Rd. on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm. This is a great way to make and meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Please sign up at https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight or through the church office by Friday, October 14. Contact Dianna Garvey digarvey@icloud.com if you have questions.

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 Selfcontrol. This year, we will be exploring one fruit during each month of the program calendar. Join us to learn more! Our October Faith Formation schedule is below.



BUILDING FAITH



LEGO CHURCH

Sunday, October 30th at 4:30 p.m.

Calling all parishioners of all ages, young and young at heart! Join us in the Parish Hall for a fun, interactive worship experience at Christ Church. Using LEGOS, we will explore Biblical themes and stories in a short, imaginative service that allows for people of all ages to engage with our faith in new and creative ways. Following worship.



creative ways. Following worship, we will enjoy a homecooked meal together.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Sarah Bhatia if you can help with the following:

- ⇒ Teaching in Sunday School classrooms (weekly, monthly, or as needed subbing opportunities)
- ⇒ Leading/co-leading youth group (can vary in intensity from helping lead activities to being the second adult in the room lending a helping hand)
- ⇒ Cooking/providing dinner for youth group. Tacos, pizza, and mac and cheese are some of the top requests of our 5-10 students who will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings each month.
- ⇒ Chaperoning events, such as Top Golf, ice skating, youth retreats.
- ⇒ Monetarily sponsoring events such as Top Golf or retreats
- ⇒ Sharing talents with the youth. Do you have a special talent or skill that could be interesting for youth to experience, such as woodworking, floral arrangement, painting, etc?



Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist mario.buchanan@christchurchhudson.org



Photo credit: Andrew Le

In August, I was in England for 2 and a half weeks. Part of my time was spent on holiday but I was there primarily to sing for 10 days with the choir of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. In the summer months when Cathedral choirs are on holiday, they invite American choirs to come sing services. For our trip, we were "in residence" at St. George's, Windsor and St. Paul's Cathedral in London. When a choir is in residence, they sing the services. This meant we sang a service of Choral Evensong every day and Sunday morning service, each service with different music. In all, we sang eleven services with over 35 pieces of music. This is quite typical for an English choir because of their daily service schedules, but is not often done here. The experience was, of course, astounding. To be able to sing at both places brought an amazing understanding of the life of a Cathedral. As I watch the Queen's memorial services, I also feel a bit nostalgic. Just a month ago I sang at St. George's where Queen Elizabeth II's had her Committal Service. The Cathedral Choir at St. Paul's sang *Behold, O God Our Defender* by Herbert Howells at a service of remembrance the day after the Queen died. We sang that very piece in that very space not a month ago.

Many visitors from around the world tour each place and stayed for our services. From different walks of life, everyone was together in one place to worship God. Every day when we sang at St. Paul's, the priest would start by welcoming the congregation, "Welcome to St. Paul's, where worship has been done every day for over 1000 years." This really resonated with me. Every day in Cathedrals around England someone was being prayed for. The idea that I am a speck of dust on the wall of Christianity was quite humbling. Evensong is very much a personal service: the choir sings on behalf of the congregation. However, our job as the choir is to lead the congregation to a more profound worship. We sing to the Glory of God in the company of others. The church being a community, we gather to worship Christ because we all see Christ in the company of others. That is our Baptismal Covenant.

Mario

The Young Choristers Sing Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral Wednesday, October 19th at 6pm

The Young Choristers will be singing a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral on October 19. Please come and support them in their ministry. This is a way for us to show our active Young Chorister Program to others!

Our organ pedalboard is back!

After it has sustained some damage last year, the pedalboard was shipped back to Noack, the company in Massachusetts that built the organ. They repaired the damage and then sent it back. I am eternally grateful to Jon and Greg Lester, our organ tuners, who oversaw the secure packaging and shipment of the organ pedalboard to Noack, and to Noack for the repair.



Please Note: The Drew Le Piano Recital that was scheduled for October 15th has been rescheduled for the spring. More information will be sent out closer to the date.



Anneke Van Slyke is a Junior Vocal Performance major at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, under the tutelage of Dr. Weagraff. She recently attended the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, where she played the role of Public Opinion in Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* She will soon be seen as Amore in Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, through Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, on November 4th-6th. She is very excited to be a part of this incredible church choir, and can't wait to sing some wonderful music.



Kaitlyn Tiemens

Anneke Van Slyke

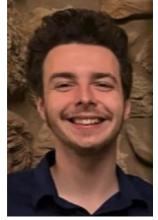


Kaitlyn Tiemens has performed in a variety of plays, musicals, and operas. Her love of music began in middle school choir and has grown into a passion for opera and the performance of classical repertoire. Most recently, she had the opportunity to perform the soprano solo "Pie Jesu" in Gabriel Fauré's Requiem and in Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro in the chorus. This semester, she is performing the role of Valletto in Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. Originally from Chicagoland, she currently studies under Professor Nancy Maultsby at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio.

We welcome this year's Choral Scholars!

Jacob Zingery

Jacob Zingery is the newest tenor Choral Scholar at Christ Church. He is a Vocal Performance major at The University of Akron, a member of the University of Akron's Chamber Choir, and tenor section leader in Akron's Concert Choir. Jacob is also the assistant music director of Akron's co-ed a cappella group, Rhythm and Roos.



second year at Christ church. James is studying Vocal Performance at The University of Akron. He enjoys singing, performing, and hanging out with friends. He is involved in the Opera and performed in Hansel and Gretel at The University of Akron, in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Akron Civic Theatre, and Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Weathervane Playhouse.

James Hassan is returning for his



Kaitlyn Gaughan

James Hassan

This is Kaitlyn Gaughan's second year as a Choral Scholar at Christ Church. Kaitlyn is a Music BA major at The University of Akron. She has been active in UA's choirs since 2018 and in the Opera/Lyric Theatre program since 2020. She also remains active in several organizations such as ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing), and OCMEA (Ohio Choral Music Educa- tion Association). Kaitlyn serves as the treasurer-elect in the student chapter of ACDA and the vice-president of the student chapter of NATS at UA. She often participates in solo performing and regularly competes in the Ohio NATS competition. Kaitlyn plans to continue her education in graduate school for choral conducting following her undergraduate degree.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 6th at 8:00 and 10:30

Join us as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us, sing fabulous hymns, and light the All Saints' candles in memory of our loved ones. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one remembered in the prayers that day, please let us know by filling out the form below, calling the church office, or emailing Kathy Garber at kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 6, 2022

To add the name(s) of your loved ones, please use this form and place in the offering plate or return it to the Church Office by November 1st.

Especially appropriate are the names of people who have died in the past year.

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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 October 19 for the October 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!





Music from the Western Reserve opens it's 40th season with two concerts at Christ Church in October.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 5:00 P.M.

"An All Beethoven Program"

Peter Takac on piano

Music from the Western Reserve's $40^{\rm th}$ season opener features Peter Takacs on piano for an "All Beethoven Program."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

Cleveland Jazz Orchestra

Concerts feature a pre-concert chat at 4:30 and a reception following the concert. Single tickets \$25; Laurel Lake residents \$20; under 18 and Student Admission is always free. Purchase tickets online at www.musicwr.org or at the door the night of the concert. Contact Zsolt Bognár for information at info@musicwr.org.

Hudson Merchant Trick or Treat Thursday, October 27

We are looking forward to once again participating in the Merchants of Hudson Trick or Treat event. We will be passing out candy and pencils to all the cute little ghosts and goblins. Donations of candy are needed and can be dropped off at the church office by Friday, October 21. We will put Christ Church stickers on the individual pieces of candy at coffee hour on October 23. It will be spooktacular fun!





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

BEXLEY-SEABURY SEMINARY

Bexley-Seabury is one of 9 seminaries in the Episcopal Church. Our seminaries work to educate people for both lay and ordained ministries through out the church. In the Episcopal Church, our seminaries are not funded by The Episcopal Church and rely on gifts from individuals and churches, endowment income, and tuition to pay operating expenses and offer scholarships to students.

Bexley-Seabury offers all of the classes in either a hybrid format, with some classes in person and others online, or an entirely online format. The faculty are skilled in offering online courses that engage the students with each other, and despite the online format, students receive a great deal of faculty attention. Bexley-Seabury was the first Episcopal seminary offering a Master of Divinity to offer an option that does not require students to relocate for their education.

I am a graduate of Seabury Western Seminary, one of the two seminaries that came together to form Bexley-Seabury. Two struggling schools came together in 2012 to do something new to adapt to the changing world in which the church finds herself. I served on the board of the seminary for over 10 years as the two schools came together, relocated, and grew. Our gift to Bexley-Seabury helps the seminary fulfill it's mission to "educate, form, and inspire the Body of Christ."

-The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed



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 Kiener family. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to Know the Kieners

Our family for this month is the Kieners! They are Sarah, Thomas, Thomas, Jr. (7), and William (5).

Thomas and Sarah both grew up in Pittsburgh, though on different sides of the city. They also both attended the University of Richmond, but didn't officially meet until after Thomas had graduated! They met through a mutual friend when they were both home on summer vacation. Thomas currently works for Carhartt in Direct to Consumer Finance, and Sarah works part-time as a library media specialist at Ellsworth Hill Elementary School in Hudson.

Thomas was raised in the Catholic Church and attended St. Louise de Marillac in Pittsburgh. Sarah grew up in the Episcopal Church and attended Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Sarah and Thomas were married at Trinity Cathedral, and had both of their children baptized there. Trinity has long been important to Sarah's family. It was her grandparents' home church, her parents were married there, and she and her brother were also baptized there. She has fond memories of her grandmother sewing costumes for the Christmas pageant and passing candy to her and her brother during the service:)



The Kieners moved to Hudson in 2019, and initially attended Christ Church both for worship and to meet other families. They love the beauty of the church and its location in the heart of Hudson, and they say you cannot beat the music at Christ Church! Sarah's grandfather sang in his church's choir and the hymns remind her of him. They feel welcomed by the Christ Church community and are grateful for everyone's kindness.

Christian education is important to the Kieners. They want their children to grow up with knowledge of God and the church, and love the many opportunities they find for that at Christ Church. In the future, they hope see more families join the church as things get back to "normal" following the pandemic.

In Hudson, you can find the Kiener family visiting the library, getting treats at Open Door or Lulu's, or hanging out at one of the many local parks or playgrounds. They love to hike, and are thrilled to have such a wonderful metropark system and a beautiful national park in our backyard! During the warmer months, Thomas can be found playing 18 at CCH (sometimes with the kids in tow!). On the weekends, they spend their time attending soccer/baseball/basketball/etc. games and practices, traveling, and enjoying family and friends. They are looking forward to fall and the beauty and crispness that come with it!

The Kieners are thankful that they have been embraced by the Christ Church Community, and we are thankful to have them here!



Peter Eells ~ 10/2 Karen Fish $\sim 10/2$ Kaye Lowe $\sim 10/3$ Gladys Gate ~ 10/6 Ginny Young ~ 10/6 Morgan Foster ~ 10/8 Sarina Kinney ~ 10/8 Sallie Bear $\sim 10/12$ Lou Young ~ 10/12 Jack Ewing ~ 10-14 Lucy Kistler ~ 10/14 Erin Petro $\sim 10/15$ Chris Van Buren ~ 10/15 Callan Petro ~ 10/17 Mike Pitz $\sim 10/18$ Mark Metoki ~ 10/19 Claire George ~ 10/20 Joseph Palmer ~ 10/22 Debbie Sergi ~ 10/23 George Murray ~ 10/25 Dede Klein ~ 10/27 Gayle Lewis $\sim 10/27$ Harry Bartels ~ 10/29



Dave & Pam McCallops ~ 10/1
George & Judy Murray ~ 10/6
Deb & Tom Kelley ~ 10/8
Milan & Jessica Kosanovich ~ 10/8
Mark & Lori Metoki ~ 10/8
Jake Phillips & Allison Courtney ~ 10/10
Ellen Turner & Dick Peller ~ 10/15
Tom Dukes & Richard Gunning ~ 10/15
Zachary & Laura Haake ~ 10/16
Michael & Kimberley Calkins ~ 10/20
Greg & Janet Daniels ~ 10/22
Gabe & Doris Lefebvre ~ 10/26

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths: Peter Young



... Thank you to Ann Kirk for providing lunch for our Young Chorister retreat and to Jane Harrison and Heather Swift for teaching our Choristers how to arrange flowers

... to Charlotte for providing pizza and brownies for the Youth Group kick-off to the Vestry, Stewardship

Committee, Lou Young, and Beth Boazzo for their work in organizing, cooking, and serving a wonderful pancake brunch to kick-off our stewardship campaign

.... to Pam Zuhl for writing the stewardship theme song, "Better Together", to Mario for putting it to music, and to the choir for their perfomance

... to Guy Wylie for keeping our memorial garden and church grounds looking beautiful

... to Pam Zuhl and Janet Daniels for recording the minutes at our vestry meetings this summer

September Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, September 27 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- The vestry meeting began with leftover pancakes and sausage, Bible study, and prayer.
- Ann Kirk went over the 2022 audit, which was clean. The audit was approved by the vestry.
- Charlotte discussed proposed changes to the Personnel Handbook. The current handbook reflects a corporate size church, a staff of full-time employees, and a very different employee market than is currently the case. Changes include the rollover of sick time for a maximum of 20 days, increasing vacation to three weeks per year at 5 years of service rather than 10, and defining full time, half time, and part time employees.
- Kathy Garber reported that we are waiting for the carpenter to install the shutters on Beebe House, the replacement of the handrails, and a new light fixture. Then the work on the outside of Beebe House will be complete!
- James Boazzo reported on his research into a Ring system for the undercroft and for the back door. The vestry approved up to \$1500 for the purchase of a Ring security system.
- James also requested volunteers to help with Youth Group while Sarah Bhatia is on maternity leave. Many of the vestry members signed up to help.
- Ann read a letter from Allan Belton thanking the vestry for their help and support while Charlotte was on sabbatical.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00.



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Bishop Election

The election of the next bishop of the Diocese of Ohio will take place on November 19 as part of our Diocesan Convention. Our delegates to convention are RuthAnne Belton, Malcolm Robbie, and Ellen Turner. Information about all things election can be found at https://www.dohio.org/bishopsearch. Bishop elections are rare Our last election was in 2003 so this is a very important event in the life of our Diocese. If you have questions about the nominees, the election process, or what happens after the election, please ask Greg Daniels, who was on the Search Committee, Dave McCallops or Charlotte Reed, who serve on the Standing Committee, or Tina Monreal who is on the Transition Committee. Please pray for our nominees and the election process!

Prayer for the election of a 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.