

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.*

February



2023

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.



Wednesday, February 22

12:00 pm

Ash Wednesday liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

5:00 pm

Ash Wednesday service for families.

This service includes the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist but is not the Ash Wednesday liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer.

7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist, and the Christ Church Adult Choir; Livestreamed on Facebook.

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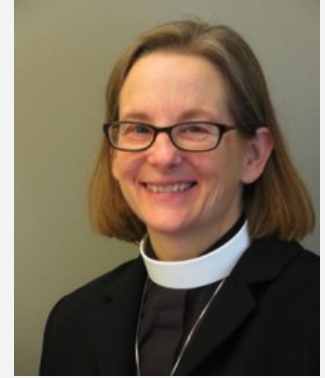
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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

I cannot thank you enough for the surprise celebration of the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. My deepest thanks to those who made food, decorated the parish hall, arranged flowers, or sent cards, all of which involved planning that happened behind my back. Most importantly, thank you to all who came to church on that very snowy Sunday. The full church made my heart swell with joy!

Christ Church is a church that celebrates well together, whether we are celebrating the accomplishments of our children, or a 100th birthday, or anything in between. We do love our cake! However, every single Sunday we celebrate something more momentous than any human accomplishment. We celebrate the gift of God's son who lived, died, and rose for us. We give thanks to God who nourishes us with the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We celebrate the God who not only sends us into the world but goes with us as we leave this place. In good times and in hard times, we gather every Sunday to celebrate all that God has done for us and to draw the strength we need for the week ahead.

Every Sunday I look forward to seeing each of you as we gather to celebrate!

Blessings,

Charlotte

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Once again Christ Church will carry on the tradition started years ago by the ECW (Episcopal Church Women). We will be sending Valentine's care packages with love to our family members in the military and in college or boarding school. To add your loved ones to our recipient list go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCEcarepackage> or contact the church office.

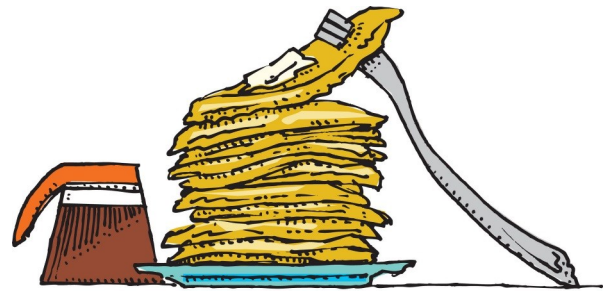
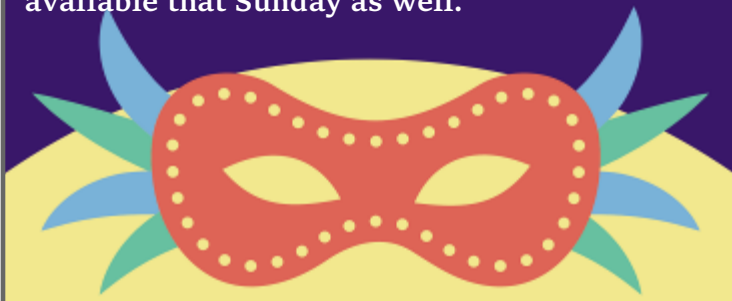
Please join me in the preparation of Valentine's treats along with a short bible study and prayers for our recipients. We will meet in the Parish Hall on Feb 8 at 7:00 pm. If you can't attend, we would appreciate donations of supplies. Sign-up for both here: <https://tinyurl.com/CCEValentinesHelp>. Email Heather Swift with questions at christchurchepiscopalhudson@gmail.com.

- Heather Swift

Mardi Gras Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
AT THE 10:30 SERVICE

Beads, costumes, Mardi Gras masks...dress up and come for church on Mardi Gras Sunday! There will be a festive coffee hour following the service as we bring the season of Epiphany to a close and prepare to enter the season of Lent. Our Lenten Devotion Booklets will be available that Sunday as well.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 21ST at 6:00 P.M.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper returns to Christ Church this year! Join us on this last day before Lent for a wonderful dinner of pancakes, sausage, fruit & beverages. Admission is FREE with offering to support Habitat for Humanity.

ASHES

To go

7:30am-9am
4:30pm-6pm

An Outreach to the Hudson Community cosponsored by Christ Church Episcopal and First Congregational, "Ashes to Go" is not designed to replace attending a worship service on Ash Wednesday! "Ashes to Go" is designed for those who are curious, but not ready to step foot in a church, or who went to church as a child and connect with the ashes of Ash Wednesday but do not currently attend church, or who, for whatever reason, do not attend church but want to receive ashes.



**SERVICE OF
HEALING**

February 2nd
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.

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall

Join your Christ Church friends for thoughtful and thought-provoking conversation on the book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner.

Feb. 5

Chapter one: "Why Do the Righteous Suffer?"
Chapter two: "The Story of a Man Named Job"

Feb. 12

Chapter three: "Sometimes There is No Reason"
Chapter four: "No Exceptions for Nice People"

Feb. 19

Chapter five: "God Leaves Us Room to Be Human"
Chapter six: "God Helps Those Who Stop Hurting Themselves"

Feb. 26

Chapter seven: "God Can't Do Everything, But He Can Do Some Important Things"
Chapter eight: "What Good, then, Is Religion?"



CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER



February 19th at 5:00 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 is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The service will be followed by supper and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Holy Eucharist Service at Laurel Lake
February 16th 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.



Wednesday, February 15th
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Topic: *What one piece of advice would you give a child born today?*

Bring a favorite food from your childhood to share.
Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/potlucktheo23>.



Christ Church is producing a Lenten Devotion Booklet once again this year with reflections created by you, Christ Church parishioners, and friends. People of all ages are invited to write or create art to go with the Scripture readings for each day in Lent. If you would like to submit a reflection this year please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/LentenDevotion2023> . Reflections must be submitted by the end of the day on **Sunday, Feb 5**. The Booklets **will be available Feb 19**, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Contact Heather Swift with any questions at christchurchepiscopalhudson@gmail.com

Children's Corner

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 continue to explore one fruit during each month of the program calendar. Join us to learn more! Our February Faith Formation schedule is below.



Youth Group

February 5th & 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group is an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to gather for age specific faith formation and fellowship. At each Youth Group, we will do community building activities, take a close look at a Bible passage that explores the month's fruit, discuss how we can live like Jesus, and end our evening with dinner together.

February 5

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service for 3 years –2nd grade
- Youth Group at 4:30p in Youth Room

February 12

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

February 19

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

February 26

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



Children's Chapel

For children 3-years old through 2nd grade
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
 DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE.**

Children 3-year-olds through 2nd Grade join a leader during the Hymn of Praise at the 10:30 service for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.

Upcoming Music Events at Christ Church

MUSIC FROM THE
WESTERN RESERVE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 5:00 P.M.

FEATURED YOUNG ARTIST

Minchae Kim, *Violinist*

Melvia Citravani Raharjo, *piano*

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 or visit their website www.musicwr.org.

Andrew Le in Concert at Christ Church

March 4th at 7:00 pm

Our own Drew Le will be presenting a concert on our Boston baby grand piano on March 4th. We are so fortunate to have such a gifted musician as a parishioner. This concert, along with the concert in May by pianist Kirsten Homdrom (below), will serve as a fundraiser for scholarships for our Young Choristers. These scholarships will be used for them to attend RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) training courses in the summer. More information about those courses can be found on their website: <https://www.rscmamerica.org/summer-2022>.



Kirsten Homdrom, pianist, in Concert at Christ Church

May 12th at 6:00 pm

Kirsten Homdrom will be returning to Christ Church to give a piano recital on Friday, May 12 at 6:00. Kirsten was a Trinity Scholar at Christ Church from 2007-2009. Kirsten joined the White Memorial staff in May 2015. As Associate Director of Music, Kirsten shares responsibility for the music ministry along with the Director of Music. In addition to playing both the piano and organ during worship, Kirsten directs choral and instrumental ensembles, and accompanies a variety of soloists and groups.

Previously, Kirsten served churches in Indiana and Ohio in both organist and director of music roles. Kirsten has also taught piano and organ to students of all ages, and has performed both in the United States and abroad. She has a passion for ministering to people by sharing God's gift of music in fellowship and faith. Kirsten holds a B.M. in piano performance from Baldwin-Wallace University Conservatory of Music, and a M.M. and D.M.A. in piano performance from the University of Cincinnati College, Conservatory of Music.

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 February 23 for the February distribution. Detergent can be left on the bench inside the back door, or if it is locked, can be left outside the door. Thank you for helping support the Hudson Food Pantry!



Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The flower guild depends solely on donations from parishioners to defray the cost of the flowers placed on the altar each Sunday. The cost of altar flowers each week is \$40 for the 8:00 Chapel service, \$75 for the 10:30 Church service, or \$115 for both. The sign-up sheet for flowers is located on the wall in the coat room, or you can call the office to sign up if you have a specific date in mind.

Work continues on updating and replacing of signs throughout the building. Please excuse the mess as we work through removing old signs and repairing/painting the walls where the signs were removed. The new sign inserts you see are temporary until the final inserts are ready. We hope to have the project completed in the next few weeks.



Volunteers Wanted for Project Learn of Summit County

I teach English to immigrants for Project Learn of Summit County. Our organization relies on a lot of volunteer effort to support adult students learning English and adult students working toward their GEDs.

There are several students in my online English class who are interested in being matched with a volunteer for weekly English conversation practice. There are other volunteer needs as well, if you are interested in helping with something else. Some students would like in person meetings, for example, at Cuyahoga Falls library, and some would prefer meeting online (Zoom or Facetime, etc.).

I am aware there has been some interest in finding ways to form relationships with refugees or immigrants, and this would be very helpful if you have time and interest. I started out as an English conversation volunteer and really enjoyed it. I am now in my second year as an instructor. Most students are very eager to learn!

Volunteers can start any time, but January is a great time and we are looking for a number of new volunteers now. Melissa Paul is the volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering, you can fill out the form found at <https://www.projectlearnsommit.org/get-involved/volunteer/> and then Melissa will contact you.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the program or volunteering.

Lori Metoki



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Natalie Cronkey ~ 2/2
- Lynda Warren ~ 2/2
- Sarah Kiener ~ 2/5
- Carrie Cronkey ~ 2/6
- Nathaniel Haake ~ 2/6
- Eileen Gaston ~ 2/7
- Brandon Parker ~ 2/7
- Jones Foster ~ 2/8
- Zachary Haake ~ 2/8
- Shirley Eells ~ 2/9
- Vera Perini ~ 2/9
- Sam Boazzo ~ 2/11
- Shannon Bailey ~ 2/13
- Carmella Jackson ~ 2/13
- Allison Courtney ~ 2/14
- Kaitlyn Gaughan ~ 2/14
- Kaitlyn Tiemens ~ 2/15
- Joan Walden Barnhardt ~ 2/20
- Joyce Comben ~ 2/24
- Linda Irving ~ 2/24
- Scott McKinny ~ 2/24
- Kellan Palmer ~ 2/24
- Steve Barger ~ 2/26
- Jeanne McKinny ~ 2/28
- Gabe Lefebvre ~ 2/29



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- George & Chris Van Buren ~ 2/2
- Allan & Ruth Anne Belton ~ 2/12
- Rich & Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 2/29

Thank you to...

- ...Guy and Ruth Wylie for putting Christmas lights on the pine tree in front of the church
- ...All who helped with the 25th ordination anniversary celebration for Charlotte
- ...Our outgoing vestry members- Ann Kirk, Tom Dukes, and George Murray
- ...Janet Daniels for organizing the January Ladies' Night Out



What an accomplishment! This year, the Christ Church Knitting Group made 27 scarves, 46 hats, and 20+ blankets/shawls, which will be donated to International Institute of Akron; and 7 bibs and 15 washcloths, along with 11 Peace Pals, that they will send to Knitting for Peace in Denver. In addition RuthAnne Belton has given away nearly 20 baby blankets or prayer shawls over the past year!



January Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry met on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- The vestry began with a pizza dinner to thank the outgoing vestry members and welcome the new members. The current vestry members were each invited to offer one piece of advice to the new members. New members were invited to ask one question of the current members.
- Vestry members were asked to choose a vestry goal to lead. Those assignments will be finalized at the vestry retreat. The vestry members assigned to each goal are asked to recruit other parishioners to form a team to move forward with the goal.
- The vestry reviewed the financials from the close of 2022. Amazingly we came within \$17,000 of making our 2022 pledge goal despite losing a number of people to death or a move during the year.
- James Boazzo reported on the work of the Security Committee, which includes working to make the undercroft safer for our children and installing a Ring doorbell on the back of the door so the staff can see who is entering the building. More work is yet to be done on providing security on Sunday morning as well as training for ushers and Sunday School teachers.
- Thank you notes were read from Daniel Grosseohme and Allan Belton for the Christmas gifts they received from the vestry and parish.
- The vestry retreat is Saturday, January 28. The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, February 28 at 6pm in the Upper Room.



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Mark Your Calendars



Wednesday Evening
LENTEN SERIES & SUPPER
Each Wednesday in March from 6-7:30pm

“Witness at the Cross,” a video series by Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt University, will help us experience the Good Friday story in a new way. Each week we will walk with a different character in the story to see how that character experienced and was affected by the events of Good Friday. More information will be forthcoming in the announcements and eNews leading up to Lent.

Our Lenten series this year is a joint event with First Presbyterian Church.