

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.*

March



2024

Easter Sunday

MARCH 31



Christ is Risen!

8:00 a.m.

Quiet Easter Service in the Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th Grade

10:30 a.m.

*Festive Easter Service with Brass Quintet from the
Cleveland Orchestra, timpani, and the Christ Church Choirs
Prelude music begins at 10:00*

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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

We often think of Lent as a wilderness journey in which we find ways to do with less, whether less of a certain food, or less of a certain behavior, or less of a certain attitude. But suppose that Lent is just as much about “more” as it is about “less.” This year, I find myself savoring Lent a bit more than I usually do, soaking up this bit of time together. So what if Lent is also about more-more love, more grace, more inclusivity, more listening, more compassion, or more patience.

We live in a time when politics drive division and conversations that turn political cause pain. As a congregation we are facing a time of change, which can also lead to differences of opinion that can create hurt feelings. In such a time, as the Body of Christ we are called to be people of abundance, which means people of “more.” And if we practice being people of “more,” whether grace, or inclusion, or love, or listening or any other gospel value, my guess is that we will automatically practice “less” of the attitude of scarcity and the behaviors that hurt or divide.

May this Lent be a time of practicing “more” and savoring our journey through the Lenten wilderness.

Blessings,

Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

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The Outreach Ministry Team met on February 4 where the following recommendations were made for outreach financial contributions in 2024, and approved at the Vestry meeting on February 27:

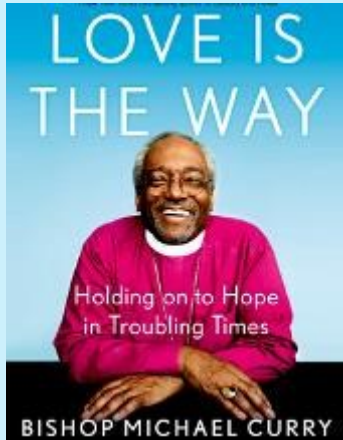
- ◇ Bexley-Seabury Seminary: \$1000
- ◇ Hudson Community Resource Coordinator: \$1000
(plus an additional \$1500 from the Rector's discretionary fund)
- ◇ Rift Valley Children's Village, Tanzania: \$1000
- ◇ First Serve: \$1000
- ◇ Open M: \$1000
- ◇ Akron/Canton Food Bank: \$1000
- ◇ Family Promise: \$500
- ◇ Habitat for Humanity: \$2500 (plus donations from Shrove Tuesday)
- ◇ The remainder of the \$12,600 outreach budget to be allocated throughout the year



March Adult Forum

March 3, 10, & 17

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:00 each Sunday morning in Lent to discuss *"Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times"* by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.



March 3

Chapter 6

"It's not Easy"

Chapter 7

"Leave No One Behind"

March 10

Chapter 8

"When the Spirit Reworks you"

Chapter 9

"The Real E Pluribus Unum"

March 17

Chapter 10

"The Great Relationship Revival"

Chapter 11

"The Still More Excellent Way"

CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER



Sunday, March 17th

Supper at 5:30p

Choir Call at 6:00p

Candles & Quiet at 6:15p

Compline at 6:30p

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.*

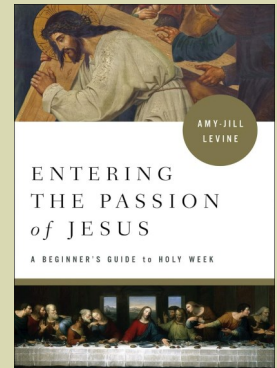
Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

with First Presbyterian Church

6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

March 6, 13, & 20

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent to discuss *"Entering the Passion of Jesus"* a video series with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Dinner will be provided and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost. Sign up at <http://tiny.cc/LentenSeries> so we know how many people to cook for.



**March 21st 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.



**HELP NEEDED
TO MAKE
PALM CROSSES**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22
AT 1:00 P.M.**

Christ Church will be making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday on Friday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No experience? No problem! There will be people available to teach you. Many hands are needed, so please plan on joining us for this annual tradition at Christ Church. Contact Jane Harrison to let her know you can help at decojane1@icloud.com.

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

March 24th

8:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service with Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

10:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Palms with procession to the Church for the Passion Gospel and Holy Eucharist.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th

6:00 p.m.

A simple Maundy Thursday meal and worship service in the Parish Hall. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in the Church. Please sign up for the meal at <http://tinyurl.com/maundythursday2024>

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th

5:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service for families.

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy with choir, cello, & Veneration of the Cross.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations for sanctuary flowers are welcome from all
in celebration, as a memorial, or in thanksgiving.

Your gift will be noted in the Easter bulletins provided
the necessary information is received in the church office by

Monday, March 25th

Christ Church 2024 Easter Flower Donation

NAME(S): _____ AMOUNT: _____

As a memorial to...

In celebration of...

In thanksgiving for...

(please circle one of the above and provide the details below)

Please send with your check payable to Christ Church with "Easter Flowers"
on the memo line or scan the code to pay online by **Monday, March 25th**



Children's Corner



Faith Formation at CCE

March 3rd

- 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 Youth Room

March 10th

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

March 17th

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

March 24th (Spring Break)

- Children's Chapel at 10:30 for K - 5th grade

March 29th (Good Friday)

- Good Friday Family Service at 5:00pm

March 31st (Easter Sunday)

- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00
- Festive Easter Service with Children's Chapel at 10:30 for PreK– 2nd grade



Children's Chapel

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

Children 3-year-olds through 2nd Grade join a leader during the 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

March 3rd & 17th 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 1st and 3rd Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food!



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, March 3 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.

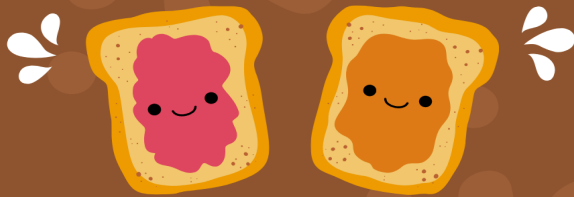
Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY AT 10:00

Ages 5 and under in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting)
Kindergarten through 5th Grade in the undercroft

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BASKET!

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



PB & J DAY: MARCH 16TH

Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM on March 16 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! For more information, contact Judy Brookhart at 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 **March 20** 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!





Photo credit: Andrew Le



Mario Buchanan
Director of Music and Organist
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On the 3rd Sunday of the month, the Adult Choir leads a service on Choral Compline. What is Compline? Well, I'm glad you asked! Compline means "Prayer at the close of day." Monks would pray the *Liturgy of the Hours*, a rotation of eight daily services. Compline, the final service in the hours, is normally prayed around 11pm. Ray Glover said Compline "derives from the almost universal practice of praying at bed-time." We pray Compline to thank God for the close of the day.

The service is very different than Sunday morning: the service is completely chanted, we sing hymns appropriate for evening, you get to hear the amazing Adult Choir, there is no sermon, and there are lots and lots of candles. The whole service lasts about 20 minutes. It is a wonderful way to end the week and start anew. I, personally, love Compline because it is a time to tune out the world. Even with a busy schedule that seems to be racing the clock, Compline allows me to turn off that clock and just be in quiet. Since the choir does most of the chanting, the congregation sings the hymns and has time to sit and listen to some great music. Please join us for the next one on Sunday, March 17th. There is a dinner beforehand at 5:30pm, quiet time with candles in the sanctuary at 6:15pm, and the service starts at 6:30pm. If you need some relaxation after a long week, please join us for Compline. You will be glad you did!

I also hope you will join us for Holy Week and Easter! Holy Week we will hear some great music, the choir will chant during the stripping of the altar, we will welcome a guest cellist for Good Friday, and for Easter we will welcome, again, brass quintet of all the principal players of The Cleveland Orchestra. They will play prelude music before the service, beginning at 10:00 am.

There is so much to be thankful for at Christ Church!

Best,

Mario

MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

**March 24th | 5pm | Christ Church
FACTORY SECONDS**

The Factory Seconds brass trio consists of Jack Sutte, trumpet, Jesse McCormick, horn, and Richard Stout, trombone. Each occupies the Second Chair position in their respective section with The Cleveland Orchestra, and all are faculty members at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory. Established in 2013, the group brings a distinctive voice into brass chamber music. The trio has performed in settings from concert halls to warehouses: from churches to restaurants and bars.

Pre-concert talk at 4:30pm with reception following the concert. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online awww.musicwr.org or at the door the night of the concert. Student admission is free with a valid student ID.

Protecting Your Financial Information Online

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 5:00 P.M.

Please join Milan Kosanovich, Christ Church member and FBI agent, on Sunday, March 10 at 5-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall to learn about cyber awareness and how to protect your financial information online. He will cover topics such as freezing credit reports, default passwords in the age of the Internet of Things, data breaches, and SIM swapping among other things. Some of the information may be familiar to you and other information new, and if all of this is a mystery to you, this is a class for you! A pizza dinner is included and a free will offering will be taken to cover the cost. Please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/financialfraud24> to let us know you are coming or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



CHRIST CHURCH LEGACY CIRCLE

Life Insurance is a convenient way to endow a gift to Christ Church Hudson and become part of our Legacy Circle.

Naming the church as the owner and beneficiary of a new policy allows for tax deductible premium payments. An existing policy can be modified to make the church the owner and beneficiary, or percentage beneficiary. There are tax benefits to this option, too.

Making a planned gift of a life insurance policy to Christ Church Hudson is a meaningful and lasting method of giving, helping ensure the future of the parish and its continuing mission and ministry.

Tina Monreal

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

LADIES NIGHT

The ladies of Christ Church will not meet for Ladies' Night Out in March, but will be back on April 16 for another fabulous night out. Our host for April is Marilyn Marks. Stay tuned for details.

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 on-going opportunity and cards will be taken to Open M monthly.



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 Susan Arnold. 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 Susan Arnold

Susan Arnold is one of the newest members of Christ Church. And we have technology to thank for her active presence with us. Last spring, when Susan was looking for a church home, she did some online research about the Episcopal Church. She then visited Washington National Cathedral - digitally - and participated in some Morning Prayer services online. She liked what she saw, so investigated websites of Episcopal parishes in the area. The Christ Church website appealed to her, with many different activities and outreach opportunities. She signed up to get parish emails. At this point, Charlotte contacted her, by email, several times. Susan participated in our service online and finally came, IN PERSON! She received a warm welcome and realized that her digital quest had reached its goal. She loves Charlotte’s sermons, the music, and the feeling of community.

Susan was raised in the Presbyterian faith, in Shelby, Ohio and was very active in her church. She attended the Ohio State University, majoring in Elementary Education. But in those days, teaching jobs were not easy to find, so she worked for a local telephone company in Mansfield. When that job ended, she moved to Twinsburg to work for Reuco pharmacy as a computer programmer, trainer, and traveling manager. After 15 years, her company was bought out by CVS (similar fate as her local phone company). She was one of the last of 1100 employees to go, working to keep her team in good spirits with fun activities, even as the furniture was sold out from under them. She later worked for Office Max and Data Vantage. She also taught at Our Lady of the Elms.

She married in 1996 and, in 2004, she and her husband adopted Emily, an 11 month-old girl from a Chinese orphanage. It was a long and arduous process, culminating in a trip to China with a group of adoptive parents. Emily is now 21 and a student at Tri-C. In 2006, their daughter, Julia, was also adopted from China. Susan said the process was just as difficult the second time. Julia, 18, is a senior at Walsh Jesuit High School. Her family has a new addition - a King Charles Cavalier puppy named Oscar.

Susan had converted to Catholicism when she married, but, when she and her husband divorced last year, she began her search for a new church home. She wanted to become involved right away, so she volunteered to provide the snacks - every day - for Vacation Bible School. They were delicious, healthy, and plentiful! She has also helped with funeral receptions and is an Altar Guild trainee.

She hopes that our new rector will be able to channel the energy and commitment that characterizes our church. Susan, we’re glad your digital journey ended up here.



FOR THE RECORD...

Baptism: Isabelle Guglielmi

Transfers into Christ Church:

**Susan Arnold; Gordon, Theresa & Walter Edwards;
Mary Rinehardt; Jim Sullivan; Tom & Paula Harvey**



Jordan Repko ~ 3/1
 Maria Metoki ~ 3/1
 Tom Clark ~ 3/3
 Pat Schron ~ 3/3
 Marleigh Bowen ~ 3/5
 Isabelle Guglielmi ~ 3/7
 Colvin Barnhardt ~ 3/8
 Flint Barnhardt ~ 3/8
 Ella Harvey ~ 3/9
 Abigail Bailey ~ 3/10
 Tracey Vaughn ~ 3/10
 Katie Barger ~ 3/11
 Christopher Guglielmi ~ 3/14
 Gretchen Green ~ 3/15
 Maxwell Rees ~ 3/15
 Sarah Bhatia ~ 3/19
 Daniel Grossoehme ~ 3/20
 Matthew Le ~ 3/21
 Ed Wiles ~ 3/21
 Greg Schumacher ~ 3/21
 James Boazzo ~ 3/22
 John MacMillan ~ 3/22
 Sara Althouse ~ 3/24
 Adrian Ribovich ~ 3/26
 Ruth Anne Belton ~ 3/28
 Sarah Fulytar ~ 3/31



Peter & Nan Ryerson ~ 3/30

Thank you to...

....all who contributed to our 2024
 Lenten Devotion booklet and to
 Heather Swift for her work putting
 the booklet together each year
Cathy Agnor for the delicious meal
 for Lego Church and Youth Group
Susan Mailey & Pam McCallops for
 the wonderful soup dinner for Choral Compline
Len Harrison and all who helped with the Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake Supper
all who helped with our Ash Wednesday services and to Sallie
 Bear and Pam Zuhl for serving at Ashes to Go.
all who helped pack Grab-n-Go lunches for Open M
Linda Irving for organizing the February "Ladies Night Out"
to Sallie Bear, Irene Gillette, Janet Daniels, and Bob Zuhl for
 helping out in the office in February.



February Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on February 27 at 6:00pm.
- The vestry elected Linda Irving as clerk and Ann Kirk as treasurer for the coming year.
- The Vestry appointed the following to the Investment Committee for 2024: Jim Bear (chair), Ted Mailey, Peter Eells, Tina Monreal, James Boazzo, and Ann Kirk.
- The vestry approved the minutes from the Annual Meeting.
- The vestry approved the 2023 Parochial Report.
- The vestry approved the 2024 outreach allocations (see page 2)
- The vestry discussed a proposal for increased security at the parking lot door. Kathy Garber and Greg Daniels will continue work on the proposal and bring it to the March vestry meeting.
- Greg Daniels talked about the upcoming vestry retreat.
- The vestry met in executive session to discuss issues relating to the upcoming rector search.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm.



Shrove Tuesday 2024



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Malcolm Robbie

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**Daylight Savings begins
on Sunday, March 10th.**

**Don't forget to set your
clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed on
Saturday the 9th, so you
are not late for church
on Sunday!**

