

THE COMMUNICANT

Christ Church Episcopal

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

May



2023



Join us on May 21st for

Celebration Sunday!

Join us for a special day of fun, fellowship, and food as we gather for a catered lunch after the 10:30 service to celebrate our many blessings and look forward to exciting times ahead. We will enjoy pulled chicken and great sides from Carolina BBQ, including the ever-popular macaroni and cheese, and then explore fun ways of getting to know one another while our children enjoy an ice cream sundae palooza. Everything will be provided so all we need to make the event a complete success is YOU!

**RSVP by May 12th at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEcelebration>,
by calling the office, or scan the code below.**

Be cheerful with joyous celebration
in every season of life.
Let your joy overflow!

Philippians 4:4



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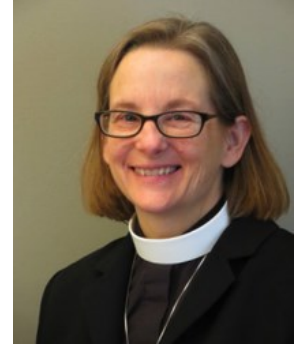
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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the program year and move toward summer and different sorts of church activities, we have so very much to celebrate. Here is just a sampling of what we have been able to do together since September:

- Christian Education for all ages, a new Middle School youth group, Potluck Theology, Education for Ministry in-person, a Lenten series and dinner with First Presbyterian Church, and Lego Church with food!
- Wonderful music on Sunday mornings led by our Adult Choir and Young Choristers, both of which were invited to sing at Bishop Anne's consecration, youth lectors at most services (including the Palm Sunday passion gospel).
- Renewed focus on helping those outside our church community, making 300 PB&J's monthly, grab and go lunches for Open M, tutoring and mentoring through Project Learn, and, of course, laundry detergent for the Hudson Food Pantry...lots of laundry detergent.
- Respond with generosity and good humor to the financial needs of the parish.

We will gather on May 21 to celebrate our life together with a festive lunch and some time to get to know one another better. More information is on the cover of this Communicant. Please take a moment to sign up and join us on this festive day of celebration. I look forward to seeing each of you there!

Blessings,

Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

Contact Charlotte by email at charlotte.reed@christchurchudson.org, by phone in the church office: **330-650-4359**, or by cell phone: **937-925-5200** (*before 9pm please, unless it's an emergency*).

Memorial Services

Carol Donley

Saturday, May 13th at 3:00p.m.

Ralph Weary

Saturday, September 9th, time TBD



**SERVICE OF
HEALING**

**May 4th
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.

**Holy Eucharist Service at Laurel Lake
May 4th 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.

Adult Forum

**May Adult Christian Education
Sunday Mornings at 9:00**

**“The Great Emergence:
How Christianity is Changing and Why”**

The May Adult Forum will focus on this important book by Phyllis Tickle. The book gives a quick review of the history of Christianity, and although it was written over 10 years ago, it is a timely look at the opportunities of our time in 2023. The forum meets in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings.



Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

“What’s the point of prayer?”

Our last Potluck Theology of the program year will bring us together to talk about prayer. What’s the point? Bring a celebratory food to share as we close out a program year in which we have brought back in-person Potluck Theology! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/potlucktheo23> by April 24 or call the office at 330-650-4359.



WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

May 16th 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 May, we will read Madeleine L’Engle’s award-winning A Wrinkle In Time as well as continue our discussion of her memoir The Rock that is Higher. A Wrinkle in Time, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O’Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg’s father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. Email Sarah at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org to request the Zoom link.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you or a member of your immediate family are graduating from high school, college, professional, or graduate school this year, please let the church office know as our grads will be featured in the June Communicant. Please send a recent photo, the school from which they are graduating, along with future plans to Kathy.garber@christchurchudson.org.



King Charles III Coronation Watch Party Saturday, May 6th

Join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 6 for a watch party for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Doors open at 5:45 a.m. (but you can come any time). We will serve scones with clotted cream and jam, juice, coffee, and tea (feel free to bring your favorite tea to share, and come in your jammies or bathrobe if you'd like)! Please sign-up to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/CCECoronation> so we can gauge interest and plan accordingly.



Summer Worship

Our summer worship schedule begins on May 28th and runs through September 3rd.

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



Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, May 16th
at 6 pm
D'Angelos
Italian Ristorante'



Join your Christ Church sisters for an evening of great food, good conversation, and lots of laughter! We will meet for dinner at D'Angelos Italian Ristorante' at 7995 Darrow Rd. in Twinsburg on May 16 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 or by May 12. Contact Janet Adams at caringconcierge@gmail.com with any questions.



A huge thank you to all who helped with the Grab n' Go lunches and/or made blessing cards for Open M! They are so grateful! Thanks to your help, we delivered 50 lunches and over 200 cards to Open M in April.



Children's Corner

Our Christian Education Program year is coming to a close this month. We have had a great year with lots of fun! This summer is going to be a blast with Vacation Bible School! Children's Chapel will continue throughout the summer months, so be sure to come to church so your children can engage with the Bible in new and hands-on ways.

MAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

May 7

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

May 14 at 10: 30 YOUTH SUNDAY

May 21st

Beginning of Summer Education Schedule

- Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service for ages 3 to rising 5th graders
- Celebration Sunday

May 28—Summer Worship Schedule Begins

- Children's Chapel during the 10:00 service for ages 3 to rising 5th graders

14 May



Join us for a special Sunday worship service led by the youth of Christ Church! On May 14, our wonderful youth will manage most of the responsibilities during our morning worship – they will serve as ushers, lead us in prayers and readings, and share their own sermon with us. Music will also feature our children and youth with a string quintet and our younger children sharing a song during the prelude. This will be a fabulous morning celebrating the amazing faith and talents of our youth as they lead us in worship together. You do not want to miss it!



Thank you to all who helped lead our children and youth this year! Our kids learned so much from you this year. It has been a joy to work with each of you. Our Christian Education programs could not have happened without your dedication and service.

*Sarah Kiener
Marcie Harvey
Courtney Bixby
Malcom Robbie
Our 2022 Vestry Members*



Children's Chapel

For children 3-years old through 5th grade

Every Sunday morning during the 10:00 service, beginning May 28th.

Children age 3 to rising 5th graders join a leader during the Hymn of Praise at the 10:00 service for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.

Vacation Bible School Registration Opens May 1!



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 storytelling.

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

Registration forms are now available on the church website at christchurchhudson.com/bible-school.html or in the church office

Who: Ages 4 (as of September 30, 2023 and fully potty-trained) through 5th Grade (Fall 2023)

****PreK and Kindergarten classes will meet on alternating days. Kindergarten will meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday and PreK will meet on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)**

Nursery will be available for younger children

Mark your calendars now and plan to have your children join us on this mending adventure through faith that will equip them and empower them for a life-long journey with God. Invite your friends and neighbors!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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): greeting 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



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Mario Buchanan
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Eastertide Greetings!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made Lent, the Triduum, and Easter spectacular at Christ Church. Church doesn't just happen: it takes many hands with months of planning to make a service happen. The Altar Guild for their hard work in polishing silver and always being there to set up the church and chapel, the Flower Guild for their amazing flowers on Easter, and so many more people.

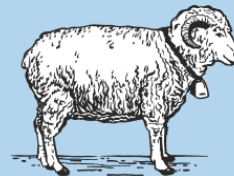
I want to thank all of the choir members who helped make these services memorable. All of their hours of practice and preparation paid off. Our Choral Scholars, Young Choristers, and Adult Choir members really made an impact on the services. Thank you! A music program takes many hands to make it successful. The end of the choir season is the first week of June on Trinity Sunday. Even though the choir will be off in an official capacity, we will plan some pop up choir Sundays in the summer: a small rehearsal before the service and sing the service.

We always have room in the choir for new members! The great thing about choir is it is a group effort, we all work together, bringing our many talents to make one great sound. The Young Choristers program is a very special program here at Christ Church that I hope will grow in size next year. Please get in touch with me if your children would be interested. The Adult Choir is always welcoming new members, too.

Blessings,

Mario

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.

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.

This concert 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/>

MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 5:00 P.M.

THE LOLA ROTHMANN CONCERT Cleveland Orchestra Members in Recital

A fitting conclusion for the celebration of the season includes distinguished current and former members of the Cleveland Orchestra, joined in duo collaborations with pianist Zsolt Bognár. Music by Schumann, Debussy, and more, this potpourri of musical delights showcases the rich and internationally recognized musical heritage of the region. 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. For more information visit the Music from the Western Reserve website at www.musicwr.org.



Eagle Scout Service Project Food Drive

Hello, Christ Church Episcopal. My name is Matthew Banko, and I am a student at Hudson High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 333, which is chartered by Christ Church. I am working on earning the rank of Eagle, and I am running a food drive through early May as my Eagle Scout Project. My beneficiary, Family and Community Services runs multiple food distribution centers, including Kent Social Services and Center of Hope in Ravenna, which is where all proceeds will be going. This is incredibly important right now due to the cuts in SNAP benefits which impact many people who are food insecure in our communities. I am asking for primarily canned food, but any donations are appreciated. Donations can be placed in the collection bin in the coat room. Thank you!

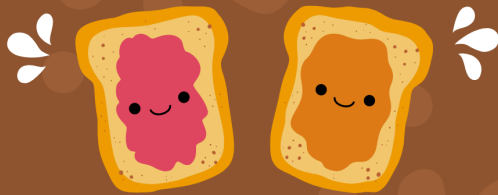
OUTREACH *Ministry*



Outreach Ministry Fair Sunday, May 7th During Coffee Hour

Join us during coffee hour after the 10:30 service on May 7 to learn about the great variety of outreach ministries we have at Christ Church. Each ministry will have a table with information, sign-up sheets, and most importantly, coffee hour treats! This is a great way to learn more about our outreach ministries and to chat with those who lead them.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



PB & J DAY: MAY 20TH

Please join the Outreach Committee at 10 AM on the third Saturday of every month 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, May 20.

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.

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 what ever 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. Please contact Susan Mailey with questions.

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 **42 jugs, packs of pods, or detergent sheets** by May 17 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 McCormicks. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to Know Dick and Amy Greenburg McCormick

On December 29, 1999, you were probably preparing for the Y2K turn of the millennium, wondering if the predicted tech glitches would occur. For Dick and Amy Greenburg McCormick, that was the day their life took a sudden turn. Their beautiful Victorian farmhouse on South Main Street in Hudson was destroyed in a fire started by a roofer doing work on the house. The good news was that the firemen took quick action to save most of the contents, including Amy’s beloved 1929 grand piano by covering things with sturdy protective tarps!

Dick and Amy worked to reproduce the house in all its glory after having to demolish the original house. The home has wonderful built in wooden cabinets, tile work and wallpaper, much of it lovingly installed by Dick. And a “history room” in the basement tells the story of the original house and the fire.



Dick grew up a Roman Catholic in Cleveland and worked in construction, putting himself through night college, eventually earning a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. For 32 years, he worked at the Veterans Health Administration, keeping a clinical caseload while he directed drug treatment and mental health programs for all five VA hospitals in Ohio. He retired in 2002, but has continued his mission with military members and veterans, visiting military bases around the world to improve mental health resources, and conducting health services research.

Amy grew up in New York City, in a Jewish family that was not affiliated with a synagogue. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, and worked at the Kevin Coleman Center in Kent and then for Empathia, a national employee assistance company where she provided onsite clinical mental health services at jobsites.

Amy and Dick were married (at the 1876 house) in 1980. They adopted two infants from Colombia. The family celebrated both Christian and Jewish holidays. When Amy’s mother died in 1998 Amy experienced sitting shiva with the loving support of her sister’s congregation. This led to a desire to increase her ties to the Jewish community in Hudson by joining Temple Beth Shalom. There she has served on the Board, and currently is the Membership Chairperson. Dick was drawn to Christ Church after meeting Don Reed in a writing group and meeting Charlotte. Their first experience at church was a Nativity pageant!

Dick and Amy support each other in their interfaith marriage. Dick sings in the church choir, and Amy regularly attends services at Christ Church. Amy has taken an active part in the *Holy Envy* book discussion. Both are active participants in the communal aspects of both congregations.

Their goals for Christ Church: to expand the number of families. As Dick says, “It is a light under a basket. I want others to discover what I have found here.” Both Amy and Dick are interested in increasing interfaith knowledge and understanding in the Hudson Community and appreciate the strong combined leadership of Charlotte, Rabbi Michael Ross and Rev. Peter Wiley (Congregational) in promoting interfaith endeavors.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Cathy Agnor ~ 5/1
- Irene Gillette ~ 5/2
- Gordon Edwards ~ 5/3
- Timothy Jackson ~ 5/3
- Denise McNaughton ~ 5/4
- Beverly Grant ~ 5/4
- Lido Perini ~ 5/6
- Bob Comben ~ 5/8
- Anna Longenecker ~ 5/8
- Cathy Antholine ~ 5/9
- Erin Palmer ~ 5/9
- James Gilliland ~ 5/10
- Maryanne Buchanan ~ 5/11
- Maureen Edwards ~ 5/12
- Richard Fulytar ~ 5/14
- Virginia Rogers ~ 5/14
- Midge Karam ~ 5/16
- Rose Fulytar ~ 5/21
- Sophie Fulytar ~ 5/21
- Rich Wilson ~ 5/22
- Janet Adams ~ 5/22
- Christine Cicen ~ 5/23
- Laura Haake ~ 5/24
- Scott Koebley ~ 5/25
- Susan Mailey ~ 5/25
- Marilyn Marks ~ 5/26
- Fern MacMillan ~ 5/27
- Emily Fulytar ~ 5/29
- Janet Daniels ~ 5/30
- Ross Agnor ~ 5/31



Thank you to...

- Linda Irving for the wonderful Maundy Thursday supper and to all who helped prepare and serve.
- All who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- The Christ Church choirs for the beautiful music through out Holy Week and on Easter.
- The Altar Guild and Flower Guilds for all their work during Holy Week and Easter to prepare for the various services and create beautiful flowers to celebrate the Resurrection.
- The ushers, acolytes, lectors, chalice bearers, and crucifers who gave so generously of their time during Holy Week and Easter.
- Jim Sullivan and Shirley Eells for providing supper for Youth Group and Lego Church in April.
- Susan Mailey for organizing and all who helped prepare Grab n' Go Lunches and make Blessing Cards for Open M.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Kaye & Ken Lowe ~ 5/2
- Doug & Marcie Harvey ~ 5/13
- Daniel & Henny Grosseohme ~ 5/23
- Richard & Sarah Fulytar ~ 5/26

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths:

- Ralph Weary: March 31*
- Carol Donley: April 3*

April Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry met on Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm in the Upper Room. The meeting opened with prayer and Bible study.
- The vestry heard a report from Courtney Bixby on a survey sent to Christ Church families back in February.
- Ann Kirk presented the treasurer's report and discussed the upcoming required audit.
- Much time was spent working on the details for Celebration Sunday as we celebrate our life together at Christ Church.
- The Sr. and Jr. Wardens gave a report on a conversation they are hosting with the wardens of neighboring Episcopal Churches to get to know each other and find out what is working well in other parishes.
- The vestry approved the signers for the Money Market Account at Key Bank.
- Courtney Bixby offered the closing prayer.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, May 23 at 6pm in the Upper Room.



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The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. In the event of a pastoral emergency, Charlotte can be reached at 937-925-5200.