

# 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.*

September



2025



### “Vector of the Rector” – Pointing somewhere vaguely spiritual

“Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.”  
—2 Timothy 4:11

What looks like a throwaway line from Paul actually carries a whole saga of failure, division, forgiveness, and redemption.

Mark was the young cousin Barnabas brought on Paul’s first missionary journey. But after a rough beginning, Mark bailed and went home. Paul never forgave him—so much so that he split with Barnabas rather than travel with Mark again. And yet, years later, here is Paul, lonely and desperate, asking Timothy to bring Mark. The one-time deserter has become indispensable.

I admit I love the schadenfreude of it all—seeing the great Apostle Paul have to eat a little crow. But I also love it because it’s a reminder not to write people off too quickly. God never does.

I’ll be honest: I’ve now been rector here for about four months, and if we’re not out of the honeymoon period already, we will be soon. Religious leaders fail. I will fail. I’m not perfect; I’m a sinner. I will make mistakes—sometimes small, sometimes glaring. That’s the reality of life together in the church: people disappoint us, institutions frustrate us, leaders stumble.

But this is also where grace shows up. If you only stay for the honeymoon, you’ll miss it. If you leave when the cracks appear, you’ll never get to see how God works through those cracks, bleeding mercy into the broken places. Grace doesn’t wait for perfection; it does its best work in the mess. Paul and Mark prove that. What began as failure and bitter division became a story of forgiveness and redemption.

This community knows a lot of cracks. But it also knows a lot about resurrection. And that’s why I say to you as your priest and fellow sinner: stay. Stay when it’s awkward. Stay when it’s disappointing. Stay when things don’t go as you hoped. Because if you stay, you just might glimpse the miracle of grace transforming failure into something useful, even holy.

Charlie+

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# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE START OF THE PROGRAM YEAR

4  
Sept.

## FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL

🕒 7:00 pm

Thurs

6  
Sept.

## YOUNG CHORISTERS RETREAT

🕒 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Sat

11  
Sept.

## FIRST YOUTH CHORISTER REHEARSAL

🕒 5:00 pm

Thurs

14  
Sept.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS (PRE-K-5TH)

🕒 10:15 am

Sun

14  
Sept.

## CHOIR RETURNS FROM BREAK

🕒 10:30 am

Sun

21  
Sept.

## ADULT FORUM SERIES BEGINS

“Theology in Real Life”

🕒 9:00 am

Sun

21  
Sept.

## YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF & SPA DAY

🕒 4:30 pm

Sun

21  
Sept.

## SUNG COMPLINE

🕒 6:00 pm

Sun

28  
Sept.

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON KICKOFF

Meal-Packing Event

🕒 Noon

Sun

5  
Oct.

## LEGO CHURCH

🕒 4:30 pm

Sun

2  
Nov.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Ingathering for 2026 Pledge Drive

🕒 10:30 am

Sun

## Healing Service: Thursday, September 4 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.



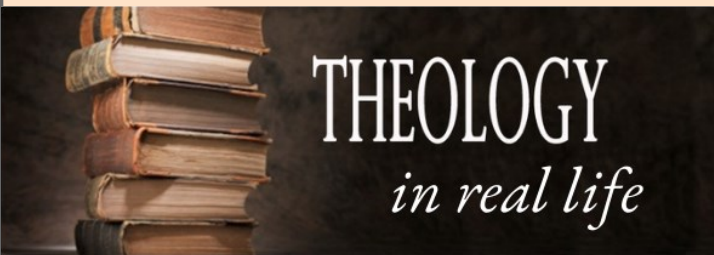
## Sunday Morning Adult Forums

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall



### *Women of the Bible* September 7 and 14

For the first two Sundays in September, we'll be wrapping up our summer series on Women of the Bible, specifically those mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus presented in Matthew 1 .



### *Theology in Real Life*

September 21, 28, & October 5

Theology isn't just for dusty bookshelves—it shapes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. In this three-part Adult Forum, we'll explore how our view of humanity (our *anthropology*) connects to our view of God (our *theology*). Join us as we dig into stories, podcasts, Scripture, and even a little humor to see why theology really does matter for everyday life.



## Rise Against Hunger Event Sunday, September 28th

We're kicking off Stewardship Season not with a pledge card, but with a hairnet! On September 28, right after church, we'll host a Rise Against Hunger food-packaging event—an energetic, hands-on way to serve others together.

Here's what it's like: the parish hall will be filled with long tables, scoops, and bags of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins. Volunteers will work in teams, measuring ingredients, sealing bags, and packing boxes—while a gong sounds every time we hit another thousand meals. The music will be lively, the hairnets will be fashionable (well, sort of), and the fellowship will be contagious. In less than two hours, we'll prepare over 10,000 meals for distribution to schools, eldercare facilities, and medical clinics in places facing food insecurity across the globe. It's fun, it's fast, and it's family-friendly. All ages can join in—whether scooping, sealing, boxing, or cheering others on. And once the last bag is sealed and the last box stacked, we'll celebrate with a pizza party for all volunteers.

At the heart of stewardship is gratitude. Every Sunday at the Eucharist, we give thanks for God's abundance poured out in Christ. Out of that thanksgiving flows generosity—sharing what we have been given for the sake of others. Let's begin this season by turning gratitude into action. More details to come!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 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 The Tomato Grill in Hudson on September 16 at 5:30 pm. Please sign up by 9/12 through the office at 330-650-4359 or at <https://tinyurl.com/CCEHLadiesnight>. Contact Pam Zuhl with questions at [zuhlfamily@aol.com](mailto:zuhlfamily@aol.com).



# MEN'S NIGHT OUT

September 24th | 6:00 pm | Don Patron Mexican Grill

Join us for Men's Night Out—an evening of good food, hearty conversation, and a chance to connect outside of Sunday morning. We'll gather at Don Patron Mexican Grill in Hudson at 6pm on Wednesday, September 24. No sign up required. Just come hungry and bring a friend! ! Questions? Contact Lee Carpenter at [lbcarpn@gmail.com](mailto:lbcarpn@gmail.com) or Greg Daniels at [gk\\_daniels@hotmail.com](mailto:gk_daniels@hotmail.com).

# MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE

**September 28th | 5pm**  
**Theron Brown**

at Christ Church Episcopal

The first concert of the 43<sup>rd</sup> season of Music from the Western Reserve features Theron Brown, a dynamic and soulful jazz pianist whose music reflects a deep reverence for the roots of jazz while embracing modern influences with originality and heart.



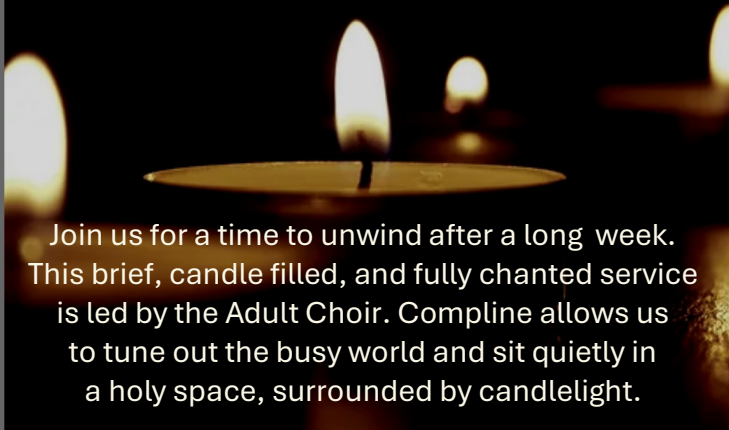
Based in Akron, Theron is widely recognized for his expressive playing, charismatic stage presence, and commitment to music education and community engagement. He has performed across the country, appeared as young Herbie Hancock in the film Miles Ahead, and leads his own trio, known for its inventive and heartfelt interpretations. For more information or to purchase tickets visit their website, [www.musicfromthewestern.com](http://www.musicfromthewestern.com)

# COMPLINE

**Starting September 21st**

**Dinner - 5:30pm Candle lighting - 6pm**

**Quiet time -6:15pm Service starts - 6:30pm**

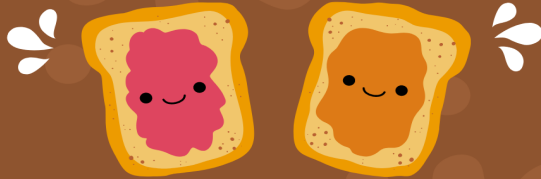


Join us for a time to unwind after a long week. This brief, candle filled, and fully chanted service is led by the Adult Choir. Compline allows us to tune out the busy world and sit quietly in a holy space, surrounded by candlelight.



# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE



### PB & J WITH A PURPOSE September 13th

Please join the Outreach Committee in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM on September 13 as we come together to make 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the unhoused 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 to get to know each other, get sticky, and do good! For more information, contact Judy Brookhart at [judyots@gmail.com](mailto: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 **September 24** for the September 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!



### HELP BUILD IT Volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity SEPT. 13, OCT. 4, & NOV 22

Volunteers are needed to help build a safe, affordable new home in North Akron for our Habitat partner family, Charmaine Jenkins and her two children. As an active member of the Hudson Coalition of churches, Christ Church Episcopal shares in the cost of sponsorship of a house and provides volunteers who work with the partner family on construction. A Habitat Supervisor provides the materials and tools needed for construction, directs the work of volunteers, and maintains a safe work environment. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and construction experience is appreciated, but not required. The supervisor provides training on the tasks for the workday, which begins at 9 AM and concludes by 3:30 PM.

The next Saturday workday opportunities for volunteers from Christ Church will be September 13, October 4, and November 22. Contact Len Harrison by phone at (615)720-7674 or by email at [harrison13n@gmail.com](mailto:harrison13n@gmail.com) for more information or if you can help.





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Friends,

This summer Ella, Anna, and I attended the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Summer Residency at Duke University. This is our second year bringing choristers to this residency (2 years makes it a tradition, right??). Last year I wrote about the awe-inspiring leadership I witnessed. Well, friends, I am still in awe. The girls spend a whole week together rehearsing, making lasting friendships, and worshipping. We as adult participants do have a more relaxed schedule, but we still have many rehearsals to get our own notes right!

Each day these girls are put in leadership positions. They are not watching the adult lead; they are leading us as adults in worship. It continues to support what many of you have heard me say: we don't need to dumb worship down for children. When cherished traditions are taught to children, it becomes their own. The ending services in Duke Chapel were just incredible. The girls rose to the occasion. RSCM courses keep this tradition alive. One of my favorite quotes is "Tradition is not the worship of ashes but the preservation of fire." Let us preserve that fire for many generations to come.

September means the choir are back! I am so looking forward to diving back into rehearsals and services with the choirs. We will continue with our monthly Compline rotation, a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, and we will be adding a service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols. We are so blest to have a robust music program at Christ Church, something that enlivens our worship on a regular basis. I look forward to journeying with all of you this season.

Best,

**Mario Buchanan**

**Director of Music and Organist**

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The week of July 14th, Ella and I had the pleasure of attending the RSCM camp at Duke, where we built friendships with other choristers from around the country and strengthened our singing ability through numerous small group and full ensemble rehearsals in the beautiful Duke Divinity School. These rehearsals exposed us to a wide variety of music, ranging in tone and style from Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D* to the Howells *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*. The week-long effort would culminate in leading a Sunday Morning Service and evensong in the beautiful Duke Chapel, which, although only built about a hundred years ago, was constructed in a stunning Gothic style that elevated worship and created an incredible environment to sing in. The grandeur of Duke Chapel contrasted with the smaller Goodson Chapel, home to our daily services and rehearsals. Goodson created a smaller, more contemplative space that deepened our understanding of the music we sing and its impact on the congregation. Goodson also hosted a breathtaking organ recital from Dr. Margaret Harper, who exposed us to the inner workings of organ music and displayed the true breadth of her talent with the instrument. While the week seemed to fly by, it was full of experiences that have helped me grow as both a singer and a Christian. I look forward to returning next year to continue learning and making memories.



*Anna Barger*

# The Christ Church Choirs

## There is a place for you!



Have you had an interest in the choirs? We are accepting new members! If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Mario Buchanan. Both the Adult Choir and the Young Choristers would be happy to have you with us!

[mario.buchanan@christchurchudson.org](mailto:mario.buchanan@christchurchudson.org)

# Children's Corner

## FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Children's Chapel

#### 1st Sunday of the Month

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

#### 2nd-5th Sundays of the Month

Faith Explorers Sunday School meets at 10:15 on the Lower Level. We have two age groups: PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th. This year, we will be using Illustrated Ministry's *Mini Revolutions* curriculum. This lectionary-based curriculum uses scripture, activities, micropractices, and prayer to help each person embrace their own mini revolutions each week.

### Youth Group

#### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month

After another amazing year, Youth Group is back on September 15. 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. We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for fellowship, faith formation, and food! Keep an eye out for outreach and service events throughout the year as well.



### Lego Church

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning in October, we will gather in Parish Hall to unleash our creativity and engage with familiar Bible stories in new ways. Legos are for all ages and will allow you to explore your faith in a creative way. After a brief, imaginative service, we will enjoy a home cooked meal together.

# Faith Formation at CCE

Check out what's coming starting  
September 14:

## Children's Chapel

Ages 3-2nd Grade

1st Sunday during the 10:30 service

## Nursery

Ages 0-3

Every Sunday

10am-12pm

## Faith Explorers

PreK-5th Grade

2nd-5th Sundays

10:15-11:00

## Lego Church

All Ages

1st Sunday

4:30-6:00 pm

## Youth Group

Grades 6-12

1st & 3rd Sundays

4:30-6:00 pm

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Christian Education and Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed

During the liturgy of baptism, the congregation vows to support the newly baptized in their walk with God. Listed below are a few ways you can act as a guide on the journey of faith with our children and youth. Contact Sarah Bhatia with questions or if you can help at [sbhatia@christchurchudson.org](mailto:sbhatia@christchurchudson.org)

**Faith Explorers Leader:** Teaching Sunday (weekly, monthly, and as needed subbing opportunities available)

**Youth Group Guide:** Leading/co-leading youth group. This can vary in intensity from helping lead activities to being the second adult in the room lending a helping hand

**Expedition Chef:** Cooking/providing dinner for the Youth Group. Tacos, pizza, and mac and cheese are some of the top requests of our students who meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings each month. Sign up to cook at: <https://tinyurl.com/CCECOOKS25>

**Enrichment Officer:** Share talents with the youth. Do you have a special talent or skill that could be interesting for youth to experience, such as wood-working, floral arrangement, painting, etc?

# COOKS NEEDED

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?  
WE NEED PEOPLE  
WILLING TO PROVIDE  
FOOD FOR YOUTH  
GROUP SUPPERS. SIGN  
UP HERE:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/  
CCECOOKS25](https://tinyurl.com/CCECOOKS25)



## EYC ON INSTAGRAM

Follow Christ Church EYC's Instagram @cceh\_eyc for inspiration, reflections, and fun photo challenges!



## 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 Susie Spearman. We look forward to getting to know you better, too!

### Get to Know Susie Spearman

Christ Church has quite a few “cradle Episcopalians,” that is, those who were baptized in the faith as infants and raised all their lives in the church. But Susie Spearman thinks that she may be the cradle Episcopalian with the longest history in our parish. Read her story and see if there are any rivals for the most consecutive years of church membership.

Susie’s parents were Jim and Betty Spearman, who were loved and are remembered by many of us. They had three children: Sally, Jake, and Susie, the youngest. When Susie was an infant, Rev. Arthur Pritchett baptized her in what is now the Chapel. The date was December 26 (St. Stephen’s Day), 1964. So there’s the challenge: Can anyone claim to be a continuing member of Christ Church since before that date?

Susie attended Hudson public schools, including Hudson High, but transferred to Western Reserve Academy, from which she graduated. She then attended Salem College (a Moravian school) in Winston-Salem, NC. She received two degrees, with a double major in Economics and Mathematics. After two years working in a bank in Winston-Salem, she returned to Hudson. And Christ Church, of course! She earned an additional degree, in accounting, from the University of Akron. By this time, her older siblings had married and moved away. Jim and Betty were getting older and needed some assistance, so Susie lived with her parents at their home on Old Orchard Drive. She worked for many years as an accountant for the American Endowment Foundation, providing financial guidance with Donor-Advised Funds (DAF) for scores of charitable organizations. Susie has worked as an accounts receivable associate for a prescription benefits management company. She is now a treasury accounting assistant for a collections agency.

Susie began a new chapter by moving to the Villas of Hudson in 2017. She is happy that there are several Christ Church folks who live there.

Side note: Barbara Pym, author of many novels set in English villages, loved to describe Anglican parish life and people. One of her books is titled *Excellent Women*. Susie Spearman is indeed one of Christ Church’s many “excellent women.” She is a frequent lector and chalice bearer. She also serves as crucifer and acolyte when needed. Behind the scenes, she assists the altar guild and the reception committee. (You have probably enjoyed her mini-meringues.) After church, she helps count the collection and deliver flowers.

Her hobbies include crocheting, knitting, and baking. She is a self-proclaimed “casserole queen.” She enjoys traveling to NC (college friends) and Maine and Massachusetts (relatives). As a graduate of EFM, she loves Bible discussions; she participates in Sunday evening Zoom Bible study with a group from North Carolina. Every Sunday, for years!

She is glad to see young families joining Christ Church. Her goal is that more people would get involved as volunteers in our many ministries.

So...repeating the challenge...has anyone been a continuing member prior to 1964?





*Thank you to...*

- .... Len Harrison and Dick McCormick for designing and installing a beautiful new hand railing for the choir stalls.
- .... all who helped with the Memorial Service for Jim Munson
- .... all who helped with the Habitat for Humanity workdays
- .... all our wonderful VBS volunteers
- .... Guy Wylie for coordinating the replacement of the library roof
- .... Susan Mailey for organizing Grab-n-Go Lunches for Open M and all who came out to help pack them and make Blessing Cards
- .... Judy Brookhart and all who help make PB & J Sandwiches every month

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

We had a great week of Vacation Bible School in August with 14 kids in attendance, not including the seven teen volunteers and the toddler who were along for the ride. We learned about the gift of water and how we can partner with God in caring for the earth.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated! I am so lucky to have had such amazing volunteers engaging with and leading the kids. I could not have done it without you!

*-Sarah Bhatia*

- Anna Barger
- Sallie Bear
- Ketan Bhatia
- Mario Buchanan
- Lee Carpenter
- Janet Daniels
- Shirley Eells
- Eileen Gaston
- Marcie Harvey
- Charlie Knuth
- Olivia Kramer

- Kate Le
- Matthew Le
- Jessi Martin
- Susan Mailey
- Eddie Marsh
- Maria Metoki
- Linda Pitz
- Ben Schafer
- Ellen Turner
- Pam Zuhl





# September

## BIRTHDAYS

Ben Bixby ~ 9/1  
 Sue King ~ 9/1  
 Griffin Vaughn ~ 9/1  
 Peter Faass ~ 9/4  
 Titch Foster ~ 9/5  
 Judy Brookhart ~ 9/6  
 Susan Arnold ~ 9/7  
 Doug Harvey ~ 9/8  
 Susie Spearman ~ 9/8  
 Courtney Bixby ~ 9/9  
 Nicholas Haake ~ 9/9  
 Guy Wylie ~ 9/9  
 Travis Anglewicz ~ 9/10  
 Matt Girvin ~ 9/10  
 Dave McCallops ~ 9/10  
 Eloise Kosanovich ~ 9/19  
 Julie Micheletti ~ 9/19  
 Pam Zuhl ~ 9/20  
 Ana Knuth ~ 9/20  
 Debbie Currin ~ 9/20  
 Colin Repko ~ 9/21  
 Jim Lang ~ 9/23  
 Dave Weida ~ 9-23  
 James Swager ~ 9/23  
 Gwen Bowen ~ 9/27  
 Will Bixby ~ 9/28  
 Susan Girvin ~ 9/28  
 Jim Sullivan ~ 9/28  
 Richard Antholine ~ 9/29  
 John Ong ~ 9/29  
 Tom Dukes ~ 9/29  
 Deborah Carpenter ~ 9/30  
 Caroline Guglielmi ~ 9/30



# September

## ANNIVERSARIES

Conor & Lindsay O’Sullivan ~ 9/4  
 Michael & Melanie Merritt ~ 9/4  
 Richard Shirey & James Helmuth ~ 9/5  
 Michael & Sarah Haren ~ 9/6  
 Christopher & Elizabeth Guglielmi ~ 9/7  
 Charlie Knuth & Mikayla Dunfee ~ 9/18  
 Kevin & Tracey Vaughn ~ 9/18  
 Damon & Carrie Cronkey ~ 9/20  
 Steve & Katie Barger ~ 9/22  
 Mike & Linda Pitz ~ 9/27  
 Malcolm & Rhonda Robbie ~ 9/27  
 Peter & Shirley Eells ~ 9/29  
 Guy & Ruth Wylie ~ 9/30

### August Vestry Meeting Highlights

- The vestry met on August 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- Fr. Charlie shared encouraging attendance trends: overall worship attendance in 2025 is running ahead of 2024, with summer dips less pronounced than in past years. Strong participation is expected this fall as children return to school and programs resume.
- Vacation Bible School wrapped up in August, and the new adult forum series, *Theology in Real Life*, will begin September 21.
- Ann Kirk, our treasurer, reported that pledge and non-pledge income remain ahead of last year and budget, though recent expenses include temporary repairs to the A/C and damage from a leaky roof. The vestry unanimously reaffirmed its earlier emergency approval of up to \$20K for the library roof replacement. Work is expected to proceed quickly.
- The vestry also received an update on the broken sanctuary A/C system. Temporary fixes have kept the space usable this summer, but full replacement—estimated at \$200,000—will be needed. Funding will follow the same diocesan assistance model used for our LED lighting project: one-third parish funds, one-third diocesan loan, and one-third diocesan grant.
- Other business included fall stewardship plans (highlighted by the September 28 *Rise Against Hunger* event) and discussion of parental leave as Fr. Charlie and Mikayla prepare to welcome their second child in late January.
- The next vestry meeting is scheduled for September 23 at 6pm.

### FOR THE RECORD...

Deaths: James Munson  
 Baptism: Olivia Kramer




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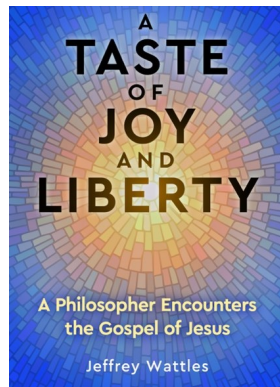
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**Parishioner Book Release**

We are delighted to share that parishioner Dr. Jeff Wattles, philosopher and ethicist, has written a new book—his third since retirement! *A Taste of Joy and Liberty: A Philosopher on Encounters the Gospel of Jesus* will be released September 15.

In this work, Dr. Wattles takes readers on a journey to encounter the living Jesus with fresh eyes. Through short, accessible chapters, he explores the life and teachings of Jesus and what it means to experience the gospel as true joy and genuine freedom. The book blends rigorous thought and heartfelt faith, showing how philosophy and personal encounter with Christ can work together to illuminate the good news. Along the way, Jeff reflects on themes of love, mercy, service, and spiritual growth, inviting us to live more fully in the way of Jesus.

You can learn more about the book at [joyandliberty.org](http://joyandliberty.org). Congratulations to Jeff on this inspiring milestone!