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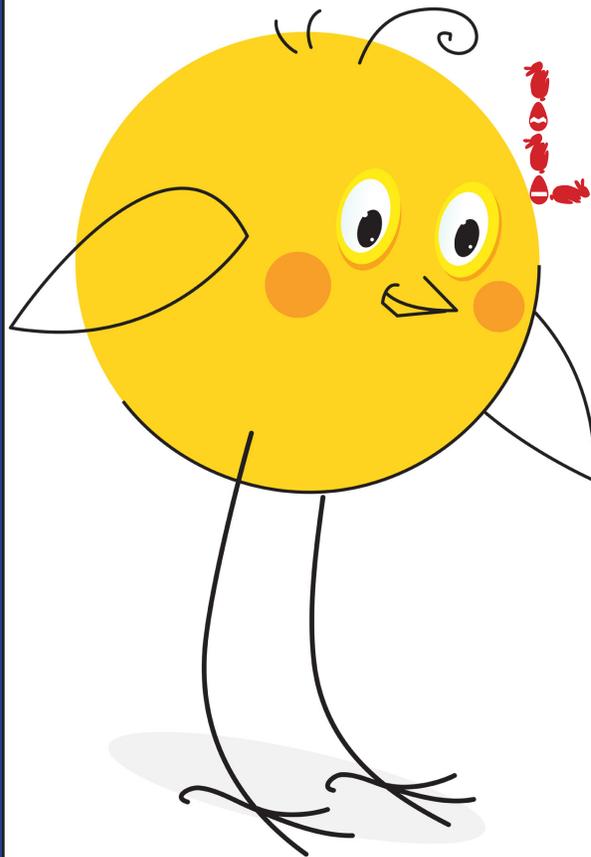
# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

*8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday Services*

*9:00 AM Sunday Christian Formation*

*Coffee Hour following 10:15 Service*



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# HOLY WEEK HOMECOMING

*"God rejoices. Not because the problems of the world have been solved, not because all human pain and suffering have come to an end, not because thousands of people have been converted and are now praising him for his goodness. No, God rejoices because one of his children who was lost has been found."*

Henri Nouwen

Holy week is just a few days away. Together we take the steps that Jesus took. We walk with him and his disciples.

I wonder:

Do we feel the tension that Jesus must have felt as he gets closer and closer to his own death?

When we hear the story of the crucifixion, do we see the tears of his mother, the fear on the faces of his followers, the glee of those who have dispatched with him?

When we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, especially on the Thursday of the Mandate "love one another," do we, can we taste the flesh and blood?

As we awake on Friday can we imagine a world without Christ? Where death is everlasting and sins eternal?

I really wonder about how we or if we can feel Holy Week? Do we allow the radical love of Christ to reach into us, or are we so filled with the other parts of our lives that we simply have no time to consider what it all means?

Honestly, I struggle with the questions and I have no answers other than the reality of God's amazing grace. At times when we allow the most trivial of things to take priority over the last supper; when we can come up with a hundred excuses why Good Friday should play second fiddle; God still extends a grace to us which is, and always will be, undeserved.



Come home again this Holy Week. Open your hearts to God who never stopped loving you and rejoices in your homecoming.

See you in church, Don+



# HOLY WEEK

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MARCH 20-27, 2016

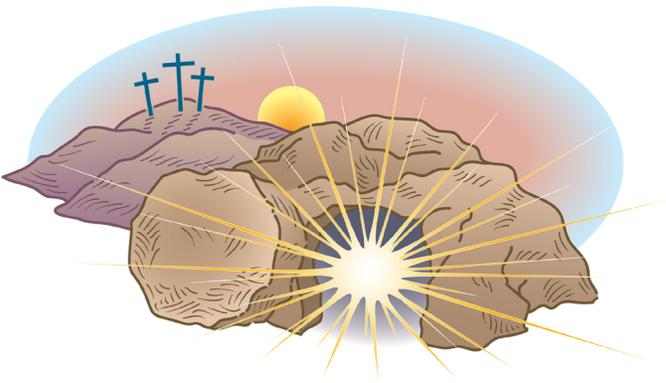
**3/19 - Palm Saturday** from 1 - 3 pm (Come & Go)

*This is a come and go as you can event. Young and young at heart are welcome to prepare for the Palm Sunday Procession as we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be making banners to carry during the procession as well as sharing in snacks and many other activities. Come and fellowship with us!*

**3/20 - Palm Sunday, 8 am & 10:15 am services**

**Pancake Breakfast** following 8 am service

*Following the 8 o'clock service, a Pancake Breakfast will be held in Fellowship Hall. Footprints will be sold and posted on our "Road to Camp Chick" poster in the gathering space starting March 13th for \$5.00. The proceeds of your free-will donation for breakfast and money raised from the footprint sales will provide scholarships for children who want to spend a week at camp this summer.*



**3/21 - Holy Monday** Eucharist, Noon

**3/22 - Holy Tuesday** Eucharist, 7:30 am

**3/23 - Holy Wednesday** Eucharist,  
5:30 pm

**3/24 - Maundy Thursday** Service, 7 pm

**3/25 - Good Friday** Community Tenebrae Service, 7 pm

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

*An Ecumenical Service, shared with the congregations of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ as of this printing. Our choirs will be combining to honor this solemn service with the hauntingly beautiful music of Hal Hopson in his work, "Tenebrae, a Service of Darkness". Hopson's service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the early church dating back to the 8th century, and commemorates the final hours of Christ's life on earth as He prepared for and suffered death on the cross. Please do make time to experience this elegant work!*

**3/26 - Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm**

**3/27 - Easter Sunday**

8 am & 10:15 am

# CAMP CHICKAGAMI

Footprints for the "Road to Camp Chick" will be sold beginning on Sunday, March 13th. Footprints can be purchased for \$5 each then will be posted on the "Road to Camp Chick" poster located on the wall in the gathering space. Please buy footprints to help support children who would like to go to camp this summer.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Following the 8 o'clock service on March 20th a Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds of your free will donation for breakfast will provide scholarships for children who want to spend a week at camp this summer.



*Contact Ashley if your child is interested in going to camp this summer*

- Family Camp  
July 6 - 10 | All ages | Base rate: \$325 per family
- Trip Camp  
July 6 - 10 | Grades 7-11 | \$325
- Pioneer Adventure Camp  
July 10 - 16 | Grades 5-8 | \$325
- Esau Explorers Camp  
July 17 - 23 | Grades 5-8 | \$325
- Bell Bay Camp  
July 24 - 30  
Grades 3-7 | \$325

## EASTER FLOWERS...

Please sign up to give flowers on the new sheet on the kiosk. There are slips to turn into the office or put in the plate with your donation so that we can put your information in the bulletin correctly. There is still time to donate for Easter flowers. Envelopes are available next to the flower sign-up sheet.

## FAMILY PROMISE

St. Christopher's is a support congregation for Family Promise of Genesee County. As a support congregation, we help Holly Calvary United Methodist Church during their host weeks. We had the opportunity to provide our first night of support the week of February 14th. We made a taco dinner, engaged in conversation with the guests, shared a meal together and worked with some great volunteers! We had a great time! Holly Calvary UMC was so helpful as we navigated our first night of support.

Words cannot express how thankful the guests and Holly Calvary UMC were for the generosity of St. Christopher's. From all of the donations to make the dinner possible to the volunteers who worked so hard to get the dinner prepared and on the table for the guests, we cannot thank you enough! We encourage all of you to sign up to volunteer in the future. It truly was a great experience.

In the future, we hope to provide some additional support for Holly Calvary UMC! We utilize an on-line sign up so please be on the lookout for additional information as our next week of support gets closer (week starting June 5th). In addition to our first week we will help out three more times this year (weeks starting June 5th, September 4th and December 18th).



## FROM THE Music Room

### TENEBRAE

I find myself looking so forward to the very moving Good Friday service in which we will be participating, *Tenebrae, A Service of Darkness*.

Our church choir, as well as the choirs of Kirkridge Presbyterian and Holy Spirit Lutheran churches will be joining together to present this very dramatic rendering of what actually did happen when we participated in the final hours of our Lord's life on earth.

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word *Tenebrae* means 'darkness' and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. I do hope that members of our congregation will attend this service, which will be held at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 7234 Fenton Road (between Hill and Grand Blanc Roads) at 7:00 p.m. on March 25th. Holy Spirit has a large parking lot and their sanctuary will feel familiar to most of us--you will have to come to see why!

Please do attend. This service will move you to a place of deep, solemn meditation.

In Christ, I am yours, Nada

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please remember that we have a Children's Choir rehearsal every Sunday following the 10:15am service. We are in need of more children! Our plan was to have the children of our congregation sing, while waving palm fronds the fun song, "Bring Palm Branches" as the opening music for our service that day. It's been tricky rehearsing this piece with sometimes fewer than 3 children. Please, if you have a child who attends church with you, bring them down to the choir room after service this Sunday, March 13th, for a short 15 minute rehearsal. Thank you so much!

## BELLS

Recently, St. Christopher's has re-formed a bell choir. We rehearse every Thursday evening at 5:30 pm. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in joining, please contact Steve Gjerstad.



## FORMATION FUN

**April 15th—Parents Night Out; 6pm-9pm.**

Cost: \$15 for the first child, \$10 for the second child and \$30 for families with three or more children. Dinner and activities are provided for the children. Advanced registration is necessary for planning and staffing purposes. Please contact Ashley to register: [ashley@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:ashley@stchrisgrandblanc.org)

**April 30th—Family Game Day, 10am-12pm.**

Come and enjoy a morning playing games with your family!



## MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> Coffee Hour, follows late service in Parish Hall <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Christian Formation <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>7</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> New Century Chorale Rehearsal	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Lenten Service in the Columbarium Chapel <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Team	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Carolyn Mawby Chorale Festival of Choirs Clinic
<b>13</b> Coffee Hour, follows late service in Parish Hall <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Christian Formation <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist - McKenzie Bade, Director of Camp Chick <b>1:00 PM</b> Carolyn Mawby Chorale Call Time <b>4:00 PM</b> Carolyn Mawby Chorale Festival of Choirs Concert	<b>14</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> New Century Chorale Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Vestry Eat and Chat <b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry	<b>16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Lenten Service in the Columbarium Chapel <b>6:45 PM</b> New Century Chorale Board	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Palm Saturday
<b>20</b>  Coffee Hour, follows late service in Parish Hall <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>8:30 AM</b> Pancake Breakfast to benefit Camp Chickagami Scholarships <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b>  Holy Week <b>12:00 PM</b> Holy Monday Eucharist <b>6:00 PM</b> Bridge Club <b>7:00 PM</b> New Century Chorale Rehearsal	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Holy Tuesday Eucharist	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Holy Wednesday Eucharist	<b>24</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service	<b>25</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Community Tenebrae Service @ Holy Spirit Lutheran	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Defensive Driving Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Great Vigil of Easter
<b>27</b>  Coffee Hour, follows late service in Parish Hall <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>28</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> New Century Chorale Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> Staff Bermuda Holiday	<b>2</b>

### Diocesan Confirmation May 14 at St John's in Midland Michigan.

If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the church please see Fr Don.

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