

# *St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

# PEW PULSE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017, 10:15 AM

## EVENSONG SERVICE

Of all the things that we Anglicans do, there is no doubt we know a thing or two about worship and especially about traditional liturgy. Come and pray one of the most beautiful of all the liturgies of the church this evening. Choral Evening Prayer or Evensong will be held at 7:00 P.M. with our seminarian Michael Spencer presiding. There is no sermon, just the music of the Advent season and the prayers heard just like they were hundreds of years ago in the cathedrals of England. I guarantee that this service will do more for your soul and your spirit than any television program no matter the number of channels.

## BISHOP VISITATION

Our new Bishop Provisional the Right Reverend Catherine Waynick will make her visitation to St. Christopher's on December 10, 2017 at both services. Bishop Waynick was elected as the Bishop Provisional at the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan. She is the retired Bishop of Indianapolis and a native Michigander. She replaces the Right Reverend Todd Ousley who now serves on the staff of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and will serve until next year's Annual Convention or longer if called to do so by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Education Class** will not meet today (hey they do not want to miss the brunch). We will meet next Sunday, December 10, and we may well welcome our Bishop for the class. On the Second and Third Sunday of Advent our focus will be on the collects of this wonderful season of expectation. These simple prayers follow an exacting form and in some cases are centuries old. We hear them every Sunday, but they are truly beautiful artistic expressions of our faith during Advent. Come, learn, pray and be filled with the joy of Anglican Worship. Our **Sunday School** program is going at full steam with new lessons each week matching the Sunday scripture readings. Children are welcome (no matter if they have or have not ever attended before) to join in the fun at 10:00 am each Sunday morning. The children re-join their parents at the peace during the service.

**Sunday school will not be held, due to the time change of the service, on December 24 and 31.**

## 2ND ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Sunday, December 10 from 8:30 am to noon, we will be selling delicious baked cookies by the pound as a fundraiser for St. Christopher's! Please help by signing up to bake cookies on the kiosk or in the kitchen. Bakers can bring their cookies Saturday, Dec. 9 3- 5pm or Sunday morning before or during the 8 o'clock service. The cookie walk is open to the community - please invite your friends and neighbors to come and purchase a wide range of Christmas cookie treats anytime during the 3 1/2 hour period! Contact Nada or Ellen Safley with questions.

## GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is in the gathering space and ready to grab a stocking and donate. Please fill out the clipboard next to the trees when you take a tag and replace with an ornament. The last Sunday to have your gifts to church will be December 10th. Thank you in advance for helping St. Christopher's aid FISH of Grand Blanc during this time of giving.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

St. Christopher's is assisting an additional family beyond our food pantry and giving tree families this Christmas. One Adult and two children. The adult will receive a gift card. The daughter is 11 and likes Pandas and Unicorns. The son is 6 and likes stuffed animals and Legos. Please mark your gifts and money for the "parish family 1" Thank you. Don+

## PANTRY FAMILY

The food pantry is located in the south closet in the hallway between the gathering area and the library. Those who make contributions are asked to place them inside or outside the door. There is a marked box in the walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen for any perishables. Please remember when you donate to make sure that the expiration date has not passed, and that the can or box has not be dented or opened. We are also collecting Christmas gifts for our pantry family. A list will be on the door beginning this Sunday of what you can bring to help (this is a different family from the one listed above). Please see Jennifer Ireland to see how you can help: 810-471-0673

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate money for the purchase of flowers for Christmas, please fill out a special flower envelope. Envelopes can be found on the table near the front door in the gathering space. Your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. The last day to turn in a flower dedication will be Sunday, December 17. If you have questions, please contact the office or Sandie White. Thank you!

ALL UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED ON OUR CHURCH CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE.

## THE 2017 VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

Linda Rathburn, 2019 Senior Warden, Worship Team Liason (seniorwarden@stcgb.org)  
Angela Campbell, 2018\* Junior Warden, Building & Grounds Committee (juniorwarden@stcgb.org)  
Kristin Keyes, 2019 Clerk (clerk@stcgb.org) | Anne Naber, Treasurer (treasurer@stcgb.org)  
Maxine Huber, 2018 Welcoming Team(max@stcgb.org) Colleen Shrank, 2020 Inreach Team(colleen@stcgb.org)  
Marsha Kump, 2018\* Finance Committee Marilyn Brown, 2020 Kitchen Team(marilyn@stcgb.org)  
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Jane Brewer, 2019\* Outreach Team (janeb@stcgb.org) (ellen@stcgb.org)  
\* indicates that the person is serving out an unexpired term and is eligible for election to a three-year term in their own right.

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Right Reverend Catherine Waynick, Bishop Provisional  
The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan  
The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Davidson, Priest in Charge  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Carr, Priest in Residence | The Reverend Elizabeth Morris Downie, Assistant Emeritus  
Nada Radakovich, Director of Music | Elizabeth Sauvie, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Greg Hassold, Parish Organist | Stephanie Finn, Sexton | Matt Mackinder, Director of Christian Education

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