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MAY 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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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 5, we are celebrating the anniversary of Fr. Don's ordination to the priesthood with a special Pancake Breakfast between the services. A free will donation will go toward Camp Chickagami scholarships in Fr. Don's name. No gifts please, but cards and well wishes are welcomed and encouraged! Come celebrate with Fr. Don and enjoy some yummy pancakes!



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OUTREACH

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

You need not to be a part of the Outreach Team to help with our monthly food distribution program: The third Monday of every month, we host a community Food Distribution with the FISH program. Food is picked up at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan around 10:30 am (if you are able-bodied and able to help, they meet at the Food Bank to load), we need volunteers to set up our Fellowship Hall around 11 am here at the church, and, of course, we need plenty of people to help with the actual distribution of food in the afternoon/evening beginning around 2:30 pm and ending sometime shortly after 5 pm.

Becky Stermer
Outreach Coordinator

NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATE: Monday, May 20

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Spring is on its way! Possible warmer weather is here to stay!

Our church family is reflecting this attitude by fulfilling all the jobs and responsibilities of our church activities. We need to continue this trend as we head into our future.

The Vestry has been hard at work selecting your search committee. We have great faith in this process. When we all work together toward our mission we will find ourselves moving forward. As Resurrection Christians we can do this.

Blessings to you all,

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Wow - it's already May! Time flies when you're having fun, and that has certainly been the case this year with Sunday School.

That said, the past two school years would not have been possible had Father Don not taken a chance on this guy, putting me in charge of restarting the program.

I will be forever grateful for that opportunity and can't thank Father Don enough.

On the heels of his recent announcement that retirement is coming, I can only hope that continuing to grow the Sunday School program would be the perfect tribute to Father Don.

We have a phenomenal staff in place, and the kids we get on a regular basis are so eager and happy to learn His word.

In closing, I just want to publicly thank Father Don for taking that risk almost two years ago on letting the new guy kickstart the Sunday School program. Hoping we didn't disappoint you, good sir.

I don't think we did. In fact, I know we didn't, but just making sure. You never know.

Our last day of Sunday School for the 2018-19 year will be May 12.

As always, anyone with questions can see me in church, email me at matt@stchrisgrandblanc.org or call/text (248) 890-3944.

God bless,

Matt Mackinder

Director of Christian Education

ALLY CHALLENGE

Save the dates! The Ally Challenge comes to Warwick Hills the week of September 9-15.

In response to positive feedback from our patrons last year, tournament organizers have contracted with us to become a Tournament Lot-parking only volunteers, media, crew and (our favorites) caddies! More details and the sign up list will be coming.....

Ellen Safley

UPCOMING LESSONS

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May 5 - Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12 - Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19 - Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26 - Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

or John 5:1-9

June 2 - Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14,16-

17,20-21

John 17:20-26

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

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.

Have books you've enjoyed and would like someone else to be able to do the same? Bring a few books in to "swap out" for some new reads. Or, if you'd like to just pick up a couple books, feel free to begin a new habit of reading.

Contact Marcie Davidson or Jane Yorks with questions.



NOTES v THE MUSIC ROOM

A beautiful Holy Week. Wonderful bells. Glorious Singing. We are so blessed!

Thank you, NancyLee Fawcett for stepping in at the last minute with the Ding-a-lings, for Caroline James, who normally rings that 'High G' bell with great aplomb, however, had to suddenly go out of town. You did a great job!

A great thanks to our fearless bell-choir leader, Victor Galea, for bringing out the best in our ringers on Palm Sunday, both at the 8 a.m. and the 10:15. services.

Your valour and dedication to the growth and improvement of our bell choir is so appreciated! (not only among our ringers, but the congregation, too!)

Thank you Dr. Greg Hassold for being at-the-ready for our Eumenical Good Friday service. You played beautifully throughout Holy Week. You made our organ shine!

Thank you Bells for the wonderful Easter Morning Mimosa Brunch; Thank you Adult Choir for the fabulous Easter Brunch goodies! (it was the only Easter dinner/repast for some, and it was greatly appreciated!).



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Thank you Adult Choir for singing so well. Beethoven, I think, was happy that we did justice to his fabulous, “Hallelujah” from his Mount of Olives work; and, too, Maundy Thursday, you sang so sensitively. Thank you Ellen Safley and Noralynn Hassold for suggesting “Remember Me”.

Thank you Audrey Ditiri and Aaron McCoy-Jacobs for providing flute and violin during the Good Friday Ecumenical service. You both played beautifully.

Thank you, Elizabeth Sailus (Sauvie) for singing at the noon service on Good Friday. Your rendering of “Were you There?” was hauntingly beautiful.



And lastly, if I may indulge myself, a tremendous ‘Thank You’ to our Father Don. You have led us, with and through Christ, to a place of brotherhood and love throughout this congregation.

Happy Easter to our church!

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Director of Music

UPCOMING INREACH OUTING



Our next outing will be to Cornwell’s Turkeyville USA for some Dinner Theatre on Thursday, June 27. We will be seeing “Midlife Crisis: The Musical”. Keep an eye out for more information on our upcoming events part of the kiosk and in our announcements!

Midlife Crisis: The Musical

With a balanced look at the “joys” of growing older, a cast of three men and three women, MID-LIFE! strikes a chord with anyone regardless of age. A series of scenes and sketches poke fun at the frustrations of mammograms, love handles, weekend warriors and proctology exams. The cleverly crafted songs celebrate forgetfulness, reading glasses and menopause, but also touch on the sentimental wisdom that the later years afford us. MID-LIFE! is a hilarious romp with an honest humor about the trials and tribulations of the unavoidable aging process. Welcome to MID-LIFE! with such great hits as “Welcome to MID-LIFE”, “Turning Forty” and “What Did I Come In Here For”.



SUMMER IS COMING! CHECK OUT CAMP CHICKAGAMI

Camp Chick is the ACA Accredited Family Camping Center of The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan. It serves Michigan Episcopalians and other church and community groups as a site for religious camping, education, and recreation programs.

We offer residential summer youth camping programs as well as facilitated adult retreats. Our space is also available at other times for families, churches, and organizations to rent.

SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

Full and Partical Scholarship are available!
Contact the church office for more information.

To register for a camp or retreat, go to CampChickagami.org.

CAMPS

Family Camp - June 26-29 Accomodations starting at \$300

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to spend several days at camp. Our flexible program is scheduled with optional activities, time for the family, and time for parents to take a break.

Middle Camp - July 7-13 Grades 6-8 \$350

Intermediate Camp - July 14-20 Grades 4-7 \$350

Trip Camp - July 14-20 Grades 8-11 \$350

Junior Camp - July 21-27 Grades 3-5 \$350

Counselors in Training - July 21-27 Grades 10-11 \$350

Senior Camp - July 21-27 Grades 8-11 \$350

(NEW!) Day Camp - July 30-August 1 Grades 1-6 \$50

After a pilot program last summer, we are pleased to offer our Day Camp! Our youngest campers are invited to join our staff for a day spent in Christian Formation, at the lake, doing crafts, and countless other activities. We promise to send them home exhausted from fun.

RETREATS

(NEW!) Spiritual Retreat - June 21-23 \$200

Join us for several days spent in community focused on building a closer relationship with God. Led by an experienced facilitator, our co-ed retreat will include a flexible schedule with time spent alone and in group.

Women's Retreat - August 16-18 \$200

Our popular Women's Retreat returns once more. Join us for several days spent in community focused on building a closer relationship with God. Led by the Rev. Emily Olsen, Pastor of Christ the King ELCA in Gladwin, our retreat will focus on the stories of women in the Bible - both seen and unseen. The schedule for our retreat is flexible - with time spent both alone and in group.

Young Adult Retreat - August 31-September 2 \$40

Young Adults are invited to spend a long weekend at Camp Chick as we form deeper relationships with God. Our flexible program will include time alone and with the larger group with a special focus on our connection with food and community.

What's a young adult? We define it as someone college aged and older. If you feel like you're a "young" adult, you probably are. Retreat participants are welcome to bring their kids.



FR. DON'S
DOODLES...

IT WAS A LONG
TIME AGO AND
JUST YESTERDAY...

It was the summer of 1967 and I was a camper at the Lutheran Church Camp Mowana near Mansfield, Ohio. I was in the redbird cabin with a bunch of other guys my age. Everyday was a new adventure, many unplanned.

The outdoor chapel was quite a walk from the cabin area as I remember it. We walked through the woods and across a grass area then into another

woods. There in the middle of that woods with towering trees everywhere was a bunch of crude wood backless pews, an altar made of pine and a cross which was nothing more than 2 sticks tied together.

As I remember, one day before breakfast it had started to rain as our counselor lead us out of our cabin down the path to the chapel. As we walked in the sprinkle we were laughing and joking about one of the guys who had found a toad and placed it in the counselor's sleeping bag the night before. We were all sure that the counselor was unaware and slept with the toad all night.

As we walked the rain went from a sprinkle to a downpour. All of us were becoming soaked to the skin which for some reason or another did not bother us at all. I ran ahead of the group; I suppose to shield myself from the rain. In a few moments I entered the chapel in the woods. Just as I walked into the chapel the rain stopped. It was raining heavily outside the chapel but bright and dry inside the chapel. I could hear people coming and I was anxious for them to get there as I remember how strange I felt to see the rain outside the outdoor chapel.

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I know it must have just been a minute or so, but it felt like a long time. As I write this, my heart is beating quickly as I can still feel, after a half-century that moment in that outdoor chapel at church camp. It was there that I heard, very clearly. Not words so much as a thought – “this is where you are to be.”

I have spent hours in prayer trying to best understand that moment. I remember telling my counselor and he was kind but wondered if I had possibly been out in the sun a bit too long. If there was a moment of “calling” or feeling God’s presence more than any other moment, that was it – in an outdoor chapel at summer church camp.



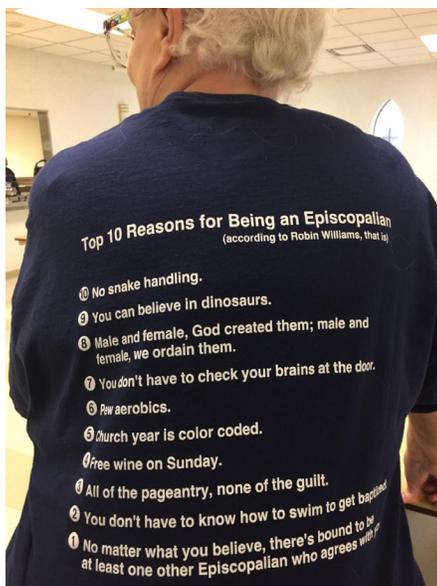
Church Camp is a holy experience for our youth. Camp Chickagami gives youth a chance to be in God’s creation in a very intentional and beautiful way. No matter the age, our youth and families can experience a closeness to creation and to God that is hard to find anywhere else. Why? I am not sure, but I do know, the television is not on, the cell phones are not ringing, and nature is everywhere.

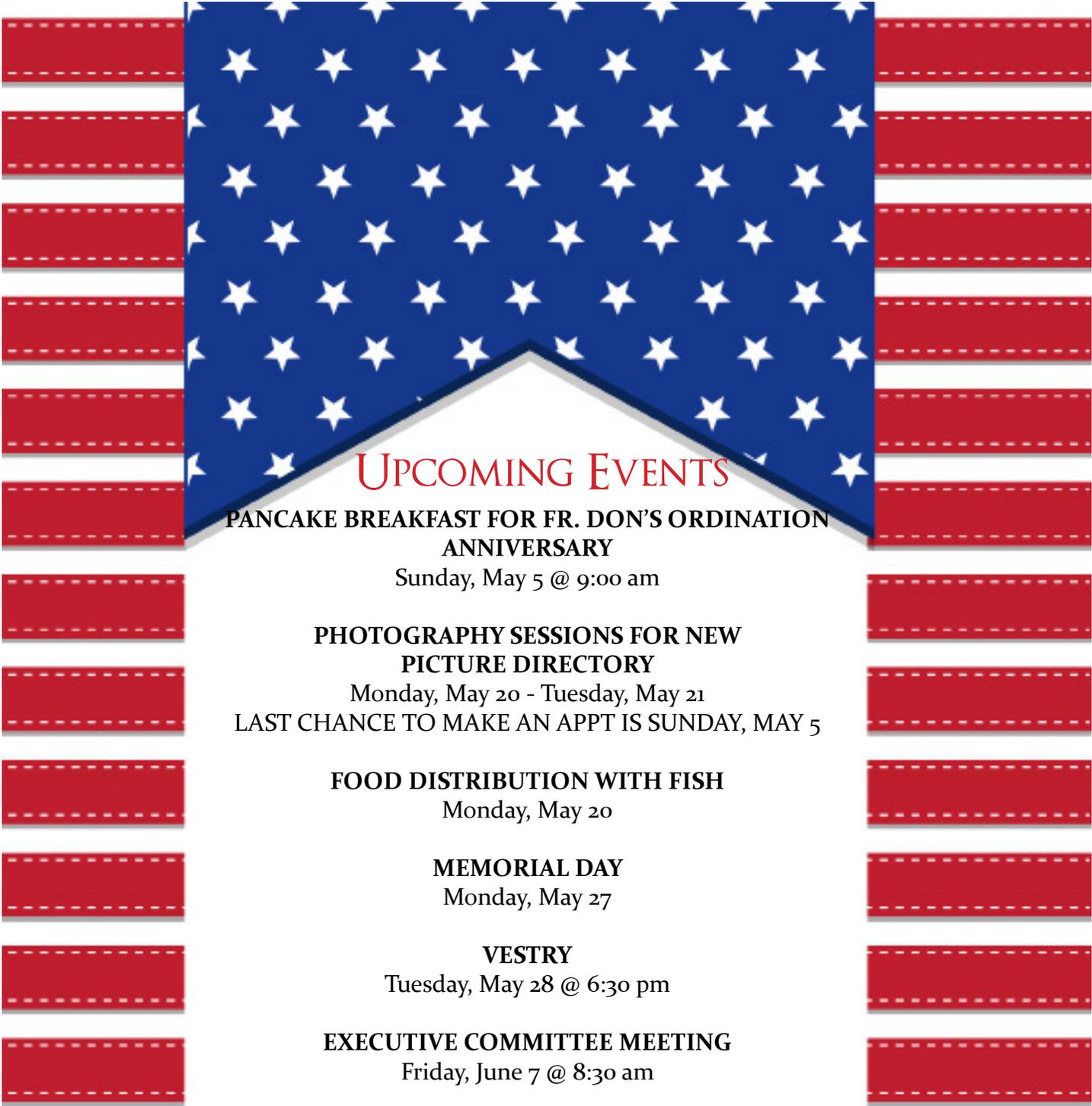
New friendships are made some of them lifelong.

I used to kid my roommate in college that I found God at Lutheran Church camp, and he met his wife of 33 years at church camp when they were in 8th grade.

If any young person wants to go to camp from St. Christopher’s the church will pay all or part of the fee. Registration is open at www.campchickagami.org. We also have a link on our website www.stchrisgrand-blanc.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR FR. DON'S ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday, May 5 @ 9:00 am

**PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR NEW
PICTURE DIRECTORY**

Monday, May 20 - Tuesday, May 21

LAST CHANCE TO MAKE AN APPT IS SUNDAY, MAY 5

FOOD DISTRIBUTION WITH FISH

Monday, May 20

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

VESTRY

Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:30 pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, June 7 @ 8:30 am

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 9

FOOD DISTRIBUTION WITH FISH

Monday, June 17

VESTRY

Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm

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