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JUNE & JULY 2018

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

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

*5:30 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist*

## SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

9 am - Adult Formation

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

*Coffee Hour following 10:15 am Eucharist*



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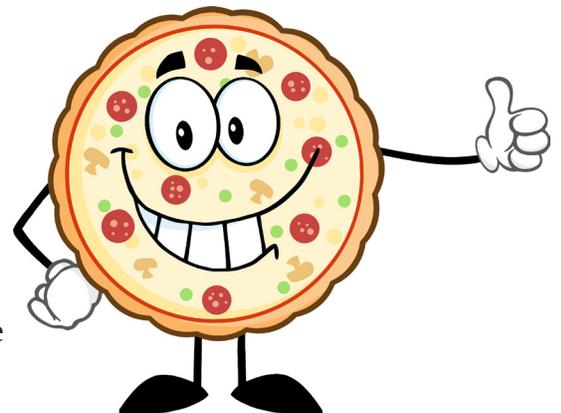
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*and so much more!*

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

We will be having an acolyte training day on **Saturday, July 28 at 2 pm**. There will be a pizza party after the training. Please contact Marcie Davidson if your child is an acolyte or would like to become one so that she can make sure there is enough pizza. Thank you!



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***An outreach opportunity for those interested:***

**Our next Family Promise Week is July 29 - August 4.**

We need volunteers who will work with Bobbie Walton to provide supper for families without homes who are staying at Holly Calvary United Methodist Church. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Bobbie Walton at [bobbiewalton36@gmail.com](mailto:bobbiewalton36@gmail.com)

If you can't volunteer that week, we still need your help! There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering space. Please sign up to bring supplies. There will a tub in the Narthex for you to place items for Family Promise so that they do not get mixed with the Food Pantry donations. Products needed include breakfast and lunch foods, toiletries, paper products, and more.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. If you would like to make a donation, you can make a check out to Holly Calvary UMC and put Family Promise in the memo line.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED

After a very successful first year of our revamped Youth Formation/Sunday School, we are looking to continue that growth into the 2018-19 school year.

With a very solid core of teachers already committed, we would like to add a couple more. All we ask is that you can commit to one calendar month for next school year, which will start in October.

We will also be utilizing a new format that will see both the younger kids and older kids benefit alike.

The younger kids (up to age 10) will meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the classroom we used this past year. The older kids will stay in church, paying close attention to the sermon and taking notes, answering a 2-3 question questionnaire we will provide. The older kids (10 and older)

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will then meet for 10-15 minutes in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service to discuss and go over the lesson for that day with one or both of the teachers.

Interested in coming aboard? Feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you!

*Matt Mackinder*

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## AUGUST PARISH-WIDE OUTING

**Join in our August Outing Wednesday August 22**

Cost \$28.00PP Checks Payable and given to St Christophers by August 5

Contact Nancy Lee Fawcett or Jane Yorks with questions

**Carpooling from St Christophers, leaving at 9:15 AM**

**11 am - Tour: Jiffy Mix Factory**

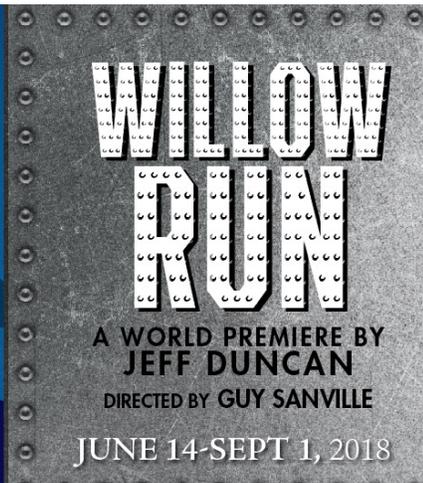
Our one hour tour consists of an educational and informative video presentation, a product sample, refreshments and a walk through Jiffys packaging plant led by our Tour Hosts.

**12:30 pm - Lunch in Downtown Chelsea (Dutch Treat)**

**2:30 Arrive at the Famous Purple Rose Theater**

**for a live 3 pm performance of the play "Willow Run"**

During WWII the Willow Run Bomber Plant located near Ypsilanti, Michigan was the largest factory under one roof in the world. Some 40,000 employees, mostly women, turned out B-24 Bombers at the rate of one every 55 minutes. Willow Run follows the journey of four of those women who migrated from



all over America to find new lives at the plant. Along the way they overcome a multitude of challenges, learn to endure new sorrows, overcome deep-seated prejudices and forge new friendships. Winner of the 2017 Edgerton Foundation New Play Award. Original music by Ben and Jeff Daniels.



## JUST A LITTLE THOUGHT...

**Prayer.** This is such an interesting topic to me, and one that has come up several times for me in the last week. If you asked people to describe what Christians do, you would get answers like “go to church” “believe in God” “Pray.” I am sure there are lots of other answers, and to be honest I didn’t really pole anyone, but I am sure that prayer is in there. Now, go up to 3 random people in church and ask them this question, “will you pray out loud with me right here, right now?” and see what your reaction is. Think about that for a minute. Praying with other people, on the spot, and OUT LOUD?!? This is something that is so scary for so many of us, I know I used to be one. I was intimidated; I still get intimidated. When we say the prayers of the people each week, I have people I pray for, I have things I pray for, I have prayers of thanksgiving and I have only recently began to say them aloud. My voice is still barely a whisper. I just had a colleague of mine say to me last week that she is afraid to pray aloud, and she doesn’t know why.

Now, maybe I am all wrong and I am the only one who gets intimidated by prayer. If that is true, then I wonder why I don’t hear more names on Sunday mornings....or why Linda’s prayer group list isn’t overflowing with names.

I find that prayer is intimidating in other ways, at least for me. I have a friend who was praying for me for peace in my family and life, and after a few weeks she handed me this index card that had several verses of scripture written on it and said that these were the verses she had been praying for me. I was awed and, again, intimidated. I somehow felt inferior because I had never prayed verses of scripture. Being completely candid, it bothered me so much that I had a discussion with Fr. Don and asked if I was praying wrong somehow.

I have googled “how to pray” and have tried prayer journals, bible studies, A.C.T. and even the 5 fingered prayer, and then one day I realized I was being silly. I didn’t need someone to tell me how to pray, I didn’t need to spend all this time researching and worrying if I was getting my prayers “right” somehow. I didn’t need to have some formal process. I didn’t need to make it that hard. I realized that I needed to stop trying and start doing. As a respected friend of mine said, “Prayer [is] connecting with God by listening to God’s still voice anytime and anyplace.” I just needed to stop and listen to my heart, and let it speak to God.

This was left in my inbox when I came into work on Monday. The author is anonymous, and it is entitled “Do you Pray?”

I love this interpretation of a prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn’t only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That’s a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That’s a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, “drive safely” or “be safe.” That’s a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone, that is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always. . .



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This was something I needed to hear, and remember and... guess what? I pray... I pray A LOT! And I do it in the open, and out loud, and visible. We have some big things happening here at STC, there are a lot of big things happening in the world around us, and I am sure each of us has big things happening in our lives, and we need to remember now, more than ever, to pray... and to pray in whatever way WE pray. If it is out loud, or silent, or with our time, or with our words and well wishes, or hugs, or meals, or forgiveness... We need to stop and listen to the still voice of God working around us, through us and in us. Just by being in community with each other, we are praying. Let's keep praying.

Blessings,

*Angela Campbell*  
Senior Warden

## ALLY GOLF CHALLENGE

September will be here all too soon-bringing the Ally Challenge to Warwick Hills and many visitors to our parking lot! The (neon green) sign up sheet for our parking fundraiser is in the gathering space. Your many hands WILL make the work much lighter. Please check your personal calendar and volunteer for one (or more) slots.



This tournament will be structured somewhat differently than the Buick Open. Throughout the week, we will be accommodating caddies, sponsors and other tournament officials with 150 contracted and reserved parking spots.

Monday and Tuesday are arrival and practice days, the course will not be open to the public and (I am guessing) will be the slowest days of the week. Wednesday and Thursday are both ProAm days. We should see an increase in our traffic, but maybe not up to full volume, until the actual start of the tournament play, on Friday. An addition to Friday's schedule is the BIG AND RICH concert in the evening. I have added an evening shift to accommodate concert goers. Saturday morning will start with a 5K run through Warwick Hills Subdivision. We expect that quite a few of the runners will park with us, our social hall is reserved as the check in area.

**Saturday evening will see the adjustment to our worship schedule with a 7 pm service.**

**\*\*NO SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16th\*\***

The tournament should end Sunday at approximately 5:30 pm.

As this is a new event, please try to be flexible and patient as we learn how the schedule flows. I would rather err on the side of being overstaffed and able to send people home early than to understaff and exhaust a few. As information is provided regarding start and finish times for each day, I will post them on the sign up sheet. In advance, thank you for your help in being the welcoming face of St. Christopher's to all our visitors!

*Ellen Safley*



# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Summer is here, as is the rendering of the Great Congregational Offertory Anthem! I cannot begin to thank all of you who suggested "Favorite Hymns" for the summer enough! We have had over 40 "Favorite Hymn" recommendations, and I am doing my best to incorporate as many of them as I can!!! (---there were a few that were specifically for Easter and Christmas, in the mix, and those will probably have to wait until that time---so don't give up--I promise I will get "Hail Thee Festival Day" scheduled!! --- Again, GREAT suggestions, everyone!

Thank you!).

I would like to make a special mention of the generosity of one of our Adult Choir and Bell Choir members, Nancy Lee Fawcett! Nancy Lee very generously donated monies to go towards the water supply we keep down in the choir room, and, too, Nancy Lee has very generously offered to finance the scarves and ties the Bell Choir will soon be sporting! Thank you, Nancy Lee for your spirit of caring and kindness! Speaking of our bell choir, several very motivated ringers have been spotted practicing outside of normal rehearsal times! OH MY HEAVENS!! Unheard of!!! But, way to be, Jane Yorks and Flo Gjerstad! You both are an inspiration to rest of us!

The upcoming Lugnuts outing is looking promising! We have at least ten folks from our Adult Choir and St. Christopher's Bell Choir who will be attending the game! I am certain that July 19th is going to be a really fun day for many! What a great idea Bill Thewalt! Thank you!

Too, a huge thank you to all of the volunteer musicians who will be completing the musical offerings during the course of these summer months: Victor Galea, cello; Audrey D'itri, flute; vocalists, Marcie Davidson, Cynthia Butcher, Bobbie Goergen, Laura Jo Hassold, Aaron McCoy Jacobs, Pat Lewis, Miranda Armfield, Elizabeth Sauvie ---all who have been volunteering their time throughout the summer months --- thank you so much! And, too, please mark your calendars for the much anticipated musical offering from the Flint Master Singers, who will be singing our August 19th service, (under the direction of Tom Fortier). Tom Fortier, who is also a well-known Theater Organist, will also be playing our 'pretty-close-to-being-completed' Geissler & Keates organ at this service.

Again, as always, if you feel that this might be the year that you have to time to give of your musical gifts to the musical ministry of St. Christopher, please drop down to the choir room and let me know! Rehearsals are usually on Wednesday evenings, 7-8, and then a brief warm-up before service, Sunday mornings, 9:30-10. Bells rehearse Wednesday afternoons, 4:30-5:30. We welcome all of those who love to sing, ring, and the like!

In Christ, I am yours,

*Nada*



FR. DON'S  
DOODLES...

ETHICS

p-ning in our undisciplined world, if we no longer consider ethics: relative ques- tioning in our decision making?

Will my decision fit my values? Will my decision connect with what it means to live my baptismal covenant?

Will my decision cause harm to any other person? Will my decision have a lasting or irrevocable impact on my family, my community or my environment?

Will my decision be just in a Christian understanding of justice meaning equitable to all people? Will my decision follow the imperatives of love and grace spoken and taught by Christ? Will my decision be one in which my parents, my spouse and my children will be pleased?

Instead of faithfully asking questions within the decision-making process, we sometimes jump to the end based upon an emotional response that is anything but fully developed or reasoned.

We stand firmly on this side of this issue because we trust candidate Joe Beans and dislike candidate Sarah Sunflower. Hold the phone! We know better. Although that may well be our emotional fast-paced and personally satisfying method of taking a stance, that process is not ethical or at least shows a lack of ethical processing.

While difficult to believe, it is entirely possible for two well-meaning Episcopalians using an ethical method to end-up on opposite sides of an issue; but in so doing they have arrived fully informed with positions based upon facts and evidence and not media bias, long held prejudice or a herd mentality. May the Lord give them the grace to love each other in the midst of well-informed positions.

Through its deliberative function and by its elected leaders, the church also issues statements based on its/their understanding of the gospel and ethical process. Being neutral always gives the upper hand to the oppressor and not the oppressed. While an issue may be politicized, an issue such as the treatment of children, the right of a woman to choose when to give birth, the choice of life partners or the expectation of a fully funded public educational system are moral in nature. The church in its ethical response may sound political when indeed the church is not and will not support any candidate, party or platform. What the church will do is make a reasoned and ethical (there is that word again) statement that it believes is fully in-line with the historic teaching of the church and the teachings of Christ.

What the church does not expect is that you will agree with every jot and tittle that comes forth. The church expects you to pray and ethically consider what the church has said. The Episcopal Church does

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not issue dogma that must be believed. The Episcopal Church issues the best understanding and guidance as it believes it is called to do by the Holy Spirit. Your duty is to question if the church’s statement is in harmony with your core beliefs? After prayer and relative questioning, does the statement integrate the imperatives of the love and grace of Christ? Put another way “What would Jesus have me do?” Ethics is not easy. Ethics begins with our willingness to be honest with God and with each other. Let us add that to our prayers.

*Don+*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LUGNUTS GAME & DINNER OUTING

Thursday, July 19, 5 pm

### COTTAGE GATHERINGS

Wednesday, July 25 - Friday, August 30

An invitation will come in the mail for the gathering you should attend. Let the office know if you are unable to attend, would like to be rescheduled, or did not receive an invitation.

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

Saturday, July 28, 2 pm

### FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Sunday, July 29 - Saturday, August 4

### ALTAR GUILD GATHERING

Tuesday, June 5, 10 am

### DIOCESAN POST-GENERAL CONVENTION GATHERING

Thursday, August 9, 7 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church, Lapeer

### VBS @ HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN, GRAND BLANC

Monday, August 13 - Friday, August 17

### OUTING TO JIFFY MIX TOUR/PURPLE ROSE THEATER

Wednesday, August 22

## UPCOMING LESSONS

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### July 15 - Proper 10

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 22 - Proper 11

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 29 - Proper 12

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

### August 5 - Proper 13

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 12 - Proper 14

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

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