



The

JANUARY 2019

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday Services

5: 30 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

9 am - Adult Formation

10 am - Children & Youth Formation

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

Coffee Hour following 10:15 am Eucharist

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and so much more!

PLUS!

Look for pictures of some of our St. Chris people at Diocesan Convention sprinkled throughout this edition of the Trumpeter!

OUR NEXT INREACH OUTING

Friday, February 15 - Firebirds Hockey Game

@ Dort Federal Credit Union Arena (used to be Perani's)

Tickets \$12 each

Please sign up before February 5th!

\$12 Tickets

Bring your church group & save \$4 per ticket with our discounted group rate!

VS Oshawa GENERALS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15TH 7:00 PM

FIREBIRDS

HOCKEY Perani's WORLD

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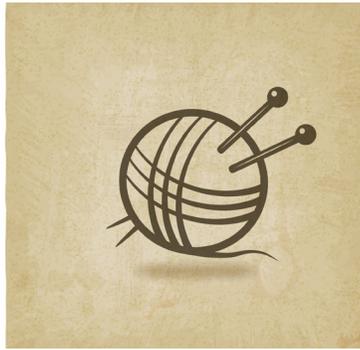
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KNITTING &
CROCHETING
GROUP

We'll try one last time to meet as a group on the fourth Tuesday this month. **We'll meet on January 22 from**

12:30 until 2. If enough people are interested and able to attend we'll continue meeting this year. If not, we'll disband for the time being and consider regrouping later in the year.

If there are any questions, please see Linda Rathburn.

Linda Rathburn

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Distrubtion with FISH

Tuesday, January 22

10:30 am - Pick-Up @ Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
11 am - Drop Off /Set- Up @ St. Christopher's
2:45 pm - Food Distribution

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27 @ 9:30 am

Only one service, no Christian formation

FLINT FIREBIRDS HOCKEY GAME OUTING

Friday, February 15 @ 7 pm - Dort Federal Event Center
(Sign-up by Feb. 5th)

Food Distrubtion with FISH

Tuesday, February 19

10:30 am - Pick-Up @ Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
11 am - Drop Off /Set- Up @ St. Christopher's
2:45 pm - Food Distribution

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, February 20 @ 1:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6

Spoken Eucharist Service @ Noon
Eucharist Service with Music @ 7 pm

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Sunday School continuing to be a joy for children, teachers

The first three months of the 2018-19 Sunday School year have been nothing short of phenomenal, if I can be completely honest.



While we do not have many kids in the parish, those that we do have attend Sunday School regularly and seem to really enjoy being involved and hearing and learning about the wonderful Bible stories.

On the flip side, the teachers we have are simply amazing and we couldn't do this without them. In fact, when a month is up (all teachers teach calendar months), I have had several teachers tell me that they love teaching and

seeing the kids' faces light up and can't wait until their turn in the rotation comes again.

Folks, that's what it's all about. There are fewer greater feelings out there than seeing a child get that special glow when talking about the Word of the Lord. We are nurturing these kids to the point that coming to church isn't just "something to do on Sunday." Do you hear those running feet between 10 and 10:15 on Sunday mornings? Those are our kids running to the classroom. They can't wait to get there.

In lieu of a Christmas/Epiphany pageant this year, we are looking to have the kids take part in a pageant for Lent. More info on that will be forthcoming.

Like I have told our teachers and parents regarding Sunday School – last year was good, but this year is going to be great.

So far, so good!

Just a reminder that kids from middle school on up stay in church during the 10:15 service and take notes on the Gospel and homily,

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UPCOMING LESSONS

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January 20 - Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 27 - Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

February 3 - Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

February 10 - Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 17 - Epiphany 6

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

**Find the readings every
week on the church
website or at
lectionarypage.net**

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while all kids fifth grade and younger meet in the classroom. The older kids then meet with the day's teachers after the 10:15 service during coffee hour.

Interested in teaching Sunday School? Email me at matt@stchrisgrandblanc.org, call/text (248) 890-3944 or see me Sunday at church.

Thank you and God bless everyone!

Matt Mackinder

Director of Christian Education



ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will take place at 9:30 AM on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

The meeting will take place during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Only one service will take place on this day.

Fr. Don's annual address will take the place of the normal Sunday homily.

The election of three new vestry members will take place. These three people will each serve three-year terms.

The Treasurer will present the annual financial report as well as other information regarding our 2019 budget.

Reports will be published as they are available on-line. Some reports will not be published for the annual meeting and will be available only on-line. To see all the reports, go to: www.stchrisgrandblanc.org and scroll down to the information on the Annual Meeting.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The St. Christopher Bell and Adult Choirs wish everyone in our congregation a most fabulous New Year! Welcome 2019 and all that you have for us to behold!

As I sit at my desk to write this message, I am almost giddy as I look over my shoulder and glance at the beautiful window shades that our Junior Warden, Bill White installed in the choir room! They are just gorgeous, and we ALL LOVE THEM! Thank you so very much, Bill-- from all of us in the choir! They are just perfect!

What a lovely Christmas Celebration we shared on December 24th. Thank you everyone who sang, played organ, the Martians from Goodrich playing their brass instruments, all of those who helped with choir robes and helped to make the season bright! Thank you Father Don for essaying the solo line in the John Jacob Niles treasure, "I Wonder as I Wander". It was beautiful! Something that really touched

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FR. DON'S DOODLES...

STREAMS FLOWING IN THE WINTER

Good winter day everyone.

This month I am writing about a number of topics that will float by a bit like a winter stream. If you find any theme in all of this, please let me know.

Security

Over the past few months we have had a real problem in locking our building and turning off lights when they are not needed. I know I might sound like a school teacher but here goes anyway: this is your church building, please help your vestry take care of it. Leaving doors open and unlocked is not a good idea. The easy way out is to blame our guests, those who use our building on a regular basis. In this case, that is not reasonable as our guests are much better at making sure the building is locked and lights are off than we do. Sorry – but true. The Vestry has the chief responsibility when it comes to anything concerning the building.



If you are the last person to leave the building and the front door is not locked (both the turnstile and panic bars) or lights are on and you are not sure how they turn-off, please call me or one of the wardens. If nothing else, leave a message on my voicemail (or push 8 when the announcement comes on).

Loan Update

We will close on our new loan with Oxford Bank on January 8, 2019. We will paydown our current loan by \$1,000,000.00 and a monthly mortgage payment that saves us over \$8,000.00 a month. My thanks to everyone who made this possible.

The Nutcracker Outing December 1, 2018

Mighty Junior Warden

Our Junior Warden has been quite the man about the church as of late.

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Victor Galea at the Flint Bar Association Community Holiday Dinner

my heart was the Carol Sing at 10 p.m. It really started to feel like Christmas for me at that moment...I looked out into the church from the choir area, and I saw Julie Warner singing her heart out! This was indeed a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

I hope that if any of you were able to catch the Holiday Pops program on ABC 12 you got to see a number of our choir members performing in the concert: Ellen Safley, Cynthia Butcher, Audrey Ditri, Rosa Wang, Miranda Armfield, Timothy Weston, Victor Galea and Tristram Shayna. Too, another holiday broadcast, A Very Classy Brassy Christmas and More (on the Fox network) had our own Bobbie Goergen was performing the Bernstein "Chichester Psalms" at the historic Capitol Theatre with the Mawby Chorale. Our singers at St. Christopher are busy people! My goodness!

Just after the Pops concert, on December 20th, the Flint Bar Association held it's annual "Community Holiday Dinner" at the Masonic Temple. Well, remember the Four Tenors who sang for us back in November (November 11th to be exact)? Well, Victor Galea (St. Christopher's) Bob Fraile (GB Methodist Church) Dick Ebbott (St. Pius) and Tim Ruwart all put on their Santa Hats and performed for the dinner guests! They were very warmly welcomed! The guys did a great job! It truly was a blessing, getting to participate in this beautiful annual event.

We do have something exciting coming up in March 2019; the Flint Festival of Choirs event will be hosted, as usual, here at St. Christopher. What however will be different this year, is that our choir, the St. Christopher Adult Choir, has been invited to participate in this year's Festival of Choirs! We all are VERY excited about this wonderful opportunity! Sunday, March 17th is the concert date; it starts at 4 p.m. and should be finished around 5:30 or so. I hope that everyone in our parish will mark this date in their calendars and come out to support our choir. It would be great to see everyone from our church in attendance.

Well, that is about all I have to report from our music room for now--- I am certain that you don't want to hear mundane things like all of the filing I still have to do, library boxes for music we need to order, cough drops I need to purchase etc.,.....so, I will wrap up this report and look forward to chatting with you when our next Trumpeter comes out!

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Director of Music



Flint Bar Association Community Holiday Dinner

VESTRY NOMINEES



Jane Brewer

Jane has been serving out an unexpired term since January of 2017. She is eligible to be elected to a three-year term. She writes: "My time at St. Christopher's has been short compared to most of you but my husband and I found a home and family here. When Ron passed away in 2013, many of you shared my grief and supported me in many ways as a family.

I was born and raised in Grand Blanc. Spent my adult years substitute teaching, directing plays at the High School, working for the Girl Scouts Fairwinds Council, running a hardware store and serving on the Grand Blanc Board of Education for 20 years.

During my time at St. Christopher's I have served on the Altar Guild, Hospitality Ministry at the 8:00am Service and the last two years as a member of the Vestry.

I have two daughters and a son-in-law along with two wonderful grandchildren."

Dawn Rutherford

My name is Dawn Rutherford, I was born and raised in Flint Michigan, way back when Flint was a great place for a kid to grow up. I came to the Episcopal religion as a young adult. Something in the "word" and the style of worship, spoke to me. I felt comfort in the way Christ's message was taught. Unlike my upbringing in a typical Baptist church.

I've lived most of my adult life in Lapeer Michigan. A great little country town to raise my children in. I've belonged to a total of 3 Episcopal churches and believe that I have found my church "home" in St. Christopher's.

I have raised 4 wonderful, responsible, respectable children. I have been blessed with 5 grandchildren. So far.

I retired after 35 years as a nurse, working in several different specialty areas. I truly enjoyed my career and all my patients. I learned much about human nature in working with different people from all walks of life and beliefs. Hopefully I was able to teach them something in return and touch each one with compassion and kindness.



My hobbies include gardening, traveling, hiking and animals of all kinds.

If elected to the vestry, I hope to be an asset most of all, but also learn about the behind scenes of what makes the church tick and run smoothly.

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Rebecca Stermer

I live and work in Grand Blanc. I have taught preschool for the Grand Blanc Schools for 20 years.

I have 3 grown children, Craig(Hala), Mark and Carolyn.They have given me 2 grandsons and 2 dogs to love!

I grew up attending All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing. After many years of attending First Presbyterian Church of Flint I felt I wanted to be Episcopalian again. I joined our parish 9 years ago. I enjoy serving Family Promise dinners, counting on Sun. mornings and keeping our food pantry in order.

In addition, I like to travel, read, cook and take walks.

I look forward to a new challenge!



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New emergency lights have been installed so that we will pass our next fire inspection. New Blinds, tables, chairs and AV system have been installed bringing our conference room up to date. Our HVAC system took yet another painful turn the Friday before New Year's and sprayed hot water all over the mechanical room. It is now fixed and operating (at half-steam until new parts replace bailing wire and bubble-gum). Thanks Bill, and Joe and Elizabeth and...well you get the picture.

Vestry So-Longs

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to retiring Vestry members Kristin Keyes and Linda Rathburn. Kristin has served as the Clerk of the Vestry for three years. Five months after her election, Linda was catapulted into the difficult position of Senior Warden. This was a most difficult albeit sometimes expected trial of a parish in transition. Linda served for 19 months and served with distinction. My sincere thanks to Kristin and Linda. We will miss them, and we thank them.

See you all in church~!

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