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APRIL 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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TO DATE!



Website:
www.stchrisgrandblanc.org



St. Christopher's
Episcopal Church



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EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Sunday is coming quickly - Sunday, April 21. We have ordered lillies and other spring flowers to decorate our church for Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate toward these flowers (and take home after Easter), there are flower envelopes on the table near the main entrance. Just turn donations into the office or put the money in the offering plate.

You can make a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin - please make sure that any dedications/donations are given to the church by Palm Sunday (4/14) so that we can print our Easter bulletins on time. Thank you for helping to decorate our church to celebrate the risen Savior on Easter!!

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OUTREACH TEAM

Our Outreach Team is looking for new members. Outreach programs involve helping our community. Currently we help FISH distribute food, make and serve food with Family Promise, have a food pantry and our giving tree at Christmas time. If interested please see Becky Stermer or email me at rebecca@stchrisgrandblanc.org

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms. 1 Peter 4:1

Becky Stermer

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Food Distribution on March 18th. As a result of your efforts, food was provided to 209 people. Your efforts DO make a difference for members of our community!

Next food distribution is scheduled for April 15th. What better way to begin Holy Week than serving God's children! Join us at 11 am to sort foods brought from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the Grand Blanc schools or from 2-5 pm to assist with distribution.

Ellen Safley

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

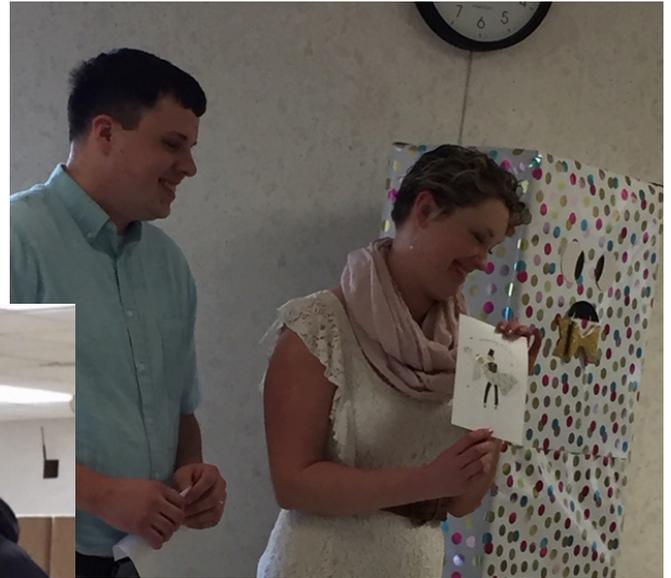
This report is being written halfway through the Lenten season. Hopefully, it finds you at peace and reflecting upon what this season is leading us to. Finding help with Lenten Meditation is available through daily devotionals from the Lenten Meditations 2019 booklet on the front table. Help yourselves.

If you have a chance take notice of the changes in our altar setup from no silver or shiny pieces to the lack of flowers adorning our church. Also honoring our Lenten season calls for silence to be kept before and after services while the peace is kept to a minimum of movement. These simple things add greatly to our otherwise special holy days.

May the Lord bless and keep you...

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden

PARISH FUN!



DURING LENT AND EASTER...

If you or someone you love cannot make it to church due to sickness or other infirmity, please contact the office. A member of the clergy will be happy to bring the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Healing to your home.

UPCOMING LESSONS

RCL YEAR C

March 31- Lent 4

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 7- Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 14- Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke Passion Narrative

April 21- Easter Sunday

Acts 10:24-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 24:1-12

April 28- Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

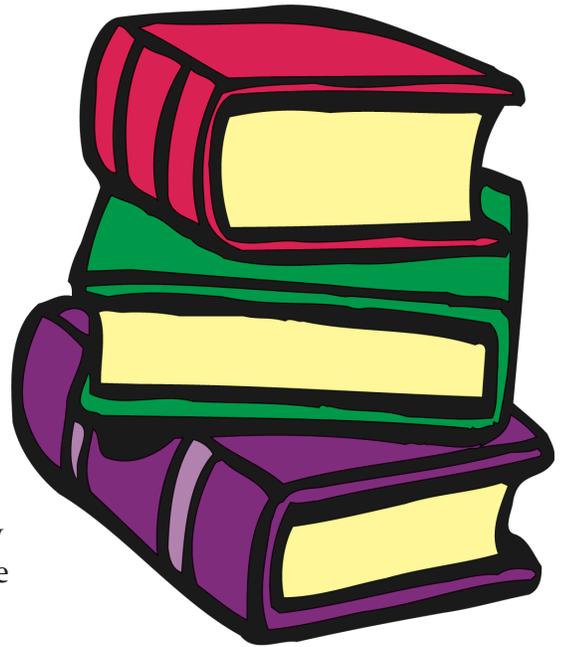
**Find the readings every
week on the church
website or at
lectionarypage.net**

BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE

May Book Swap

Have you read any good books lately? Would you like to get a new selection to read? Great!

We are having a Book Swap the whole month of May. There will be tables set up in the Parish hall (the area blocked off by the wall every Sunday) in May. Please come and find a new book or start a new habit of reading. Contact Marcie Davidson or Jane Yorks with questions.



FREE Books

For the next few weeks (maybe longer) we (Don & Marcie) will be putting books on a table in the narthex. These books are for anyone who wants them. This is a total give-away. If you feel you must make a donation, please make it to St. Christopher's. Truth be told, we have no place for the books at home and we want to get more books.

A Word from the Library..

Lent is a time for prayer and reflection. And perhaps a time for reading some inspirational book or spending time with one of the great writers or saints of the church.

The church library has several books available for you to enjoy at this time. You can spend time with Teresa of Avila or C.S. Lewis or in a Bible study. There are some samples on the table on the way to the Fellowship Hall.

If you don't find anything, please drop by the library or talk to Marcie or Noralynn.

CONFESSION

Have you ever thought about making a confession? The Episcopal Church provides rites for auricular (private) confession. Confession is always available, but particularly appropriate during Holy Week especially Good Friday. The confidential nature of confession is absolute. If you would like to make a confession during the afternoon on Good Friday, please contact the office. An effort will be made to engage the services of a priest (other than Fr. Don) so that you may feel more comfortable.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

What a fabulous afternoon of great choral singing our terrific St. Christopher's Adult Choir helped make happen. You guys were 'over-the-top' wonderful singers, hosts to the guest choirs (First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, Bruce Nieuwenhuis, director, Court Street Methodist Church, David Lindsey, Jean Weamer, directors, The Carolyn Mawby Chorale, Mary Nieuwenhuis director) and of course, our guest clinician, Dr. Ryan Beeken. Thank you Bobbie Goergen for being on top of everything and making certain

the event ran so smoothly! Our St. Christopher Adult Choir members truly acted as ambassadors of our church, embodying the spirit of kindness and joy that emanates from our church family. Thank you, each singer and those who helped to make the 2019 "Festival of Choirs" such a success! NancyLee, thank you for attending. We missed your voice in the choir, but it made our hearts so happy to see you, smiling from the second row that afternoon.



Right on the heels of this Festival of Choirs concert, our very own Flint Symphony Chorus will be performing a Choral Masterworks concert on April

7th, 4:00 p.m. right here at St. Christopher's. Thirty musicians from the Flint Symphony Orchestra will be accompanying the Flint Symphony Chorus that afternoon. A free reception in our parrish hall will follow. Audrey Ditri, Cynthia Butcher, Ellen Safley, Judith Conyers, Victor Galea, Miranda Armfield, Tristram Shayna, Rosa Wang, Aaron McCoy-Jacobs will all be singing in this concert of great choral composers. Bach, Haendel, Biebl and Parry are all on the menu! Oh, and did I neglect to mention, OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED Keates-Geissler Pipe Organ will be making her debut with the Flint Symphony Orchestra....how cool is that?

April 19th will bring our Ecumenical Good Friday Service to St. Christopher's. We will be hosting



Kirkridge Presbyterian, Holy Spirit Lutheran, Grand Blanc United Methodist, Grand Blanc Baptist and a few other churches for this musical tribute to the events of Holy Week. This service will begin at 7 p.m.

Thank you, every ringer in our bell choir, every singer in our Adult Choir and our special guests who drop by now and again to make music with us. We are so very blessed.

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Director of Music



FR. DON'S
DOODLES...

NO, NOT REALLY...

Starting in mid-August we will see Christmas displays and advertisements. The Christmas season, it seems, only pauses a few months from February through July and then moves back from idle to slow and on to full speed. Christmas is all about selling, parties and made-up traditions. The religious reason for Christmas (the Christ Mass) has been nearly erased by the same people who worry about “taking Christ out of Christmas” as if that were indeed possible, or red cups at Starbucks.

Churches, throughout the nation, have noticed a serious decline in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day church attendance. I remember in my first years of priesthood when there were not enough seats in the church for the crowd on Christmas Eve, now we have trouble finding acolytes, eucharistic ministers and lectors and our services are sometimes less than a regular Sunday service.

The trend has also influenced Holy Week and Easter. While Easter attendance has only slightly declined over the past twenty years, there has been a near disastrous decline in attendance for Palm (Passion) Sunday, Maundy-Thursdays and Good Friday services.

My effort this year is one of re-discovery of the passion story and the wonderful liturgies of Holy Week. The triduum (Latin for three days) is sometimes called one service over three days: Maundy-Thursdays, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday. I totally support the idea that going to church on Easter without having observed Maundy-Thursdays and Good Friday is a bit like reading the last chapter in a novel and thinking you know the whole story. Of course, you don't.

Let us as a congregation rediscover Holy Week and Easter this year. Let us make plans now to attend the sacred services of the triduum. Let us promise not to allow other events, no matter how important we think they are, to come between us and devoting some time to Jesus, the cross, the crucifixion and the resurrection.

I truly look forward to seeing you in church soon.

Don+

HOSPITAL, NURSING CARE FACILITY & HOME

If you find yourself at home, in a nursing care, rehabilitation facility or a hospital and would like a visit from a member of the clergy, please contact us. Please do not expect us to find out that you are a patient somewhere and want a visit. We will not know unless you call the office and let us know. In an emergency, you can call the office anytime of the day or night and leave a message on Fr. Don's voicemail, or call him on his cell phone -honestly, anytime day or night.

It is particularly appropriate to call your clergy when there is an emergency, and or when a person is near death.

Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan

HAPPENING #24

A Youth Even for High Schoolers

April 26 - 28, 2019 at St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc

Happening is a weekend for youth, by youth. A Happening weekend is filled to the brim with activities, worship, and talks led by other youth to offer Christ's message and ask the real questions about God and faith.

As you walk in faith, come experience God and community more deeply during this weekend of discovery and reflection. Happening is open to all youth in grades 9-12. Adult sponsors (with Safeguarding Training) are also encouraged to attend.

This event is a collaborative ministry of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Michigan.

Please note that this event is happening at ST. CHRISTOPHER'S. We could use St. Christopher people to help. There are jobs for people who want to be involved with youth and those that don't (like kitchen). If you work with the youth, you are required to have a background check and complete SafeGuarding training. If you can and are willing to volunteer - please see Fr. Don. Thank you!

Registration & Youth Attendees:

Happening will take place over the weekend of April 26-28, 2019.

Participants should arrive by 6:00pm on Friday and will depart at 5:30pm on Sunday, following the closing Eucharist. Participants are expected to be at Happening the entire time.

The closing Eucharist is open to all and will begin at 3:15 PM.

The cost to attend Happening is \$50 per person which helps to cover all meals, materials, and other related costs. Registration deadline is April 12, 2019. You can register your youth at eastmich.org

SERVICES OF CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION & REAFFIRMATION

Regional Services this Spring & Summer 2019

Please save the date and join us to celebrate our church's newest Episcopalians at one (or all!) of our diocesan confirmation services in 2019. Information about the dates and locations of the three services are below.

Saturday, May 11

11:00 am

Grace, Port Huron

Sunday, June 9

4:00 pm

St. Matthew's, Saginaw

Sunday, August 18

4:00 pm

Transfiguration, Indian
River

A rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will take place one hour before each service.

If you are interested in being confirmed or re-confirmed, please talk to Fr. Don ASAP!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIZ on HONEYMOON - Out of Office

Saturday, March 30 - Saturday, April 6

FLINT SYMPHONY CHORUS CONCERT

Sunday, April 7 @ 4:00 pm

HAPPENING TEAM WEEKEND

Friday, April 12 - Saturday, April 13

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (TURN PAGE OVER)

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, April 17 @ 1:30 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17 @ 2:30 pm

VESTRY

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 pm

DON OUT OF OFFICE

Thursday, April 25

HAPPENING #24

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, May 3 @ 8:30 am

PLEASE NOTE: There are SEVERAL Outside Groups using our building during April & May.
Please refer to our online calendar that can be found on our website
for more information on these dates & times.

