

Rector's Reflections



Dear Friends,

If the idea of a church celebrating Christmas in July feels odd to you, then you totally understand the point! Christmas in July reminds us that Jesus does not just come among us when we have cleared the calendar, wrapped packages, cooked and cleaned and are ready. The arrival of the Christ Child was hardly convenient for Mary and Joseph. Christmas in July calls us to think about all the surprising (and perhaps inconvenient) places we experience Jesus in our daily lives. When we sing the Christmas hymns and hear the Christmas story out of season, we experience something of the surprising, even jarring nature of the Incarnation.

Another jarring reality is that there are children in Summit County living in poverty without adequate food and clothing. Jesus told us that when we serve the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the naked, or those in prison, we serve him (Matthew 25). On Christmas in July, we serve Jesus by serving those children without adequate clothes to wear. There are children in Akron who do not have such basic necessities as clean socks and underwear. So, on Christmas in July, we will collect packages of socks and underwear (sizes are on this Communicant cover) and offer them at the creche that day. The socks and underwear will then be taken to one or two elementary schools in Akron that serve children in poverty. Please be generous so we can serve as many children as possible.

Christmas in July is odd, and that oddness is part of what gives the celebration meaning. Join us for breakfast that morning, church, and perhaps some Christmas cookies at coffee hour as we ponder the mystery of the Incarnation.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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This number can also be used for text messages. Please give your name so Charlotte knows who is texting.

The 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

“The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. It is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. During its triennial meeting deputies and bishops consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church. In the interim between triennial meetings, various committees, commissions, agencies, boards and task forces created by the General Convention meet to implement the decisions and carry on the work of the General Convention.” (From www.generalconvention.org).

The 79th General Convention is July 5-13 in Austin, Texas. Please keep our deputies from the Diocese of Ohio, and all of the deputies and bishops, in your prayers as they make decisions on behalf of The Episcopal Church. The clergy deputies from Ohio are Gay Clark Jennings, Percy Grant, Debra Bennett, and Evan Fischer. The lay deputies are Dianne Smith, Bill Powel, Jane Freeman, and James Simon.



Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Rosewood Grill

Our topic is : “Action is always superior to speech in the Gospels, which is why the Word became flesh and not newsprint.” – Colin M. Morris in “Mankind My Church.” Do you agree? Disagree? How can our actions reflect the Word made flesh?

Join us for good food and great conversation!
There is a \$50 charge for the room at Rosewood, so the cost will be split among those who attend.

RSVP to charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.org or 330-650-4359 and let us know you are coming.



**Wednesdays at
Open Door Coffee
July 11, 18, & 25**

Charlotte continues to hold office hours at Open Door Coffee Company (164 N. Main Street) on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. Stop by for a chat.

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist
and Lunch
Thursday, July 5 at 11:00 AM**



Holy Communion

All Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us, are invited to gather at Laurel Lake’s Serenity Chapel at 11am for Eucharist, then for lunch following. For more information or to RSVP (required for lunch, but not for Eucharist), please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.



Musical Notes
From the Director of Music,
Valerie Thorson

These are a few of my favorite hymns...

Have you voted for your top five favorite hymns yet—either from the Hymnal 1982 or LEVAS—? If not, you can pick up and complete a “ballot” at the church office by July 8. When we receive everyone’s top favorites, we will compile a list of the Parish’s favorite hymns, and then have a “Favorite Hymn- Sing Sunday” on July 22, when we incorporate them into the 10:00 worship service. Sound like fun? Start writing down those hymns!

**Healing Service in the Chapel
Thursday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m.**



Once a month (typically the first Thursday), 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. Please join us for this quiet, yet powerful, service.



Lunch and Learn is taking the month of July off. We hope to see you back in August for our talk on how music effects the brain, presented by The Hudson Community Chorus.



Christ Church Picnic

Mark your calendars now for the annual Christ Church Picnic! This year’s picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12 at the Bayless Pavilion at Barlow Farm Park. Look for more details in the August Communicant and announcements.

Children's Corner

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL UNDERWAY!



Our program year is over and we are in our summer rhythm with weekly Children's Chapel. We are continuing with the Godly Play curriculum, which uses Montessori-Based learning experiences to help children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Children have an innate sense of the presence of God and this program embraces and encourages that sense. We will be encountering some of the big characters of the Old Testament, such as David, Elijah, and Jonah. Children ages 3-3rd Grade will begin each Sunday in the service with their parents. During the Hymn of Praise, they will join Sarah Bhatia or a volunteer at the front of the sanctuary and return to their families during The Peace. This program offers a great opportunity for your children to grow in their understanding of faith and experience God in new ways. Come join us!

SUMMER PLAY GROUP!

Sarah Bhatia is hosting a bi-monthly playgroup for all ages on the second and fourth Thursday in July from 11:00-12:00 at local area parks.

- **July 12: Cascade Park**
- **July 26: Veterans Way Splash Pad and Park**



Invite your friends, enjoy time outside playing and get to know other families in the parish outside of the walls of the church! All playgroup dates are weather permitting. Email Sarah at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org to be sure to be on the list to get up to date information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Date: August 6-10; 9:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 3-years-old to 6th Grade (Grade beginning Fall 2018)

Registration forms are available on the church website at christchurchhudson.com/bible-school.html or in the church office and On the table leading into parish hall.



At VBS Hero Central, kids will discover their strength in God; explore God's mission for their life; encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes; and realize qualities that make them truly a hero in God, all through a rotation of storytelling, snack, mission, games, science, and music.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Is your superpower crafting? Do you save the day with snacks? Do science experiments make you giddy? Is story telling your secret weapon? Do the singing voices of children bring tears to your eyes? If so, grab your capes and ready your superpowers to make a wonderful week for our community at Vacation Bible School. Contact Sarah for a volunteer registration form and let your superpowers shine this summer!

Here are the areas where volunteers are needed:

- ◆ Storyteller
- ◆ Science Leader
- ◆ Recreation Leader
- ◆ Mission Leader
- ◆ Assembly Leader
- ◆ Puppeteer
- ◆ 10 Guides
- ◆ Preschool/Kindergarten Helper



Donations Needed: In order to make our VBS the best it can be, we are accepting the following supply donations. Please let Sarah Bhatia know BEFORE you drop off items so she can update the supply list. If you would be willing to lend items to VBS, please write your last name and phone number on them so we can return them to you. Thank you!



- ◆ 10 capes (adult and children sizes)
- ◆ 4 foam or fake swords
- ◆ long fabric strips
- ◆ sports cones
- ◆ 10 hula hoops
- ◆ 10 pool noodles
- ◆ 8 bean bags
- ◆ 4 eye droppers
- ◆ 1 bag/box of ice cream salt
- ◆ chenille stems



FLAT JESUS, 2018

Flat Jesus is looking forward to hanging out with you this summer. There are a few left, so come by the church office during the week or pick one up on Sunday, then take some pictures with Flat Jesus and either text them to Charlotte at 937- 925-5200 or email them to Kathy Garber at kathy_garber@christchurchudson.org.

Flat Jesus loves to swim, hike, go to the beach, eat out, play volleyball, visit grandparents, and pretty much everything else you love to do!

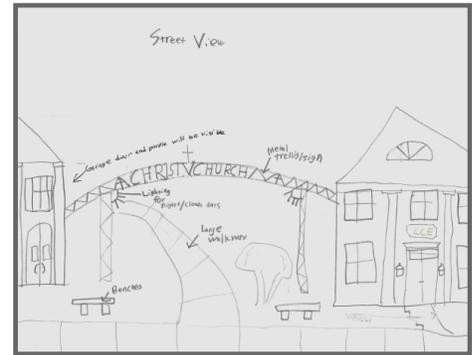


Capital Campaign Update

- At the parish meeting in April, a question was asked about a vision and mission statement. The vestry has done that work and the results are on the back of this issue of the Communicant. A question was also asked about a strategic plan for the next few years. A draft plan has been developed and the vestry will bring the final version to the parish in the near future. The vestry is also working to raise awareness of how the various parts of the building are used.
- The replacement of several Christ Church roofs (Church and Chapel, primarily) was listed as part of the plan for the Capital Campaign. Since the April meeting, wind damage to the roofs has been discovered and Church Insurance has been contacted. Church Insurance will pay the bulk of the cost of replacing the Church and Chapel roofs due to the damage, and the cost to replace the other older roofs is \$15,500. The vestry has voted to go ahead with the work as once Church Insurance has determined that there is covered damage and paid out, they will not cover water damage caused because of the damaged roofs. This will save the Campaign a significant amount of money.
- An architect is being engaged to work on a proposal for the Parish Hall and other projects (handicapped accessible restrooms and a possible lift to the second floor of the chapel building). This fall, we should be ready for the feasibility study to engage the parish in conversation with specific details about possible projects and to determine how to move ahead.



Architectural renderings
of Christ Church
~ submitted by Luke Metoki



Donating Appreciated Securities to a Capital Campaign

In contemplating a possible donation to Christ Church, one should consider gifting long-term appreciated securities-including stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Compared to donating cash, or selling appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to increase your gift and your tax deduction. An example of the different approaches to long-term securities gifting is as follows:

Original cost of security Appreciated value of security \$10,000
Appreciated value of security \$30,000

#1 Example:

Sell security and donate net proceeds:
\$30,000
Less (\$4,760) capital gains tax
\$25,240 Net Gift

#2 Example:

Gift security:
\$30,000
0: capital gains tax
\$30,000 Net Gift

Example #2 would give a donor and the church the full value of the gift. If you need specific examples of how gifting appreciated securities can work for you, your financial advisor should be consulted.

Financial Gifts to Christ Church



When you consider a financial gift or donation of stock or bonds to Christ Church, please contact the office so that we may assist you with proper procedures and documentation needed to ensure you are credited for your gift and to direct your gift to the appropriate account (i.e. endowment, business service, capital fund, operating fund).



Mary Ann Switz ~ 7/1
 Kevin Vaughn ~ 7/1
 Paul Westlake ~ 7/3
 Danielle Coombs ~ 7/4
 Larry King ~ 7/5
 Alexa Klespies ~ 7/5
 Mike Oberlin ~ 7/7
 Corinne Agnor ~ 7/8
 Greta Foster ~ 7/10
 Calvin Harvey ~ 7/11
 Tina Monreal ~ 7/11
 Bill Phipps ~ 7/11
 Robert Dieter ~ 7/13
 Doug Swift ~ 7/14
 Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 7/14
 Allie Heeter ~ 7/15
 Valerie Thorson ~ 7/16
 Shel Schweikert ~ 7/17
 Dot Lang ~ 7/19
 Judy Murray ~ 7/23
 Emily Anglewicz ~ 7/25
 Jack Houlette ~ 7/26
 Ann Entenman ~ 7/27
 Lida Hendrickson ~ 7/27
 Joan Van Osdol ~ 7/27
 Cindy Pirie ~ 7/28
 Anna Barger ~ 7/30
 Samantha Parker ~ 7/30
 Margo Kass ~ 7/31



Doug & Heather Swift ~ 7/1
 Peter & Ginny Young ~ 7/2
 Brandon & Samantha Parker ~ 7/8
 Larry & Sue King ~ 7/9
 Midge Karam & Ed Wiles ~ 7/10
 Jim & Dot Lang ~ 7/10
 John & Lee Ong ~ 7/20
 Mark & Roxanne Grattan ~ 7/30

FOR THE RECORD...

Births: Lucy Kosanovich to parents Milan & Jessica and siblings Eloise & Mae.

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



Thank you to....

Everyone who came out and walked or helped with the Memorial Day Parade, including:

- Len Harrison & helpers for construction of the parade float.
- Rob Robinson for use of the flatbed truck.
- Susan BreMiller for organizing the drums & bag pipes.

- To everyone who helped with the memorial service for Joeleen Rodriguez.
- To Janet Daniels for hosting Pub Theology in June while Charlotte was away.
- To Jeanne McKinny for organizing the church participation in the Hudson Ice Cream Social.
- To Dick Schneider & Brandon George for helping to weed the church grounds.

June Vestry Meeting Highlights



The vestry met on June 26 at 7:15.

- The vestry elected Lou Young to fill the last 6 months of Kay Eileraas's term. Kay and her family moved to Texas earlier this summer.
- The Vestry heard an update from Guy Wylie on the Beebe House pillars. The repairs have been completed. We received partial funding for the project from the Priscilla Graham Foundation.
- Guy also reported on the painting of the chapel, which is going well and will hopefully be complete in mid-July. (As a reminder, we received an excellent bid from Todd Marks and the vestry felt that moving ahead with that project this spring was in the best interest of the parish, even though the Capital Campaign has not started.)
- Guy reported that the security system that is being installed at the parking lot door with a security camera and intercom system is almost complete. Please watch for details once the system has been activated as there will be times during the day when the door will be locked and people entering the building will need to "buzz" the office for entry.
- Guy reported that the roof on the chapel and the roof on the church have sustained wind damage. Church Insurance has agreed and will pay a significant portion of the roof replacement cost. The cost to the church to replace the remainder of the roofs in need of replacement is \$15,500. The vestry voted to allocate \$15,500 so that all of the roofs can be replaced at once, likely in July. This will save the Capital Campaign about \$135,000 that had been allocated for the roofs.
- The vestry voted to engage an architect to create a proposal for work on the Parish Hall. This is one step in our work toward the feasibility study for the Capital Campaign.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, August 28 at 7:15 in the CCH library.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am Rite I/Quiet—
Chapel
10:00 Rite II/Festive—
Church
with Children's Chapel
11:15 Coffee Hour

Nursery available for children
3 and older 10:00—12:00

Vision and Mission Statement

The vestry adopted the following Vision and Mission statement at the May vestry meeting. These statements are based on what vestry members have heard in the various parish conversations over the past two years and their own work as a vestry identifying the core values of the parish.

-Christ Church Episcopal seeks to be a welcoming community of faith, serving Hudson and beyond.

We will do this through:

- Worship that strengthens our foundation of God's love & forgiveness.
- Outreach that enables us to share God's love with those in need.
- Fellowship that reflects God's love & joy through our relationships.
- Education that expands our understanding of God's love for us all.

If you have questions about this statement, please see any vestry member.