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in the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving Hudson and beyond.*

June



2025

Congratulations!

CLASS OF

2025



Luke Metoki

Luke graduated from Hudson High School. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University majoring in aerospace administration and training to become a professional pilot.



Maureen "Mo" Edwards

Mo has graduated from the University of Alabama with a master's degree in tax accounting. She is moving back to Cleveland and will begin work at Ernest & Young later this summer. She is set to marry Mason McKibben on July 12.



Ben Bixby

Ben graduated from The Western Reserve Academy and will be attending Miami University in the Fall where he plans to pursue a degree in vocal music education.



Will Bixby

Will graduated in May with a Bachelors in Psychology from the Indiana University.

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“Vector of the Rector” – Pointing somewhere vaguely spiritual

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant... Love never ends. – 1 Corinthians 13:2-4, 8

A seminary classmate of mine recently made the *Mini-Vows* section of the *New York Times*. The headline? **“An Operatic Tenor and an Episcopal Priest Hit the Right Notes.”** Their wedding was officiated by a bishop, attended by 800 guests, and described by more than one parishioner as “the closest thing I’ve ever seen to a royal wedding.”

I mean, I’m thrilled for them. Really. It’s just that while they were sharing rooftop rosé at a black-tie reception catered with fried chicken and waffles, my wife and I were sharing a rhinovirus and building Ikea furniture.

But it did remind me that wedding season is here—and with it, the return of 1 Corinthians 13.

Now, this passage gets trotted out for just about every wedding, but verses 2–4? They’re not particularly romantic. They’re more of a gut-check: a reminder that our best performances—our speaking in tongues, our sacrificial giving, our spiritual résumés—amount to noise without love.

And let’s face it, there’s a lot of performance in modern life. We curate careers, quote headlines, humblebrag our parenting wins, and stake out our corner of political virtue. And underneath it all is often a pretty simple hope: That someone will notice. That someone will love us.

But the love Paul describes isn’t applause-worthy. It isn’t about optics. It’s patient. It’s kind. It doesn’t show off or keep score. It endures even when your Twitter takes age poorly and your carefully built image starts to crack.

This is the love of God. Not the sentimental variety, but the stubborn, unrelenting kind that sticks with you when the romance cools, the job title disappears, and the livestream buffers. It’s the love that laid itself down without any of the frills—just a cross—and said, *“You are mine. Still.”*

It’s not the kind of love that always makes the papers. But it is the kind that never fails.

-Charlie+

Staying in Touch with Fr. Charlie

If you’d like to get in touch, you can reach me by email at Charlie.knuth@christchurchhudson.org or by cell at 801-635-5162. I typically check email in the morning and late afternoon. My days off are Monday and Saturday, but if something needs immediate attention, please send a text. For pastoral emergencies (things like a medical crisis, a death in the family, or when you just really need a priest to show up), please call my cell any time, day or night.



Summer Worship Information

In years past, once school let out and the choir began its summer recess, the 10:30 a.m. service shifted to a 10:00 a.m. start. At its April meeting, the vestry revisited this tradition. While the change has its merits, Fr. Charlie has decided to keep the 10:30 a.m. start time for our second service this summer. The goal is to maintain consistency and support the ongoing adult forum, which he hopes will continue into the fall.

Thursday, June 5 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.



Summer Sunday Morning Adult Forum 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

For the summer months, Fr. Charlie will be leading a lecture series on "Women of the Bible" at 9am in between worship services.

This iteration of the Adult Sunday Forum is really low barrier. It's a lecture format, there's no homework, and you don't have to speak unless you have questions or comments!



Children's Chapel

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

Our program year is over and we are in our summer rhythm with weekly Children's Chapel. We are continuing with the Godly Play curriculum, 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 have an innate sense of the presence of God and this program embraces and encourages that sense. We will be encountering some of the big characters of the Old Testament as well as the parables of Jesus. Children ages 3-2nd Grade (completed) will 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!



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Friends,

All I can say about this season is: Wow! We have had so many highlights, from new liturgical music, to the choristers singing at different churches in this Diocese, and so much more. Even with summer coming up, there are still a lot of things going on. The Ascent Chamber Music Festival happening at WRA will be using our space for two concerts this summer. Those dates and times are included in this Communicant. All concerts are free and open to all. Last year, the directors of the program were blow away with our wonderful space that they wished to come back. I hope you will join us!

There will be two pick-up choir opportunities this summer. Please come and join us. All you have to do is show up on Sunday morning at 10am, we run through the music happening for the service and then we sing the service. Anyone can join us, so please come! If you are musically inclined, please get in touch with me, I'd love to find a way for us to use your talents! There are so many things to be thankful for at Christ Church. If you ever have the inclination to join the choirs, please get in touch with me. It is open to all!

Finally, I want to share with you the RSCM Chorister's Prayer. This is a prayer we pray every chorister rehearsal, reminding us of our call as musicians in the church.

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,
Mario



PICK UP CHOIR

JULY 13, AUGUST 3

No robes required!
Come as you are at 10am
for a rehearsal in the stalls!



James Hassan

Oh hello! My name is James Hassan and this will be my last year at Christ Church as I have officially graduated from Akron University! I have been a choral scholar here since 2021 and I am really going to miss this community. Next fall I will be attending Bowling Green University for my Master's in vocal performance. There I hope to perform in operas and continue developing my voice. Being in close proximity to Toledo I hope to perform in the chorus at Toledo Opera at least once. I have enjoyed my time here and will miss you all dearly.



Matt Baker

After earning my Associate of Science Degree in Computer Information Technology, I plan to continue my education by pursuing industry certifications such as Network+ or Cisco CCNA to strengthen my qualifications. As I gain hands-on experience in my new role with Advanced IT Professionals, I will explore specializations in areas like cybersecurity, network administration, or cloud computing to shape and advance my long-term career path.

Throughout this journey, I will seek to align my goals and decisions with God's will, using my abilities to serve others and honor Him in my work.

Robby Gray, will receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) in Pasadena, CA in June. Robby has been at CalTech for six years working his tail off! His work is closely linked with the Applied Physics department and he works with lasers in nonlinear photonics. He will begin post-doc work at ETH Zurich (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule/ Federal Institute of Technology) this summer in Switzerland.

Robby has continued to enjoy playing soccer on two teams while in Pasadena as well as playing the clarinet with the CalTech Orchestra.



Robby Gray



Kaitlyn Tiemens

Kate graduated from Baldwin Wallace and will be attending Penn State to get a Master's in Voice Performance and Pedagogy. While at Penn, she will be teaching undergraduate voice majors and performing at various summer programs and local venues. She plans to get her doctorate in voice pedagogy and teach at the collegiate level.



Caitlyn Mahoney

Caitlin Mahoney, granddaughter of Kaye and Ken Lowe graduated May 27th with a masters of science in general clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University!

She will start as a Clinical Psychologist at McCaskill Family Service in Plymouth & Brighton Michigan in June.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: August 4-8; 9:00am-12:00pm

Who: Ages 4 (as of July 31, 2025 and fully potty-trained) through 5th Grade (Fall 2025)

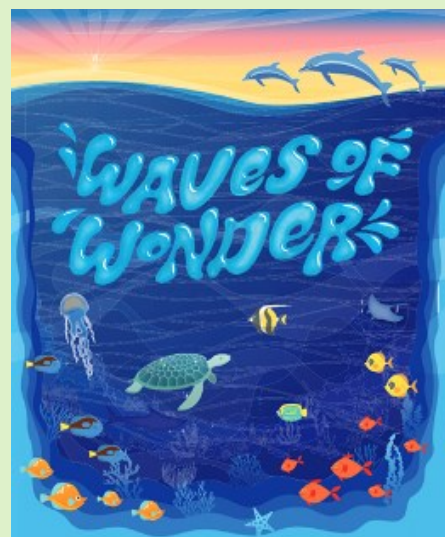
PreK will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Nursery will be available for younger children.

Make Vacation Bible School the highlight of your summer with **Waves of Wonder**. This VBS program invites children to explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants, animals, and people. They will visit the wilderness and miraculously receive water from a rock. They will take a boat ride with Jesus and weather a wavy storm, and even imagine a new heaven and a new earth where all are invited to receive God's life-giving water.

Through worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, and active games, children will deepen their understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource!

Mark your calendars now and plan to have your children join us on this adventure through faith that will equip them and empower them for a life-long journey with God. Friends and neighbors are welcomed!

Registration forms can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHVBS2025>
Questions? Contact Sarah Bhatia at sbhatia@christchurchudson.org



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Does crafting make your heart roar? Do you love feeding the herd with snacks? Do science experiments make you go wild? Is story telling your passion? Do the singing voices of children bring tears to your eyes? If so, ready your skills to make a wonderful week for our community at Vacation Bible School. Contact Sarah for a volunteer registration form and let your wild side shine this summer!

- Registration/Check in (1-2 people): Make sure payment and registration info is in and correct. Pass out name tags. Greet parents and children daily
- Check out (1): greeting parents at the door and checking out children at the end of each day
- Drama (2-3): perform little skits during opening and closing gatherings—can be teens
- Service Learning (1): teach lessons and activities about the mission project for the week
- Arts (1): lead easy arts and crafts that help to build connections with the day's theme
- Science and Nature (1): lead easy science experiments and nature lessons
- Shepherds (12 total): lead group to each rotation station. Lead reflection time at the start of each day
- PreK/K Leader (3-4): lead the PreK/K classes in all activities

Support roles:

- Shopping: food for snacks, supplies for rotations, etc.
- Administrative work: making copies, cutting out materials, prepping materials for rotations
- Set up (3-4): Setting up chairs and rooms each morning (by 8:30)
- Tear down (3-4): putting chairs and supplies away at the end of each day.
- Prepping crafts: getting craft supplies ready to go for each day

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

June 19th | 6:00 pm | Kepner's

Join us for the inaugural Men's Night Out—an evening of good food, hearty conversation, and a chance to connect outside of Sunday morning. We'll gather at Kepner's Tavern at 6pm on Wednesday, June 19—Juneteenth, a day for celebrating freedom and fellowship. No sign up required. Just come hungry and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Lee Carpenter at lbcarpen@gmail.com or Greg Daniels at gk_daniels@hotmail.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH AT 5:30 P.M.

Ladies Night Out!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!

Join us for another evening of good food, sparkling conversation, and lots of laughter! We will gather at Otani Restaurant in Hudson on June 10 at 5:30. Please sign up through the office at 330-650-4359 or at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight> by June 6. Contact Heather Swift with questions at heathermswift@gmail.com.



ASCENT 2025

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
CONCERT SERIES JUNE 18- JULY 12

Join us for a series of concerts in Hudson featuring world-renowned faculty artists and rising artists from our student program.



Scan for full Event Listing
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Galvin Cello Quartet

THURSDAY JUNE 19TH
7:00PM CHAPEL AT
WRA

Legends

TUESDAY JUNE 24TH
7:00PM CHAPEL AT
WRA

Black Oak Trio

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH
4:00PM
CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

Young Brilliance

TUESDAY JULY 1ST
7:00PM CHAPEL AT
WRA

Cataylyst Quartet: Against All Odds

SUNDAY JULY 7TH
4:00PM
CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

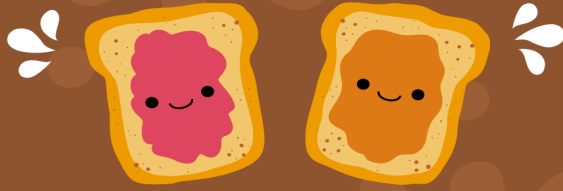
Midsummer Spark

TUESDAY JULY 8TH
7:00PM
CHAPEL AT WRA



OUTREACH MINISTRY

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



PB & J DAY: June 21st

Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM on June 21 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



Laundry is a ritual that comes with having a body. And as an act of Christian charity, Christ Church continues to provide laundry detergent for the Hudson Food Pantry. They are requesting **40** jugs of detergent, or packs of pods/sheets by **June 25th** for this month's distribution. If you are grocery shopping or making a Costco run and you think of it, please pick some of these items up and deposit them in the coat room or at the back door of the church. We will get them where they need to go! Thank you.

Dear Christ Church Episcopal Congregation,

The St. Bernard Morning Lunch Bag Program thank you for your years of support of our hunger ministry.

Your monthly donation of 300 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches help us to carry out our mission of feeding those in need. We appreciate the time you take to make these "PB&Js" for our Guests.

Your food donation is part of our program available Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in our dining hall we affectionally call The Bologna House.

We offer Guests either a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, a Ham Sandwich, or a Bologna Sandwich. Guests are given a choice of either a banana or a tangerine with a bag of chips and a cookie to complete their lunch. Coffee and bottled water is available for our Guests who eat their lunch at The Bologna House or take the lunch home with them for another time during the day.

Your sandwiches have helped us pass out over 2,000 lunches during the month of April 2025. Truly this would not be possible without your support.

God bless you all!

*David Revello and Susan Lindeman
St. Bernard Morning Lunch Bag Program Coordinators*



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 the Haake Family. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

Get to know The Haakes

Several people that I interviewed for this column have expressed the same goal for Christ Church: We would like to welcome more young families. Today we meet the Haakes, another young family balancing dual careers, child raising, and church participation.

Laura Haake grew up in Hudson and her family were members of Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal) in Cleveland. She went to the College of Wooster, then earned a Master’s degree in Clinical Counseling at Kent State. She works as a counselor at the Organization for Psychological Health in Solon.

Zach Haake’s family is from St. Louis, then Texas, then Cuyahoga Falls. So, no, he is not related to Charlie Haake, long-time church member. But the name is pronounced the same, like *hockey*. He attended the University of Akron, studying environmental geology. He is employed by Emerald Environmental and travels a lot, doing inspections for the oil and gas industry.

Christ Church couples often have interesting “How did you two meet?” stories. Let’s let Laura tell it: ‘Zach was my server at the Winking Lizard in Peninsula!! After class one night, my friend and I went for dinner there and she wrote my number down on the receipt. He called and asked me on a date that week. We ended up hitting it off!’

Zach was raised a Catholic but attended Trinity Cathedral with Laura. They were married there, in 2010, with Bishop Bill Persell officiating. When they moved to Stow, they visited Christ Church. As is often the case, Shirley Eells immediately made them feel at home. They connected with others in the congregation. New friends were welcoming. In addition, Laura likes the light bright interior of our sanctuary.

When their son Nathan was born, Paul Gaston was the interim rector. He baptized the first Haake son (now aged 12). The family now includes Christopher (9), and Nicholas (5). They enjoy Sunday School, Youth Group, and Lego Church. Nathan was a Youth Usher on May 11, Youth Group Sunday.

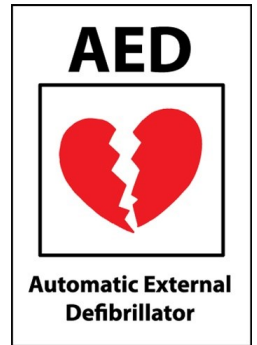


The family is active in Cub Scouts and in track and other sports. Zach, when not traveling for work or transporting boys, enjoys playing classical piano. Laura likes cooking...good thing with three hungry boys!

Their goal for the parish, in this new chapter of our history, is a continued emphasis on Christian education, for all ages. They hope that Charlie’s ministry will be a blessing for all. So, as Laura’s vocation facilitates psychological health for people, Zach works to secure environmental health for the planet. Thank you, Haakes! We’re glad to know you.

AED Training – June 17 at 6pm

Back in the fall, we installed a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) unit in the church hallway. Now it's time to learn how to use it! Join us for a free training session on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The training is open to all—whether you're part of a ministry team or simply want to be ready to help in a moment of need. A few minutes of preparation now could make all the difference later. Contact Kathy Garber at Kathy.garber@christchurchhudson.org if you would like to attend or have questions.



Coming Soon: A New Online Church Directory!

We're excited to announce that Christ Church will be moving to a new online directory next month using Instant Church Directory! This easy-to-use tool will help us stay connected—whether you're trying to put names to faces, find contact info, or reach out to someone you met at coffee hour. It's also a great way for newcomers to get to know the parish and feel more at home in our community. No action is needed just yet, but stay tuned—registration details and instructions will be coming soon. In the meantime, maybe double-check your favorite photo of yourself—you'll get to upload it soon!

Happy 100th Birthday to Bev Grant!

Beverly B Grant grew up in Poultney Vt. She was always looking for ways to be helpful. In high school she served as a plane spotter with the Ground Observer Corps (Aircraft Warning Service) and as an assistant at the casualty station during WWII. She graduated from Middlebury College with a BS.

After marrying George Grant the couple moved to Akron, OH where she had 2 children, Drusilla and Richard. Beverly created fond memories for her children of coming home after school to cookies. She continued to volunteer and taught swimming to handicapped children at the Falls Y, as well as life guard training. During the summer she taught swimming at Water Works Park.

In 1964 the family moved to Hudson. She went back to school and received a BEd degree and masters in library science from Kent State University. Beverly worked as a librarian for 4 yrs at Hudson elementary school followed by 15 yrs teaching math and science at the junior high in Twinsburg. She particularly enjoyed the years of coaching the Math Counts team.

She has always been competitive and enjoyed playing sports, even when it wasn't popular for girls to play on teams. Most of all she loved skiing in Vermont because it was fast and freeing! She was an avid tennis player and when it became too much for her knees, she switched to golf, stopping at the age of 93.

She was never one to sit still. Bev was an active member of Christ Church Episcopal, the League of women voters and a founding member of the first Hudson PEO chapter. Beverly served as a driver for the Red Cross for many years and worked 11 yrs as a volunteer for the income tax assistant program. She is an avid reader, enjoys discussing politics and continues to vote!

Throughout her years she has worked at staying active, keeping her brain engaged and being helpful. She continues to love reading and playing volleyball!





June BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Kosanovich ~ 6/5
 Lori Metoki ~ 6/8
 Conor O'Sullivan ~ 6/10
 Andrew Stansbrey ~ 6/11
 Ann Kirk ~ 6/12
 Lee Carpenter ~ 6/14
 Paula Harvey ~ 6/16
 Linda Pitz ~ 6/16
 Lauren Ribovich ~ 6/16
 Ruth Andrews ~ 6/18
 Greg Daniels ~ 6/18
 Alice Anglewicz ~ 6/19
 Hannah Repko ~ 6/20
 Nancy Dalton ~ 6/21
 Beth Scott ~ 6/22
 Jamie Anglewicz ~ 6/23
 Hunter Barnhardt ~ 6/23
 Kathie Balcerzak ~ 6/24
 Caitlin Cronkey ~ 6/27
 Margaret O'Sullivan ~ 6/29
 Jim Myers ~ 6/29



Anniversaries

Jim & Nancy Dalton ~ 6/2
 Thomas & Sarah Kiener ~ 6/2
 Tim & Carmella Jackson ~ 6/10
 Ross & Cathy Agnor ~ 6/11
 Morgan & Greta Foster ~ 6/13
 James Swager & Rebecca Rogers ~ 6/14
 Jack & Judy Brookhart ~ 6/18
 Michael & Beth Scott ~ 6/18
 Jim Gray & Julie Micheletti ~ 6/20
 Hunter & Schaeffer Barnhardt ~ 6/23
 Robertson Gilliland & Emily Westlake ~ 6/23
 Drew Le & Jenny Walvoord ~ 6/28
 Paul & Eileen Gaston ~ 6/29
 Bill & Jill Phipps ~ 6/29
 Greg & Emily Anglewicz ~ 6/30

Thank You to...

- ... Drew Le and the Harvey/Le quartet for a wonderful concert to raise funds for the Youth Room renovation; and to the Youth Group and their families for hosting the reception after the concert with homemade bakery
- ... All who attended the fundraising concert for Lydia Nall
- ... Emily Longenecker for donating and facilitating the delivery of brand new furniture for the Youth Room and to the muscle who helped move it- John Longenecker, Doug Swift, David Pitz, and Malcolm Robbie
- ... Linda Irving, Gordon and Theresa Edwards, and Eileen Gaston for opening their homes to host cottage meetings with Fr. Charlie
- ... All who helped with the Memorial Service for Paul Frank



May Vestry Meeting Highlights



- The vestry met on May 27 at 6:00 pm
- Guy Wylie reported that the sanctuary's 31-year-old air conditioning unit has failed and will need to be replaced. We are in the process of collecting bids and examining stopgap measures. The sanctuary could be without A/C for the summer.
- It was decided that the previously approved carpet installation will move forward, but the more extensive repairs to the sanctuary ceiling and floor will not.
- The leaking chimney in the Hand Room will be repaired rather than removed. Other future projects may include lighting upgrades and parking lot resurfacing.
- Training for the use of our AED unit will be held Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The training is free and open to all.
- The vestry approved the purchase of an online church directory application. Photos can be added, and members will be able to update their own information securely.
- The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

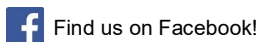


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Pentecost Sunday: Wear Your Spirit Colors!

Sunday, June 8th is the Feast of Pentecost—also known as Whitsunday—and marks the grand finale of the Easter season. It's the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the "birthday" of the Church.

Traditionally, folks wear red (symbolizing the Holy Spirit's fire) or white (a nod to the English Whitsunday custom). Whether it's a red dress, a white shirt, or just a flash of festive color—like striped socks or a bold bow tie we invite you to join the celebration in style. Tip your hat to the Spirit and come ready to say, "Happy Birthday, Church!"

