

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

PEW PULSE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017, 10:15 AM

THE FLOWERS THAT DECORATE OUR CHURCH THIS MORNING WERE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD AND IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS HENNESSY
BY THE HENNESSY FAMILY.

New Sunday Morning Schedule

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 Sunday, Sept. 10, coffee hour has been changed to 9 am so that 8 o'clock-ers and 10:15 - ers can come together in fellowship. Please join us at between services for coffee and fellowship and think about signing up to host a coffee hour one Sunday morning. The sign-up is located in the kitchen window.

FROM FR. DON:

With sadness I announce that Mary Woodruff our long-time nursery attendant has stepped-down. Mary has provided a wonderful presence in our nursery and her ministry among us will be long remembered. As a responsible church we are required to have two qualified and certified attendants in the nursery when it is open. Until we can find and certify a new attendant, the nursery will remain closed. We will stock the bathrooms with changing stations with adequate infant/baby supplies in case the need arises. If you notice that the door to the nursery is unlocked, please let the staff or wardens know so that it can be locked. The episcopfish will continue to be cared for by Elizabeth.

FROM THE OUTREACH/FOOD PANTRY TEAM:

The food pantry is located in the south closet in the hallway between the gathering area and the library. The pantry is generally unlocked. Those who make contributions are asked to place them outside the door. The pantry needs Polident tablets for a wonderful young woman who had to have her teeth removed due to a rare gum disease. Her finances make it difficult if not impossible for her to purchase the proper cleaner. My sincere thanks to those who recently donated produce. That was GREAT!! Thank you so much. I truly appreciate all the donations we receive. 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. If you have questions, please contact me at 810-471-0673
Jennifer Ireland

FILLING THE GAPS TIMES THREE

From time-to-time we have gaps 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 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." **Someone has already given a donation for this! THANK YOU!!** 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
	9:00 am - Coffee Hour
	10:00 am - Children & Youth Formation
	11:30 am - Adult Formation
Tuesday, Sept. 26	6:30 pm - Vestry
Wednesday, Sept. 20	4:30 pm - Bell Rehearsal
	5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Columbarium Chapel
	7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Sept. 30	Noon - Defensive Driving Class

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 Team (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
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Marilyn Brown, 2020 Kitchen Team(marilyn@stcgb.org)

Ellen Safley, 2020 Stewardship Committee

Jane Brewer, 2019* Outreach Team (janeb@stcgb.org)

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* 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

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The Reverend Dr. Don Davidson, Priest in Charge

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