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# CROSSWALK



# — *from the rector's desk*

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Dear Parish Family,

Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter into the ninth month of our “new life” (we departed our old campus in September of ‘22) I want to share some thoughts with you about how I see our life in ministry in the present season of our beloved Christ Church Anglican.

First, what we are not. As a very practical matter we are not a church that can say “let’s gather the whole parish for programming: start with a meal in the Parish Hall, let the Choir peel off to the church for their practice, take the children and the youth to their respective wings, offer the adults a couple of discipleship classes, and have a nursery for those who need that.” That can be a fine way to move toward a vision of Christian community and ministry, but one that just isn’t available to us right now, simply because we don’t have our own buildings.

So, second, what we certainly can and are doing. I want you to think about two things particularly. One is ministry among discrete groups within the congregation, and the other is ministry to those on our “larger campus,” i.e. (north) Mt. Pleasant.

Why do I say “discrete groups?” Well, just because we can’t **all** gather together to work toward our vision of making disciples, doesn’t mean many smaller groups can’t. Let me give you two really good recent examples.

Alonzo Crawford, our Student Ministry Director and Pastoral Team member, several weeks ago announced that he was starting a Fathers of Young Children Support Group. Now 4-8 men meet weekly at the church offices from 7-8 a.m. every Monday. Apparently, they’re getting along great - sometimes when I arrive at the end of their meeting, I find them lingering in the parking lot, talking and laughing with one another. There was a perceived need among a discrete group - they didn’t need a campus, a parish hall - and they began to meet and minister to each other.

Also recently, Wanda DeLorge, with an assist from Heather Pienkos, caught the vision of the diocesan inspired grandparenting ministry, and is off and running with an initial group of about 15 others who either have grandchildren or have children in their life something like grandchildren (hence, the group’s name “Grands and More”), and want to support one another in all the ways a person might endeavor to pass the faith down through the generations. Not everyone has grandchildren, so they don’t need a campus, a parish hall: they met in someone’s home for their first gathering.

Wonderfully, both of these initiatives were “bottom-up,” not “top-down.” The best ministries are usually the ones where an individual or small group says “we need the church’s blessing and periodic guidance, but we’re ready to start ministering to one another and we’ll take it from here.”

And, why do I say “larger campus?” Well, as a vestry member said at our annual retreat in January, “(north) Mt. Pleasant is our campus, and still will be after we build our new church.” Again, there is absolutely nothing wrong with all-parish on-campus programs to foster Christian fellowship, worship, learning and growth! And, it is also great when we move beyond our walls (what is the right phrasing when you don’t own a building and so have no walls?!), knowing that the community around us is the place where our ministry is most needed.

Recently, we came to see that our Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry could be expanded, and so we have! We take our love, the Word, sometimes music, and always Holy Communion to local Senior Communities Merrill Gardens, Somerby, Oak Harbor (formerly Mt. Pleasant Manor), and Savannah Grace. We’ve added a second monthly service at Somerby, and as soon as we’re able to get the volunteers for another team, we’ll have a second monthly visit to Merrill Gardens. This is a powerful and needed ministry of the church: at the last Oak Harbor service 33 residents received communion; at each of the last two at Somerby, over 20 received both times. If you would like to learn more about this ministry contact Mark Nungesser who coordinates it.

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ECCO Bag Sundays and our recent Diaper Donation Sunday, are similarly “larger campus” oriented. Did you know that three of our members on a recent May Sunday walked across the Jennie Moore parking lot after church to hand out water bottles to the families playing in the school field and invited them to our upcoming VBS and to our church?

So these are the two big ideas in this season of our life: small groups walking together in common need and support; and ministry on our (north) Mt. Pleasant campus. I will rejoice when we once again have a Parish Hall on a campus all our own...but I rejoice, too, that even now we are able in many ways to “Make Disciples,” *thus, in everything becoming more like Christ.*

Faithfully,  
Fr. Ted

Greetings from the Building Committee!

We would like to provide a quick update on what we have been doing and make sure that everyone stays in the know (and make sure you haven't forgotten about us!). We have had a busy few months, and things are moving along. To start out, we divided the team into 4 different subcommittees: 1) The Prayer subcommittee led by Ann Simmonite, which will focus on praying for all of us as we work through this process and making sure that we stay biblically focused throughout our efforts. 2) The Needs subcommittee headed by Levi Henkel and Florrie Sloan that will reach out to and compile all the needs of the congregation, clergy, and staff. 3) The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee led by Trey Banks, which will work with Carolina Park, the Town of Mount Pleasant, and numerous other regulatory groups to work out the best way to make use of our lot. 4) Last but certainly not least, the Contracts and Vendor Interface subcommittee led by Jordan Kellett that will identify, communicate with, and lay out the guidelines to help us select an architect.

All the subcommittees have been working hard and doing amazing work! We have created a short list of architects that we are starting to engage with to determine interest, ability, and timing while also developing a framework to help us evaluate architects when the time comes. We have begun conversations with our neighbors and the engineers who laid out the lot initially, discussing setbacks, easements, and wetlands. As you may have noticed, we have also created and released a short survey to gather input from you, the congregation. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take the time to fill that out and provide your feedback so that we can capture that for the future design. Finally, the Prayer team has kept us focused and surrounded by awesome loving prayer!

As we continue forward, we will do our absolute best to make sure everyone knows what we are working on and where things stand, but if at any point you have a question, please feel free to reach out.

-The Building Committee

# THIS IS MORE THAN A YOUTH GROUP

When Alonzo asked us to write this, we jumped at the chance to describe just how important the youth ministry has been to us and our spiritual growth, sometimes subtly and sometimes drastically.

In between being children and joining the adult congregation, there was pressure to find our places in the life of the church. And while we have enjoyed serving in other ministries, there was a fellowship gap. The youth group encouraged us to fill that gap from an obvious source: our identity as students. We discovered that we belong in the ministry built just for us and others like us, navigating the in-between time and searching for our places. We have a group of people with shared interests and experiences and are able to connect with the Word on a deeper level through that community. It is amazing to have a student minister and a group of peers praying, encouraging, and checking in on us every week without fail. This is more than a youth group; it's a family. That's the most important lesson that we've learned through the student ministry: how to form a Christ-centered family and how special that family is.

We've been blessed by other forms of ministry in the diocese as well. We decided to apply for the Diocesan Youth Commission in order to connect with youth outside of our church. The commission has taught us that being a Christian organization doesn't mean being a perfect organization. It has taught us patience, understanding, cooperation, and compromise, and we learned those through spirit-filled conversation. It's the most kind, faithful, hard-working group we could ever hope to be a part of. The Holy Spirit moves through the commission to make it a safe, comfortable space for both peer



**BY MALLORY GUM  
& BELLA TABOR**

fellowship and diocesan leadership. Living all over the state, we don't see each other every Sunday, but we have a strong community based on dedication to helping wherever we're called to help, leading where we're called to lead. It's also given us opportunities in the life of the church. We've gotten to be a part of organizing and leading multiple youth retreats and helping with two diocesan conventions and the bishop's consecration. We're gaining experience as students in order to become well-rounded, knowledgeable adults.

And we're putting that leadership experience to good use. We started the middle school girls small group to give them the community that we have in each other. Alonzo's goal for the student ministry has always been to transcend "Sunday relationships", to make sure that we're building friendships that go beyond the walls of the church. That's our goal too. We remember what a safe space our middle school small group was, and we're doing our best to build that for them. We've been so impressed with the girls' dedication and openness from the beginning, and we can't wait to see that particular community flourish further.

Above our responsibilities and friendships, the student ministry has changed our relationship with God. It has given us the scriptural and spiritual tools to unlock the steadfast faith that the Lord intends for us. Psalm 119:9 reminds us, "How can a young man keep his way pure? / By guarding it according to your Word." Alonzo has taught us to use scripture as a basis for everything, from evening prayer to upcoming college decisions. We know that with the wisdom carefully given to us, we have the capacity to continue growing in our faith and walking with Christ.



Associate Rector Corner

# *My Hopes & Philosophy of Ministry*

The Rev. CJ Ausmus

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Pastors (priests) all have varying styles, giftings (and shortcomings), and ways of going about living out this vocation. While this is ever evolving in my life and ministry, Fr. Ted suggested I share with you a bit about myself through my hopes and philosophy of ministry in joining Christ Church. Below are three key areas that I hope to embody with you in the coming years.

## ***Doing Life Together***

The Church is God's gift to His people. He desires for us to live through this gift because it is for our benefit and part of His plan. My desire and hope in joining the staff is that my family and I can "do life" with each and every one of you. We do not have blood relatives in Mount Pleasant but we do and will have a church family at Christ Church. Scripture tells us that when we put our faith in Jesus that we are forever connected to other believers by the blood of Jesus. My hope is that we can share life's small moments, its big moments, and even the low ones as they come. Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (one of my favorites) states, "It is by God's grace that a congregation is

permitted to gather visibly around God's word and sacrament in this word...the goal of all Christian community is to encounter one another as bringers of the message of salvation." This happens through the model found in Acts 2:42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. That is my hope that we can point each other to Jesus as we look to the Word of God, eat together, pray together, and do life with one another.

### **Being a Shepherd**

My call into vocational ministry was a particular singular spiritual encounter that, at the time, went against every fiber of my being. It changed the course of my life and shapes me to this day. I hope to share that story with you in due time. In this call, I have learned that to be a priest often means to be a shepherd. This entails teaching, discipleship, praying with and for others, administering sacraments, and of course all those administrative tasks that creep in. But at the heart of it is the great joy of pointing and joining with others in looking to the Chief Shepherd who guides us all. Depending on your perspective or experience with pastors you may be skeptical of those who wear a collar. You might also think that we may seem to be too removed from the world or maybe just too weird to hold a normal conversation. I sincerely hope this will not be the case. We all have a call on our life in God's plan for this world and mine is within His church. I am thankful that this call has led me to Mount Pleasant. I am excited to join the staff as one of your pastors, but I also hope to join and become one of your friends.

### **Loving One Another**

Every healthy and bible believing church usually shares a similar mission or vision. It is often centered around Jesus' words of The Great Commandment and Great Commission: Love God, love others, and make disciples. There is good reason churches do this: 1) These are Jesus' own words of instructions to us, 2) it is easy to remember, and 3) when a church takes this seriously God usually uses it and they bear much fruit. The trick is how does one embody this simple but difficult call. The answer: We look to Jesus. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters (1 John 3:16). I hope and strive to be someone who demonstrates this love to my wife, kids, friends, family, and to our church. It is this demonstration of love that the church is built upon and I hope to be someone who is known by that same love. Will I fall short, yes. Will I mess up, of course. Will I from time to time make the wrong decision, undoubtedly. Thankfully, Jesus' own love makes up for that. I know Christ Church does this so well. I hope to add to that love for the Kingdom of God.

I want to conclude with a verse that is close to my heart that I strive to live by. I hope it is a blessing for you as well:



*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

Philippians 3:10-12

**Christ Church musicians are teaching and performing throughout Mount Pleasant. Most recently, Christ Church choir performed in the East Cooper Concert Series with Holy City Brass and led worship for the East Cooper National Day of Prayer. Meet three of our musicians, and hear about their places in the music industry.**



Being a musician opens up many opportunities to meet various people in all types of situations. I am fortunate to have grown up with church music surrounding me and now I have the opportunity to share the love that started long ago as an adult.

I am originally from a small town in northeast Georgia. My mother played piano, sang in the choir, and taught Sunday school. My father sang in the choir and loved southern gospel! They were both a part of a quartet that met at our home on some evenings. My musical journey began in children's choir, piano lessons, and handbells. I learned as many songs by the Cathedral's, Florida Boys, and Gold City as one could imagine! Old hymns were always my favorite...they still are! I now get to teach music to young people each day. The life-lessons that we teach and laughs that we share are always my favorite part! I also appreciate the chance to play my instrument in church on occasion as I don't often get to do that in my typical day. Another benefit of being involved in church music and being a teacher is getting to see our young people in and out of the church setting. Having grown up attending the same church as several of my teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, and administrators, it is so special and has been an unexpected joy for me!

Music has a unique way of connecting us. It can bring about a memory or an emotion that we would not have otherwise been able to share. I am happy to be a part of a church that values music and look forward to seeing the ministry continue to grow for all here at Christ Church.

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One of my favorite moments at Wando happened in my first year of teaching. We were ready to walk onto the stadium field at the Georgia Dome. My drumline called me over to join them for a pre-show ritual. I was new, so I was game for whatever shenanigans were about to happen. I was surprised when they pulled into a circle, held hands, and the section leader said a short prayer thanking God for the chance to perform, and asking for guidance for a good show. I had not ever really experienced a group of young kids pulling together in such a Godly way, and I believe that this part of their personalities helped me truly enjoy my entire time with all of those students for the next few years, and I still stay in touch with several of them.

Over time, my faith has grown for many reasons, but I feel like a lot of the student leadership in that area has waned. While the students' direction seems to have changed, I have truly enjoyed finding more commonality in my beliefs and faith with my colleagues, both in the professional and educational world.



Oddly enough, when there is so much tension floating around in popular culture, it has seemed to make the Christians that I work with more willing to open up to each other and search for deeper connections, especially in the realm of faith and religion.

My hope moving forward is that I can continue to demonstrate Christian values and behavior while getting the chance to influence young children in my next position at SIES. After all one of the tenets of the Capturing Kids Hearts movement is, 'If you have a child's heart, you have his head.'



I've been very blessed to be able to build a career around the gift of music God has given me. I teach private students locally and work with the trumpet sections of Laing Middle, Cario Middle, Lucy Beckham High and Wando High. I also gig around town, playing with The Charleston Jazz Orchestra, Cameron & The Saltwater Brass, and various freelancing gigs. After a horrible accident on New Year's Eve of '21, my teaching career was put on hold due to a Traumatic Brain Injury. My playing career was put on hold due to blunt facial trauma. A little over a year after the accident, I'm thrilled to report I have resumed my normal teaching schedule and have also started to gig around town. I wasn't sure either would ever happen again, but God! It's nice to play with my colleagues again, and when they ask about my recovery, I'm able to hold it up as a testament to God's goodness in answering prayer.

I have so enjoyed being able to give back through playing at services with Christ Church Anglican. I started playing at Christ Church in 7th grade... thank you for giving me the opportunity, Lorna (Barker)! Lorna built a wonderful musical foundation/legacy for our parish, and Levi has done an amazing job building on that. I'm grateful for my parents, who always made sure I had access to lessons, no matter what financial hardship would come. I'm grateful that my husband is in the same field, and we are able to give back together! Hopefully our girls are watching and will one day have a desire to give back with their abilities.

I look forward to the future of the music program at CCA and am glad to have a part in it!

# MISSION CONNECTION

Parishioner, Dottie Kelley, reflects on her connection to Haiti

First, let me thank all of you who may have purchased products from Creations of Hope when we were on display after the Sunday service December 4. We raised \$1,500 which will be used for school children and the running of the Library in LaChapelle, Haiti.

I made my first mission trip to Haiti in 2008 and I knew within that first week that Haiti was where God wanted me to focus my efforts. Haiti was the 5th developing country I visited so I was not experiencing newbie shock. All my trips confirmed what I suspected: those of us lucky enough to have been born in a first world country are called to help the people in developing countries improve their quality of life.

During the years I worked in Haiti I had the help of a very dear Haitian friend, Smith Joseph. Smith took me nearly everywhere I wanted to go and introduced me to people I would not have met on my own. We established women's sewing/needlework businesses in six different communities in a large geographic area and spent a good deal of time working with the cut-metal artisans in Croix des Bouquet, Haiti. Creations of Hope was purchasing products from about 50 men. That is 50 families that were being supported. This is when Haiti Educations and Production Initiatives (HEPI) was founded.

How did I get from there to sending children in school in LaChapelle? At some point during those years a Church in Charleston asked me to set up a construction trip for them in Haiti. A little out of my bailiwick, but I could do that. I contacted the Episcopal Volunteer Services Coordinator in Port au Prince and they put me in touch with Pere Jean Joseph Jeannot. Pere Jeannot was a Saint of a man responsible for 17 Episcopal Churches and 14 schools. Pere Jeannot needed help. St. Timothy Episcopal Church/School in Boucan Carre was in total disrepair, and a new building was needed. We helped make that happen by raising funds for the construction of the new St.

Timothy's Church/School. The building was used as a school during the week, and everything was moved around for Mass on Sunday. Can you imagine that?!

From there Pere Jeannot took us to LaChapelle. St. Michel's congregation had a piece of land, but no building. The people brought their chairs or whatever they had to sit on every Sunday morning. They wanted a building where they could worship the Lord rain or shine. Their building would not be used as a school because there were plenty of schools in LaChapelle. Again, HEPI raised money for the construction of the new Church. Several mission teams went to LaChapelle to help with the construction. We did the important things like moving cinderblocks and gravel for the builders.

This raised the question in my mind why were there so many children not in school? I discovered that about 50% of the children in Haiti do not go to school at all. Of those children that do attend school only about 35% will complete 6th grade. About 1 in 5 children go to Middle School. Why? Most families cannot afford the tuition. There is one government school in LaChapelle a town of about 55,000 people. The structure, although only 10 years old is in terrible condition. Most people



do not want their children in that building.

HEPI could and did help fix this problem through student sponsorships.

A local young men's organization called OJEM helped us find young people in the community who should be in school and were not. We were particularly interested in students who finished 6th grade but were not going any further.

HEPI started looking among our friends for sponsors to pay tuition for children to go to school. With input from the community, we developed parameters for the sponsorship program. Those include parents having to provide school uniforms and students being required to pass their current grade to receive another sponsorship for the next year. About 60% of the population in LaChapelle is Catholic, and our school sponsorship mirrors that. At least half of our children go to St. Guillaume Catholic elementary school and/or Pere Jean Pelissier middle/high school. The remainder of our children go to 6 other schools that we consider the better schools. HEPI, with the help of OJEM, has chosen the schools that meet our standards. These standards include the most qualified teachers, adherence to the government sponsored curriculum, and a major focus on reading and math. The children walk to school so the parents select the school that will work best for their child.

There are currently 16 children sponsored by members of Christ Church Anglican, and we are thankful for that support. HEPI sponsors are supporting 10 students in High School, 28 children

in Junior High, and 68 in elementary school. This is significant because we are talking about a community whose children typically do not go beyond 6th grade. We hope to find additional support for the many children still awaiting sponsorship.

What do we do when we have more children than sponsors? We work with the schools to allow as many children as possible to start school and then we pray for additional sponsors to step forward. Then we rely on Creations of Hope. In addition to supporting 50 artisan families, the profits from the sale of cut-metal are used to pay school tuitions. That money also covers all the operating expenses of HEPI.

HEPI also started a Community Library in LaChapelle to support the children and the adults. The library has become a haven for the community, especially this year when schools started late due to political reasons and lack of access to gasoline. We are working to supplement the library with one textbook for each subject in every grade. Most students do not have textbooks. Ultimately, we would like the sponsorship fee to include the cost of textbooks for every child.

For the time being all printed material in the library must be written in French or Creole.

Computer classes are on our list of things to do. We have a few laptops but have a long way to go. It is so motivating for us to see young people who are so interested in learning anything and everything they can.

There is much to do in Haiti, and many projects HEPI is excited to be involved with. If you would like to sponsor a child, please let me know

directly or go to [haitiepi.com](http://haitiepi.com). The annual tuition is \$100 for elementary school up to \$250 for Senior High School. We would also welcome support for the library, solar system expansion and maintenance and textbooks. Indicate on your check or electronic payment which project you would like your funds allocated to. We are also hoping to help the men of Haiti start a goat farm. If you know anything about raising goats, I would love to talk with you.

Another way to support our mission is to continue shopping and supporting Creation of Hope online at [haiticreationsofhope.com](http://haiticreationsofhope.com). You can also sponsor a house party.

Nothing is easy in Haiti, and it is even more difficult in the rural areas like LaChapelle. I have not been to Haiti since the outbreak of Covid and the terrible violence in the country. Please pray that I have an opportunity to return. If you would like to come with me, you are more than welcome.



# say hello!

There are some new faces in our community. Find out what brought them to Christ Church Anglican .



## **Michelle Vitelli, Matt, and children, Mason and Mari**

There are no sufficient words in the English language that are able to fully describe the power of prayer. I have personally felt that power in my life in several different ways yet still lack the language to do it justice. Prayer, the power behind it, and a body of people shining the Light of Christ helped guide me to what I now call my church home.

Becoming a member of Christ Church Anglican was an act of obedience for me. Visiting occasionally quickly morphed into regular attendance. Before requesting to officially join I sought the advice of a few women that I greatly respect (including Deacon Joyce Harder) and they all agreed that the Lord was very clearly sending me to Christ Church. All of this happened on the heels of my brain surgery and gift of healing from God. Before, during, and after my surgery the congregation of Christ Church were praying for me. I was a stranger to most at the time. To my

astonishment, there were more families from CCA that were bringing meals, flowers, notes of hope, and gift cards than any other local church, group, or organization in which I was involved. After my healing I experienced great hurt when previous church leaders refused to acknowledge the gift that God had given me. Christ Church celebrated with me and even asked me to share my testimony at a Bloom gathering -- all before I even began attending services.

My life has greatly changed since joining Christ Church Anglican. I have a home. I have brothers and sisters in Christ that walk beside me and love me as I am. I have leaders that teach me, inspire me, and support me. My passion for prayer is embraced and has had a small role in the soon-to-be rekindling of the prayer ministry within the church. Ephesians 5:1-2 tells us to be imitators of God and to walk in love, as Christ loved us. This is exactly what I have witnessed and personally experienced at CCA. To those who have come before me – thank you for walking out your faith in our church and community. To those who have and will come after me – ready your hearts to feel what it is like to be loved on by those who live out the embodiment of Christ.



## **Justin Henry, with wife Regan**

Hello Parishioners,

I hope this finds you well.

Becoming a member at Christ Church Anglican was one of the best decisions I've made. My wife, Regan, and I moved to Mt. Pleasant a little over a year ago. Upon moving back to her childhood home, we had quite a few discussions about what was right for us in terms of where we would attend church. She grew up attending Christ Church and we got married at Christ Church just a few years ago. But, Christ Church was going through some big changes and we knew there would be many years of changes to come.

One weekend, right before we moved out of our old church buildings to worship at Jennie Moore, it just hit us, we felt a calling to be a part of the changes and the future of Christ Church. We didn't necessarily understand how or why but we had faith and a sense of conviction that this was the church home for us.

Since joining, we have participated in the greeting ministry and I have had a blast getting to greet and get to know more parishioners each and every service and function. Christ Church has given me a sense of family and friendship in the short time that I have been a member here.

Thank you all for being so welcoming. I look forward to continuing to grow in faith with you all.

As a pediatric mental health professional, I see children every day who struggle with learning challenges and social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties. I see children who are becoming more and more disconnected to friends, family, school, and to hope. I see families who have lost their faith, their anchor, and their way. I see parents who work hard and mindfully to provide their children with direction and a moral compass, but struggle to counteract the forces of our current culture that appear to be spinning us away from God at such a rapid pace.

However, it brings me hope every Sunday, as I sit in the pews and watch the sweet faces of children eagerly following the cross to children's church. It warms my heart to listen to the angelic and pure voices of our children's choir as they perform for an adoring audience. I love to see the acolytes diligently and respectfully carrying out their duties; filling them with a sense of purpose. Christ Church Anglican's precious Christmas pageant last year brought tears to my eyes as I remembered my own three daughters, who are all grown and flown, standing on the altar steps of the church in which we brought them up, in their angel wings and halos. It is beautiful to watch mothers and fathers gripping their children's tiny hands as they lead them up to the altar for communion; instilling in their young hearts that this is something holy. Christ Church Anglican is doing the most important work of all – ministering to our children. And doing it so well. Building disciples of Christ. To thrive in this broken world. It is joyful to see.

## **Julie R. Wood, with husband Bryan**



# A LEGACY

## LORI & ROB BELLACICCO

On a warm Sunday morning in July of 2008, Robert and his daughter Sarah walked into the contemporary service at Christ Church. Lori couldn't make it because she was at home sick with a cold. Dusty Bryant was leading the music and Father Jimmy Gallant was preaching. When Rob & Sarah got home, they couldn't stop talking about the great church community, the wonderful music, and the fiery preaching. The service was over an hour and a half long, which they weren't used to, but it was an awesome worship experience from beginning to ending. Lori attended with them the next Sunday, and the next, and the next... Before long, they made it their church home and have been there now for 15 years.

In pretty short order, they found places to plug in to prayer and fellowship and service within the church. They joined the outreach committee and helped there for many years. Lori got involved in a variety of women's activities, including Bible studies and social events. Rob joined the Men of Christ Church in a broad range of activities from monthly dinners to great fellowship activities, Bible study breakfasts, and intense service projects. Together, they served on 3 Kairos Outside Ministry teams.

In 2010, to help strengthen and grow their spiritual walk, they went to a Cursillo weekend retreat – an amazing event where they learned more about themselves and their walk with Christ. They both say it was “life changing”. It gave them clarity and strength in their conviction as Christians. Shortly after that retreat, they joined a Cursillo Reunion group, an accountability group that meets weekly to discuss how they're doing in their personal walk. Plus, their wonderful Life Group of 12 years has been a great extension of their family.

Rob has been on the Christ Church Anglican Vestry recently and loves serving our church family. Helping with Men of Christ Church construction projects is a big part of Rob's life over the past 15 years, but he is



most passionate about helping to maintain and grow CCA's Audio/Video tech infrastructure. Now a days, you'll usually see him at the church's A/V workstation helping to livestream a church service or tweaking the sound system.

Lori really enjoys the lady's weekly Bible studies, Bloom Women's ministry, participating in the Altar Guild, and running our Barnabas card ministry where she sends out personal messages and cards to our church shut-ins and others with Pastoral Care needs.

This summer, as in the past, we will be joining Heather's team helping with the Summer Fun Week. Lori is running crafts with the preschoolers, and Rob is part of the team running games for the older children.

As a little side-gig, they deliver food on Friday for East Cooper Meals on Wheels, one of CCA's ministry partners. They've been at it for about 7 years now and have loved every minute of it. They will tell you that Meals on Wheels is truly a wonderful ministry!

They thank God for giving them two great children – Josh and Sarah. Josh is here in Mt Pleasant and their daughter lives in Atlanta with her husband, Francesco, and daughter, Emilia. They admit that they may be biased but believe she is one of the world's cutest 2 year olds – ever!

*Have you been around awhile and want to share your CCA story? Email [khunter@christch.org](mailto:khunter@christch.org) for more information.*



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