

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.*

June



2023

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11; 9:00am-12:00pm



Make Vacation Bible School the highlight of your summer! This VBS invites kids to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life.

Each day at Operation Restoration features a theme word, Bible story, and several activities that explore what it means to be a mender in God's world. Children will travel through rotations including art, music, science and nature, service learning, and story-telling. Invite your friends and neighbors!

For children ages 4 (as of Sept. 30, 2023 & fully potty-trained) through rising 5th grade.

- ◇ PreK and Kindergarten classes will meet on alternating days.
- ◇ Kindergarten meets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
- ◇ PreK meets on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
- ◇ Nursery will be available for younger children.



Scan the QR code below to register
or [https://www.christchurchudson.com/
vacation-bible-school.html](https://www.christchurchudson.com/vacation-bible-school.html) for more
information.



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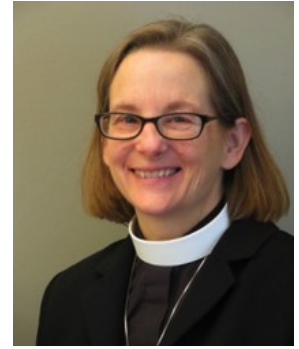
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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are staring summer in the face. We have had a most wonderful program year capped off by a great Celebration Sunday. Many of us are looking forward to a more relaxed pace this summer, vacations, long days, and all the pleasures summer brings.

While our pace at Christ Church will be more relaxed this summer, we will have lots going on. Being present is as important as ever in the summer as this is the season when new folks move to town and start looking for a church. Empty pews are unimpressive. Coffee hour will happen after church every Sunday and the relaxed pace of summer provides us with more time to get to know each other. We will have Christmas in July (July 23), Vacation Bible School August 7-11, pop-up choirs at the 10 o'clock service, and occasional outdoor services at 8am. The flower guild will create beautiful flower arrangements, the altar guild will set up, the lectors will read, chalice bearers will serve, ushers will welcome, and acolytes and crucifers will serve. And who knows what else we may do!

All this is to invite you to be present this summer...for God, for yourselves, for each other, and for those we have not yet met. Summer is a time to refresh and renew which includes our relationships with God and each other!

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

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*).



Kathy Garber will be out of the office on medical leave beginning June 2 and hopes to return to the office on June 19. The office will be staffed by volunteers during that time from 9-4:00 Monday through Thursday and will close at noon on Fridays in June.



The Rector's Vacation

Charlotte will be on vacation from Monday, June 19 until Wednesday, July 5. The Rev. Allan Belton will be at Christ Church as preacher and celebrant on June 25 and July 2. He will also be available for any pastoral emergencies during that time and can be reached at 330-814-5123.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

Tom Marks

Saturday, June 10th
11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Bishops and Staff



The Transition Committee invites everyone to a diocesan-wide celebration of Bishop Hollingsworth, our assisting bishops, our retiring Bishop's Staff members and all their colleagues on June 17 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights. This outdoor event, designed for all ages, will feature live music and food trucks, including the Bellwether Airstream with ice cream. **Please RSVP by June 8.** Contact transitioncommittee@dohio.org with questions. Our own Tina Monreal has been working hard on this event as chair of the Celebration Committee and our rector, the Rev. Charlotte Reed, will "MC" the comments portion of the afternoon.

The link to RSVP is
<https://form.jotform.com/231303721960145>



Total dollars pledged for 2023	Pledge dollars expected/budgeted year to date	Pledge dollars received year to date
\$490,212	\$245,106.00	\$267,054.19 <i>Includes \$85,520 in prepaid pledges</i>



June 1st
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.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Grosseohme's 30th Ordination Anniversary

Daniel will be the celebrant at both services on Sunday, June 4 in honor of his anniversary. We will celebrate with a cake after the 10:00 service and there will be a basket for cards. Please help us celebrate!



God willing and the people of God consenting
The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio
will ordain

Robin W. Woodberry

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's
One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

On Saturday, the Third day of June,
Two thousand and Twenty-three
at Ten O'clock in the Morning

at
St. Paul's Church
425 Cleveland Avenue SW
Canton, Ohio

*Reception Following

Children's Corner



Children's Chapel

For children 3-years old through 2nd grade

Every Sunday morning during the 10:00 Service through September 3rd

Our program year is over and we are in our summer rhythm with weekly Children's Chapel. We will continue with the Godly Play curriculum, which uses Montessori-based learning experiences to help children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Children have an innate sense of the presence of God and this program embraces and encourages that sense. We will be encountering some of the big characters of the Old Testament as well as the parables of Jesus. Children ages 3-2nd Grade (completed) will begin each Sunday in the service with their parents. During the Hymn of Praise, they will join Sarah Bhatia or a volunteer at the front of the sanctuary and return to their families during The Peace. This program offers a great opportunity for your children to grow in their understanding of faith and experience God in new ways. Come join us!



Summer Playgroup!

Beginning in June, Sarah Bhatia will be hosting a bi-monthly playgroup for all ages on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of June and July from 11-12:00 at local area parks.

June 8: Hudson Springs Park

June 22: Colony Park

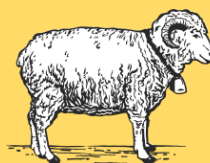
July 13: Cascade Park

July 27: Veteran's Way Splash Pad & Park

Invite your friends, enjoy time outside playing and get to know other families in the parish outside of the walls of the church! All playgroup dates are weather permitting. Email Sarah at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org to be on the list to get up to date information.



BELLWETHER FARM MUSIC AND VISUAL CAMP



Bellwether
— FARM —

CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

Music and Visual Arts camp is an opportunity for children entering grades 3-8 to deepen their relationship to self, God, and each other by expressing themselves through music and art. Each morning, campers will gather to sing, learn about music history and theory, play, and prepare a performance for the end of the week. In their visual arts session, campers will be inspired by the environment to learn new skills such as wool dyeing/spinning/weaving, landscape drawing, cyanotypes, and ceramics. In the afternoons, campers will enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, farm time, and archery. This camp is meant to give every child an opportunity to play and express themselves for their enjoyment— everyone can sing, and everyone is an artist! Music and Arts Camp will be held July 16-21. Our own Mario Buchanan will lead the music portion of the camp! More information and registration is at bellwethecfarm.com.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Does crafting make your heart roar? Do you love feeding the herd with snacks? Do science experiments make you go wild? Is story telling your passion? Do the singing voices of children bring tears to your eyes? If so, ready your skills to make a wonderful week for our community at Vacation Bible School. Contact Sarah for a volunteer registration form and let your wild side shine this summer!

- Registration/Check in (1-2 people): Make sure payment and registration info is in and correct. Pass out name tags. Greet parents and children daily
- Check out (1): greet parents at the door at the end of each day and checking out their child(ren) with their teachers
- Drama (2-3): perform little skits during opening and closing gatherings—can be teens
- Service Learning (1): teach lessons and activities about the mission project for the week
- Arts (1): lead easy arts and crafts that help to build connections with the day's theme
- Science and Nature (1): lead easy science experiments and nature lessons
- Shepherds (2 for each grade level 1st-6th Grade—12 total): lead group to each rotation station. Lead reflection time at the start of each day
- PreK/K Leader (3-4): lead the PreK/K classes in all activities

Support roles:

- Shopping: food for snacks, supplies for rotations, etc.
- Administrative work: making copies, cutting out materials, prepping materials for rotations
- Set up (3-4): Setting up chairs and rooms each morning (by 8:30)
- Tear down (3-4): putting chairs and supplies away at the end of each day.
- Prepping crafts: getting crafts supplies ready to go for each day



On May 14, we had a glorious youth-led service. Eleven children and youth were involved in leading worship through reading Scripture, prayers (which were written by the youth group), preaching, and music. We also featured two 4th grade ushers who did a fabulous job. We certainly are blessed by fantastic kids at Christ Church and it was wonderful to showcase their talents and faith.





Photo credit: Andrew Le



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

Greetings!

The Adult Choir's last Sunday of the season will be June 4th and the Young Choristers will have ended on May 21st. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Adult Choir members and the Young Choristers for their leadership this past season. It has been quite a wonderful season with many firsts: Young Choristers sang a service of Evensong at the Cathedral, they participated in TrebleFest again, both choirs sang at the Bishops Consecration, the Adult choir sang Advent Lessons and Carols, and every week we got to experience a more profound worship with their song. All of this takes many hours of preparation so we are ready for Sundays. After the Coronation of King Charles III, someone said "imagine this service without any music." Music allows us to experience a more profound worship. Thank you choirs for making our lives at Christ Church so fulfilled.

In June, I will be attending the summer conference for the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) in Dallas, TX. Every year, over 300 different church musicians from Episcopal churches around the country gather to worship together. Every day we sing together, we worship together, we eat together, we talk together, we catch up with our lives. This is always a time of renewal for me, a time to see my friends and talk about our church programs. I am so excited to boast about Christ Church to them and the many resources we have. Many of them have heard about Christ Church making my position full time and so many of them congratulated us on that achievement. I look forward to coming back to Christ Church after that conference feeling refreshed and ready to plan for next season!

Mario

The Carol Donley Choral Scholar Position



I am delighted to announce that one of our Choral Scholar Positions will be named in memory of Carol Donley. The Donley family has asked that gifts in memory of Carol go towards the Carol Donley Choral Scholar Position which will fund one Christ Church Choral Scholar for the 2023/2024 program year. Carol loved the Christ Church choir. She regularly came early to services so she could hear the choir rehearsal beforehand. All of us have seen the blessing that the Choral Scholars bring to Christ Church. Choral Scholars are college students who have the opportunity to grow as musicians as part of the Christ Church choir and are supported by the church for sharing their talents. Checks can be made to Christ Church Episcopal with "Donley Choral Scholar" in the memo line.

Congratulations

to our

GRADUATES!



Corrine Agnor graduated in April from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

She will be starting a job at Akron Children's in the PICU (pediatric intensive care unit) after she passes her boards in early June. She has always wanted to work with children and is so excited for this new adventure. This is icing on the cake for her father Ross, as he has worked there almost 25 years now and is so excited to have her at Akron Children's Hospital.



Jenna Lund will graduate from Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) on June 3 with a degree in Interior Design. She will begin her career this summer in Richmond, VA at an architecture firm.



Kaitlyn Gaughn graduated from the University of Akron with a BA in music. Next semester, she will attend Temple University to receive a masters degree in vocal performance.

Kaitlyn says, "I'm sad this is my last semester here at Christ Church! You've all given such a comfortable environment for me to finish my studies this year and I'm incredibly grateful."



Alex Lindenmeier is a voice performance major graduating from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music. He will take a gap year this coming Fall and Spring to audition to graduate schools that pertain to his specific interest in early music. He also plans to do something in the field of musicology. Alex says, "I really enjoyed my time singing with Christ Church of Hudson and thank you all for the support!"



Blessing Cards for Open M

Please consider making "blessing cards" to be distributed with meals at Open M. Your card can be a simple index card or piece of paper with a few words of encouragement, a bible verse, a picture, stickers, or whatever you imagine will share some love and support. You can drop your cards in the basket inside the coat room by the parking lot entrance. This will be an ongoing opportunity and cards will be taken to Open M monthly.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



PB & J DAY: JUNE 17TH

Please join the Middle School Youth at 10 AM on June 17 as we come together to prepare 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless ministry out of St. Bernard's Church in Akron.

We urge anyone and everyone to volunteer at some point, for every month we will put out the call. Get to know each other, get sticky, and do good!

We hope you will join us in the Parish Hall for our next PB & J day on Saturday, June 17.

For more information, contact Judy Brookhart at judyots@gmail.com or join us for an Outreach Committee meeting after church on the fourth Sunday of each month.



Mark your calendars now to attend Christmas in July at the 10:00 service on July 23. Come hear the Christmas story with new ears, sing Christmas songs with summer joy and feel the Christmas joy in new ways.

This year's Christmas in July Service will benefit Family Promise of Summit County, who's mission is to help homeless families with children stay together and achieve sustainable independence. Since 2004, Family Promise has served 400 families including over 1,000 children. In addition to providing temporary shelter, Family Promise addresses the root causes of poverty through trauma-informed case management, financial literacy education, and mentoring. An in-house food pantry allows families to cook and enjoy their own meals.

For our Christmas in July offering, we are asking you to bring your favorite sandwich or salad topping. The following condiments are needed to stock the Family Promise pantry:

- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Italian and Ranch dressings
- Hot sauce

Any size, packaging, and brand is acceptable. Let's help to spice up their lives!

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 **45 jugs, packs of pods, or detergent sheets** by June 21 for This month's distribution. Detergent can be left on the bench inside the back door, or Outside the door if it is locked. Thank you helping support the Hudson Food Pantry!





Getting to Know You

Each month we 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 the Edwards Family. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to Know The Edwards Family

Have you met the Edwards family? Gordon and Theresa Edwards just moved to Hudson last September, but they quickly felt at home at Christ Church. Here is their story.

Akron Children’s Hospital is the reason that the Edwards moved to Hudson. Gordon, having experience in healthcare management in several states, became CFO at the hospital. Theresa facilitated the move with a high school senior (Joelle, called Jo) and a fourth grader (Walter). Their oldest child is Maureen, called Mo, who is finishing her junior year at the University of Alabama.

Gordon and Theresa were both born in Seattle, WA. They met at the University of Washington in Seattle. After marriage in 1996, they moved several times when Gordon, a CPA, had opportunities in healthcare. Their moves include Seattle, Portland, OR, LaCrosse, WI, Vancouver, WA, and Marshfield, WI. Theresa worked in human resources and also as a stay-at-home mom, coordinating all those moves!

Their story of coming to the Episcopal Church will be a familiar one to many of us. She was Catholic and he was Methodist. After marriage and baptisms in the Catholic Church, they discovered Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR and “knew the Episcopal church was where we belonged.”

Their location prior to Hudson was Marshfield, WI, which does not have an Episcopal church. They attended Lutheran and Presbyterian churches “but it just wasn’t the same.” Moving to Hudson, “we were so excited to worship at an Episcopal church again!” They appreciated the warm welcome, the music, and Sunday school for Walter.

Walter is a gamer , especially Smash Bros. and Minecraft. Jo, who likes reading and watching documentaries, has chosen The Ohio State University for next fall. Mo plays the violin (ten years!) and likes singing, reading, and writing. She is majoring in Accounting (sounds familiar) with minors in Spanish and Creative Writing.

Theresa “believes for any church to be sustainable, there needs to be a focus on Christian education, including Sunday school and youth programming.”

Thanks to Akron Children’s Hospital, we are happy to welcome this new family!



Thank You!

Thank you to...

- ... all who helped with the memorial service for Carol Donley
- ...our amazing youth who led our worship on Youth Sunday
- ...the outreach ministry team leaders who organized our Outreach Ministry Fair
- ...Sallie Bear, Janet Daniels, Eileen Gaston, Irene Gillette, Jane Harrison, and Bob Zuhl for helping cover the office in May
- ...the vestry and all who helped with the wonderful Celebration Sunday



Despite the look on Simon's face, he really did enjoy our Celebration Sunday!





Liz Kukwa ~ 6/1
 Shannon West ~ 6/1
 John Frisby ~ 6/2
 Lucy Kosanovich ~ 6/5
 Terry West ~ 6/6
 Mary Ewing ~ 6/7
 Tom Green ~ 6/7
 Lori Metoki ~ 6/8
 Conor O'Sullivan ~ 6/10
 Andrew Stansbrey ~ 6/11
 Ann Kirk ~ 6/12
 Jace West ~ 6/13
 Marti Young ~ 6/15
 Linda Pitz ~ 6/16
 Lauren Ribovich ~ 6/16
 Ruth Andrews ~ 6/18
 Greg Daniels ~ 6/18
 Alice Anglewicz ~ 6/19
 Nancy Dalton ~ 6/21
 Jamie Anglewicz ~ 6/23
 Hunter Barnhardt ~ 6/23
 Kathie Balcerzak ~ 6/24
 Caitlin Cronkey ~ 6/27
 Jim Myers ~ 6/29
 Margaret O'Sullivan ~ 6/29



Jim & Nancy Dalton ~ 6/2
 Thomas & Sarah Kiener ~ 6/2
 Tim & Carmella Jackson ~ 6/10
 Ross & Cathy Agnor ~ 6/11
 Morgan & Greta Foster ~ 6/13
 Tom & Gretchen Green ~ 6/13
 Jack & Judy Brookhart ~ 6/18
 Jim Gray & Julie Micheletti ~ 6/20
 Hunter & Schaeffer Barnhardt ~ 6/23
 Adrian & Kate Ribovich ~ 6/23
 Robertson Gilliland & Emily Westlake ~ 6/23
 Drew Le & Jenny Walvoord ~ 6/28
 Paul & Eileen Gaston ~ 6/29
 Bill & Jill Phipps ~ 6/29
 Jonathan & Amy Andrews ~ 6/30
 Greg & Emily Anglewicz ~ 6/30

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths

Tom Marks

Transfers In

Maryanne Buchanan

Thomas, Gwen, and Marleigh Bowen

May Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry met on Tuesday, May 23 at 6pm. The meeting began with prayers & bible study about community.
- Ann Kirk, our treasurer, reported that she has moved funds from a money market account to a 7 month CD with a 5% interest rate. She also noted the pledge income was down in April and Kathy Garber noted that it has also been down in May. Ann reported that the annual audit, which is an Agreed Upon Procedures audit this year, should be complete within the next 10 days.
- James Boazzo and Judy Brookhart, Sr. and Jr. Wardens, reported on a meeting they had with the wardens of surrounding Episcopal congregations to share what is working and what is challenging in each congregation and to build relationships. They will meet again in the fall.
- The vestry debriefed Celebration Sunday, which was a wonderful success. It was noted that we had very few families with young children and recognized that May is a very busy time for them. There was a stellar turn out from the youth group.
- The vestry began making plans for the fall stewardship program, recognizing the twin priorities of providing better information about the finances of the church as we did at the "Fill the Gap" meeting last November and remembering that at its heart, stewardship is a relational matter based on one's relationship with God and each other.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, July 11 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.



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