

# 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.*

**April**



**2024**

*You are cordially invited to  
a celebration of the ministry of  
The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed*

Sunday, April 28th  
at 10:30 a.m.

*with a festive party to follow  
in the Parish Hall at 11:30.*

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## THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

I have long wondered what I would write in my last Rector's Reflections. My heart is full as I look back over the last 8 years. As we enter the Easter season, I am reminded that Christ Church is a church with a resurrection story, having experienced new life a number of times in the last 20 or so years. Part of what drew me here in 2016 was the sense of joy, community, and resilience that marks such a church.

At the end of April, you and I will experience new life again as I move into the new life of retirement and you move into new life with an interim rector and then a new rector. While I will always love you and hold you close in my heart, after April 28, I will no longer be your priest. I will no longer be able to provide you with pastoral care, or preside at baptisms, weddings, or funerals. I will not engage on social media or in conversations about life at Christ Church. All of those things will be the great joy and privilege of your interim rector and the next rector of Christ Church. I do not pretend that this will be easy for any of us. But these are important boundaries so that you and your new clergy moving forward can fully enter into ministry together. The only circumstance in which I would be able to come here again would be at the explicit request of the current clergy and the concurrence of the vestry, and that would only be after the next rector is firmly in place and established here.

People have asked me what I think my legacy will be at Christ Church. The legacy of our time together is not the successful capital campaign and the beautiful new parish hall (and restrooms). Our legacy is not the grace with which we weathered and recovered from the pandemic, or the many new people we have welcomed, or the 19 new pledges, or the growth in the music program, or the great joy and energy on Sunday mornings. The legacy of our time together as rector and congregation is what happens on May 5, and the next week and the next month and the next year. That will be our legacy and one I pray will be absolutely amazing.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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# BUILDING FAITH

## FAMILY WORSHIP

### LEGO CHURCH & SUPPER

Sunday, April 7th 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 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 so we know how many to expect for dinner at [tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324](http://tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324).

# HEALING SERVICE



April 11th 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.

# CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER



Sunday, April 21st

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 freewill offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal.*

# Adult Forum

April Adult Forum  
Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Parish Hall  
*Easter Triumph, Easter Joy:  
A look at the poetry of Easter*

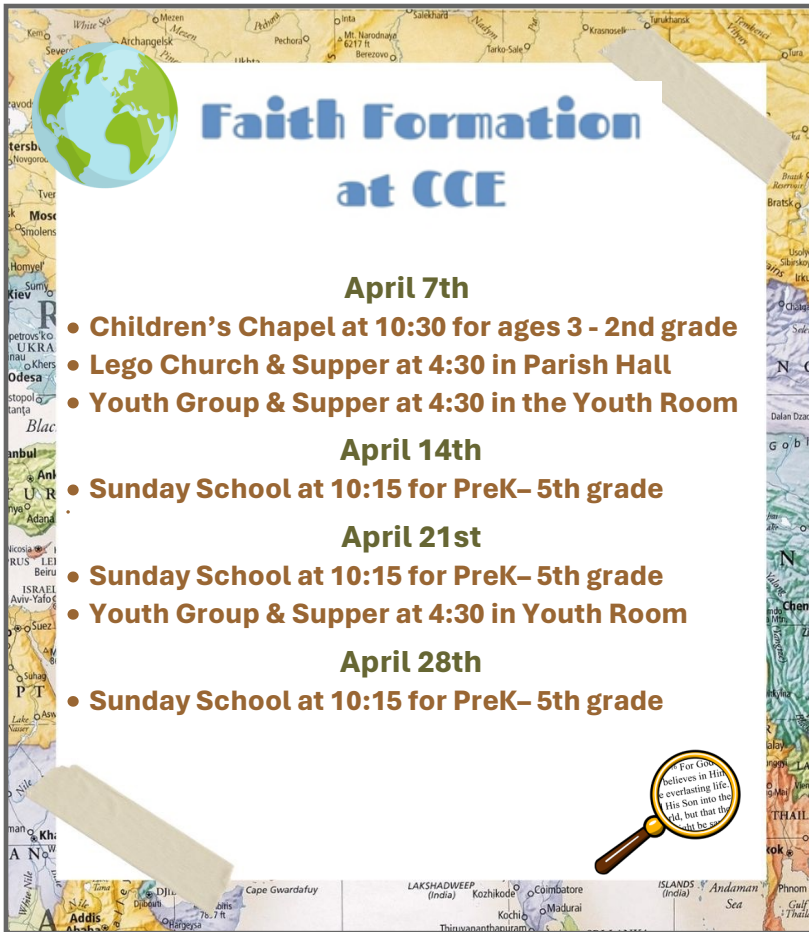
April 7th, 14th & 21st

## Holy Eucharist Service and Lunch at Laurel Lake: April 11 at 11:00 a.m.



All are invited for Holy Eucharist in the Serenity Chapel at Laurel Lake on April 11 with lunch to follow. Contact Gretchen Green to make a reservation for lunch, as reservations are required.

# Children's Corner



## Faith Formation at CCE

**April 7th**

- Children's Chapel at 10:30 for ages 3 - 2nd grade
- Lego Church & Supper at 4:30 in Parish Hall
- Youth Group & Supper at 4:30 in the Youth Room

**April 14th**


- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th grade

**April 21st**

- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th grade
- Youth Group & Supper at 4:30 in Youth Room

**April 28th**

- Sunday School at 10:15 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 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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.

## Youth Group & Supper

April 7th & 21st 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 typically meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food!



## EYC ON INSTAGRAM

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



# OUTREACH MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be Sunday, May 5 after the 10:30 service in the Upper Room. Whether you have joined us before or not, please consider attending. We will be discussing initiatives for the rest of 2024, and would love new ideas as well as encouraging participation in organizations we have supported in the past. All are very welcome!



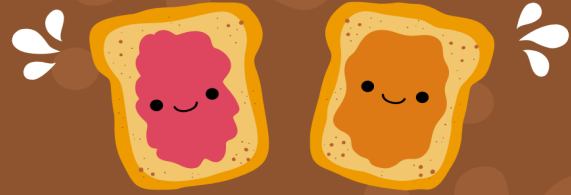
Project Learn of Summit County is a heartfelt place to share one's love of education and community service. Those who work and volunteer there have a passion to provide educational opportunities for those wanting to learn to read to their grandchildren, earn their high school diploma, or learn to speak and write the English language and gain citizenship or a better job. Consider joining us! Project Learn's volunteer coordinator, Melissa Paul, has offered to provide a welcome introduction and mini-orientation at Christ Church to see how you might contribute your talents and interests to our mission to area adults. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please talk to Lori Metoki or email her at [lmotoki@projectlearnsommit.org](mailto:lmotoki@projectlearnsommit.org).

## Blessing Cards for Open M



Please consider making "blessing cards" to be given out 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. This will be an ongoing opportunity and cards will be taken to Open M monthly. Thank you!

## PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



### APRIL PB & J DAY

In April, the Christ Church Youth Group and students from the Western Reserve Academy Choir will come together to prepare 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless ministry out of St. Bernard's Church in Akron.

The Outreach Committee will be back on May 18 to make sandwiches for that month. To learn more about this ministry, contact Judy Brookhart at [judyots@gmail.com](mailto:judyots@gmail.com).

## 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 April 24 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!





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**Mario Buchanan**  
**Director of Music and Organist**  
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In the Fall of 2018, I came to audition for the Director of Music/Organist Position at Christ Church. I was greeted at the door by Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed, an early indicator of her hospitality. Luckily her warm welcome relieved me because I was so nervous!! If I were to get this position, not only would I be in the same position as both of my undergraduate professors, but I would be in charge of a well respected music program. No pressure!! Meeting with the search committee was a wonderful glimpse into how passionate this parish is about its music program. I was struck by how Charlotte led the meeting: she didn't. She sat back, asked some questions, and let the committee lead the meeting. In the end, I was very pleased to be offered this position.

Over these five years with Charlotte, I have constantly been in awe of her leadership. What I have learned from Charlotte is how to lead through empowerment. When I talk with colleagues about Charlotte I say, "She is a fantastic spiritual leader and a fantastic head of staff." Finding someone to accomplish both is a tall order! Whenever I have a concern or a question, she has been not only supportive of me but also enlightens me to other options. Her heart and her brain are in ministry. Another aspect I have always been struck by is her sense of practical ministry. She is aspirational with practical understandings. When I would come to her with an idea, even if it was off the wall, she would ask "How do we make this happen?"

The Episcopal Church is a better church because of Charlotte Collins Reed. I rejoice in her being able to retire and I celebrate her ministry at Christ Church. She has been an absolute blessing in my life. Every day, I thank God for allowing me to have such an amazing Rector this early in my career. Charlotte, thank you for all that you have done, thank you for all that you are, and thank you for all that you will do for the rest of your life. You are loved.

I know all of us are sad about Charlotte's departure and the questions around what happens next. All I can say is: trust the system and our fantastic Vestry and Wardens. A church's resilience is due to learning from its leaders. Learn from Charlotte's leadership. If you want to be that church, then be that church. Don't just talk about it. Do it.

*Mario*

**MUSIC** FROM THE  
**WESTERN RESERVE**

**April 14th | 5pm | Christ Church**  
**CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC**  
**ADVANCED PIANO TRIO PROGRAM**

Known as the "crème de la crème" of chamber music at The Cleveland Institute of Music, only deeply committed pre-formed trios are granted an audition for the Advanced Piano Trio program, founded by Director Sharon Robinson in 2012. Pre-concert talk at 4:30pm with reception following the concert. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at [www.musicwr.org](http://www.musicwr.org) or at the door the night of the concert. Student admission is free with a valid student ID.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

*Denise Chatfield*

Saturday, April 6th  
at 11:00 a.m.



## CHRIST CHURCH LEGACY CIRCLE

Growing and maintaining a healthy endowment allows Christ Church to sustain our buildings and move forward with our mission-based budget. This rector transition period is an ideal time to seriously consider an endowment gift.

As we say goodbye to Charlotte, and search for a new clergy leader, we focus on the future. And, the future is brighter and sustainable with a robust endowment fund. Please consider a Christ Church Hudson contribution this year and/or planned gift to the endowment.

Further endowment information is available in our Legacy Circle brochure. Pick one up at the church or request from the office.

Tina Monreal

*Note:*  
*Please consult your tax professional when considering any type of planned giving to Christ Church.*

# LADIES NIGHT

**CCEH Ladies Night Out**  
**Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30 p.m.**

Join your Christ Church sisters for an evening of great food, good conversation, and lots of laughter! We will meet for dinner at D'Angelo Italian Restaurant in Twinsburg on April 16 at 5:30 pm. This is a great way to make and meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Please sign up through the office by Friday, April 12 or at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight>. Contact Marilyn Marks with questions at [marksm2110@gmail.com](mailto:marksm2110@gmail.com).



THANKS  
a bunch!

*Thank you to...*

- ...Jeanne McKinny and Judy Brookhart for cooking supper for youth group, Lego Church and Compline in March
- ...Len and Jane Harrison, Janet Daniels, Midge Karam, Gretchen Green, Daniel Grosseohme, Judy Brookhart, and Tom Dukes for preparing meals for the Lenten series
- ...Milan Kosanovich for the excellent presentation on protecting our financial information online
- ...all who helped make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on PB&J day
- ...Linda Irving for once again organizing and preparing our Maundy Thursday meal
- ...the choir, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and all who worked to make our Holy Week and Easter services so meaningful.



## 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. This month, Eileen Gaston helps us get to know a little bit more about Max Rees. If you would like to be featured in an issue of The Communicant or know someone who would, please let us know. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

### Get to Know Max Rees

There are many reasons why members of Christ Church have found their way to our parish. Max Rees is with us because of the advice of his mother, a practicing Roman Catholic. But more about that later...

Max is one of our newer and younger members. He grew up in Parma, attended Normandy High School, and then Kent State University. At Kent, he majored in Integrated Language Arts, with a double minor, in Special Education and Theater Performance. He graduated in 2019 and is licensed to teach Language Arts in grades 4 through 12.

He had just begun teaching, as a substitute in Cuyahoga County, when the pandemic hit. Then, from 2020 - 2022, he taught English and Religion (grades 6-8) at St. Rocco's Catholic School. This year, he has found his dream job at Flex High School, located in Richmond Heights. Based on a new educational concept, Flex High Schools serve at-risk students in 9th grade to age 22. Max describes this as a “last opportunity” for young people who haven't had their needs met in traditional high schools. He uses his Special Ed training as well as his English degree to provide instruction and counseling in-person and online. (Personal note: I was a teacher for many decades in traditional schools. I told Max that his job sounds to me like a *mission* and a *ministry*. He agreed.)

Max was raised Roman Catholic and, with his family, enjoyed an active parish at St. Jude's. When he was teaching at St. Rocco's, he appreciated the Wednesday Mass that was part of the school schedule. The Catholic liturgy was important to him but he began to feel unwelcome in the greater church because of his connection with the LGBTQ+ community. What to do?

And here is where his mother enters the picture. She was not only supportive of his lifestyle, but she understood his need to find a supportive church home. She suggested he learn about the Episcopal Church. By this time, Max was living in Streetsboro, so Christ Church Hudson was a natural choice. On his very first Sunday, he was so pleased with the service, Charlotte's sermon, the music, and friendly people that he filled out a Visitor's Card. Charlotte contacted him soon after and he is now a regular congregant.

Charlotte suggested that he might want to be received (since he was already baptized and confirmed). She suggested that he read *Walk in Love*, as part of the confirmation class. He would like to be received while Charlotte is still at Christ Church.

Max hopes that our interim rector and next rector will both be open to officiating at marriages for LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, because that may be in his future.

Thanks, Mrs. Rees, for steering your son in our direction.







# April BIRTHDAYS

- Erika DeYoung ~ 4/2
- Paul Frank ~ 4/2
- Charlotte Reed ~ 4/3
- Karen Stansbrey ~ 4/3
- Alivia Klespies ~ 4/3
- Lis Hugh ~ 4/4
- Malcolm Robbie ~ 4/5
- Leo Mehl ~ 4/7
- Kimberley Calkins ~ 4/9
- Emily Longenecker ~ 4/9
- Ellen Turner ~ 4/11
- Nancy Schweikert ~ 4/15
- Laura DeYoung ~ 4/18
- Cindy Hartman ~ 4/21
- Megan Repko ~ 4/22
- Howard Bankhurst ~ 4/23
- Kate Le ~ 4/24
- Jon Ridgway ~ 4/26
- Jim Bear ~ 4/30



# April ANNIVERSARIES

- Jon & Julie Ridgway ~ 4/4
- Bob & Joyce Comben ~ 4/21
- Bob & Pam Zuhl ~ 4/28

## March Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on March 19 at 6:00pm and began with conversation about where we had each seen God over the past week, and prayers.
- The February financials were reviewed with nothing of note to report.
- Greg Daniels reported on a proposed new security system for the parking lot entrance that would allow the door to be kept locked during the day and provide a key pad for those who need regular entry and a phone app to allow staff to see who is there and unlock the door from anywhere in the building. This will provide a layer of security for the staff without the staff having to go to the door to open it each time someone arrives. The cost is \$3181.16 which will come from the remaining “Building for Community” funds and there is a \$15 monthly charge. All voted in favor of purchasing the security system.
- Greg Daniels and Kathy Garber reported on the need for a new Columbarium policy since the old one relies on a Columbarium committee and Christ Church has no such committee. Because the need for such a committee is small, the decision was made for the vestry to serve as that committee and for references to the chair committee to be changed to the Sr. Warden. Tina Monreal will look into a policy for those times when a family wishes to relocate cremains that have been interred in the Christ Church columbarium and the vestry will vote on the revised policy in April.
- The vestry reviewed assignments that came out of the vestry retreat including plans for a vestry greeter at the Aurora Street entrance before and after the 10:30 service, small dinners hosted by vestry members and others, the tracking of Sunday attendance by the vestry, and creating more opportunities such as the recent forum on “Protecting Your Financial Information Online” that bring the parish together around a topic of mutual interest.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm.


### FOR THE RECORD...

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# Thank you for 8 wonderful years!

