

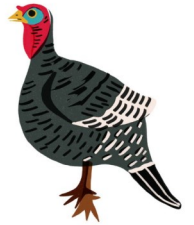
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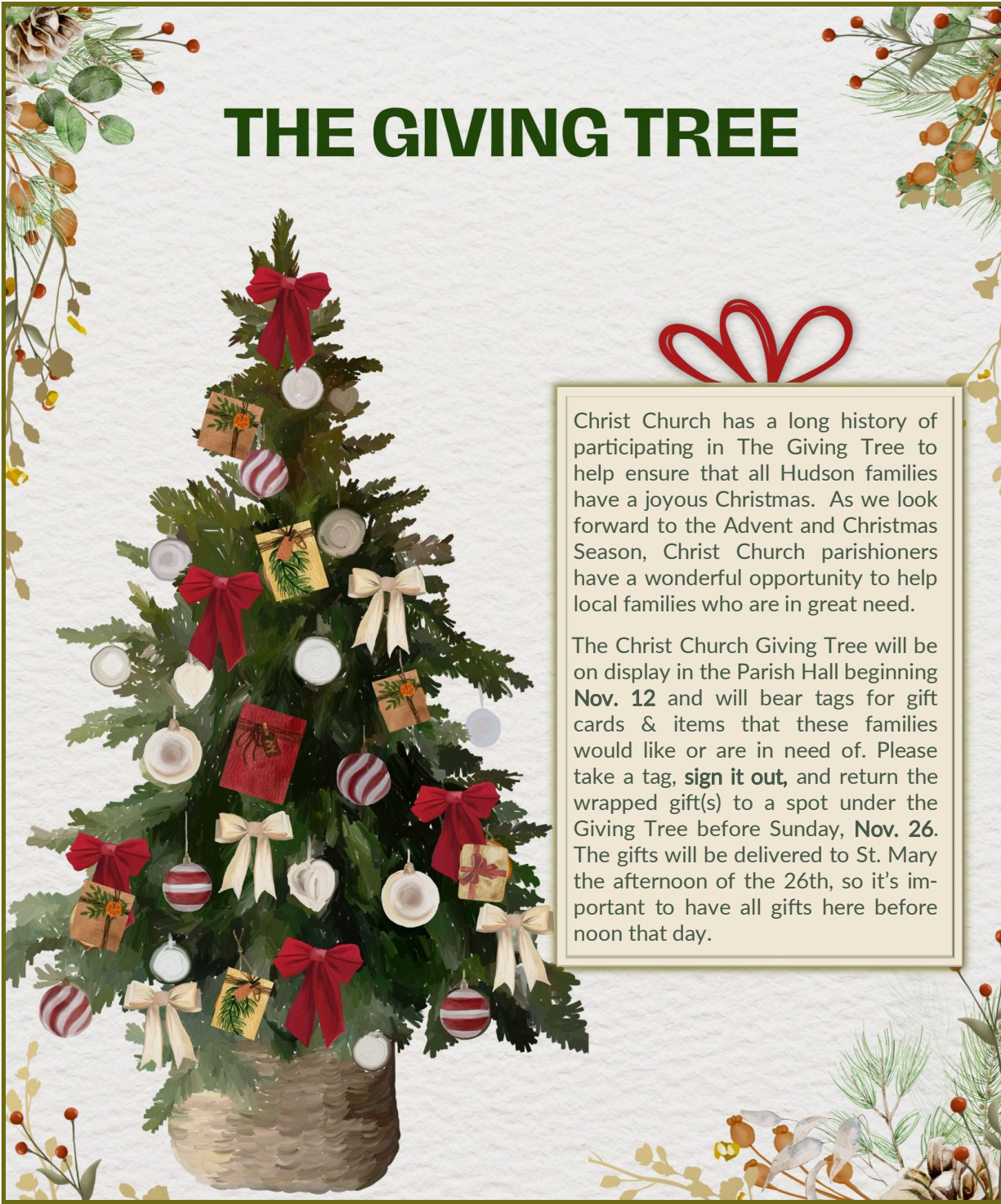
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November



2023

THE GIVING TREE



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

The Christ Church Giving Tree will be on display in the Parish Hall beginning **Nov. 12** and will bear tags for gift cards & items that these families would like or are in need of. Please take a tag, **sign it out**, and return the wrapped gift(s) to a spot under the Giving Tree before Sunday, **Nov. 26**. The gifts will be delivered to St. Mary the afternoon of the 26th, so it's important to have all gifts here before noon that day.

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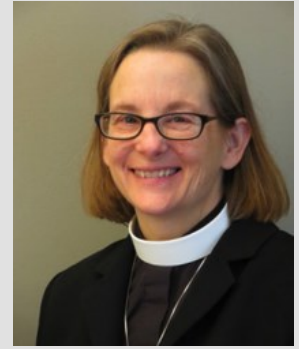
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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

At Christ Church, we are privileged to host the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this year. On November 19 at 7:00pm, we will gather with our brothers and sisters from First Congregational Church and Temple Beth Shalom to give thanks to our God for our many blessings. This has become one of my favorite Thanksgiving traditions as the Rev. Peter Wiley, Rabbi Michael Ross, and I have forged a growing friendship over the years.

This tradition began in 2018 after the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. This year we gather as the Holy Land is being torn apart by violence. The simple act of gathering in the face of grief and fear to give thanks is powerful. We gather as one body across political, religious, socio-economic, gender orientation, and so many other differences to experience gratitude and hope.

I hope that you will make space on your calendars and in your hearts for this important service and as we offer Christ Church hospitality to our neighbors.

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*).



2023 Pledge

Update

Total dollars pledged for 2023	Pledge dollars expected/budgeted year to date	Pledge dollars received year to date
\$490,212	\$367,659	\$410,760 <i>Includes \$85,520 in prepaid pledges</i>



Just a Reminder!

Don't forget that in the wee hours of Sunday morning, November 5, our clocks fall back one hour and we get an extra hour of sleep.

We'll have the coffee pot on for those who forget and arrive an hour early for church!



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5th at 8:00 and 10:30

Join us for a Sunday of incredible music (at 10:30), the reading of the names of our loved ones, and the lighting of the All Saints candles, and the baptism of Simon Phillips and Wyatt Dodson.



November 16th at 9:30 a.m.

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.

CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER

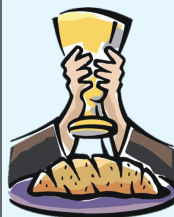


Sunday, November 12th

**Supper at 5:30 pm
Choir Call at 6:00 pm
Candles & Quiet at 6:15 pm
Compline at 6:30 pm**

Choral Compline is "Prayer at the close of The day", a service with no sermon, mostly chanted, a lot of candles and the Adult Choir offering special music. The service usually runs 20-25 minutes. A free-will offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal.

**Holy Eucharist Service at Laurel Lake
November 16 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 Serenity Chapel Laurel Lake for Holy Eucharist at 11am.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Christ Church/Temple Beth Shalom/
First Congregational Church**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CHRIST CHURCH**

Join us for this annual tradition as we gather with our brothers and sisters for an interfaith service of scripture, song, and story as we give thanks to God for our many blessings. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall hosted by our Outreach Ministry Team.





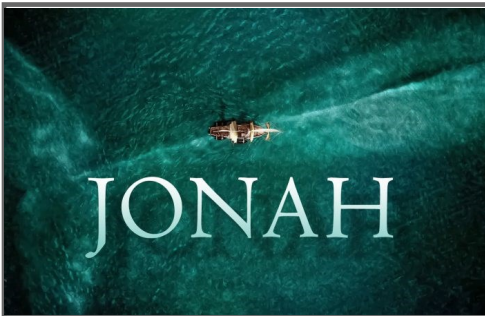
A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TOM GREEN

*Friday, November 17th
at 11:00 a.m.*



**The 2023 Annual
Diocesan Convention**
THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO
November 10th & 11th

In the Episcopal Church, each Diocese gathers once a year to elect people to a variety of offices and make decisions for our common life together. Each church in the diocese is represented by their clergy and three delegates. Our delegates this year are RuthAnne Belton, Tom Dukes, and Pam Zuhl. Please hold them, your clergy and the convention in your prayers as they make decisions for the Diocese and our life together.



November Adult Forum: Jonah Sundays at 9am in the Parish Hall

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9am to talk about this great fish story!

- November 5: Jonah Chapter 1 "How to end up in the belly of a fish"
- November 12: Jonah Chapter 2 "How to get out of the belly of a fish"
- November 19: Jonah Chapters 3 & 4 "Life outside the belly of a fish"

Prayer Without Words Series

November 1 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Sometimes prayer is simply loitering with the Lord—just being with God, without asking for something, unburdening ourselves, or giving thanks—just...being there. Join Daniel Grossoehme to experience different forms of contemplative and meditative prayer on November 1st and 15th at 7:00 pm. That will give us some time to experience them, talk a bit about what it was like, and then have time between sessions to try them on a bit further. Each week will be "stand alone," so it's not necessary to come to all. We'll try Centering Prayer, praying with icons, lectio divina, and praying at the tip of a pen.

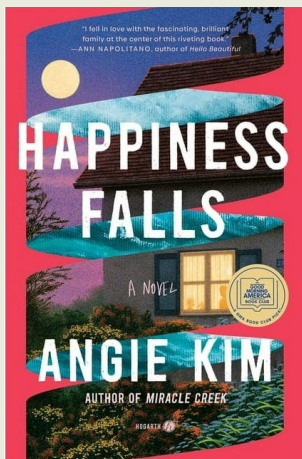


WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

November 21 at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Women of Christ Church and First Presbyterian are invited to join Sarah Bhatia monthly for a book discussion.

For the month of November, we will join together for discussion of Happiness Falls by Angie Kim. Full of shocking twists and fascinating questions of love, language, and human connection, Happiness Falls is a mystery, a family drama, and a novel of profound philosophical inquiry. With all the powerful storytelling she brought to her award-winning debut, Miracle Creek, Angie Kim turns the missing-person story into something wholly original, creating an indelible tale of a family who must go to remarkable lengths to truly understand one another. Email Sarah to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org.





OUTREACH

YAMS for Open M Help us build our YAM PYRAMID!



It's time to build our annual YAM PYRAMID for Open M. We'll collect 200 (40oz) cans which you can add to the Yam pyramid inside the parking lot entrance or in the bin if the door is locked. We will collect through Sunday, Nov. 26th. These cans will then be donated to Open M to be added to their Christmas Baskets of food for families in need. Please call Susan Mailey with any questions at 330-714-7575. Thank you!

Hudson Food Pantry Laundry Detergent Collection

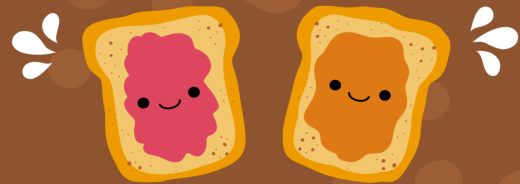
The Christ Church monthly offering to the Hudson Food Pantry is laundry detergent, which cannot be purchased with government assistance (SNAP.) The Hudson Food Pantry has requested **45 jugs, packs of pods, or detergent sheets** by November 15 for this month's distribution. Detergent can be left on the bench inside the back door, or outside the door if it is locked. Thank you for helping support the Hudson Food Pantry!



Help Needed for Salvation Army Bell Ringing

For many years, the parishioners of Christ Church volunteered to ring the Red Kettle bell in Hudson for the Salvation Army over a few days. This year, Christ Church will be ringing the bell on Friday, November 10 from 2pm-6pm and Saturday, November 11 from 10am-6pm. This is a wonderful way to give back to the Hudson community as all the funds raised in Hudson stays in Hudson for those in need with utility assistance and food. Please sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEBellRinging> to donate an hour or two of your time to this worthy cause. As an aside, when children or grandchildren participate there is a significant increase in donations during that time! Thanks for giving your time for this need. Questions? Contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



NOVEMBER PB & J DAY

The First Presbyterians will be leading PB & J Day this month, so we are taking the month off. We will see you on December 16th!

Children's Corner



Faith Formation at CCE

November 5

- **Children's Chapel: PreK-2nd Grade at 10:30**
- **Lego Church at 4:30 in Parish Hall**
- **Youth Group at 4:30 in Youth Room**

November 12

- **Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th Grade**

November 19

- **Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th Grade**
- **Youth Group at 4:30 in Youth Room**
- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m.**

November 26

- **Pageant Rehearsal at 10:30**



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 Gloria at the 10:30 service for Godly Play, a Montessori-based Program that explores Bible stories. Children return to their families at the Peace.



Youth Group & Supper November 5 & 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group is an opportunity for students in **grades 6-12** to explore faith formation topics, build close relationships with their peers, and discover how to navigate their world in the light and love of Christ. 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.



FAITH EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE 2ND-5TH SUNDAYS EACH MONTH

Faith Explorers Sunday School meets at 10:15 on the Lower Level. We have two age groups: PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th. This year, we will be using Illustrated Ministry's *Mini Revolutions* curriculum. This lectionary-based curriculum uses scripture, activities, micro-practices, and prayer to help each person embrace their own mini revolutions each week.



EYC ON INSTAGRAM

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



BUILDING FAITH

family worship

LEGO CHURCH & SUPPER
Sunday, November 5 at 4:30 p.m.



Calling parishioners of all ages, young and young at heart! Join us in the Parish Hall for a fun, interactive worship experience. Using LEGOS, we will explore a 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, we will enjoy a homecooked meal together. Please sign up to attend at so we know how many to expect for dinner at tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324.

Children's Christmas Pageant

10:30am 17 Dec 2023
Everyone is welcome!



Christ Church Episcopal

For more information contact Sarah Bhatia
sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up

Our Christmas pageant is coming soon! We will begin rehearsals on November 26th during the Children's Chapel time. If your family is interested in participating, please fill out the following form by **November 17**: www.tinyurl.com/ccepageant. Please fill out one for each participating child so we know who would like which role.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During the liturgy of baptism, the congregation vows to support the newly baptized in their walk with God. There are many ways you can act as a guide on the journey of faith with our children and youth:

- Faith Explorers Leader:** Teaching in Sunday School classrooms (weekly, monthly, and as needed subbing opportunities available)
- Youth Group Guide:** leading/co-leading youth group. This can vary in intensity from helping lead activities to being the second adult in the room lending a helping hand. Please contact Sarah Bhatia if you can help at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.



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

What is The RSCM?

We have celebrated promotions of young choristers a few times but what does that all mean? Well, I'm glad you asked!

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) was founded in 1927 for the purpose of training students in church music. Over the years, the organization has grown internationally to have over 11,000 affiliates, one of those affiliates being Christ Church, Hudson. This same curriculum is used at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and other major institutions all over the world.

The RSCM program is a graded program. The first level is receiving a surplice. One question they are asked in front of the congregation is, "Do you promise to serve faithfully, diligently pursuing musical excellence to the glory of God?" The other levels include; Light Blue, Dark Blue, Bronze, Red, Silver, Yellow, and Gold. Choristers complete workbooks, learn different terms about church structure, music history, musicianship skills, memorize prayers, and learn professionalism. The Light Blue, Dark Blue, Red, and Yellow are all tested by me. They are tested on different targets, which prepare them for the next level.

The Bronze, Silver, and Gold are granted through the RSCM directly. These levels are optional but strongly encouraged. After much work with their directors, an RSCM representative tests the chorister on their targets. After completing levels, the chorister receives a medal with a different color ribbon.

Not only do choristers learn how to sing at a high level but they learn how to be leaders in the church. This program teaches children from a young age there is an important place for them in the church. We are one of only two programs in this Diocese. Yes, you read that right. It is something that takes a lot of resources to maintain but the results are fruitful. These choristers have opportunities to travel around the US and to even to England for just being a part of the RSCM Program. Every summer, training camps happen all around the US. These choristers get to sing in amazing places with large choirs, like Duke Chapel in North Carolina.

We will be working towards sending choristers to these camps this summer. What can you do to help? Support these choristers, help recruit, and show up for their accomplishments. Just being there to witness their progress goes a long way.

Blessings,

Mario

Congratulations to Young Choristers, Ella Harvey, who received her dark blue Royal School of Church Music Ribbon, and Anna Barger, who received her light blue ribbon on October 15!





On Wednesday, October 18th the Young Choristers sang a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to praising God through song! This was a service they sang all by themselves. In Evensong, there are typically 6-8 different pieces to sing, which our choristers sang with such great professionalism. We are so thankful to the Cathedral for inviting us to sing!

MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

November 5th | 5pm
Les Délices
 at Christ Church Episcopal

Les Délices brings long-forgotten music alive for contemporary audiences through concerts in Cleveland, on tour, and through recordings and broadcasts. Dubbed “an early music group with an avant-garde appetite” by The New York Times, the San Francisco Classical Voice observed that “Les Délices can’t help but get one listening and thinking in fresh ways.” Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at www.musicfromthewestern.com or at the door the night of the concert. Student admission is free with a valid student ID.

The Blessing of the Animals 2023





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 John and Emily Longenecker. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!



Get to Know The Longeneckers

The adult choir is fortunate to have several Choral Scholars who are voice majors at local universities. But the choir also has a Choral GRADUATE, who, with her husband, is a member of Christ Church. Meet Emily and John Longenecker!

Emily and John, both music majors in their first semester, met in a music theory class at Belmont University, Nashville. Emily was born in N. Augusta, SC; John is from Covington, OH. But music at a Christian college is what brought them together. Emily graduated with a degree in Classical Vocal Performance. We are very glad to have her as our one and only Choral Graduate!

John changed his major and graduated in Neuroscience, then went on to Vanderbilt, earning a Masters in Nursing degree. He was raised in the Lutheran church and Emily in the Baptist church. But as they were dating, they attended St. George’s Episcopal Church in Nashville, a very large church where Emily sang in the choir. They were married in 2017, shortly after graduation.

They moved to Hudson in January, 2021 when John became a Nurse Practitioner (Neurosurgery) at Cleveland Clinic/Akron General. Emily works as Associate Merchandise Planner at Arhaus Furniture.

When they were searching for a church home, it was still a cautious time for the pandemic. They tried a large church where no masks were to be seen. They left before the service and, seeing our sign on Aurora Street, came in to find a fully masked Charlotte and congregation. Isn’t it interesting what different circumstances lead folks to a church? They like the traditional liturgy, the structure, and the hymnal. Emily joined the choir. Hallelujah!

In May, 2022, Anna was born; she was baptized on All Saints Day. Mario chose a special anthem in her honor. John’s parents moved to Hudson to be near and to help with their only grandchild.

In addition to his neurosurgery job, John likes to play classical and jazz guitar. He is also a rock climber, both indoors and at an outdoor spot in Hinckley. Emily is an avid reader, setting a goal of 100 books a year...with a full-time job, a toddler, and choir commitments. Anna’s hobbies include pushing a toy lawn mower, petting Mia the dog, and learning sign language from videos. And, when Daddy has to work on Sunday, Anna comes to the first part of choir practice!

Emily and John are pleased that some of the goals discussed at Cottage Conversations have been established this year. They love the sense of community and look forward to Anna growing up in a church where Baptismal vows are demonstrated and not just said.





November BIRTHDAYS

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



November ANNIVERSARIES

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

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who have returned pledge cards for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. 86 pledge cards have been returned for a current total of \$409,458 toward our goal of \$514,725. If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card as soon as possible as work on next year's budget is underway. Please call the office if you have not received a pledge card or if you have any questions.

Thank you to...

- ... Our vestry and fellowship team, and all who helped with the pancake breakfast and stewardship presentation
- ... Heather and Doug Swift for providing dinner for Youth Group & Lego Church
- ... Linda Irving and Maryanne Buchanan for providing a festive coffee hour to celebrate the advancement of Anna Barger and Ella Harvey in the Young Choristers
- ... Cathy Agnor for providing dinner for Compline & Youth Group
- ... Daniel Grossoehme for his ongoing course on Prayer without Words
- ... All who helped label candy for the Hudson Merchant Trick or Treat, and Courtney Bixby and Cathy Agnor for representing Christ Church by passing out candy and pencils



FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths

Tom Green on October 18th

October Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry meet on October 24 at 6:00 p.m. and began with conversation about where we have seen God in the past month and with prayer.
- Judy Brookhart reported on the "Red Kettle Project." Christ Church has two days when we are signed up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army inside Acme. She also reported that the Valet Parking project is on hold for the time being.
- Judy Brookhart also reported that she will have to resign her vestry position due to personal reasons. James Boazzo and Charlotte will come to the vestry in November with a suggestion for moving forward.
- Tina Monreal reported on the successful Legacy Circle event in September. Kathy Garber reported that 6 individuals or couples have turned in cards indicating that Christ Church is included in their estate planning.
- Ann Kirk's written treasurer's report noted the decline in both investment accounts in the last month. She also noted that pledges need to come in at about \$33,000 a month during the fourth quarter to meet our pledges for 2023.
- Kathy Garber reported that we have received 69 pledges for a total \$344,426 for 2024. 8 pledges are new, 36 are increased over last year, and 6 are decreased. The goal is 115 pledges for \$514,000.
- The vestry approved the purchase and installation of a new booster heater for the dishwasher at an expense of \$3100.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm.



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Thanksgiving Week Office Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. Please contact Charlotte at 937-925-5200 in the event of a pastoral emergency. The office will reopen on November 27.