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

October



2023

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 8th after the 10:30 service



We will **receive** in church, followed by breakfast where we will **share** food and conversation, and discuss how we can **give**. There will be a special pancake buffet with lots of fun toppings for the children and youth in the upper room. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEpancakes>, scan the QR code, or call the office. We hope to see you there!



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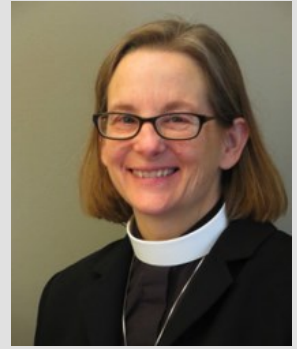
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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Have you heard the Christ Church choir lately? Heard the youth lectors read on Sunday morning? Made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the unhoused population in Akron? Built a Habitat House or made lunch for those who do? Enjoyed dinner before Choral Compline and noticed the energy of the youth group? Experienced the energy of coffee hour? The fall has been chock full of wonderful ministry, meaningful worship, and opportunities for education, fellowship, and caring for each other.

Many of you will remember the Sunday last November when we gathered after the 10:30 service for a conversation about the finances of Christ Church. We talked about how we got to a situation in which we had not met our stewardship goal and various ways we might fill the gap between what was pledged and the funds needed to maintain ministry at the current level at Christ Church. At the end of the day, we were all invited to help fill the gap and, indeed, the gap was filled.

When the vestry ran the "Fill the Gap" campaign last year, it was with the clear understanding that we could only do that one time. This year, much information about the finances of Christ Church will be given at the Pancake Breakfast on October 8. We will prayerfully make our pledges to Christ Church for 2024, and the vestry will take the results and make a budget for next year.

We have so much at Christ Church for which to be grateful. When we give to Christ Church, we give out of our love for this place and out of gratitude for all that God has given us and does through us here. I invite each of us to make our 2024 pledge from a place of gratitude and love.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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Total dollars pledged for 2023	Pledge dollars expected/budgeted year to date	Pledge dollars received year to date
\$490,212	\$367,659	\$383,562 <i>Includes \$85,520 in prepaid pledges</i>



FALL SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL
9:00 A.M. ADULT FORUM
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH
11:30 A.M. COFFEE HOUR IN THE PARISH HALL

1ST SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (3 Y/O- GRADE 2) AT 10:30
YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12) AT 4:30 P.M.
LEGO CHURCH (ALL AGES) AT 4:30 P.M.
SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M.

2ND, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:15 FOR PREK- GRADE 5

3RD SUNDAY

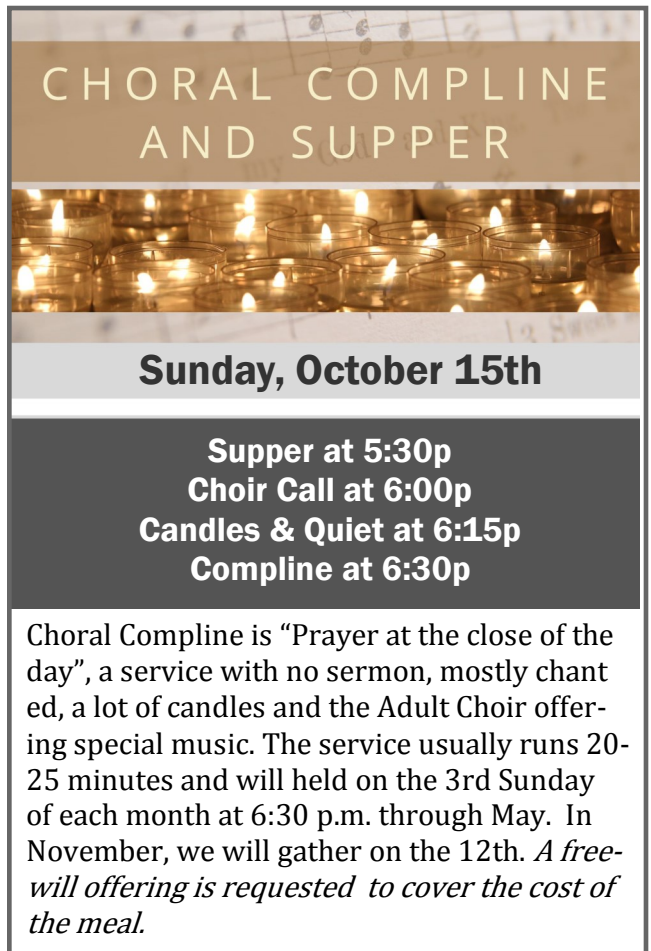
YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12) AT 4:30 P.M.
SUPPER FOR ALL AT 5:30 P.M.
CHORAL COMPLINE AT 6:30 P.M.



The Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 22nd at 4:00 pm

Bring your dogs, cats, birds, gerbils, or other pets for this special blessing (delayed) in honor of St. Francis Day (Oct. 4). We will meet in front of the Beebe House, weather permitting. Please note that all dogs must be on a leash.




CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER

Sunday, October 15th

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 and will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. through May. In November, we will gather on the 12th. *A free-will offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal.*



SERVICE OF HEALING

October 19th at 9:30 a.m.

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. **Beginning in October, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.** Join us for this quiet, yet powerful service.

**Holy Eucharist Service at Laurel Lake
October 19 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 Serenity Chapel at Laurel Lake for Eucharist at 11am.

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9am in the Parish Hall
Signs and Wonders a video series with Amy-Jill Levine

In October, we will continue our conversation on the video series
Signs and Wonders by Amy-Jill Levine.

From the Abingdon Press website: "In *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*," Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions."

October 1

A bleeding woman and a dead girl:
 The importance of women's bodies

October 8

No adult forum due to the pancake breakfast

October 15

A two-step miracle

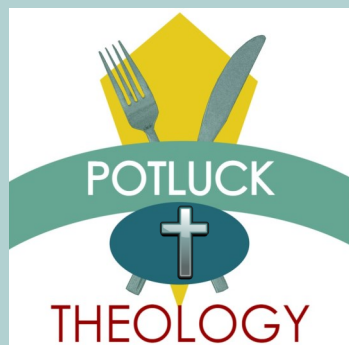
October 22

The raising of Lazarus: Taking death seriously

Prayer Without Words Series

October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Sometimes prayer is simply loitering with the Lord—just being with God, without asking for something, unburdening ourselves, or giving thanks—just...being there. Join Daniel Grossoehme to experience different forms of contemplative and meditative prayer on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in October & November. That will give us some time to experience them, talk a bit about what it was like, and then have time between sessions to try them on a bit further. Each week will be "stand alone," so it's not necessary to come to all. We'll try Centering Prayer, praying with icons, lectio divina, and praying at the tip of a pen.



Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

What is your holy trinity?

Diana Butler Bass (<https://dianabutlerbass.substack.com/>) describes the Holy Trinity of her childhood as Church, School, and Library. What is the trinity that grounded you as a child? What grounds you now? Church/Family/Facebook? School/sports/shopping? Jesus/music/library? The possibilities are endless. Bring a favorite dish from your childhood and join us for some great conversation about what grounds us and gives our lives meaning. Sign up to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/potlucktheo23>.



WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

October 25 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 October, we will discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Set in a small Irish town in the mid-80's, Keegan's main character, Bill Furlong, must confront his past and the silent complicity of his church-controlled town. Already an international bestseller, *Small Things Like These* is a deeply affecting story of hope, quiet heroism, and empathy. Email Sarah to sign up at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.



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Greetings!

This last summer, I spent two weeks in England traveling around Cambridge and Oxford. In Cambridge, most of my time was spent attending Evensong at King's College and St. John's. The first Evensong of the week was at St. John's College, where the anthem was *The Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein. I had an amazing experience hearing that piece live, by that choir, in that space! Throughout the week I got to listen to various other services around Cambridge with music ranging from 16-century masters like Palestrina to music that was written in the 21st century. In England, Evensong is their fish and chips. They breath Evensong. Most choirs sing Evensong 5-7 times a week, all with different music. It requires great discipline, sight-reading capabilities, and very little rehearsal time. What struck me was while the congregation changed vastly from day to day, the choir was the glue. No matter how many people were in the pews, the choir was still there praising God. As you might have guessed, I don't get the opportunity to be a congregant all that often. It was fulfilling to be able to have a week of being all of you: sitting back and letting the prayers offered wash over you. The sound of those amazing choirs broadened my worshipful experience.

In America, we don't have rotations of daily choral services. Sunday is the principal service most of us attend on a regular basis. I find for myself I need that routine. Church is an escape from the busy world around me. I need that time to have communal prayer. While going to a service might eat up part of my day, I need to take time for my spiritual practice. Church is a weekly reminder that I am not alone on this spiritual journey called humanity. I have yet to find the direct line to God's cell phone, but I have found God's personal assistants are scattered around the globe.

Blessings,

Mario



CHORAL EVENSONG OCTOBER 18 AT 6:00 P.M.

Come support the **Young Choristers** as they sing a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral on Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm. This is a great honor for them so please come and support them with your presence!

Children's Corner



Faith Formation

October 1

- **Children's Chapel during the 10:30 Service for PreK-2nd Grade**
- **Lego Church at 4:30 in Parish Hall**
- **Youth Group at 4:30 in Youth Room**

October 8

- **Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th Grade**

October 15

- **Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK-5th Grade**
- **Youth Group at 4:30 in Youth Room**

October 22

- **Sunday School at 10:15 PreK-5th Grade**

October 29

- **Sunday School at 10:15 PreK-5th 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

October 1st and 15th 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 will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food! Keep an eye out for outreach and service events throughout the year as well.

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, October 1st at 4:30 p.m.



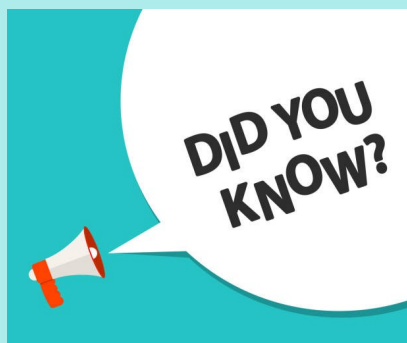
Calling parishioners of all ages, young and young at heart! Join us in the Parish Hall for a fun, interactive worship experience. Using LEGOS, we will explore a Biblical themes and stories in a short, imaginative service that allows for people of all ages to engage with our faith in new and creative ways. Following worship, we will enjoy a home cooked meal together. Please sign up to attend at tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324 so we know how many to expect for dinner.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

During the liturgy of baptism, the congregation vows to support the newly baptized in their walk with God. There are many ways you can act as a guide on the journey of faith with our children and youth:

Faith Explorers Leader: Teaching in Sunday School classrooms (weekly, monthly, and as needed subbing opportunities available)
Youth Group Guide: leading/co-leading youth group. This can vary in intensity from helping lead activities to being the second adult in the room lending a helping hand. Please contact Sarah Bhatia if you can help at sbhatia@christchurchhudson.org.



Christ Church Google Calendar

Did you know that Christ Church has a Google Calendar on our website with all of the monthly activities that happen in the building, and that you can link our calendar to your Google calendar so you always know what's going on? To view the calendar, visit www.christchurchhudson.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund

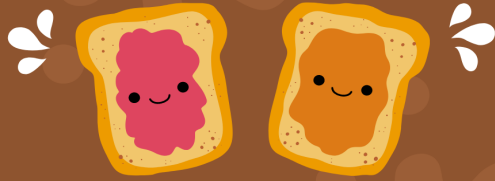
Did you know that the Rector's Discretionary Fund exists to provide confidential support to people in need, whether in the parish or in the community. The fund also helps support the Hudson Community Resource Coordinator who assists people who live, work, or worship in Hudson with a variety of needs from help signing up for Medicare, to food or rent assistance, to finding in-home or assisted living care. The Rector's Discretionary Fund is supported by the loose offering on the second Sunday of each month as well as the honoraria the Rector receives for weddings and funerals.



OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

PB & J DAY: OCTOBER 21

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at 10 AM on October 21 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 liquid or pod 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 October 25 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!



Hudson Merchant Trick or Treat Thursday, October 26

We are looking forward to once again participating in the Merchants of Hudson Trick or Treat event. We will be passing out candy and pencils to all the cute little ghosts and goblins. Donations of candy are needed and can be dropped off to the church office by October 20. We will put Christ Church stickers on the individual pieces of candy at coffee hour on October 22. It will be spooktacular fun!

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 by the parking lot entrance. This will be an on-going opportunity and cards will be taken to Open M monthly.



Calling all who like to cook!

There are many opportunities this fall to use your culinary skills for the good of the church and especially in support of our youth. We are looking for volunteers to make a meal for our Sunday Youth Group, Lego Church, and Choral Compline. For each meal, sign-ups will be requested by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday so the cooks will have a count, but we anticipate 35-40 people for each meal other than November 12 and 19 and December 17 which will be smaller. The church will reimburse you \$5 per person for the food. All you need to do is turn in your receipts to Kathy in the church office. The free will offering taken at each meal will help support the cost. Dinner is at 5:30 each evening except for December 10 when it follows Advent Lessons and Carols and will be closer to 6pm. If you would like to provide a meal, you can find a complete list of dates and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/callingallcooks> or by scanning the QR code.

November 19: Youth Group

December 3: Youth Group & Lego Church



MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

October 22nd | 5pm
ZSOLT BOGNÁR, PIANO

Pianist, host, and author Zsolt Bognár is known to many around the globe in musical and cultural circles. As producer and host of the award-winning series Living the Classical Life, he has shared the stories of legendary musical figures through rarely-told stories in over 150 episodes filmed as of 2023. Zsolt Bognár studied with Sergei Babayan and Paul Schenly at Cleveland Institute of Music. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at www.musicfromthewestern.com or at the door the night of the concert. Student admission is free with a valid student ID.

LADIES NIGHT

CCEH Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 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 Noble House in Hudson on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. 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, Oct. 13. Contact Sallie Bear with questions at sallie101244@gmail.com.

Christ Church "Merch"

We are excited to unveil our new Christ Church merchandise store! When you order from the Christ Church Merch Store, you can wear a conversation starter, show off your Christ Church pride, and support the mission of the church. We have no inventory on hand: items are made-to-order and shipped directly to you. You can check out the current products and place your order by scanning the code or going to <https://tinyurl.com/christchurchmerch>.





ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5th at 8:00 and 10:30

Join us as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us, sing fabulous hymns, and light the All Saints' candles in memory of our loved ones. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one remembered in the prayers that day, please let us know by filling out the form below, calling the church office, or emailing Kathy Garber at kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 5, 2022

To add the name(s) of your loved ones, please use this form and place in the offering plate or return it to the Church Office by October 30th.

Especially appropriate are the names of people who have died in the past year.

Name of deceased loved-one(s)

Your name(s)

I will be attending the 8 a.m. ____ ; 10: 30 a.m. ____ service (including Facebook Live).



Kerry Robinson ~ 10/1
 Peter Eells ~ 10/2
 Kaye Lowe ~ 10/3
 Alexandra Warner ~ 10/3
 Gladys Gate ~ 10/6
 Ginny Young ~ 10/6
 Morgan Foster ~ 10/8
 Sarina Kinney ~ 10/8
 Sallie Bear ~ 10/12
 Lou Young ~ 10/12
 Charles Gilliland ~ 10/12
 Lucy Kistler ~ 10/14
 Erin Petro ~ 10/15
 Chris Van Buren ~ 10/15
 Callan Petro ~ 10/17
 Mike Pitz ~ 10/18
 Mark Metoki ~ 10/19
 Joseph Palmer ~ 10/22
 Debbie Sergi ~ 10/23
 George Murray ~ 10/25
 Dede Klein ~ 10/27
 Gayle Lewis ~ 10/27
 Harry Bartels ~ 10/29



Dave & Pam McCallops ~ 10/1
 Thomas & Gwen Bowen ~ 10/4
 George & Judy Murray ~ 10/6
 Deb & Tom Kelley ~ 10/8
 Milan & Jessica Kosanovich ~ 10/8
 Mark & Lori Metoki ~ 10/8
 Jake Phillips & Allison Courtney ~ 10/10
 Gordon & Theresa Edwards ~ 10/12
 Ellen Turner & Dick Peller ~ 10/15
 Tom Dukes & Richard Gunning ~ 10/15
 Zachary & Laura Haake ~ 10/16
 Michael & Kimberley Calkins ~ 10/20
 Greg & Janet Daniels ~ 10/22
 Gabe & Doris Lefebvre ~ 10/26

FOR THE RECORD...

Baptisms

Joan Walden, Colvin, and Flint Barnhardt
on September 17, 2023



Thank you to...

....all who helped with the Memorial Service and reception for Ralph Weary
...Tina Monreal, Len Harrison, Heather Swift, and Ted and Susan Mailey for all of their work on the inaugural event of the Christ Church Legacy Circle.

THANK YOU!

....Pam Zuhl and Janet Daniels who served as vestry clerk over the summer in Linda Irving's absence
....Judy Brookhart for organizing PB&J day each month
....Emily Longenecker for organizing the September Ladies' Night Out
....All who assisted in cleaning up the geyser in the kitchen after the burst pipe valve during coffee hour
....Everyone who gives their time and talent to Christ Church throughout the year!

September Vestry Meeting Highlights




- The vestry meet on September 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- The vestry meeting opened with prayer and the question "Where have you seen God this week?"
- Tina Monreal reported on the upcoming Legacy Circle event to kick off our Planned Giving effort.
- Ann Kirk went over the treasurer's report. The summer slowdown on pledge income has continued through September.
- The vestry made plans for the upcoming Pancake breakfast and conversation about giving.
- The vestry approved \$5013 for the installation of new carpet in the undercroft hallway.
- Kathy Garber gave an update on the elevator situation and the upgrades to our internet.
- Pledge cards were handed out to the members of the vestry so that they can be returned before the pancake breakfast.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, October 24 at 6pm in the Upper Room.



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SAGE Community 
Stimulation ♦ Adventure ♦ Growth ♦ Education

FALL TERM: TUESDAYS October 3 - November 14

SAGE Community is a self-supporting, non-profit, Lifelong Learning Program that meets at Christ Church and draws people from many communities across Summit, and adjoining counties. When participating in this Lifelong Learning Program, you come into an environment that will continue to keep you brain-healthy and engaged, your interest piqued, and your social encounters on a new and stimulating level. At the end of the day, you will know that this new life-stage known as "retirement" is actually the beginning of new adventures, and that is what SAGE Community is - an adventure! For more information and to register visit <http://sageontheweb.blogspot.com>.