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OCTOBER 2017

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

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

*5:30 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist*



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8 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
9 am - Coffee Hour  
10 am - Christian Formation for Children & Youth  
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
11:30 am - Adult Formation

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BEGINNING NOV. 12TH

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
9 am - Adult Formation  
10 am - Christian Formation for Children & Youth  
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
*Coffee Hour following 10:15 am Eucharist*

## FROM THE KITCHEN

Heartfelt thanks to Louise Desgranges whose dedication and service to St. Christopher's Church has ensured that our kitchen remains certified to the highest standard. And, welcome to Caroline James who now continues this service not only to us church members but also to this community. Caroline took on her new volunteer position as Kitchen Manager in September after having completed licensing requirements by the State of Michigan (not such an easy accomplishment!) and is eager to begin her service. Please thank and welcome Caroline!

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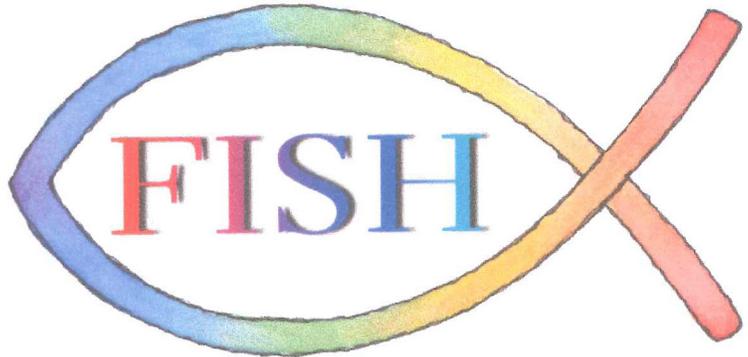
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A  
THANK YOU  
FROM



of Grand Blanc

Thank you very much for your support of our Back to School Shoe Program. Through your fundraiser, FISH received \$440 in contributions. We were able to supply new shoes to many children during our Back to School event. The families we served are in need of basic clothing, shoes and school supplies. Through support such as your church provided, we were able to meet the needs of those families. Thank you!

*We at FISH would like to thank you for your generosity and support of our mission!*

*With your help we are able to continue assisting the needy in Grand Blanc.*

Sincerely,  
FISH of Grand Blanc

The Grand Blanc Arts Council's 30th Annual "Community MESSIAH Performance" will be presented at Grand Blanc's Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, November 19 at 4 pm. If you would like to be a member of the Community Chorus, please go to [www.grandblancartscouncil.org](http://www.grandblancartscouncil.org) for more information. Once on the site, click Events and then look for Calling All Singers or Community Messiah Sing 2017. The two rehearsal dates for Chorus are Thursday, November 7 & Tuesday, November 19 both from 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

If you would rather attend as a member of the audience, there is no admission and all are welcome!



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

What a terrific evening the **Katherine S. Huber Memorial Jazz Concert** brought to St. Christopher's on September 16th! Our Parish Hall was just THE place to be that evening! Thank you to the Huber family for the many hours they devote to presenting this dynamic evening of music, friendship and joy! What a wonderful annual event! The Huber Family selflessly donated all proceeds from this evening of jazz to victims of our recent hurricanes, and also to the St. Christopher's Organ and Music Fund. We are very grateful for this generous donation! Thank you!

In the realm of all-things-that-peal (that would be bells), **Marsha Kump** made a generous donation to our music fund which enabled us to purchase more bell folders for our now complete three octave complement of ringers! Thank you, Marsha! **Ellen Safley** picked up four (count them, four!) wheeled carts for our bell cases! What a tremendous improvement this provides for the managing of our cases. Thank you, Ellen!

September also brought a heartfelt **Offertory solo**, sung by our own Marcie Davidson. At our September 10th service, Ms. Davidson sang a very challenging arrangement of a well-known Swedish hymn (also vocal solo) "How Great Thou Art". Thank you for your musical gift to our congregation, Marcie!

For those of you who missed the **choir-hosted coffee hour** on September 24th, the Adult Choir at St. Christopher brought a scrumptious array of bagels, cream cheeses, Donna's donuts, Bill Knapp's nutty bites and Caroline made some really excellent coffee! Choir, you guys rock!! Thanks for the yummy treats!

Speaking of food and more food, our **Wednesday night soup supper** will be getting back on track for us October 11th for that time between Bell rehearsal, 5:30 and 7:00 Choir rehearsal. Thank you Noralynn Hassold for volunteering to head this up!

Our **Anglican Chant Psalter** has arrived! YAY! Our goal this year: to begin to engage in singing just a little bit more during service (at least one time per month). i.e. chanting our **Psalms on occasion**. Also, at times, we can enhance a few select chants with bells. Needless to say, I am so excited about the musical possibilities we have before us at St. Christopher!

The Adult Choir also welcomes our seminarian, **Michael Spencer**, in our tenor section! Your voice lends such a lovely sonority to our choir! Thank you, Michael! Lastly, I would like to thank **Elizabeth Sauvie**, our administrative assistant here at St. Christopher's, for singing with the choir at our October 1st service (Father Don's Birthday). Her beautiful soprano was much appreciated!

If you are interested in singing with our Adult Choir, or exploring the possibility of becoming a St. Christopher Ding-a-Ling, (ringing with our bell choir or becoming a sub for the bell choir), please drop down to the music room to chat with me, (office hours, Wednesdays 10:00-4:00), send me an email at [nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org), or catch me after a service on any given Sunday! I would love to talk!

Lastly, more progress is continuing with our organ. Brian Fowler and his team were in the building last Thursday (September 28th). We are getting ever closer to having our fabulous **pipe organ** up to its full potential. This has been a long, long process, and after everything is said and done, we will have one of the finest pipe organs in this area! We are very blessed, indeed!

In Christ, I am yours, Nada

# Formation Corner

## CHILDREN'S FORMATION KICKED OFF IN SEPTEMBER

We have gotten off to a great start with our children's formation at 10 am on Sunday mornings. Each week, we have had 3-5 children with the number growing each week.

At the same time, our nursery has remained closed and locked until we can find a new qualified nursery attendant to be certified.

If you feel called to be a part of the children, youth, or nursery ministry, please contact Matt Mackinder or Father Don. You do need to complete SafeGuarding Training before you can begin. Please pray for our teachers and assistants and for the continuation of this important ministry at St. Christophers.



## **THE GOLFERS ARE COMING! THE GOLFERS ARE COMING!**

*As you turn the pages of your calendar and begin to plan for next summer, please remember the opportunity that has been presented to St. Christopher's. The Senior Tour of the PGA will be at Warwick Hills for the Ally Challenge from September 10-16, 2018. We will once again open our parking lot and grounds for guests to the tournament. Providing safe, convenient parking and serving as a designated storm shelter is a wonderful way to extend hospitality, support our community, build and strengthen relationships within our church family and have fun while raising funds!*

*Stay tuned for details!  
Ellen Safley*

# THE SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It's fall! We're in a new, exciting season with new programming and events beginning even though the church calendar doesn't recognize it.

We have a new Sunday School (Children's Formation) program with some continuing and some new children. We have some wonderful teachers committed to sharing their knowledge and wisdom with those children.

We also have a new stewardship campaign starting. Of course we're asking for your financial commitment for next year because there are many things that still require payment. Please do make your commitment as soon as you can after receiving your pledge card. Early commitments will help the Finance Committee prepare the budget for Vestry approval which will help us get off to a good start in the next calendar year.

In addition to your commitment of treasure, we're also asking for your commitment of time and talent. If you're so inclined, the Vestry will need new members elected in January at the Annual Meeting. Suggestions may be given to current Vestry members.

The choir is always glad to welcome new singers and meets on Wednesday at 7 for rehearsals and Sunday morning at about 9:30 to polish our anthem for the 10:15 service. The Sunday School program is up and running but could probably still use additional teachers. We'd also like to re-form (dash intentional) a Welcoming Team. Shirley Hartman had a great welcoming formula, "Hello. I'm Shirley Hartman and I don't believe we've met." which she said while extending her hand to be shaken. Even when she was using a walker, she could still use that formula to welcome people until her death some years ago. The team would prepare materials to be presented and assist in logging information about our visitors.

While it's not yet November and nowhere near Thanksgiving, I'd like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers in our congregation who stepped up to complete Vestry terms, Jennifer Ireland, Jane Brewer, Colleen Shrank, and Bobbie Walton in their outreach efforts, the current Stewardship committee (and especially Ellen Safley for her leadership), Louise DesGranges as former Kitchen Coordinator, Caroline James as current Kitchen Coordinator, choir members who enhance our worship, and our wonderful Sunday School teachers. Thank you to all. (If I missed anyone, please blame my memory and not my intentions.)

I want to add a special thank you to Michael Spencer who joins our congregation during this part of his path to ordination as a priest. I've known Mike for some years and look forward to his presence with us.

Linda Rathburn, Senior Warden

## UPCOMING LESSONS

RCL YEAR A, TRACK 1  
AFTER PENTECOST

### **October 22 - Pentecost 20**

Exodus 33:12-33

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 29 - Pentecost 21**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### **Nov. 5 - All Saints**

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

### **Nov. 12 - Pentecost 23**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### **Nov. 19 - Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

**Find the readings every  
week on the church  
website or at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**

October 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

Lord, instill in our hearts a spirit of charity, compassion and gratitude. Help us to be open to ways that we can make a difference in our parish and our community, by being generous with our abilities and our treasure, to embrace with grateful hearts, the mission of our parish and to carry the love of Christ to our troubled world.



I am writing today to tell you that I make a pledge to St. Christopher's every year for purely selfish reasons. I pledge because I am and always will be grateful for St. Christopher's. I want us to exist-and given your generosity of time, talent and treasure, to thrive-because if it didn't there are so many things that I would miss terribly. I would miss my Sunday mornings, spent worshipping and reflecting on the holy in a place where I feel loved and accepted. I would miss the community of friends whom I have gained through this congregation. I would miss the music which enables me to "pray twice." I would miss the children, who remind me that they ARE the present and the future and that we are entrusted with a significant role in helping them journey to adulthood.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Could you not spend one hour with me?" We do live in a busy world with multiple demands on our schedules. Jesus still asks that question. Will we share our time and talents on a religious education program for our children-whether there are 2 or 20 or 200? Will we reach out to our community and increase our presence in providing for some of the needs that exist? Will we care for our building as a house of worship and a home for our ministries to flourish? Will we build stronger communication with each other, expressing our needs and asking for help to fulfill them? Even asking for help when needed is a talent. Please open your heart to sharing your talents more fully in the upcoming year.

Yes, we definitely need our pledges of treasure. Our expenses have been trimmed significantly, bringing us much closer to a balanced budget. Those efforts are to be applauded and encouraged. We CAN be fiscally responsible. But our priest and staff need to be paid, our building expenses met and repairs done as the necessity arises. Our mortgage continues to exist and needs to be covered each month. Your pledges make (or break) the reality of our budget.

I ask that you please prayerfully receive your pledge card and reflect with grateful hearts, on what you can provide to strengthen St. Christopher's as a community of faith and return your pledge as promptly as possible, that the budget for next year can be completed. The question is there, Jesus calls, how will we respond....will we thrive?

The St. Christopher's Stewardship Committee:

Ellen Safley, Vestry Member and Chair (ellen@stchrisgrandblanc.org)  
Marilyn Brown, Vestry Member  
Flo Gjerstad

Joyce Thewalt  
Anne Naber, Treasurer  
Colleen Shrank, Vestry Member  
Jane Yorks



## FR. DON'S DOODLES...

### WHEN CAN YOU CALL YOUR PRIEST?

being a priest is what a person "is" not what a person "does."

There are many vocations which are like this. A police officer, nurse or physician for example does not stop being a police officer, nurse or physician when their active day has concluded. Neither does a priest.

### When should you call your priest?

People generally call their priests during times of life changing events. When a new life comes into the world, the priest may come and welcome the new born with their first blessing. When a person is near death, the priest is called to anoint the person. This can also take place right after the person has passed. During these times the presence of your priest can be a comfort to you, and frankly this is what your priest is trained to do.

During my time as a priest, I have been called after severe auto accidents, domestic disputes, run-away children, financial peril, threatened and attempted suicides, home invasions and burglary, psychotic episodes and the list goes on. Sometimes a priest functions as a stable presence in a chaotic environment, at other times the priest is silent providing a ministry of presence.

If you ever wonder if you should call your priest the answer is "yes."

Please do not be concerned that you are waking the priest, bothering the priest, that the priest has so much to do or is so busy. Priests have given their lives to the service of God and of God's people.

If you wish to talk with your priest about a spiritual matter that can wait for an appointment during office hours then do so, but if you need your priest at anytime - call.

At St. Christopher's after regular hours, if you call 810-694-3600 and then push 1 and leave your name and number, I will get your message and call you back. It is somewhat like a page, but the Comcast system is not totally reliable. The best way is to call my cell phone: 810-445-9430.

Let us hope that you never have to call me, but if you do --I hope you will.

See you in church,  
Don+

### When can you call your priest?

The short answer is obvious: "anytime you want."

The longer answer can be summarized "it is up to you."

Parish priests are never off duty. While the church office may have intentional office hours, the priest is available nearly anytime both day and night. Remember,





ANNUAL BLESSING  
OF THE  
ANIMALS  
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2017

Hello friends and colleagues,

**We greet you with excitement as we announce the nomination of the Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick to serve as Bishop Provisional of our diocese as we continue to live into our time of transition.**

A provisional bishop is a bishop - either retired or concurrently holding another episcopal post - who serves as the bishop of a particular diocese during a vacancy for an agreed period of time or until a new bishop takes office. The Bishop Provisional holds the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese and would represent that diocese in the House of Bishops. In consultation with the Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee nominates one candidate to the Diocesan Convention, who votes yes or no.

**Why a Bishop Provisional and not a Bishop Diocesan?** In most cases, a Bishop departs their diocese through retirement. This allows the diocese to have some lead time to go through the search process, nominate a slate of candidates, and vote to elect their next bishop before the exiting bishop departs. Because our bishop left for another position and not for retirement, we did not have that time. We do have the time and space to faithfully consider the issues and opportunities confronting our diocese - these are not limited to budget realities, decreasing and emerging populations, and cultural trends away from church-attendance and religious life. Like a congregation engaging an interim pastor, we hope, with a provisional bishop as a companion, to faithfully engage the entire diocese in this exciting conversation to discover where God is leading us in our life and ministry as the Episcopal Church in Eastern Michigan.

**The Rt. Rev. Catherine (Cate) Waynick** served as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis for twenty years before her retirement in 2017. She began her ministry in the Diocese of Michigan serving churches in Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac before being elected bishop in 1997. Beyond her ministry in Indianapolis, Bishop Waynick served on several General Convention legislative committees, on the Abundance Committee of the Church Pension Fund, and on the task force to revise Title IV (Disciplinary Canons). She continues to serve as President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops and as a Governor of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Bishop Waynick has been married for 49 years to Larry, and they have two grown children, Elizabeth (Mike) of Irvine, CA and Steve (Tricia) of Canton, MI.

If elected at October's Diocesan Convention, Bishop Waynick would begin her tenure with us immediately. She would serve on a half-time basis, alternating two weeks in the diocese and two weeks off. The agreement would last for one year with option to extend. She would perform all episcopal functions including ordinations and confirmations in addition to other traditional duties of a bishop including staff supervision, visitations, and more. Bishop Waynick would work closely with the Standing Committee as we begin our work with the people of this diocese to study our ministry in this place and to move forward into the next phase of diocesan episcopal authority.

We encourage you to take advantage of one of our three pre-convention meetings this year whether you are an elected delegate to convention or not. We will be going over the proposed resolutions, the budget, and the episcopal transition. Please note that this is not a Bishop candidate walk-about and Bishop Waynick will not be in attendance. [The three dates have passed but the Saginaw and Lapeer gatherings

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were streamed and are available on the diocesan Facebook page].

All information about the upcoming Diocesan Convention is available on the diocesan website at [www.eastmich.org/convention](http://www.eastmich.org/convention). In accordance with our canons, the other nominations for election will be emailed to delegates and clergy today and any submitted resolutions will be posted by October 10th.

The great work of mission and ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan continues! As always, we are grateful for your continued prayers in the midst of this transition.

**Peace,**

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan:

The Rev. Dan Scheid, President, *St. Paul's, Flint*  
Stephanie King, Vice President,  
*St. Alban's, Bay City*  
Beth Barkley, Secretary, *Trinity, Lexington*  
The Rev. Lydia Speller, *Grace, Port Huron*  
The Rev. Sue Rich, *Trinity, Bay City*  
Bill Thewalt, *St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc*

**For more information on the Bishop Transition,  
go to:**

**<http://eastmich.org/bishop-transition/>**



## COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY **SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES**

**The Theology of Social Justice -  
Telling the Story**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

*"Where there is no love, let us put love: and so, by your power, draw love out."*

As Christians struggle against institutions and societal norms that perpetuate violence, structural inequities, and ambivalence, the Church must become a contrasting space of non-violence, peace, voice, and sacred activism. Dr. Courtney Cowart will share her expertise in justice theology and how our core beliefs shape the stories of our lives and of our ministries.



The workshop will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint and lasts from 9:30-3:30pm. The cost to attend is \$40, which helps to cover speaker fees, materials, and lunch. Go to <http://eastmich.org/social-justice-series/> to learn more and to register.



Big Foot Bob & the Toe Tappers performing during the Annual Katherine S. Huber Memorial Concert that took place here at St. Christopher's on Saturday, September 16th!



## UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

**Tuesday, October 17**  
10 am Altar Guild Meeting

**Wednesday, October 18**  
1:30 pm Worship Team Meeting

**Friday, Oct. 20 - Saturday, Oct. 21**  
Diocesan Convention in Bay City

**Monday, October 23**  
12:30 pm Knitting & Crochet Group

**Tuesday, October 24**  
6:30 pm Vestry

**Sunday, November 5**  
1 pm New Century Chorale Concert