



THE COMMUNICANT

INTERIM THOUGHTS

A special thing about my ministry right now is the opportunity to teach the Confirmation and Inquirers Class. The class meets in the upstairs conference room each Sunday at 9:15. Even if you are already an Episcopalian of long standing, you are welcome to join us. If you are new to Christ Church and would like to learn more, or prepare for confirmation, I hope you will join us. We are using the book *Your Faith Your Life* by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis. If you would like to be a part of this class, get a cup of coffee down stairs at 9:15 on Sunday and join us upstairs. There is also a paid nursery worker on duty at 9:00, if you have a preschooler.

Do you know grade school children who are not in Sunday School? This is a great time of year to invite a family to church and Sunday School. The classes for grade school children through grade 5 meets at 10:15 every Sunday morning. This is the time of year to invite a family to church or Sunday School. Is there someone you can invite to Christ Church? Your invitation could make a difference for a child or a family, a difference that could change someone's life. I love how we say in our Provocative Proposition: *We help visitors and newcomers become a part of this treasured community. We like being Episcopalians and value our tradition and our way of being a Christain community. Because we love and find joy in this reality, we include others in what we love.* What an opportunity we have this fall to include others.

Beginning this month, we will launch the fall Money Stewardship Campaign. Some Christians seem to dread that segment of the church's ministry, but I always enjoy it and think of it as each year's renewal of love and dedication to Christ and the work of the parish. Read more in this Communicant about the campaign, and its theme *Treasure what we Love and Cherish*. During our campaign we will hear from parishioners about what they treasure about Christ Church and how our money stewardship makes the ministry of Christ Church possible. My thanks to our committee chair, George Van Buren, and the Stewardship Committee. Their work builds confidence for the whole parish, and helps us build a sure foundation as we prepare to welcome a new rector.

We reached a major milestone this past month when the names of the new Search Committee were announced at the Annual Picnic. My congratulations to the men and women who have agreed to serve, and to Dave McCallops, who has agreed to chair the Search Committee. Read more in this Communicant to learn what Dave has to say about the work of his committee. What a great thing to see this special group taking shape early in the fall season, offering their very considerable gifts of time and talents. Remember to pray for them, and take time to thank them for their dedicated service on behalf of us all.

In October we look forward to the Bishop's Visitation. The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams will visit on Sunday, October 26. Bishop Williams will preach and celebrate the Eucharist with us that day, and he will be prepared to baptize and confirm those candidates who wish to make commitments of faith. The Bishop's Visitation is always a time to celebrate our ministry together, and a time for the vestry to gather with the bishop for conversation about our life together. As we contemplate baptism and confirmation, I encourage you to take time to read again the special words of the Baptismal Liturgy, especially as found on pages 302-308 in the Book of Common Prayer. Let's remember the promises and call to ministry at Baptism as we prepare for more *and more* of what is going on in God's Name at Christ Church.

Larry +

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CHIT CHAT WITH MARY PAT

Mary Pat DeLambo, RN, BSN, MEd Parish Nurse

Please contact me at email address: mdelambo@laurellake.org or my cell phone 1-330-356-2559 whenever I may be of assistance. My office hours are flexible to meet your needs.



From the Center of Disease Control (www.cdc.gov)

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory disease that infects the nose, throat, and lungs and can lead to serious complications, hospitalization, or even death. Pneumonia and bronchitis are examples of serious flu-related complications. The flu also can cause certain health conditions, like diabetes, asthma, and heart and lung disease, to become worse. Even healthy people can become sick with the flu and experience serious complications. But even if you are one of the lucky ones who bounce back quickly from a bout with the flu, people around you might not be so lucky. Getting a flu vaccine is the single best way to protect yourself and your family from this serious disease.

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. While there are many different flu viruses, the seasonal flu vaccine is designed to protect against the main flu viruses that research suggests will cause the most illness during the upcoming flu season. People should begin getting vaccinated soon after flu vaccine becomes available, ideally by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins.

In addition to getting vaccinated, you can take everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others.”

Blessings to Fr. Larry! October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12

Upcoming Parish Nurse Events & Programs

Blood Pressure Screening
Sunday October 12th

Monday Morning Walking Group
9:30 AM Hudson Spring Park
7095 Stow Rd, Hudson
2 mile trail around the lake
Moderate level

Wednesday Liturgical Yoga
9:30 AM
St. Mary Church
340 N. Main Street
Free & Instructor led

Thursday Yoga
6:30 – 7:30 PM (*time may vary, RSVP)
Rejoice Large Classroom

Thursday Oct. 16th
Lunch & Learn
Topic: Eyes & Aging
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall
21 Aurora Street, Hudson
RSVP to Mary Pat DeLambo
330-356-2559/ mdelambo@laurellake.org

Thursday Oct. 16th
Monthly BYOB Class
St. Mary Church
340 N. Main Street, Hudson
10 AM & 7PM
For all BYOB Graduates

Friday 11:30 AM
Faithfully Fit Exercise Class
St. Mary Church
Instructor Led & Free!



Dear Parishioner:

It is an honor and a pleasure to reach out in my first communication to the Parish as the Chair of the Search Committee. We are blessed to have a diverse group with great gifts serving on the Committee. The Vestry did an admirable job in selecting from a great wealth of talent in the Parish a wonderful group of parishioners that reflect the diversity of the Parish in terms of gender, age, stage of life, profession, Sunday service attended, etc. Though the names of the Committee have been mentioned before, I think it is important to reiterate the members again: Pam Zuhl, Jim Lang, Bob Madison, Shirley Eells, Guy Wylie, Steve Barger, Susan Mailey and Janet Greer.

I'm excited about the challenge ahead and I welcome the walk we will be taking together as a Committee and a Parish in calling a new Rector for Christ Church. We have a lot of hard work in front of us, but I also think it will be uplifting and we'll have some fun along the way. We will have our first meeting the second week of October to "kick-off" the Committee's work. Serving as the Search Committee Consultant is Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry of the Ohio Diocese. Percy will help guide the Committee in the steps that we will need to take along the way.

Larry Minter as our Interim Priest has done a great job of bringing stability and moving the Parish forward, including leading the Rise and Shine Parish Meeting this past April where we began the work of determining who we are and what we value as a Parish. However, there will be a need for additional participation from the Parish so we can gather other information that is also needed to call a new Rector.

Please note that within the coming months it is anticipated that there will be Parish meetings to gather additional information and input from parishioners. You will be hearing from the Search Committee once plans are finalized on the number of meetings needed and when they have been scheduled. Please plan on attending if your schedule allows....the more voices we hear the better we will understand as a Committee what the Parish values and wants in a new Rector.

I know the members of the Search Committee will listen to the Parish and do our best to try and meet the needs and desires of the Parish as a whole. However, I think it is important to note that all of us on the Committee are human and any new Rector that is called is also human; there is no perfect Priest (sorry Larry). But, with hard work by the Parish, Vestry, Larry, Percy, Parish Staff and the members of the Search Committee, I am confident we will call a new Rector that will lead a vibrant Christ Church forward into the 21st Century.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact me or one of the members of the Search Committee; we want to hear from anyone and everyone that is willing to share their thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

Dave McCallops



The **Episcopal**
Diocese of Ohio

The 198th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio will meet November 7-8, 2014

Schedule At A Glance

Friday, November 7 - Trinity Commons, Cleveland, OH

Dinner at Trinity Commons, Convention Eucharist at Trinity Cathedral

Saturday, November 8 - Holiday Inn Cleveland South, Independence, OH
Convention Business

Christ Church Delegates are: Reed Stith, Gabe Lefebvre & Greg Daniels

Youth Delegate: Kate Greer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Diocese needs volunteer support on Friday, Nov. 7 beginning 5:30 PM

and

Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9:00—4:00

Volunteers are needed to greet, assist with registration
and as tellers who assist with the electronic voting

You can volunteer on line at the Diocese of Ohio



Parent's Night Out!



The parents of our children and youth are invited to the Bixby's house on Saturday, October 18 for a night of fellowship without the kids! This will give us an opportunity to all get to know each other better and enjoy a meal together. Once we have a sense for how big our group will be, we will decide on a menu, give you a recipe, and ask everyone to bring their dish to share (kind of like our own Welcome Table).

DATE: October 18

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Jay & Courtney Bixby's house; 12 Steepleview Drive, Hudson

PHONE: 330-618-3778 (Courtney's cell), 330-653-8390 (home)

Please RSVP to cbixby@hotmail.com or on the sign-up poster in the parish hall



Stewardship Campaign 2015

TREASURE WHAT WE LOVE AND CHERISH

We share an abundance of *treasures* at Christ Church Hudson! Many of those were highlighted at the Rise & Shine Conference on April 6th. Rise & Shine also painted a vision of the parish we expect to become; in essence we recognized our existing *treasures* and developed a *treasure chest* for the future. From our work that day, Vestry later developed the Provocative Purpose Statement for Christ Church Hudson:

***We cherish Christ, our community, service to others, and worship ----
all rooted in the rich ground of Episcopal faith***

In that statement, we speak of this “*treasured* community”. With that in mind, “**Treasure What We Love and Cherish**” is the theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign.

The Stewardship Campaign will officially begin on Sunday, October 5 – designated as Money Stewardship Sunday. Fr. Minter will offer some observations from the pulpit. We will close the Campaign October 25th.

Throughout this short Campaign, we will hear, at Sunday services, from members of our parish community who will share what they love and cherish and plan to *treasure* through Stewardship. You have received a letter from George VanBuren, chair of the Stewardship Team. His letter outlines key budgetary points; particulars about the process, the campaign timelines and other necessary information.

It is important that we receive responses (pledge cards) from EVERY parish family unit whether you pledge or not. This year; there will be an opportunity on the pledge card to indicate if you are a non-pledging but giving member. This is vital information for Vestry’s budget planning.

Please feel free to ask questions of any the Stewardship Team.

Between now and October 5, we ask that you prayerfully consider what you love and cherish about Christ Church and how you will *treasure* through your generous Stewardship participation.

*Stewardship Team 2015: Bob Madison, Dave McCallops, George Van Buren, Susan Mailey,
Fr. Larry Minter, Nancy Sistek, Lou Young.*



Larry Rhodes is running our
Acme Cash Back Program again this year.
The box for receipts is located in the Parish Hall.
Thanks Larry!

Save all receipts dated September 18, 2014
through February 4, 2015.

Ask your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors
to shop and save their receipts, too!



**Episcopal Church Women
Annual Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 11th ~ Country Club of Hudson**

Capital Improvement Designated Fund ~ CIDF

CIDF has successfully funded a first project!

The heating/cooling unit that services the offices and vesting rooms in the hallway from the church to Parish Hall has been replaced.

A 2 Ton HVAC Unit was installed in September
At the lowest bid cost of \$3,750.00

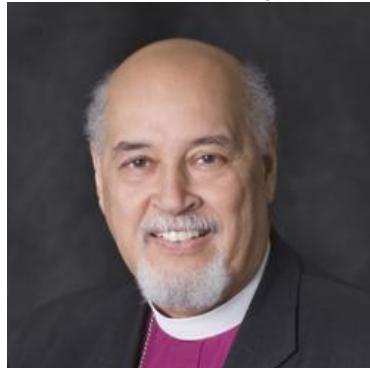


Martha McCadam
Saturday, October 18th
2:00 PM in the Church

The Bishop's Visit



**Annual Visitation
Sunday, October 26th**



The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams

Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Retired

The Right Reverend Arthur B. Williams, Jr. was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Ohio on October 11, 1986 at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio and retired from that position on December 31, 2002.

Born on June 25, 1935, in Providence, Rhode Island, Bishop Williams received his early education in the public schools of East Providence. He graduated from Brown University in 1957, after which he was commissioned a line officer in the United States Navy where he served until he entered the General Theological Seminary. He graduated and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1964.

Bishop Williams was ordained to the deaconate on June 20, 1964, and the priesthood on March 27, 1965, by Bishop John Higgins of Rhode Island. After serving parishes in Providence and Riverside and the Cathedral of St. John, Bishop Williams was called to Grace Church in Detroit in 1968.

In 1970 Bishop Williams was appointed to the staff of the Diocese of Michigan as Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry, Deployment and Urban Affairs. He served the Diocese of Michigan until he was appointed Archdeacon of Ohio in 1977 by Bishop John Burt. He was elected Bishop Suffragan of Ohio in 1986.

While Archdeacon, he was elected a Deputy to three General Conventions and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance. He has served on the national Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and was a consultant to the Calendar Committee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Bishop Williams is presently Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Ohio. He is the Episcopal Visitor to the Order of St. Benedict and a faculty member of CREDO. Following his retirement he was Interim Director of Ethnic Congregational Development on the staff of the Presiding Bishop. He chaired the Editorial Committee of Lift Every Voice and Sing II, published in 1993. He also chaired the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee of the Executive Council and the Committee on Human Sexuality of the 73rd General Convention. From 1995-2003 he served as Vice President of the House of Bishops. His memberships include the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Rowfant Club of Cleveland.

In 1974 Bishop Williams was awarded a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan and was honored in 1987 by the General Theological Seminary with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Bishop Williams married the former Lynette Rhodes at Trinity Cathedral on July 27, 1985.



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Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 Rite I ~ Chapel

9:15 Education

10:00 LEV Service at Laurel Lake

10:15 Sunday School

10:30 Rite II ~ Church

Nursery available
9:00 ~ Noon



Sunday, November 2nd
Daylight Savings Time ends

Move your clocks back by 1 hour!