

THE COMMUNICANT

Christ Church Episcopal

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*Seeking to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded
in the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving Hudson and beyond.*

September



2022

2023 STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF



*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
- Matthew 18:20*

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 25, after the 10:30 service as we kick off our 2023 stewardship campaign. A delicious brunch will be provided by the vestry and stewardship committee (we heard there will be pancakes.) And this year, we have a special treat – a theme song! “Better Together” will be performed by the choir. You won’t want to miss it.

We have much to be thankful for at Christ Church – spiritually enriching worship, thoughtful outreach to our community, well maintained buildings and grounds, and caring friends. Let’s come together on September 25 to celebrate all the ways we’re Better Together and to commit to sharing our time, talent and treasure in 2023.

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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Thank you. Thank you for the tremendous gift of time away and the opportunity to travel, rest, read, visit other churches (more on that coming....lots more!), play with my grandchildren, walk, and just "be" for a bit. Thank you to Allan Belton who has graciously led worship each Sunday and provided pastoral care as needed, to Kathy Garber, who has no doubt held the church together over the summer, to Mario Buchanan who has worked away at music for the fall, to Ann Kirk and James Boazzo for their leadership, to all who have worked on plans for the fall whether Christian Education with Sarah Bhatia, or Stewardship with Jim Lang, George Murray, and Pam Zuhl, or security with James Boazzo, or the many building projects with Guy Wylie. And those are just the things I know about! I am sure there is much more that I don't know. I look forward to hearing about all that has gone on over the summer.

This Communicant is bursting with the ministries and activities going on at Christ Church this fall. I look forward to reconnecting with all of you and with our life together!

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

What *did* Charlotte do this summer?

Join Charlotte on September 11 at 9am in the Parish Hall to hear about her adventures visiting other churches, thoughts about online and in-person worship, and, of course, ideas about hospitality gleaned from walking into other churches as a stranger.



Prayers for healing will be offered during communion at the 10:30 Sunday service at the healing station to the right of the pulpit. Typically, either the Rev. Allan Belton or the Rev. Daniel Grossoehme will be at the healing station. If someone is already being prayed for at the healing station, please wait a respectful distance away until they are finished. Prayers for healing will continue to be offered until there is no one left in line.

Dear Friends:

Welcome to another wonderful year at Christ Church, Hudson! We delight in the number of activities planned for your family, your family of friends, and you. Here is a brief overview of what's coming:

We'll have our 8 o'clock worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Chapel (masks optional) and our 10:30 worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church (masks optional), with nursery care every Sunday and Children's Chapel on the first Sunday of the month (masks optional).

Sunday School for grades preK-5 will return—hooray!--this fall! Our focus will be on the nine Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. The monthly schedule is:

- 1st Sunday: Children's Chapel preK-2nd Grade
- 2nd and 4th Sundays: preK-5th Grade:
- 3rd Sunday: preK-2nd Grade

Middle School and High School will be having twice monthly youth group Sunday evenings. Look for fun fellowship and outreach events, too! Contact Sarah Bhatia (SBhatia@christchurchudson.org) to learn more.

Our *Music Program*, under the splendid direction of Mario Buchanan, features one or both of our choirs every Sunday, and choral anthems and guest instrumentalists on major Feast Days. Our Choral Scholars will be returning with the addition of newly created positions. The Young Choristers sing regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and they will sing a service of Choral Evensong at the Cathedral in October. Look for Choral Compline services once a month and an Advent Lessons and Carols Service. Contact Mario at (mario.buchanan@christchurchudson.org) for more information—or to join one of the choirs!!

Your *Vestry* has voted to purchase and install air conditioning, a new furnace, and ionizing air cleaning in the undercroft. In addition, our Security Task Force will implement security features around the church including the undercroft. We want the safest and cleanest environment for all our parishioners. All of these improvements will be in place by the start of our fall programming season.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Its graduates and current participants learn a lot about faith and theology, but many feel the best part is the wonderful fellowship we experience. Plus, we take turns providing a great snack every class!! Contact Janet Daniels (janetdaniels@gmail.com) for more information.

Coffee Hour continues to provide a terrific time for fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to serve an important ministry after the 8 or, especially, 10:30 service. See or email Tom Dukes (jtdukes@uakron.edu) for more details.

In addition, CCH will offer our Healing Services, and we hope to present special courses around Science and Religion (Daniel Grossoehme), Fiction and Faith (Tom Dukes), and others.

Our fall start date, September 11, with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., also marks the return of the Reverend Charlotte Collins Reed, our rector, after her much deserved sabbatical. Help us to welcome her back!!

We can't begin to describe everything CCH will offer you, but without you, church is just a building. Do come and come often: *you are the church!*

Faithfully,

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Inspired by Tom Dukes



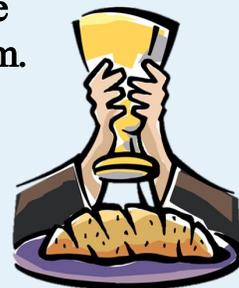
SERVICE OF HEALING

**September 8th
at 9:30 am 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.

**Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist Service
Thursday, September 22 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 Community Room at Laurel Lake for Eucharist at 11am. For more information please contact Deacon Gretchen Green at ghg2@aol.com.



Monday Morning Bible Study

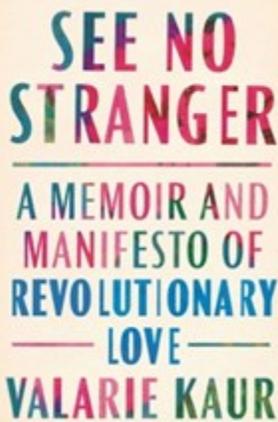
Bible Study meets at Laurel Lake at 8:00 Monday mornings to look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Email Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com for more information.



Adult Education Forum

**Quarks, Chaos, & Christianity
Wednesday Evenings in September at 6:00**

Join us for a four-week discussion about science and faith, using John Polkinghorne's book, *Quarks, Chaos, & Christianity*, to get our discussion started. John was a high-energy particle physicist who became a priest in the Church of England, and the author of many extremely readable books written for those with an interest in these topics. With two chapters a week to help get us started, we can talk about lots of aspects of the roles, boundaries, and relationship between science and faith; truth and how we know what we know; what (really) happens when we pray; are we alone in the universe (astrobiology); what happens at the end—at and after our deaths and the end of the universe? The discussion will be facilitated by (the Rev. Dr.) Daniel Grosseohme, who trained as an astrophysicist, is an Episcopal priest and staff scientist in the Division of Palliative Medicine at Akron Children's Hospital, and a member of the Society of Ordained Scientists. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning September 7 through September 28. Books can be ordered through Amazon or The Learned Owl in Hudson. Email questions to Daniel at violas9502@gmail.com.



WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

September 20 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 September, we will join together for discussion of *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur. Valarie Kaur — renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer — has ignited the hearts of millions around the globe, making “Breathe and Push!” a mantra in movements for social change. *See No Stranger* is a practical guide to changing the world, a synthesis of wisdom, a chronicle of personal and communal history—all joined together by a story of awakening. Revolutionary love is medicine for our times. It just might be our best chance for our collective future. Email Sarah to sign up.

Children's Corner



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month during the 10:30 service. 3-year-olds through 2nd Graders will join a leader during the Hymn of Praise at the front of the church for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.

Fruits of the Spirit

We know a tree by the type of fruit it gives. In the same way, people will know we are Christians by how we live and act in the world—our fruit! So what are the Fruits of the Spirit? Galatians tells us they are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. This year, we will be exploring one fruit during each month of the program calendar. Join us to learn more!

Mark Your Calendar!



Save the date for these important Faith Formation events:

- **September 10:** First Serve Akron *All Ages*
- **September 11:** Sunday School Kick-Off *Ages 3yo-5th Grade*
- **September 18:** Youth Group Kick-Off *Grades 6-12*
- **October 30:** Lego Church *All Ages*

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What's your favorite fruit?

Join us at Christ Church as we explore the Fruits of the Spirit!
Check out what's coming starting September 11:

Nursery
Ages 0-3
Every Sunday
10:00am-12:00pm

PreK-2nd Grade
2nd-5th Sundays
10:15-11:00am

3rd-5th Grade
2nd and 4th Sundays
10:15-11:00am

Youth Group
Grades 6-12
1st and 3rd Sundays
4:30-6:00

Children's Chapel
Ages 3-2nd Grade
1st Sunday during 10:30 Service

FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

Check out our Faith Formation Website full of resources to help develop your faith at home and on the road. There are resources for personal and family faith formation as well as activities to engage in together to mark the holy days and seasons. You can find it at: <https://ccefaihfformation.weebly.com>.





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Mario Buchanan, Director of Music and Organist
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Every summer I sit down and plan the next season. Nothing that happens musically in a service is by accident. Every musical offering that happens in service is planned and well rehearsed. This is something in my job that I love doing: being able to sit down, read all of the Sunday readings, and figure out musically how I can compliment the readings. I am very excited for the next choir season, which we have a number of new things planned. We will have new Choral Scholars joining the choir thanks to new donors willing to fund their presence in church. Our three Choral Scholars from last season will also be returning.



I am very excited we will be starting a rotation of Choral Compline this season. Compline is “Prayer at the Close of Day”, a service with no sermon, mostly chanted, a lot of candles, and the choir offering special music. The service usually runs 30-45 minutes. These will be offered on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm from September - May. I do hope you will join us for these services and invite your friends. This an outreach opportunity for us and the community.

Other Christ Church music opportunities this season include:

Drew Le, Piano
Saturday, October 15th, 7pm
A concert to benefit Scholarships for Young Choristers

Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral
Wednesday, October 19th, 6pm
The Young Choristers will be singing a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral. Please come and support them in their ministry. This is a way for us to show our active Young Chorister Program to others!

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 11th 5pm
A service sung by the Adult Choir and the congregation. This service will offer choral anthems, congregational hymns, and other musical offerings.

I hope you all will come and worship with us these days. I am so excited for the Fall!

Mario



Getting to Know You

Each month we will feature a little “getting to know” you vignette of a Christ Church parishioner or family in the Communicant. Tom Dukes will be our “investigative reporter,” so don’t be surprised if he approaches you and says, “Can I ask you a few questions?” If you would like to be featured in an issue of The Communicant or know someone who would, please let Tom know at jtdukes@uakron.edu. This month we get to know a little bit more about the Metoki family. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to Know the Metokis

Our family for this month is the Metokis! They are Lori, Mark, Luke-10th grade, Maria-8th grade, and Peter-3rd grade.

Mark grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and spent several elementary school years in Japan. Lori grew up in Florence, Kentucky, and her family moved a couple of times as well, first to Iowa, and then to Wisconsin. Mark and Lori met while they were attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mark graduated first and took a consulting job based in Chicago. Shortly after, Lori found a marketing job for an architecture firm in the Chicago area. After a while, Lori took evening classes at Roosevelt University to study elementary education focused on middle school teaching. Mark is now working for Bridgestone, and Lori is a part-time ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor.



When Mark and Lori found an Episcopal church in Illinois, they found couples like themselves where each spouse had grown up with different church backgrounds. They were also looking for a church denomination that could be affirming/open and accepting.

After the Metokis moved to Ohio, they wanted to find a church home in the community where they lived. The Episcopal service felt within their comfort zone, although Christ Church’s services are much more formal than the services at their previous church. They were happy to find questioning and disagreeing to be accepted as part of a healthy faith journey. Charlotte’s sermons assured them that there was room for everyone at Christ Church.

The Metoki family admits it is challenging to be a churchgoing family a lot of the time. They appreciate the consistent presence of other church members who are in slightly different chapters of life. They have always felt welcomed and value being included and invited to participate. Zoom and Facebook church also have been blessings, they feel.

The Metokis love the thoughtful ministry and outreach of the church. They hope the church community will become even more diverse in a number of ways as time goes on! They would love to see a more casual service that would be more manageable for families and more comfortable for people who are giving church a second chance. They look forward to enjoying more opportunities to come together with their church family for events like talent shows.



FIRST SERVE

How do you measure hope?

Register at
<https://tinyurl.com/FirstServeAkron2022>

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration is now open for this annual interfaith day of service focused on the North Hill community in Akron. This is a great opportunity to come together with others and make a difference in the lives of those in need. Opportunities to help include painting, gardening, sewing, cleaning, organizing, bike repair, assisting at the farmer's market, as well as many other tasks. You don't have to swing a sledgehammer to volunteer!



OUTREACH Ministry

This is the 4th in a series of articles highlighting various outreach ministries at Christ Church. These ministries are supported by both our financial resources as well as our time and talent. If you are interested in getting involved with The Akron-Canton Food Bank, contact Eileen Gaston at eileengaston@yahoo.com.

THE AKRON-CANTON FOODBANK

The Akron-Canton Foodbank provides food and other essential items to hunger-relief programs in eight Northeast Ohio counties. These member programs operate 500 food pantries, hot meal sites, shelters, and other hunger-relief programs.

Located in Akron, the Foodbank is a distribution center, providing an efficient operation to collect, sort, and distribute food. It is immense! Volunteers from Christ Church have worked at the 83,000 square feet warehouse, which includes 8,000 square feet of freezer and refrigeration space. Our job was to sort frozen meat, chicken, and fish which had been donated by local sources (such as grocery stores) and also from state and federal assistance programs. We checked for expiration dates and torn packages, then sorted the items in large bins.

Organizers from local food programs take orders (100 lbs. of potatoes, 50 pkgs. of ground beef, etc.), then the Foodbank's trucks deliver the food to the hunger-relief sites.

The Foodbank was formed in 1982 by a group of community leaders. In 2012, the national organization Feeding America named it the Food Bank of the year.

Our donation will help maintain the huge building, pay the employees, buy gas for the trucks, and purchase food when needed to supplement the donated goods.

Hudson Food Pantry-Laundry Detergent Collection

The Christ Church monthly offering to the Hudson Food Pantry is liquid or pod laundry detergent, which cannot be purchased with government Assistance (SNAP). The Hudson Food Pantry has requested **35 jugs or packs of pod detergent** by September 21 for the September distribution. Detergent can be left on the bench inside the parking lot door, or if it is locked, it can be left outside the door. Thank you for helping to support the Hudson Food Pantry!





September BIRTHDAYS

- Ben Bixby ~ 9/1
- Sue King ~ 9/1
- Griffin Vaughn ~ 9/1
- Titch Foster ~ 9/5
- Judy Brookhart ~ 9/6
- Doug Harvey ~ 9/8
- Susie Spearman ~ 9/8
- Courtney Bixby ~ 9/9
- Nicholas Haake ~ 9/9
- Guy Wylie ~ 9/9
- Matt Girvin ~ 9/10
- Dave McCallops ~ 9/10
- Charles Haake ~ 9/11
- Anna Klespies ~ 9/12
- Barbara Pomeroy ~ 9/12
- Ralph Weary ~ 9/12
- Michael Calkins ~ 9/12
- Don Reed ~ 9/17
- Eloise Kosanovich ~ 9/19
- Julie Micheletti ~ 9/19
- Debbie Currin ~ 9/20
- Pam Zuhl ~ 9/20
- Jim Lang ~ 9/23
- Olivia Andrews ~ 9/24
- Will Bixby ~ 9/28
- Susan Girvin ~ 9/28
- Jim Sullivan ~ 9/28
- Richard Antholine ~ 9/29
- Tom Dukes ~ 9/29
- John Ong ~ 9/29



September ANNIVERSARIES

- Conor & Lindsay O'Sullivan ~ 9/4
- Richard Shirey & James Helmuth ~ 9/5
- Lou & Marti Young ~ 9/6
- Kevin & Tracey Vaughn ~ 9/18
- Damon & Carrie Cronkey ~ 9/20
- Steve & Katie Barger ~ 9/22
- Mike & Linda Pitz ~ 9/27
- Larry & Jean Rhodes ~ 9/27
- Malcolm & Rhonda Robbie ~ 9/27
- Peter & Shirley Eells ~ 9/29
- Guy & Ruth Wylie ~ 9/30

FOR THE RECORD...

Births: Nora George



.... Tom Dukes, Ann Kirk, Judy Brookhart, Sallie Bear, Irene Gillette, and Janet Daniels, for helping cover the office in July and August

- Guy Wylie & Bob Zuhl for overseeing the installation of the new AC and ionization units in the undercroft
- Dot Lang for helping to resolve the wool moth issue in the Chapel and for transporting the rugs to be cleaned
- Len Harrison and the outreach committee for organizing the stool fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
- Guy Wylie for his continued work on the capital campaign must-do-project list

August Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, August 23 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- Pledge income was up in July, but has been low for the month of August with many parishioners being away.
- George Murray gave an update on the 2023 stewardship campaign, which is scheduled to kick off on September 25 with a brunch prepared by the vestry after the 10:30 service. The pledge goal for the campaign is \$485,000 for 2023.
- Because the outreach committee has met their target goal for the year with a successful fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, along with the Chromebook fundraiser earlier this year, the auction scheduled for October has been cancelled.
- Guy Wylie joined the vestry meeting to give an update on the Capital Campaign must-do priority list. He recommended not committing to any new projects that are not already underway until next year.
 - Installation of the air conditioner and ionization units has been completed; Work continues with Becker signs on interior and exterior signage; Repair and painting of the peeling ceiling and wall in the Chapel has been completed.
- Guy Wylie and James Boazzo updated the vestry on the undercroft security improvements that are underway. Ladders for the window wells, and escape ladders and glass breaking tools for the classrooms have been ordered.
- Work on the Legacy Society is on hold until the beginning of next year.
- Ann Kirk gave an update on the 2021 audit which is currently in process.
- Updates were given on the children's and youth programs for the fall.
- The next vestry meeting is on September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

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Our fall worship schedule begins on September 11th.

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in the chapel
- 10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in the church with nursery care
- 11:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Choral Compline on the 3rd Sunday of the month