

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.*

April



2025

Join us this

Easter SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.

Quiet Easter Service in the Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th Grade

10:30 a.m.

*Festive Easter Service with Brass Quintet,
Timpani, and the Christ Church Choirs*

Together
IN THE **LIGHT**
OF THE
Resurrected *Christ*

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A Message from the **WARDENS**

It has been often mentioned that Christ Church is a resurrection church. We have experienced much change over the years, yet we remain a community full of joy and resilience. While we have been awaiting a new rector, our parish has come together and continued to worship, learn, serve and grow. We've welcomed new members, enjoyed robust discussions in adult forums, played with Legos, and made many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It is a testament to our faith, our love of God and our willingness to serve as Jesus would. The next chapter of our journey will begin on April 27th with the arrival of the Rev. Charlie Knuth. We are looking forward to the future and what lies ahead.

Before we welcome Charlie, we want to take a moment to acknowledge all your collective efforts to sustain us during this interim period, along with the time and talents shared by Peter, Allan, Daniel and Gretchen. We also want to give a big thank you to Kathy, Mario, Sarah and all staff members who have stepped up to help as needed. Without all of us working together we would not be the thriving parish we are today. Thank you!

Please be sure to read the weekly bulletin and emails for information as we move through the season of Lent. There will be many opportunities for worship, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. If you are seeking fellowship, you are welcome to join the Lenten Series and Supper on Wednesday evenings at 6pm or attend the Adult Forum on Sundays at 9am.

Also, please join us for coffee hour on Palm Sunday to thank Peter Faass for his dedication to Christ Church as our supply-plus priest. We will also welcome Charlie during coffee hour on Sunday, April 27th. There will be many opportunities for cake!

Greg Daniels, Senior Warden
Theresa Edwards, Junior Warden

PRACTICING LENT AT HOME

Talking to children about Lent can be tricky. A good place to start is by reminding our children that Lent is a season when we make an effort to live the way God wants us to by praying and acting loving to other people. Traditionally, people have given up something to practice relying on God and developing discipline. While encouraging children to join in this practice can be meaningful, it is important to properly explain to your children why we do this. Help them to understand we give up something to help us grow in gratitude for all that we have and to help us focus on God. In addition to giving up something, suggest a correlating practice to add in. If your child chooses to give up a particular treat, set aside money that would be spent on that treat to give to those in need. Or if you decide to limit screen time, use the time that would have been spent in front of the TV to read Bible stories or about people of faith.

Here are some other ideas to make your Lent at home meaningful and intentional:

- **Make Pretzels:** Pretzels are a Lenten food. Early Christians would pray by crossing their arms over their chest with their hands to their shoulders. As part of their Lenten fast, they made bread with only flour, salt, and water. In the 600s, a monk made the bread fun for local children he taught as a reward and created the pretzel as a symbol of arms folded in prayer.
- **Take virtual tour of Jerusalem** [here](https://www.amazingjerusalem.com/trip/virtual-tour-jerusalem-old-city/) (https://www.amazingjerusalem.com/trip/virtual-tour-jerusalem-old-city/)
- **Bake hot crossed buns--another Lenten food.** This traditional food is served at the end of the Lenten season. The cross on the bun signifies the crucifixion of Christ and the spices used in the bun are reminiscent of the ones used in preparing his body for burial.

Sarah Bhatia, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry



Thursday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

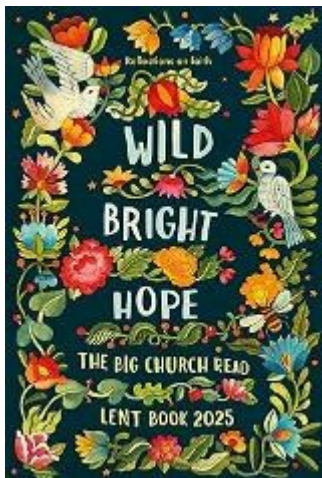
Once a month, a healing service is offered at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel for all who would like to ask prayers for themselves or others. The service lasts about 30 minutes and includes Holy Eucharist. Join us for this quiet, yet powerful service.

Sunday Morning Lent Adult Forum Series

Sundays through April 13th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

The Rev. Peter Faass, facilitator

Wild Bright Hope: Reflections on Faith
The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2025



It gathers together a fantastic range of lively, up-and-coming writers who are willing to dig deep. Here they write passionately about what gives them hope, in reflections including Seeds of Unity, A Beautiful and Messy Awakening, Kingdom Diplomacy Across Faiths, A Vision for Hope in Politics, Wild Paths of Peace and Hope in Suffering.

Wild Bright Hope urges us not only to embrace a more hopeful perspective, but also to consider how we ourselves might play a full part in bringing in the kingdom of God.

We continue our lively discussions on this well-reviewed book from England as we explore how to remain hopeful during difficult times. Contact the Rev. Peter Faass at RevFaass@aol.com with questions.

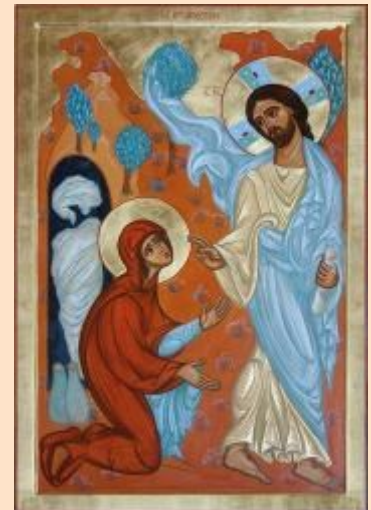
Sunday Morning Adult Forum with The Rev. Charlie Knuth

May 4th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

On Sunday, May 4, Fr. Charlie will begin a new adult forum series. By then, it will be the Third Sunday of Easter, reminding us that it was “Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women” who first announced the resurrection to the apostles. Yet we’re told “these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.”

These women are essential to the story of our salvation, though their stories often go untold—or are told reductively or unfairly.

Please join Fr. Charlie for a lecture series on **“Women of the Bible,”** illustrated by artworks from across history, with a special emphasis on pieces you can view in person at the CMA! There is no homework, though you can always bring questions.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
April 13th

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

Maundy Thursday
April 17th

7:00 p.m.

This year our Maundy Thursday service will be the traditional liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Occasional Services. It will include foot-washing, the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, and the stripping of the altar. There will be no meal preceding the service. Do plan on joining us for this beautiful and moving liturgy as we enter the Triduum, the holy three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Good Friday
April 18th

5:00 p.m.

Good Friday service for families

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday liturgy with choir, cello,
and Veneration of the Cross.

Livestreamed on Facebook

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations for sanctuary flowers are welcome from all in celebration, as a memorial, or in thanksgiving.

Your gift will be noted in the Easter bulletins provided the necessary information is received in the church office by

Monday, April 14th

Christ Church 2025 Easter Flower Donation

NAME(S): _____ AMOUNT: _____

As a memorial to...

In celebration of...

In thanksgiving for...

(please circle one of the above and provide the details below)

Please send with your check payable to Christ Church with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or scan the code to submit your dedication electronically by **Monday, April 14th**.



Children's Corner

FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



APRIL Faith Formation at CCE

APRIL 6th

Children's Chapel during the 10:30 Service
Youth Group and Supper at 4:30 p.m.
Lego Church and Supper at 4:30 p.m.

APRIL 13th

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

APRIL 18th

Good Friday Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.
Festive Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.
with Children's Chapel

APRIL 27th

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



April Youth Group April 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group typically meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food! It 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. Keep an eye out for outreach and service events throughout the year as well.



Children's Chapel

For children 3-years old through 2nd grade
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE.

During the 10:30 service, our 3-year-olds through 2nd Graders will join Sarah Bhatia or a volunteer during the Gloria at the front of the church and return to their families at the Peace. We use the Godly Play curriculum, which is a Montessori-based program, to explore Bible stories and wonder together as we explore and build our faith.



Faith Explorers PreK-5th Grade

Faith Explorers Sunday School meets at 10:15 a.m. 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, micropractices, and prayer to help each person embrace their own mini revolutions.



BUILDING FAITH

family worship

LEGO CHURCH & SUPPER
Sunday, April 6th at 4:30 p.m.



Calling all parishioners of all ages, young and young at heart! Join us for a fun, interactive worship experience at Christ Church. Using LEGOS, we will explore 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 meal together. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/LegoChurch2425> so we know how much food to provide.

Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY AT 10:00

For children in 5th Grade and under

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BASKET!



ANDREW LE PIANO CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 3PM



Our own Drew Le will perform a free piano concert here at Christ Church! The event is open to all. A free-will offering will be taken to support our youth program. Following the concert, there will be a reception in Parish Hall featuring delectables baked by our very own talented youth. All proceeds from the free will offering will be used to enhance the Youth Room to be a place of welcome, comfort, and fun for our middle and high school students.

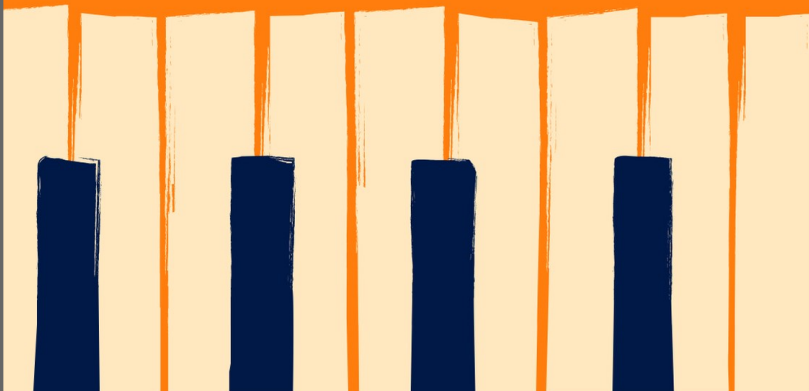




Photo credit: Andrew Le



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

Friends,

Easter is upon us! Our Easter Sunday service at 10:30am will be filled with choral music, rousing hymnody, organ music, brass quintet, and timpani. I look forward to sharing Easter with all of you this year. Having said all of that, it is not Easter without the journey through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. On Palm Sunday we will have an outside procession to the church. On Maundy Thursday we will have a service in the sanctuary with foot washing. On Good Friday we will have Adoration of the Cross and be joined by a guest cellist. All these services will have our fabulous Adult Choir there to lead us in worship. These services put Easter in context. It may be a difficult journey, making us come to terms with our own faults but that's what redemption is! We know this journey, we have walked it before, but we are not alone. There are friends to help us along the way. I do hope you will join us for all of Passion Week, where we see Jesus' journey through thought-provoking liturgies.

With Easter, this also means new beginnings at Christ Church with the arrival of our new Rector, The Rev. Charlie Knuth! In conversations with him, he said he loves music, and he LOVES to sing! I am excited to welcome him to Christ Church.

I want to take an opportunity to thank The Rev. Peter Faass. His leadership, kindness, liturgical knowledge, preaching, and so much more have been a blessing week after week at Christ Church. I personally will miss sharing worship with him on a weekly basis but we will see him and Anthony again. This is not goodbye. You can't get away from Christ Church that easily!

Finally, I do hope you will join us for Drew Le's piano recital on May 4th at 3pm. It will be a fabulous event with a festive reception afterward prepared by the youth of our congregation. It is not to be missed!

Blessings,

Mario

Choral Compline

NO COMPLINE IN APRIL
WE WILL BE BACK ON MAY 18

FEATURED HYMN OF THE MONTH

Every month, we will have a featured hymn text. These hymns might be ones we don't sing regularly but still stand as great texts of the church. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Take him Earth for Cherishing

Text by Prudentius (300AD)
translated by Helen Waddell

Take him, earth, for cherishing,
to thy tender breast receive him.
Body of a man I bring thee,
noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling,
by the breath of God created.
High the heart that here was beating,
Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee,
not unmindful of his creature
shall he ask it: he who made it
symbol of his mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed
to fulfil the hope of men,
then must thou, in very fashion,
what I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying
wear away these bones to sand,
ashes that a man might measure
in the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle,
drifting through the empty sky,
scatter dust was nerve and sinew,
is it given to man to die.

Once again the shining road
leads to ample Paradise;
open are the woods again,
that the serpent lost for men

Take, O take him, mighty leader,
take again thy servant's soul.
Grave his name, and pour the fragrant
balm upon the icy stone.



Help Make Palm Crosses Friday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Christ Church will be making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday on Friday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No experience? No problem! There will be people available to teach you. Many hands are needed, so please plan on joining us for this annual tradition at Christ Church. Contact Jane Harrison to let her know you can help at decojane@gmail.com

MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

April 27th | 5pm
at Christ Church Episcopal
Pre-concert talk at 4:30pm

The Annual Lola Rothmann Concert

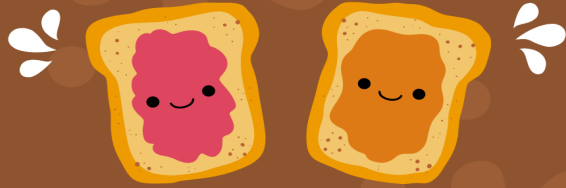
GRETA PASZTOR CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Dr. Greta Pasztor is a concert pianist, collaborator, conductor, and teacher in Tucson, Arizona. She earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Arizona in Piano Performance in 2024, where she studied piano with Dr. Fanya Lin and Dr. John Milbauer. Dr. Pasztor will conduct and play both the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and Bloch Concerto Grosso from the keyboard joined by an ensemble of NE Ohio-based musicians. A pre-concert talk begins at 4:30 p.m. with a reception following the concert. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at www.musicfromthewestern.com or at the door the night of the concert.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



PB & J DAY: APRIL 26th

Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM on April 26 as we come together to make 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



Christ Church continues its monthly collection of **40 jugs, packs of pods, or sheets** of laundry detergent, which cannot be purchased with government assistance (SNAP), for the Hudson Food Pantry. 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!

COAT & JACKET DRIVE

Donate gently used or new coats and jackets for
The Akron International Institute



While the flow of legal immigrants and refugees has slowed in our country, our good friends at the Akron International Institute are still offering care and support to those who are here. One way we can help over the next few weeks is to donate new or lightly used coats and jackets of all sizes and thicknesses. As you are cleaning out your closets, please bring to church anything you no longer need. We will have a bin in the coat room for collections **through April 13** and the outreach committee will deliver our donations regularly.



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 to get to know a little bit more about Linda Irving. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to know Linda Irving

When our new vestry members were installed, Linda Irving renewed her term as Clerk of the Vestry. You may wonder, “What is the Clerk? And, who is Linda Irving?” Linda, long-time “pillar of the church” is not only a clerk but a leader in hospitality at her Hudson home, in the church kitchen, and at her summer home on Cape Cod. Many of us have fond memories of her husband Lee, who was also a vital church member until his death in 2013.

Linda grew up in Berlin, New York, in the foothills of the Adirondacks. She attended SUNY Binghamton, where she met Lee. They married in 1970 and moved to Wisconsin; Lee went to graduate school at UW Madison. After he got his Master’s, he taught high school business classes. Then it was Linda’s turn, starting a Master’s in Elementary Education.

They missed their families in New York, so moved back home, near Albany. Lee found a position in an accounting firm and Linda completed her Master’s. She directed a church day care center. After their children, Lisa and Lance, were born, Linda ran a day care center in their home. Lee was now an accounting officer at Key Bank. When it moved Headquarters to Cleveland, he became the CAO - Chief Accounting Officer.

With all the northeast Ohio towns to choose from, why Hudson? Linda’s father (in Berlin, NY) knew Peter Eells’s father. (Peter and Shirley Eells are longtime members. They will be featured in a future spotlight.) A suggestion to check out Hudson led to their move here.

Linda and Lee had been members of the Reformed Church of America, but visited several different churches in Hudson. They settled on Christ Church for its “openness and inclusiveness.” They became involved quickly, with Lee serving as Senior Warden, on diocesan committees, and even in national workshops.

But back to Linda...What is the Clerk of the Vestry? She attends vestry meetings, takes and writes the minutes, and also signs documents for the diocese. She frequently serves as counter for the offering. But her #1 role is in hospitality. She is a core member of the reception committee and a frequent coffee hour host. She prepares Sunday evening meals for youth group and Lego church. Her Maundy Thursday parish supper has been a great favorite, but her schedule and Peter’s liturgical preferences will mean a change this year. In addition, she has provided housing for five of our priests as they have transitioned in and out of Hudson. When she summers on Cape Cod, she has welcomed several church friends to enjoy a Cape vacation at her lovely home.

Linda has two teenage grandchildren in Hudson, plus three younger ones in Madison, WI. She enjoys cooking for them, reading, yoga, aerobic dancing, and brain puzzles. With the arrival of our new rector (who has already experienced her hospitality), she hopes that our church will continue to be “open, inclusive, and welcoming.”





April BIRTHDAYS

- Erika DeYoung ~ 4/2
- Paul Frank ~ 4/2
- Karen Stansbrey ~ 4/3
- Lis Hugh ~ 4/4
- Malcolm Robbie ~ 4/5
- Leo Mehl ~ 4/7
- Emily Longenecker ~ 4/9
- Ellen Turner ~ 4/11
- Matt Baker ~ 4/11
- Nancy Schweikert ~ 4/15
- Laura DeYoung ~ 4/18
- Cindy Hartman ~ 4/21
- Loni Lorenz ~ 4/21
- Megan Repko ~ 4/22
- Kate Le ~ 4/24
- Lisa Ciocia ~ 4/25
- Jon Ridgway ~ 4/26
- Jim Bear ~ 4/30



April ANNIVERSARIES

- Jon & Julie Ridgway ~ 4/4
- Bob & Joyce Comben ~ 4/21
- Bob & Pam Zuhl ~ 4/28

FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths: John Frisby



Help us celebrate Bev Grant's 100th birthday on May 4 by showering her with lots of cards! Cards can be sent to Bev at Vitalia Senior Living, 4291 Allen Rd., Rm.111, Stow 44224.

Thank You to..



- ...Jim and Dot Lang, George Murray, & Courtney and Jay Bixby for organizing and hosting the wine and cheese fellowship event
-all who helped with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (and those who helped with the leaking dishwasher!)
- ...Jane Harrison for making new centerpieces for Shrove Tuesday
- ...Ellen Turner, Judy Brookhart, and Susan Arnold for providing supper for Lego Church, Youth Group, and Choral Compline in March.
- ...RuthAnne Belton, Susan Arnold, Linda Irving, and Jane Harrison, for their help in the office in March
- ...Daniel Grossoehme for helping to lead the Lenten Series with The First Presbyterian Church
- ...Theresa Edwards, Gretchen Green, and Beth and Mike Scott for providing supper for the Lenten Series
- ...Guy Wylie, Lis Hugh, and Margeaux Nething for helping to clean up and fertilize our Memorial Garden

Thank you to all who helped, attended, and donated at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise close to \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity!



March Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on March 25 at 6:00pm,
- Senior Warden, Greg Daniels, reported that the Pancake Supper, the Wine and Cheese Fellowship event, and Sunday morning Adult Forums have all been very successful and well attended.
- Greg Daniels reported that the church is in a very good financial position and that 47% of 2025 pledges have already been received.
- Vestry discussed the current sensitivity to political differences and recognizes that our parish is comprised of a full spectrum of differing opinions. Rather than aligning ourselves with a particular political position, the church seeks to encourage individual reflection.
- It was discussed that there is a processing fee charged when donations are made electronically through Tithely. This fee, which can be covered by the donor if they choose, is deducted from the amount the church receives if not covered by the donor. It was decided, moving forward, the processing fee will be deducted from the total amount of the donation received and reported on giving statements
- The vestry voted to approve the reimbursement of coffee hour hosts for their expenses, if they so desire. The hope is that it will encourage more people to sign up for coffee hour.
- Vestry discussed and agreed that in-person training for staff, ushers, and other members of the parish on the use of the new AED unit is necessary. Cathy Agnor will contact our local EMS to see if they can provide training, perhaps also including CPR training.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.




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SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 11 AT 10:30 A.M.

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YOUTH *Sunday*

Join us for a special Sunday morning led by the youth of Christ Church! Our wonderful youth will manage most of the responsibilities during our 10:30 service – they will serve as ushers, lead us in prayers and readings, and share their own sermon with us. More details coming soon!