

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

PEW PULSE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017, 10:15 AM

THE FLOWERS THAT DECORATE OUR CHURCH THIS MORNING WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD. ALTAR FLOWERS WERE GIVEN BY RON & COLLEEN SHRANK IN HONOR OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. BAPTISMAL FLOWERS WERE GIVEN BY BILL & SANDRA WHITE IN HONOR OF THEIR GRANDSON, SEBASTIAN'S, BAPTISM TODAY.

New Sunday Morning Schedule starts next Sunday, Sept. 10!

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

NEW COFFEE HOUR TIME

Beginning last Sunday, Sept. 10, coffee hour has been changed to 9 am so that 8 o'clock-ers and 10:30 - ers can come together in fellowship. Please join us at 9 am for coffee and fellowship and think about signing up to run a coffee hour one Sunday morning. The sign-up is located in the kitchen window.

HURRICANE HELP

We will be giving financial aid to help with the recovery of Texas and Florida following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma through the Episcopal Relief & Development organization. **IF you are interested in giving to ERD** (Episcopal Relief & Development), you can write a check to St. Christopher's and put in the offering plate - please indicate that you would like the money to go toward hurricane relief. We will send a lump check from St. Christopher's in a few weeks. Or you can go to ERD's website (<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>) or donate by mail (Episcopal Relief & Development, PO. Box 7058, Merrifield VA 22116-7058)

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION START-UP

I want to thank again those that came to the Christian Education meeting this past Sunday. We are going to have a wonderful staff and our goal is to bring more positivity to the kids, as they are the future!

That said, to all those interested in teaching Christian Education (Sunday School) that are NOT Safeguard-certified, we are going to have a rep from the diocese come to our church next month to run a class. BOTH individuals teaching in a classroom must be Safeguard-certified. If you cannot make the date that wins out, you will need to take the Safeguard course online. Thank you for your generosity and support!

-Matt Mackinder

FILLING THE GAPS TIMES THREE

From time-to-time we have gaps appear in our ability to do all the things we would like to do. We have three such gaps at the moment, so I am appealing to you for help.

Gap 1: We have sent some funds but would like to send more to the grandson of our late former Rector the Reverend F. Robert Davidson. This young man and family were flooded out of their home during Hurricane Harvey and are trying to get back on their feet. If you wish to help them, please mark your check "Discretionary Fund."

Gap 2: Many of our members have hearing difficulties. Our nave was acoustically built for music and thus the spoken voice is not always as clear as it needs to be for some. Any structural changes would take away from the room's beauty as well as it's amazing quality for singing. We have a system that allows those with hearing problems to listen to our PA system through their hearing assist devices or via an ear phone. Sadly, all of the small units no longer work, some have been dropped and they cannot be repaired. Our finances have precluded

us getting new devices. New speaker ear phones (a bit like headphones), ear buds and hearing assist neck loops would run about \$1,000.00. If you would like to help with this, please mark your checks "hearing."

Gap 3: We are beginning a new Christian Education year, although due to our budget restrictions we were not able to budget any funds for curriculum. We will get the curriculum, but we would sure appreciate some help with the cost. The new curriculum for all of our kids will run a little over \$500.00. If you would like to help with this, please mark your check "education."

By no means is Gap 1 more important than Gap 3 or anything like that. These are just some of the things that are important and we would like to do. With your help, I hope we will.

Bless you and thank you,

Don+

BIRTHDAY & STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK COFFEE HOUR

Fr. Don's birthday is Sunday, October 1! To celebrate with him, we are going to have a potluck brunch during coffee hour time at 9 am. October is also Stewardship Month. We will use this coffee hour occasion for our Stewardship Brunc as well. Bring a dish to pass and come celebrate Fr. Don and new year of growth and ministry at St. Christopher's through your generous support! No gifts - cards only please.

-----UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE-----	
MASTER CALENDAR ONLINE AT STCHRISGRANDBLANC.ORG	
TODAY	8 & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS! 9:00 am - Coffee Hour 10:00 am - Children & Youth Formation 11:30 am - Adult Formation
Wednesday, Sept. 20	4:30 pm - Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Columbarium Chapel 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept. 21	Vestry Reports Due

THE 2017 VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

Linda Rathburn, 2019 Senior Warden, Worship Team Liason (seniorwarden@stcgb.org)

Angela Campbell, 2018* Junior Warden, Formation Committee (juniorwarden@stcgb.org)

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The Reverend Dr. Don Davidson, Priest in Charge

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