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.



2023



EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.

Quiet Easter Service in the Chapel

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Festive Easter Service with Brass Quintet from the Cleveland Orchestra, timpani, the Christ Church Adult Choir at both services, and The Young Choristers at 11:00

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th Grade

You can find the full schedule for Holy Week on page 4.

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

ROMANS 6:4



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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

If there has been an unintended theme to our Lenten journey this year, that theme has been "joy in the wilderness." While we have kept a faithful and perhaps solemn Lenten journey in liturgy, prayer, study, and our own devotions and disciplines, our time in the wilderness has also been filled with joy. We have welcomed four baby boys this Lent and had a rose on the altar during this flower-less season three Sundays in a row. Between thirty and forty people from Christ Church and First Presbyterian have gathered in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings to enjoy a meal together, get to know one another better, and talk about the witnesses at the cross on the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The Adult Forum on Sunday mornings has been filled with open, honest, and energetic conversation as we have worked through the book "Holy Envy" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The Outreach Ministry Team had a joy-filled "Peanut Butter and Jelly Brigade" as they made 300 PB&J's for those in need in Akron.

While "joy" may not be the first word that comes to mind when we think of Lent, I believe that being able to find joy in the wilderness of Lent helps us in two ways. First, if we can find joy in the wilderness of Lent, we may be better able to find joy in the wilderness of our own lives. Secondly, if we can find joy in the wilderness of Lent, the joy we find in the resurrected Christ on Easter will be all the deeper and more glorious.

May the quiet wilderness joy of this Lent lead us all into the great resurrection joy of Easter.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF BISHOP-ELECT ANNE JOLLY

God willing and the people consenting,

The Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and Bishop Coadjutor of The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11 o'clock in the morning

The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. and the Standing Committee request the honor of your presence at Cleveland Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Chief Consecrator and Preacher: The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

Reception to follow — **Details and RSVP (by April 11): dohio.org/consecration**



April 13th 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.

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! For more information contact Jim Lang at jglang00@gmail.com.



April Adult Christian Education Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall "Holy Envy" by Barbara Brown Taylor

April 2: Palm Sunday-no forum

April 9: Easter-no forum

April 16: "Holy Envy" chapters 9 & 10 **April 23:** "Holy Envy" chapters 11 & 12

April 30: Stay tuned!

In her book "Holy Envy," Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest, describes how she has found the sacred in unexpected places while teaching World Religion at Piedmont College. We will look at two chapters each week, taking time off for Palm Sunday and Easter. Join us for a fascinating conversation that will expand our horizons.

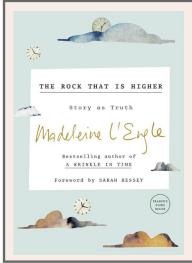


Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

"What is the good life for Christians?"

(Picking up the question from our canceled January conversation)

Bring your favorite comfort food because surely the good life involves good food! Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/potlucktheo23 by April 24 or call the office at 330-650-4359.



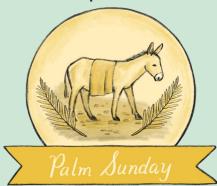
WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

April 18th 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 April, we will join together for discussion of <u>The Rock that is Higher</u> by Madeleine L'Engle. Drawing upon her own experiences, well-known tales in literature, and selected narratives from Scripture, Madeleine L'Engle gently leads the way into the glorious world of story in <u>The Rock That Is Higher</u>. Here she acknowledges universal human longings and considers how literature, Scripture, personal stories, and life experiences all point us toward our true home. Email Sarah at sbhatia@christchurchhudson to request the Zoom link.

HOLY WEEK

April 2nd



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.

April 6th



6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday meal and worship service in the Parish Hall. Service concludes with the stripping of the altar in the Church.

April 7th



12:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service
This one hour service brings together Christians from across denominations to worship together on Good Friday. Clergy from a variety of churches will participate and we are honored to host the service at Christ Church.

5:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service for families.

7:00 p.m.

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

EASTER SUNDAY AT 10:15 Ages 5 and under in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) Kindergarten through 5th Grade in the undercroft DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BASKET!

children's Corner



LEGO CHURCH

BUILDING FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30th at 4:30 p.m.



Calling parishioners of all ages, young and young at heart! Join us in the upper classroom for a fun, interactive worship experience. Using LEGOS, we will explore a Biblical story 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 home cooked meal together. Please sign up to attend by April 25th at https://tinyurl.com/CCELego23 so we know how many to expect for dinner, or email Sarah Bhatia at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.

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 Selfcontrol. This year, we will continue to explore one fruit during each month of the program calendar. Join us to learn more! Our April Faith Formation schedule is below.



• Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service for 3 years –2nd grade

April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

• Good Friday Family service

April 9 EASTER

- Children's Chapel during the 9:00 and 11:00 services
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15

April 16

- Sunday School at 10:15 PreK-2nd Grade
- Youth Group at 4:30p in Youth Room

April 23

- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5thGrade **April 30**
- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5thGrade
- Lego Church at 4:30 pm for all in the upper room



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 Hymn of Praise at the 10:30 service for a Montessori-based bible lesson and return to their families at the Peace.



April 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group is an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to gather for age specific faith formation and fellowship. At each Youth Group, we will do community building activities, take a close look at a Bible passage that explores the month's fruit, discuss how we can live like Jesus, and end our evening with dinner together.







Mario Buchanan Director of Music and Organist mario.buchanan@christchurchhudson.org

We are very excited that our own Young Choristers have been invited to sing at the Consecration of our Bishop-Elect on April 29th! This is a HUGE honor for them, not only musically but also to see how we Consecrate Bishops in the Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop will also be there. Out of over 70 Parishes in this Diocese, we are one of only two RSCM Young Chorister programs. Let that sink in. One of TWO in this entire Diocese. This is something very special and I am so glad Christ Church will have an active role in this service. I hope you will attend this service at the Cleveland Public Auditorium on Saturday April 29th at 11am.



CHORAL COMPLINE

April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Choral Compline is "Prayer at the close of the day", a service with no sermon, mostly chanted, a lot of candles and the choir offering special music. The service usually runs 20-25 minutes and will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 16. We hope you will join us!



Kirsten Homdrom, pianist, in Concert at Christ Church May 12th at 6:00 pm

Kirsten Homdrom will be returning to Christ Church to give a piano recital on Friday, May 12 at 6:00. Kirsten was a Trinity Scholar at Christ Church from 2007-2009. Kirsten joined the White Memorial staff in May 2015. As Associate Director of Music, Kirsten shares responsibility for the music ministry along with the Director of Music. In addition to playing both the piano and organ during worship, Kirsten directs choral and instrumental ensembles, and accompanies a variety of soloists and groups.

Previously, Kirsten served churches in Indiana and Ohio in both organist and director of music roles. Kirsten has also taught piano and organ to students of all ages, and has performed both in the United States and abroad. She has a passion for ministering to people by sharing God's gift of music in fellow ship and faith. Kirsten holds a B.M. in piano performance from Baldwin-Wallace University Conservatory of Music, and a M.M. and D.M.A. in piano performance from the University of Cincinnati College, Conservatory of Music.

This concert will serve as a fundraiser for scholarships for our Young Choristers. These scholarships will be used for them to attend RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) training courses in the summer. More information about those courses can be found on their website: https://www.rscmamerica.org/



PB & J DAY: APRIL 15TH

The Christ Church Outreach Committee is working hard post-Covid to bring back activities where our congregation can both serve where needed and build community.

The first activity of this new year is a perfect example of that two-pronged mission. On March 18, ten congregants came together for 1.5 hours, and in a sea of white bread, peanut butter, grape jam, and baggies put together 300 PB&Js for the homeless ministry out of St. Bernards Church in Akron. The gratitude on the faces of the organizers at St. Bernards convinced us that this should be an ongoing project.

So now we are committed! At 10 AM on the third Saturday of every month we will come together, not only to make sandwiches, but to laugh and share stories. **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!

We hope you will join us in the Parish Hall for our next PB & J day on Saturday April 15!

For more information, contact Judy Brookhart, or better still... come to an Outreach Committee meeting after church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

LADIES **NIGHT**

CCEH Ladies Night Out Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 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 Pad Thai in Hudson, 5657 Darrow Road, on April 18 at 6:00 pm. This is a great way to make and meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Please sign up through the church office or at https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight by Friday, April 14. Contact Linda Irving at lirving4@aol.com with any questions.



Dear Christ Church,

We thank you so very much for your wonderful donation of 300 PB & J sandwiches and cookies, too. Thank you so much for getting your outreach team together so quickly to replenish our low supply. Our hungry guest will really appreciate your kindness and giving hearts. May God richly bless you all.

Gratefully,

Michele Schmidt & St. Bernard Hunger Program



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

Get to Know The Barnhardts

This has been the month for baby boys joining our Christ Church family. Schaeffer (Schay) Barnhardt and her husband Hunter Barnhardt welcomed twin sons Milton Colvin (Colvin) and Richard Flintom (Flint) on March 8. They joined five year-old sister Joan Walden. Here is the Barnhardts' story.

Chatham Hall is the center of Schaeffer and Hunter's relationship. It is an Episcopal boarding school in Virginia. Schaeffer grew up in Memphis, TN and Greenwich, CT but Chatham Hall was her (boarding) high school; Hunter's home towns were Charlotte, NC and Roanoke, VA. In high school, he attended Woodberry Forest, another Episcopal boarding school in Virginia. They met during high school and continued their friendship at Presbyterian College in North Carolina.



After college, Schaeffer lived in Charlotte, NC and Hunter in Ridgecrest, NC, then Hilton Head, SC. They got engaged and planned to marry at their beloved St. Mary's Chapel at Chatham Hall. Before the wedding, Schay received an offer for a position in the admission office at the school! So they were married at the Chatham Hall chapel in 2012 and moved into faculty housing. They loved attending services in the chapel and, especially, listening to students present their chapel talks. After ten years, they were ready for new challenges and opportunities.

They moved to Hudson when Schaeffer was recruited by Western Reserve Academy. She is the Director of Admission Outreach and Retention. Hunter is a Production Designer for Epic Games.

Their first contact with Christ Church was an All Saints' service, which they attended after they had lost a very close friend. They said, "we immediately felt welcomed and comfortable." Joan Walden loved the children's program. They were new to Hudson but "felt completely at ease with this incredible congregation."

As to goals for the future of Christ Church: "...this amazing place - we wouldn't change a thing!"



And now they are a family of five! We in the Christ Church family look forward to the twin baptisms.





SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY

Musical Theater Showcase

Baldwin Wallace Music Theatre juniors present songs by the man who reinvented the American musical, Stephen Sondheim. Concerts feature a pre-concert chat at 4:30 and a reception following the concert. Single tickets \$25; Laurel Lake residents \$20; under 18 and Student Admission is For more information visit the Music from the Western Reserve website at www.musicwr.org.



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 40 jugs, packs of pods, or detergent sheets by April 19 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 helping support the Hudson Food Pantry!



Christ Church Firearms Policy

The Vestry voted last year to approve the following policy as part of our increasing awareness of security at Christ Church.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.126 no one may carry a handgun into places of worship, unless the place of worship permits otherwise. The firearms policy of Christ Church is as follows:

No firearms, or any other dangerous weapons, shall be permitted on the premises of Christ Church with the exception of those carried by trained law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers are trained in such areas as crisis intervention, active shooter response, de-escalation, and proper non-lethal tactics. Most parishioners, even those with a concealed carry permit, do not have this level of training. In addition, firearms bring an enormous liability to the church. The potential for accidents, unintentional injury to innocent bystanders, excessive use of force, and confusion when police arrive over who is a threat, are all downsides that can offset any benefits of additional security. Accordingly, a license to carry a weapon does not supersede this policy.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Erika DeYoung ~ 4/2 Paul Frank ~ 4/2 Alivia Klespies ~ 4/3 Charlotte Reed ~ 4/3 Karen Stansbrev ~ 4/3 Lis Hugh $\sim 4/4$ Malcolm Robbie ~ 4/5 Leo Mehl $\sim 4/7$ Kimberley Calkins ~ 4/9 Dianna Garvey ~ 4/09 Emily Longenecker ~ 4/9 Ellen Turner ~ 4/11 Nancy Schweikert ~ 4/15 Laura DeYoung ~ 4/18 Cecily West ~ 4/18 Cindy Hartman $\sim 4/21$ Jonathan Andrews $\sim 4/23$ Howard Bankhurst ~ 4/23 Kate Le $\sim 4/24$ Bill Warren ~ 4/25 Jon Ridgway $\sim 4/26$ Jim Bear $\sim 4/30$



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jon & Julie Ridgway ~ 4/4 Tom & Marilyn Marks ~ 4/6 Bob & Joyce Comben ~ 4/21 Bob & Pam Zuhl ~ 4/28

FOR THE RECORD...

Births:

Simon Andrew Monroe Phillips Jordan Stephen Repko Milton Colvin Barnhardt Richard Flint Barnhardt



Congratulation to Ella Harvey and Calvin Harvey! In February, Calvin received his white chorister surplice and Ella received her light blue medal. Each completed required Royal School of Church Music program levels showing how they have grown as musicians.



Thank you to...

... Judy Brookhart, Tom Dukes, Daniel Grossoehme, Jane and Len Harrison, Charlotte Reed, Pam & Dave McCallops, and Jim & Sallie Bear, who made or helped with Christ Church dinners for our Lenten series and to all the folks

from First Presbyterian who made the other two dinners.

- ... Drew Le for the wonderful piano recital that raised over \$700 for scholarships for our Young Choristers to attend Royal School of Church Music camps this summer.
- ... Heather and Doug Swift, Pam Zuhl, and Sallie Bear who made meals in March for Youth Group and Choral Compline.
- ... Pam Zuhl for organizing the March Ladies' Night Out
- ... Judy Brookhart who organized and all who helped with the first Peanut Butter and Jelly workday.
- ...Len Harrison for organizing and cooking for a Bible & Biscuits reunion breakfast







The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10. Please contact Charlotte at 937-925-5200 in the event of a pastoral emergency.

February Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on Tuesday, February 28. The meeting opened with Bible study and prayer.
- Ann Kirk reported that the Diocese has changed the requirements for the annual audit, thanks in part to the question raised by our own George Murray at our budget meeting. Rather than a full audit, Christ Church can have an Agreed Upon Procedures audit which will save \$3500-\$4000 on the cost.
- Vestry officers were elected: James Boazzo, Sr. Warden; Judy Brookhart, Jr. Warden; Linda Irving, clerk; Ann Kirk, treasurer.
- James Boazzo, Judy Brookhart, Ann Kirk, Jim Bear and Kathy Garber were authorized to sign checks for the church.
- Jim Bear Chair, Tom Green, Tina Monreal, Peter Eels, Ted Mailey and Ann Kirk were appointed to the Finance Committee.
- Charlotte Reed and Tina Monreal reviewed the 2022 Parochial Report which was approved by the vestry.
- The following liaisons to the vestry goals were appointed:
 - ♦ Judy Brookhart: Outreach
 - **♦ Families: Mark Metoki and Drew Le**
 - ♦ Hospitality: Kathie Balcerzak and Greg Daniels
 - ♦ Christian Formation: Courtney Bixby and Jacob Phillips
- Judy Brookhart reported on the Outreach Team meeting where the following recommendations were made for outreach financial contributions in 2023:
 - ♦ Bexley-Seabury Seminary: \$1000
 - Hudson Community Resource Coordinator: \$1000
 (an additional \$1500 will come from the Rector's discretionary fund)
 - ♦ Rift Valley Children's Village, Tanzania: \$1000
 - ♦ First Serve: \$1000
 - ♦ Akron/Canton Food Bank: \$1000
 - **♦ Family Promise: \$500**
 - Habitat for Humanity: \$200 (with an additional \$800 from the pancake supper)

The vestry approved these contributions.

- The vestry began planning an all parish event for May 21 similar to last year's Jubilee Sunday.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

- The vestry met on Tuesday, March 28 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- The meeting opened with prayer and a Bible study on faithfulness.
- The treasurer reported nothing unusual in February. Pledges were tracking well through the end of February.
- Tina Monreal provided the vestry with information about the celebration for Bishops Mark, Arthur, and William on June 17 as well as the fund being created in their honor to support congregational development and programs at Bellwether.
- The bulk of the meeting was sent planning Celebration Sunday for May 21. The meal after the 10:30 service will be hosted by the vestry and will be a BBQ. There is a plan for RSVP's and for sending out information during the month of April.
- James Boazzo and Judy Brookhart, the wardens, have reached out to other Sr. and Jr. Wardens in the area to share ideas.

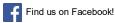
The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm.



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Celebration Sunday! Sunday, May 21 after the 10:30 service

"Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life.

Let your joy overflow!"

Philippians 4:4

Mark your calendars for a special day of fun, fellowship and food as we gather for a catered BBQ lunch after the 10:30 service to celebrate our blessings and get to know one another even better. Everything will be provided so all we need to make the event a complete success is YOU! You won't want to miss it.