

# 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.*

**February**



**2024**



**Wednesday, February 14th**

**12:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

**5:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday service for families.

This service includes the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist  
but is different from the Book of Common Prayer.

**7:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday liturgy with Imposition of Ashes, Holy Eucharist,  
and the Christ Church Adult Choir; Livestreamed on Facebook.

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## THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

I hope that by now you have all heard the news that I will retire on April 30 of this year. This is big news with big feelings for all of us. And while we have much to do to say good-bye, I hope that the focus of the next three months will be equally on doing the work God has given us to do in this place. Over the past two years, we have gained so much momentum as we moved forward from the pandemic. We have welcomed many new people to Christ Church. Our worship is led by our simply outstanding choir. We have grown our outreach and children and youth ministries. This continued momentum will carry Christ Church forward into a wonderful new future.

I have said before and will no doubt say again that the super simple top secret way to become the church we want to be is.....to be that church! Whatever you want Christ Church to be or do or have, be or do or make that thing happen. Every single person at Christ Church has a gift to offer one of the many ministries at Christ Church and every person is needed for Christ Church to be the church we are called to be.

Through the rest of Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, let's continue to practice being the church we want to be and we will see what amazing work God can accomplish through us over the next three months.

Blessings,

Charlotte

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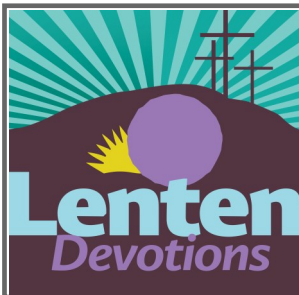


**BUILDING FAITH**  
**family worship**  
**LEGO CHURCH & SUPPER**  
**Sunday, February 4 at 4:30 p.m.**



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 homecooked meal together. Please sign up to attend at so we know how many to expect for dinner at [tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324](https://tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2324).





The Christ Church Lenten Devotional Booklets will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 11. The booklet has a reflection for each day in Lent, written by a fellow parishioner. Please be sure to pick up a copy so we can all journey through Lent together.



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

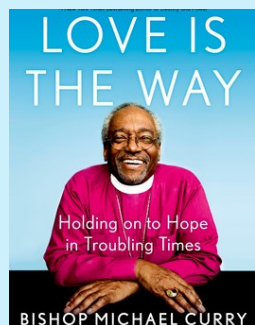
**FEBRUARY 14 at 6:00 P.M.**

Join us on this last day before Lent for a wonderful dinner of pancakes, sausage, fruit & beverages.

Admission is FREE with offering to support Habitat for Humanity.

Please sign up to attend at

<http://tiny.cc/ShroveTuesday24>



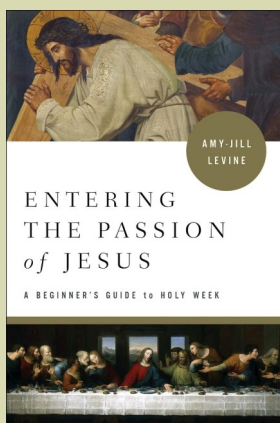
### February & March Adult Forum February 4 - March 17

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am each Sunday in Lent to discuss *"Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times"* by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

### Wednesday Evening Lenten Series with First Presbyterian Church 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

**February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, & 20**

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent to discuss *"Entering the Passion of Jesus"* a video series with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Dinner will be provided and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost. Sign up at <http://tiny.cc/LentenSeries> so we know how many people to cook for.



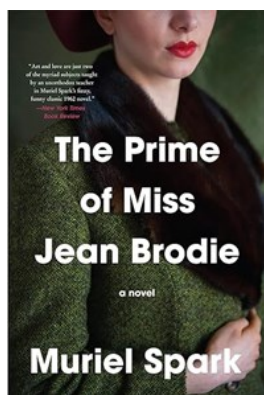
**February 15th at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Chapel**

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.

### WORDS AND WISDOM BOOK DISCUSSION

**February 20th at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Women of Christ Church are invited to join Sarah Bhatia monthly for a book discussion. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, via zoom, and discuss a book we have spent the month reading.



For the month of February we will join together for discussion of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark. At the staid Marcia Blaine School for Girls in Scotland, teacher extraordinaire Miss Jean Brodie is unmistakably, and outspokenly, in her prime. Determined to instill in them independence, passion, and ambition, Miss Brodie advises her girls, "Safety does not come first. Goodness, Truth, and Beauty come first. Follow me." And they do. But one of them will betray her. Email Sarah to sign up.

### Holy Eucharist Service at Laurel Lake February 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Christ Church residents of Laurel Lake, and anyone else who would like to join us are invited to gather in The Laurel Lake Serenity Chapel for Holy Eucharist at 11am.



# Children's Corner



## Faith Formation at CCE

**February 4th**

- Children's Chapel at 10:30 for ages 3 - 2nd grade
- Lego Church & Supper at 4:30 in Parish Hall
- Youth Group & Supper at 4:30 in Youth Room

**February 11th**

- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK– 5th grade

**February 14th**

- Ash Wednesday Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

**February 18th**

- Sunday School at 10:15 for PreK– 5th grade
- NO YOUTH GROUP

**February 25th**

- Sunday School at 10:15 for 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 February 4 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 typically meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food! **In February we will only meet on the first Sunday.**



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!

# LADIES NIGHT

**CCEH Ladies Night Out**  
**Tuesday, February 20th 5:30 p.m.**

Come for a fun evening at the Otani Japanese restaurant in the Acme plaza on February 20th at 5:30. The habachi cooking table can accommodate up to 17 people. The restaurant will put overflow guests at an adjacent table. We look forward to being together for another delicious meal. Contact Linda Irving at 216-408-7884 with any questions. Please sign up to join us at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight>.

## **AV HELP NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS** **No Experience Necessary!**

Volunteers are needed to help Livestream Sunday morning worship over Facebook Live and YouTube. Work with our AV Tech one Sunday per month. No prior experience is necessary. Training is provided. Call or text Len Harrison at (615)720-7674 for more information.



# AUDIO-VISUAL

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## **Christ Church Legacy Circle**

This is the first of monthly articles from the Christ Church Legacy Circle Committee, and we hope you will find them helpful.

Did you know? **IRA owners age 70½ or over** may transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year. These transfers are known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs. And, for **those who are at least 73 years old**, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these distributions become tax-free as long as they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization. QCDs must be made directly by the trustee of the IRA to the charity. An electronic payment or check made payable to the IRA owner is not a QCD. Contact your IRA trustee for further information.

The QCD option is available regardless of whether an eligible IRA owner itemizes deductions. Because donors receive Form 1099-R for QCDs, they must be reported appropriately on federal income tax returns, so it's important to discuss how to file with a tax professional.

For those eligible, please consider a QCD to fulfill your Christ Church annual pledge and/or to kick-start a gift to the Legacy Circle endowment.

Tina Monreal

*Note: The QCD information has been gleaned directly from a November 2023 IRS.gov bulletin.*





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Greetings, All!

It seems as if we just finished Christmas when now Lent is upon us! The Sunday before Lent, February 11, we hear the story of the Transfiguration in the Gospel and the choir sings Larry King's anthem, *The Transfiguration*. For those who remember, that's the anthem that calls for organ, choir, and pre-recorded tape sounds. It's a super piece that you don't want to miss hearing! It is quite an experience!

The first Sunday in Lent (February 18th) we sing the Great Litany in procession to start our travels together this Lent 2024. We have traveled through Lent before but yet every Lent seems to be different. How will your Lent differ from last year? As a church that emphasizes the common worship, we travel this Lent with our friends at our side. For me, I find church to be a grounding experience, especially in times like Advent and Lent. Church services give me time to recharge my battery, give me renewed purpose, and remind me of my humble humanity. I look forward to being with all of you this Lenten season.

Always my best,

*Mario*

## CHORAL COMPLINE AND SUPPER



**Sunday, February 18th**

**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. *A free-will offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal.*

## MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

**February 25th | 5pm | Christ Church**  
**JASON VIEAUX, GUITAR**

Grammy-winner Jason Vieaux is described by NPR as "perhaps the most precise and soulful classical guitarist of his generation". Sought-after for his extensive concerto repertoire, Vieaux has performed with a long list of orchestras including Cleveland, Toronto, St. Louis, Houston, Columbus, and has made premiere recordings with the Nashville Symphony and the Norrköping Symphony.

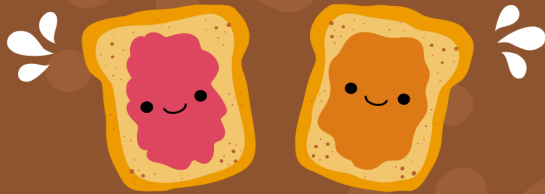
Pre-concert talk at 4:30pm with reception following the concert. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at [www.musicwr.org](http://www.musicwr.org) or at the door the night of the concert. Student admission is free with a valid student ID.



## VALENTINE'S CARE PACKAGES

Please join us in making Valentine's treats for our family members in college, boarding school, or the military. We will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. to make crispy treats, sign cards, and share prayers for our recipients. Suzanne Lund will lead the evening gathering. If you cannot attend, we would appreciate donations of supplies. Sign up to help or to donate supplies <http://tinyurl.com/CCEValentineTreats>. If you would like to add your loved ones to our recipient list go to <http://tiny.cc/ValentineCarePackages>.

## PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



### PB & J DAY: FEBRUARY 10TH

Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at **9 AM on February 10** (a week and an hour earlier than usual) 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](mailto:judyots@gmail.com).



# OPEN M

A MINISTRY OF FAITH, HEALTH AND HOPE

## GRAB N GO LUNCHES FEBRUARY 21ST

Volunteers are needed to help fill bag lunches and make blessing cards for Open M. We will meet in the Parish Hall from 9-11 on Wednesday, February 21. All food and supplies will be provided. This is a great way to help those in need as well as spend some time together! Please email Susan Mailey at [tmail153@gmail.com](mailto:tmail153@gmail.com) if you are available to help.

## Hudson Food Pantry Laundry Detergent Collection

The Christ Church monthly offering to the Hudson Food Pantry is 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 **February 21** 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 for helping support the Hudson Food Pantry!



## 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.



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

### Get to Know The Harrisons

Just look and listen at Christ Church any Sunday and you will be thankful for the work of Len and Jane Harrison. From the often used, hand-crafted candle stand to the creative floral offerings to the harmonies of bass and alto in the choir, we are surrounded. Len is a master woodworker, Jane is co-chair of the Flower Guild, and that’s just the beginning.

But the real beginning was at Dog & Suds in Barberton! Jane was an 11th grade car hop. Len was a Bowling Green student, home for the summer. He asked to drive her home – two blocks. She agreed, but STRAIGHT HOME. He returned the next night. This time they drove around for a bit. Fast forward three years and many letters and phone calls. They married in 1971. He was a full-time student and also worked full-time at Firestone, in tire development. Jane worked as a secretary and went to college at night.

Len was trained in programming at Firestone and was promoted to IT management. Jane was able to attend The University of Akron, graduating with a degree in Clothing & Textiles. She started an interior design company – Decorating & Design by Jane. (Now we see what inspires those great floral arrangements!) Meanwhile, Len earned an MBA at Case Western.

In 1998, after Firestone and Bridgestone merged, Len was moved to the company’s new headquarters in Nashville to consolidate IT in the Americas. There he also began volunteering weekly with Habitat for Humanity, becoming a volunteer site supervisor. Jane worked along side him and took up other volunteer work as well. In 2009, he opted for early retirement, returning to northeast Ohio to be with family. They built a beautiful home in Cuyahoga Falls, close to the National Park.

Their church story is a familiar one. He was raised Lutheran, she was Catholic. But they found a mutual home in the Episcopal faith at St. Paul’s in Akron, then at St. Bartholomew’s in Nashville. They sang in the choir and were active volunteers in outreach. At Christ Church, they quickly became involved...in choir, Flower Guild, Welcome Table (Jane), and Bible & Biscuits (Len), and EFM (both). Len was elected to Vestry (2012–2014) and served as Senior Warden during our time of Interim Ministers. He was a vital part of the Parish Hall renovation during the pandemic.

Len’s woodworking skills enabled him to design and build choir desks and a cubbie storage system for the choir room.

Jane’s creativity is demonstrated through flowers, through crocheting, and through gorgeous original hand-cut cards.

Their commitment to Christ Church is evident in all that they do. They love the close relationships they’ve developed in working with others. “Like family,” Jane says. Len is pleased to see new families with “committed parents,” who are making Christ Church their families’ church. In the future, they hope to see Christ Church continue to grow as a community through the many gifts and contributions of those who choose to make Christ Church their own.





# FEBRUARY

*Birthdays*

Natalie Cronkey ~ 2/2  
 Sarah Kiener ~ 2/5  
 Pierce Guglielmi ~ 2/5  
 Carrie Cronkey ~ 2/6  
 Nathaniel Haake ~ 2/6  
 Eileen Gaston ~ 2/7  
 Brandon Parker ~ 2/7  
 Jones Foster ~ 2/8  
 Zachary Haake ~ 2/8  
 Shirley Eells ~ 2/9  
 Vera Perini ~ 2/9  
 Sam Boazzo ~ 2/11  
 Mary Reinhardt ~ 2/11  
 Shannon Bailey ~ 2/13  
 Carmella Jackson ~ 2/13  
 Allison Courtney ~ 2/14  
 Thomas Bowen ~ 2/16  
 Emily Westlake ~ 2/17  
 Joan Walden Barnhardt ~ 2/20  
 Simon Phillips ~ 2/20  
 Joyce Comben ~ 2/24  
 Linda Irving ~ 2/24  
 Scott McKinny ~ 2/24  
 Kellan Palmer ~ 2/24  
 Steve Barger ~ 2/26  
 Jeanne McKinny ~ 2/28  
 Gabe Lefebvre ~ 2/29

# FEBRUARY

*Anniversaries*

George & Chris Van Buren ~ 2/2  
 Allan & Ruth Anne Belton ~ 2/12  
 Rich & Mary Ellen Wilson ~ 2/29

## FOR THE RECORD...

### Deaths

Tom Horner

### *Thank you to...*

....All who helped with PB and J Day  
 ....Sallie Bear and Pam Zuhl for making dinner for the youth group  
 ....Our outgoing vestry members: Kathie Balcerzak, Mark Metoki, James Boazzo (Sr. Warden), and Judy Brookhart (Jr. Warden)  
 ....Gretchen Green for representing Christ Church at the Christian Unity Prayer Service  
 ....Ann Kirk for organizing the January Ladies' Night Out



### *Thank you from...*

....the family of Mary Ann Balbach for the wonderful service and reception for their mother and grandmother

To the congregation of Christ Church, we extend our appreciation for your continued support of providing laundry soap each month for our neighbors who utilize the Hudson Food Pantry. This contribution helps us better serve individuals and families in need within our community and improve overall health and quality of life.

*With gratitude,  
 The Hudson Food Pantry Team Members*

## January Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on January 23 at 6:00pm.
- The meeting opened with "Where have you seen God this week?" and prayer
- The incoming vestry members introduced themselves with their name and one question they have about serving on vestry. The current vestry members introduced themselves with their name and one piece of advice for the incoming vestry.
- Thank you notes from the Revs. Allan Belton, Gretchen Green, and Daniel Grosseohme, and for their Christmas gifts from the parish.
- The vestry voted to increase the outreach line in the 2024 budget by 5% which is \$600.
- The vestry decided not to add an upper age limit to the proposed amendment to the Christ Church Bylaws to allow for a youth member of vestry.
- Charlotte announced that she will retire effective April 30, 2024. Much time was spent in discussion of that reality and the role of the vestry during the transition period.
- Greg Daniels was elected Sr. Warden and Pam Zuhl was elected Jr. Warden, with both elections effective at the close of the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28.
- The vestry retreat will be Saturday, March 9 in the Parish Hall.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, February 27 at 6pm.



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**Wednesday, February 14th  
7:30-9am and 4:30-6pm**

An Outreach to the Hudson Community cosponsored by Christ Church Episcopal and First Congregational, "Ashes to Go" is not designed to replace attending a worship service on Ash Wednesday! "Ashes to Go" is designed for those who are curious, but not ready to step foot in a church, or who went to church as a child and connect with the ashes of Ash Wednesday but do not currently attend church, or who, for whatever reason, do not attend church but want to receive ashes.