



The

FEBRUARY 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 Dioc-

esan Convention sprinkled

throughout this

edition of the Trumpeter!

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

DISBANDED

KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP IS DISBANDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Due to lack of attendance, the group is disbanded for now. Perhaps in the fall more will be interested. We originally had a communal project of prayer shawls for Fr. Don to take for hospital visits and everyone was welcome whether she/he worked on a shawl or a project of her/his own. Perhaps later this year we'll find a new project to inspire us to meet again. If you have any ideas, please let us know with a note in the office.

Linda Rathburn

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CHILDREN & YOUTH
FORMATION

The fourth month of the 2018-19 Sunday School/Youth Formation year is now complete and just like the first three months, it's been simply phenomenal!

The children that have participated continue to be awakened to His knowledge as they continue their lifetime journey with God. This has been such a joy on so many levels!

With having the younger kids (up through fifth grade) learn in the classroom setting and the older kids (middle school on up) stay in church and pay attention to the Gospel and Homily and then meeting up during coffee hour to discuss, this continues to be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

The younger kids meet in the classroom from 10 a.m. until the Peace and the older kids meet with the teachers after the 10:15 a.m. service.

For February, Noralynn Hassold and Joyce Thewalt will be teaching all kids during the month.

We will also continue to add the music element to the curriculum as the school year moves forward, and I'd like to thank our music director Nada Radakovich for nurturing our kids through the wonderful world of music.

Progress continues to be made and I am excited to see if we can pull off a Maundy Thursday/Lent Pageant coming up. More tentative details to come in the Pew Pulse and via email and social media.

We are always looking for new teachers as well, so if this is an area that interests you, please contact me at your convenience. No experience is needed – just a positive, upbeat attitude is all we require.

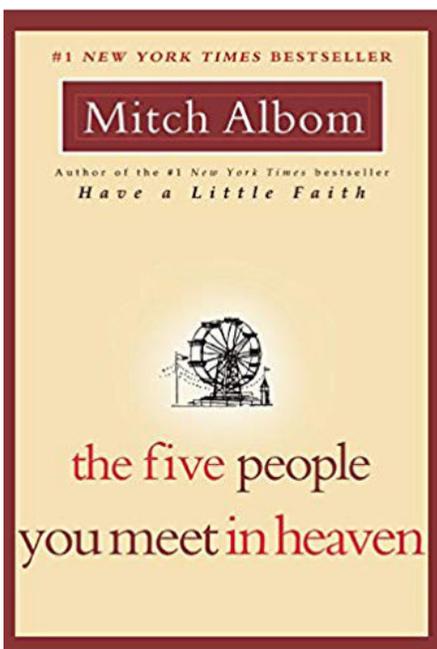
As always, any questions, concerns or suggestions, do not hesitate to see me in church or contact me via email or phone/text.

Matt Mackinder
Director of Christian Education

HELP NEEDED: FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, February 19 is our next Food Distribution day with the FISH program. We need people who are able to be at the Food Bank to help load food in the morning (around 10:30 am), people who can help set-up at St. Chris (around 11 am) and people who can help with the distribution (around 2:45 - 5 pm).

There are many jobs in the afternoon for those who are not able or uncomfortable with lifting. We really want to show our community that we at St. Christopher's love and care about them. This is a great way to do it! Please consider volunteering or just dropping in to help on the 19th!



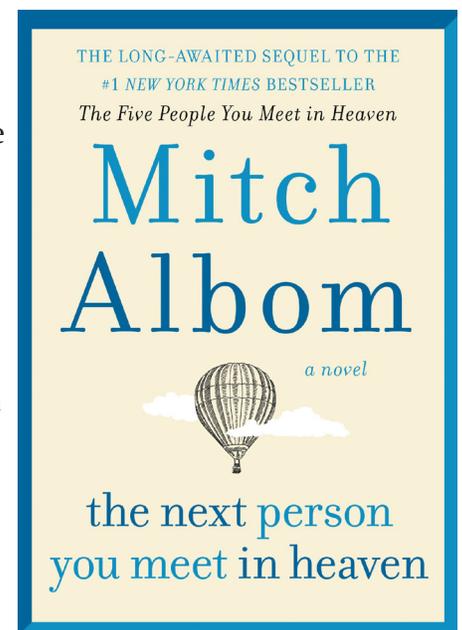
NEW ADULT STUDY ON SUNDAYS

We have begun a new topic of discussion at our Sunday morning Adult Formation Class at 9 am. We will begin with a movie "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" based on the book by the same title by Mitch Albom of the Detroit Free Press. Mitch presents an interesting idea of what he thinks heaven might be like. We will watch and discuss a segment of the movie for a few weeks and consider scriptural connections.

Following the movie, we will read together "The next person you meet in Heaven" which is Albom's next book in the series. During this topic, we will meet in the Conference Room (at

the end of the Sunday School hallway). Please join us for this interesting discussion.

Everyone is welcome.



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The torch has passed and lucky for me I am now your Senior Warden of the Vestry for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Thanks so much for welcoming me into this capacity. Being a newish Episcopal Church member, I will be depending on help and support from you as I navigate my way.

We are all blessed with a more secure financial future because "with God's help, we made it happen"! It's not a small accomplishment and we can all be proud. Forward we go...

Blessings,

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Altar Guild is a special ministry – a gift of time and talent. In 2018 we had 9 full time members and 4 part-time members who were available for special duties and services.

New Member are welcome: Our work is a devotional one and open to both men and women who wish to become a part of this gratifying ministry. You will receive training and guidance from experienced members as well as available manuals, illustrations and checklists to ensure the correct steps are completed. It's easy, enjoyable and rewarding! Please join us.

Duties: It is our privilege and joy to prepare for the services of the Holy Communion as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals and special services. Each full time Altar Guild Member is responsible for 6 to 7 Sundays per year plus contributing whenever possible to the busy holiday schedules. Our scheduling is very flexible to accommodate our personal obligations for travel, work and medical leave. We usually plan on spending from 1½ to 2½ hours each time we are on duty. In addition to our regular "housekeeping" duties in the sanctuary, we care for the copper, silver, linens and candles that are used in the services, making sure the church and columbarium are setup for the next service.

Education: The Altar Guild gathers two to three times a year where we learn and expand our knowledge about the meaning of our worship.

Try us out: Not sure the Altar Guild Ministry is right for you? Please feel free to try us out for a month to help you decide.

Thank you to all our 2018 Altar Guild members for the time and effort they put into making our church beautiful and our services run smoothly all year long:

Jane Brewer	Marilyn Brown	Avis Christie	Noralynn Hassold
Louise McAra	Judy Miller	Anne Naber	Sharon Rice
Shirley Showler	Colleen Shrank	Mary Van Duyne	Kay Van Natta
Sandra White (Flowers)			

Louise McAra
Sacristan



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN A ROW! Yes, you read that correctly--- weather conditions have cancelled both choir and bell choir rehearsals for our ensembles **FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN A ROW!** However, we at St. Christopher's have such dedicated ensembles, we have found alternate times to try and meet to rehearse, keep our voices in shape and keep our bells polished! (As long as we have a steady supply of Jelly Bellies, we are good to go!) Pfaw!, polar vortex....Pfaw, school closings and ice covered roads! We are not about to allow a little ice

and sub-zero temperatures deter us!

I hope that we can mark our calendars for the fast-approaching Flint Festival of Choirs which St. Christopher's will be hosting---and this year, too, in which we will be participating! The performance will take place on March 17th, here at St. Christopher's, 4 p.m. Some of the exciting music we will be preparing include: The "Hallelujah" from the Beethoven *Mount of Olives*, Two Colonial Folk Songs (Nightingale & The Girl I Left Behind Me) by Dan Forrester, "This is My Father's World", and a few more wonderful selections, I must not disclose, as to pique your interest and inspire you to attend!

Also, if you are unable to attend the March 17th performance of the Flint Festival of Choirs (in which choirs from The First Presbyterian Church of Flint, Court Street Methodist Church, First Methodist Church of Fenton, the Carolyn Mawby Chorale and, of course, St. Christopher Episcopal Church Adult Choir will be singing), our very own Flint Symphony Chorus will also be performing our first special concert of Choral Masterworks, AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S! This concert will take place on April 7th at 4 p.m. Members of the Flint Symphony Orchestra will be playing this concert as well! Many members of our St. Christopher's Adult Choir do sing in the Flint Symphony Chorus (Ellen Safley, Cynthia Butcher, Audrey Ditri, Rosa Wang, Judy Conyers, Miranda Armfield, Victor Galea, Pat Lewis, Tristram Shayna, Linda Rathburn - emeritis), so, if you are free that afternoon, it would be wonderful for you to attend and support our choir once again! Works on this concert include the Bach "Magnificat", the Biebel "Ave Maria", the Haendel Coronation Anthem, "Zadock the Priest" (a very cool story about this piece) and a few other choral gems---and this concert will include the wonderfully newly restored and refurbished St. Christopher Keates-Geissler Pipe Organ!

God willing, our Wednesday Bells Choir Rehearsal/Soup Supper/Adult Choir Rehearsal should resume this coming week (February 13th). Keep us in your prayers!

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Director of Music





For those who can remember, Newspapers were once large and somewhat fluffy. There were different sections. Deep in the newspaper were one or two pages of fine-print called the "Want Ads." The want-ads were just that, advertisements asking or wanting someone to do something. They could be for significant employment, or something less like: "Wanted person to help with yard-work, old man cannot keep up. Inquire

at 612 Big Tree Road." As one paid by the word, or by the line, the ads were short. One could make the print bigger (for a price) or put a big line around the little box (another fee) and then run the ad for one day or a whole week.

With that thought in mind, please enjoy the first St. Christopher's want ads. Allow me to tell you why I am announcing what might be a new constant in our monthly newsletter.

Clergy do many things, but I think you will agree that the most important thing that a clergy person does is be a clergy person. Clergy come in all kinds of personalities, no argument there, and like doing different things, for instance: some clergy enjoy preaching and celebrating and conducting public services of worship while others prefer visiting in hospitals, nursing facilities and prisons. Some clergy have advanced degrees in pastoral counseling or social work and serve as therapists while others are trained as spiritual directors. Some clergy are better administrators, while others prefer serving in the role of a Chaplain rather than a parish setting.

Clergy are people, believe it or not. While not unusual, clergy sometimes take on roles and duties within a parish which might be (often are) better accomplished by lay-people.

To focus on the more traditional priestly role, that of sacramental leader, confessor, teacher and preacher I am gratefully "letting go" of a few duties with the hope that one or many of you would feel called, maybe even excited to express your love of your church in a new way, a new ministry.

Church IT (Information Technology) Coordinator: This person would be our A/V person for the church building. Depending on their personal skills and learning ability, they would assist with computer and server issues, telephone system, and setup of AV needs for meetings

Webpage Editor: This person would keep our website up-to-date and work to keep it relevant to the big things happening at St. Christopher's. Our website and Facebook page could be the first impression for anyone looking for a new church or visiting our area.

Committees: Committees are appointed by the Rector with affirmation of the Vestry.

Finance: The Finance Committee meets one-week or so before each Vestry meeting under the leadership of the Treasurer. They carefully evaluate the monthly financial information and make recommendations to the Vestry.

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Building and Grounds: The Building and Grounds Committee works with the Junior Warden in providing advice with maintenance issues with the building. The Committee then makes recommendations to the Vestry.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Committee works with the Senior Warden in providing a year-round program about what it means to be thankful for the many gifts God has given us. The Committee also manages the annual pledge campaign.

Teams: Teams, with the exception of the prayer team, should meet monthly. Team chairs and members are appointed by the priest.

Inreach

Outreach Team is re-organizing.

Welcoming Team is re-organizing.

Christian Ed Sunday School Teachers

Prayer

Worship Leaders in each area

More to come...

Don+

THANK FROM 2018 SENIOR WARDEN

I would like to take this time to, once again, thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden. This year truly has been one of hard work, perseverance, and many blessings. I am grateful to all of you for the work you have put into this church, for your fortitude, your perseverance and your unwillingness to take “no” as an answer. I thank you for all of your prayers, your faith and your deep love for St Christopher’s. I have been blessed to work alongside of you. We made a call, and God truly answered.

As Fr. Don mentioned in his Annual Address a few weeks ago, we have a new call. We are charged with answering the question, “What next?” Last year held more surprises and blessings than I could have ever imagined. I am excited to see what God has in store for St. Christopher’s this year. I can’t wait for God to reveal the answer to our “what next?”

Please join me in congratulating Jane Brewer on her recent election of Senior Warden. I invite you to continue to support Jane, as you have supported me. Jane and our Vestry are right here beside you, and with you, as we work together to answer, “What next?”

Angela Campbell
Vestry Member

UPCOMING LESSONS

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February 10 - Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Feb. 24 - Epiphany 7

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

March 3 - Epiphany 8

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

March 10- Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

VESTRY RETREAT

Saturday, February 23

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 5 @ 5 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6

Spoken Eucharist Service @ Noon

Eucharist Service with Music @ 7 pm

