Christ Church Episcopal
Hudson, Ohio
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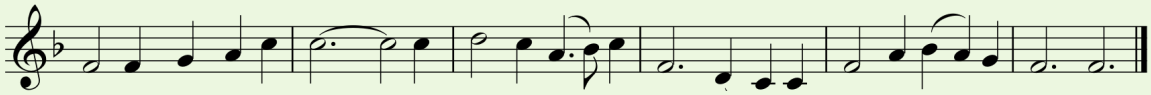
THE COMMUNICANT

August
2018

Welcome Mario Buchanan, Director of Music!

On September 3, Mario Buchanan will join our staff as Interim Director of Music. Mario is super excited to be coming to Christ Church! Mario's first Sunday will be September 9, and our official welcome of him will be September 16 since many of us will be at First Serve on the 9th. In addition to serving as our organist and adult choir director, Mario will also provide occasional music at the 8 o'clock service and will begin the work of redeveloping a children's choir at Christ Church.



Mario is a former organ student of Valerie Thorson and he has a degree in Organ Performance from The University of Akron. He recently finished a 2-year internship at Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton where he was the Gibbs Music Intern. Please welcome Mario to Christ Church!

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

We have an extraordinary opportunity on September 9 to be part of First Serve, an initiative by our next door neighbors at First Congregational Church to make a difference in two low-income neighborhoods in Akron. We are invited to join with members of a variety of churches along with Temple Beth Shalom and the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent for worship at 9am, then a day of service working with the residents of Summit Lake or North Hill in Akron to make their homes and neighborhoods better, safer, and more pleasant places to live. Over 1000 people will come together that day and there will be projects for a variety of skill levels and interests. There will be projects families can do together, and if you cannot commit to the whole day, there will be ways to participate for a half-day. If you need a more sedentary project, First Congregation will have projects that can be done at the church.

I am very excited about this opportunity and hope as many of us as possible will participate. Because I want to participate fully myself, I have asked Allan Belton to serve at Christ Church that day. The gospel tells us that Jesus has gone ahead of us into the world and sends us out to find and serve Him there. First Serve is a fabulous opportunity to do just that.

There will be sign up opportunities in the Parish Hall during coffee hour in the near future.
Janet Daniels is our CCH coordinator for First Serve. If you have questions, she can be reached at janetsdaniels@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at First Serve!

Blessings,

Charlotte

Rector's Contact Information:

Contact Charlotte by email at charlotte.reed@christchurchhudson.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.

Capital Campaign Update

This summer's project as we move toward a capital campaign has been to secure estimates on the various projects under consideration. Those projects include the "must do" list of required maintenance items as well as the list of visionary projects developed through the cottage meetings and parish conversations. The visionary projects include a lift to the second floor of the chapel building (the Upper Room and Conference Room), moving the nursery to a larger space in the undercroft, enhancing the Parish Hall with a hallway around the outside of the building, creating more storage and floor space, and upgrading the restrooms. What will we be able to accomplish? The feasibility study this fall will help us figure that out. Stay tuned for more information.

Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: TBD

Fred Rogers: "Peace means far more than the opposite of war." What is peace?

Join us for good food and great conversation! Location TBD. Watch your eNews and announcements for details.

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

Healing Service in the Chapel

Thursday, August 2 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.

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee Hour provides an opportunity for people to gather and connect with one another after each service on Sunday mornings. Please consider signing up to host coffee hour or co-hosting with another family to lessen the load. Contact Katie Barger at kgbarger@gmail.com

Wednesdays at Open Door Coffee

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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.

Sunday, August 19 at 8am and 10am

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Whatever you teach, wherever you learn, all students and teachers are invited for this special blessing as the new school year begins. Join us at either the 8 o'clock or the 10 o'clock service to get the year off to the best possible start.

Laurel Lake Holy Eucharist and Lunch
Thursday, August 2 at 11:00 AM

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 .

Children's Corner

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL UNDERWAY

We are in our summer rhythm with weekly Children's Chapel and continuing with Godly Play, 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 ages 3-3rd Grade 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS THIS MONTH!

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

CALLING ALL DECORATING SUPERHEROES!
On August 5 following, the 10:00 service, I will be turning the building into Hero Central. If you can spare an hour to help me set up for Vacation Bible School, please join me. - Sarah Bhatia

PRAY FOR VBS
Even if you are unable to volunteer in person, you can still be helpful to this ministry by praying for the kids and volunteers throughout the week. Pray that it will be a spirit-filled week!

There are several children from families outside of our church. Pray that this week will help them and all of the children to encounter God in new and powerful ways!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 19!

Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th Grade returns on August 19th! As we will still be in our summer schedule until Labor Day, Sunday School will follow the same service schedule as Children's Chapel. We will be doing outreach projects during August as a preview for our curriculum on serving God at home. Please join us for the kick off to our Program Year!

Musical *Notes*

From the Director of Music,
Valerie Thorson

Dear people of Christ Church,

In this time of transition for me, I am very thankful to be leaving you all in the capable hands of my wonderful former student, Mario Buchanan. I taught Mario as an undergraduate Organ Performance Major at the University of Akron for all but one semester. Mario was, in fact, the final Organ Major at the University.

I am extremely proud of him. He is young but has a very "old soul." Mario is a talented organist, conductor, and singer, and he is passionate about church music. As long as I have known him, he has continually sought to better himself and to learn more about his craft. As I write this article, he has only just returned from a two-week choral workshop at the renowned Eastman School of Music.

Mario has a great sense of humor and he loves people. Every choir I have seen him work with has responded to his personality in a very positive way.

I feel certain that you will grow to love him and will give him the same wonderful support and positive energy that you have given to me. I will miss you and will keep you all in my heart. I would like to give special thanks to Charlotte and the Christ Church Choir for all of their love and care for me.

I hope that you will keep me in your prayers as I begin the next chapter of my life's journey.

With sincere good wishes,

Valerie Thorson

Christ Church
Top Five Favorite Hymns

1. *Lift High the Cross*
2. *Amazing Grace*
3. *I am the bread of life*
4. *Fairest Lord Jesus*
5. *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Thank you to Valerie Thorson for both organizing this vote, and for bringing our top five hymns to life on "Hymn Sing Sunday", July 22.

FIRST SERVE

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018
Summit Lake and North Hill Communities of Akron
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

You're invited to a day of service and fun!

Come join more than 1,000 volunteers serving two neighborhoods: the Summit Lake Community and the North Hill Community of Akron. First Congregational Church of Hudson will lead this effort in partnership with Temple Beth Shalom, the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent, and several other faith communities, including Christ Church Episcopal. Leaders from the city of Akron and the Summit Lake and North Hill neighborhoods are joining this year's efforts.

What is First Serve?

First Serve, the annual church wide service event at First Congregational Church of Hudson, engages people of all ages in a day of service. Each year on the second Sunday in September, members and friends come together to worship, then separate into crews to go out to work in service to those in need. Projects are as varied as the skills of those who share in this wonderful day of service to others.

On-line sign-up will go live at the beginning of August. Christ Church will host a sign-up event at coffee hour on Sundays in August to assist with on-line sign-ups.

Questions? Contact Janet Daniels at janetdaniels@gmail.com or 330-414-5975

Mission Trip Opportunity

First Presbyterian Church extends an invite to our brothers and sisters of Christ Church Episcopal to join us in mission work in Puerto Rico, December 27, 2019 through January 2, 2019. The trip plan has been reserved through Praying Pelican Missions and we will be coordinating work with a local church in Puerto Rico. Cost will be approximately $1400.00/person (to include meals, accommodations of shared rooms, and airfare.) The work accomplished on the trip will/can vary as to your interest and ability. Take a look at the website to learn more - Praying Pelican Missions https://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org/puerto-rico-mission-trip

If you are interested in learning more please contact Rick Sargent at 330-861-3350 / rsargent23@gmail.com or Rev. Sue at 330-607-0856 / revroseman@fpchudson.org.

Our next planning meeting will be August 6th at 6:30 in the Church Library.

Sunday, August 12th

Barlow Park ~ Bayless Pavilion

Service begins at 10:00 AM followed by picnic lunch.

Main Course: Chicken (provided)

Name begins with:

A~ L: Sides

M~ Z: Desserts

Lemonade, water, plastic ware, napkins, & cups are provided.

Activities include:

Playground, Bocce Ball, Cornhole, and Baseball - bring your bats and mitts!

RSVP to 330-650-4359, kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org,
or return the form below to the church office

Special Note: There will also be an 8:00 Service in the Chapel.

Christ Church Picnic

☐ Yes, I/we plan on attending the Picnic on August 12th

Name(s): _____

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Building Updates

New Roofs!

Due to wind damage to both the church and the chapel, the Church Insurance Company has agreed to replace both roofs. Roof replacement had been on the "must do" list for the capital campaign. However, thanks to Church Insurance and the quick work of Guy Wylie, the roofs will be near completion by the time you read this.

Chapel Painting

The Chapel painting is almost complete! You may remember that the vestry voted to proceed with the painting of the exterior of the chapel due to an excellent bid made by Todd Mark's restoration company. That work is nearing completion and the chapel looks stunning! More work will be done on the chapel as part of the "must do" list of maintenance items for the capital campaign, but the fresh paint has gone a long way towards restoring the exterior of the building.

Beebe House Pillars

BEFORE

AFTER

The repair work on the Beebe House front columns has been completed! The work was done by Morgan Valley Construction and Christ Church was awarded a grant from The Priscilla Graham Fund last year to help cover a portion of the repair cost. Stop out and take a look at the fabulous makeover next time you are at the church.

Christmas Socks & Underwear

If you were not able to be at Christ Church for Christmas in July and want to donate socks and underwear for children in Akron, there is plenty of time! Packages of socks and underwear can be left in the coat closet on Sundays or brought to the office during the week. The socks and underwear will be delivered in early September to elementary schools in Akron that serve impoverished communities. Thank you for your generosity!

New Back Door Security Update

Christ Church has recently installed a buzz-in system at the back, parking lot door to be utilized by the staff on days/ times when there is low traffic activity at the church. The buzz-in system will go into effect on August 1st and a sign will be posted above the security system to notify people to ring the buzzer to be let in if the door is locked during church office hours. The system will not be activated on the weekends or when the office is closed. Please note: your key will not work in the door when the system is engaged during office hours, but will still work when the church is closed and the doors are locked. Questions? Contact Charlotte or Kathy at 330-650-4359.

LUNCH AND LEARN

August 16th
12-1:00 PM
Parish Hall

Topic: Singing for Life
Speakers: Eve Sliwinski & Kathy Sluzewski of the Hudson Community Choruses

Everyone knows that music can make you feel better – lift your mood – settle your spirits – lull you to sleep but not everyone knows that music, particularly choral music, can be a healthy habit. Choral music challenges the brain, energizes your heart rate, helps breathing and gives you a social and emotional outlet. It's intergenerational and open to all, whether singing in a choir or in the shower. Eve Sliwinski, musician, choral director and singer and Kathy Sluzewski, just your average alto who sang in high school, invite you to join them for an interesting and musical presentation, Singing for Life. **Please R.S.V.P to 330-650-4359 or Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org .**

Community Day at the Hudson Farmers' Market

On Saturday, August 18, from 9 to noon, Christ Church will be represented with a table at the Farmers Market. We'll hand out brochures and pencils and just be available to chat with anyone who stops by. There are a couple of things that would help to make this day go even better. We need volunteers before 9 and after noon to help set up and take down our table. And it would be great to have some people willing to take an hour shift at the table. Donations of granola bars to pass out at the table would also be appreciated. We want people to remember us as the church that feeds souls and bodies! If you are able to help in any way, please contact Pam Zuhl at 330-650-5754 or zuhlfamily@aol.com. Thank you!

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, grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ, 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.

Flat Jesus Photo Contest

Where have you been with Flat Jesus this summer? Please send your photos to Kathy Garber at Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org and check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to see all of Flat Jesus' summer adventures. Later this summer, everyone will have the chance to vote on their favorite Flat Jesus photo, and the winner will be announced at the 10 o'clock service on August 26.

Catianna Jackson ~ 8/6
Suzanne Westlake ~ 8/6
Lee Bortnik ~ 8/7
Eric Eileraas ~ 8/10
Roxanne Grattan ~ 8/11
Mark Grattan ~ 8/12
Luke Metoki ~ 8/18
Ruth Wylie ~ 8/18
Dick Andrews ~ 8/19
Chub Russell ~ 8/19
Alex Bellin ~ 8/20
Marty Russell ~ 8/20
Paul Gaston ~ 8/23
Fritz Kass ~ 8/23
Steve Greer ~ 8/25
Evelyn Cicen ~ 8/26
Carol Esper ~ 8/26
Susie Vanaman ~ 8/26
Bill Currin ~ 8/28
Dick Schneider ~ 8/28
Violet Harvey ~ 8/29
Fred Monreal ~ 8/29
Larry Rhodes ~ 8/29
Peter Metoki ~ 8/30
Elise Kass ~ 8/31

Jim & Sallie Bear ~ 8/8
Bob & Ethel Bush ~ 8/9
Shel & Nancy Schweikert ~ 8/9
Alan & Carol Donley ~ 8/16
Kevin & Jeanne McKinny ~ 8/16
Jay & Courtney Bixby ~ 8/17
Kevin & Chris Cicen ~ 8/18
Jim & Dot Lang ~ 7/10
Fred & Tina Monreal ~ 8/24
Scott & Sarah Koebley ~ 8/31

Thank you to....

...the Altar Guild & Flower Guild for their work to transform Christ Church for Christmas in July
...Valerie Thorson and the choir for their Christmas music
...Pam Zuhl and her trusty band of chefs for the superb Christmas breakfast
...Suzanne Westlake for the Christmas party coffee hour

We are grateful for
Bob & Ethel Bush

After many years of organizing and overseeing our Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection, Bob and Ethel are stepping down and passing on this important mission to Janet Greer. We are thankful for their many years of service to this ministry!

A special thank you to Doug and Heather Swift for...

... transforming our overgrown vegetable garden into a beautiful flower garden for Flower Guild use

...and installing a new sink in the Flower Guild Room

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths: Jean Holden
July 21, 2018

July Vestry Meeting Highlights

There was no vestry meeting in July. 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

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 2nd

when we will resume our regular worship schedule

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00am: Holy Eucharist in the chapel
8:45am: Coffee in the Parish Hall
10:15am: Sunday School
10:30am: Holy Eucharist
(Children's Chapel the first Sunday of each month)
11:30am: Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall