



The

OCTOBER 2019

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

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

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8 am - Holy Eucharist Service
- 9 am - Adult Formation
- 10 am - Children Formation
- 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
- 11:30 am - Youth Sermon Discussion
- Coffee Hour following 10:15 am Eucharist*

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- 4:30 pm - Bells Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Columbarium Chapel
- 6 pm - Soup Supper
- 6 pm - Wednesdays with Jesus Discussions
- 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal



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## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Dear St. Christopher's Faithful Congregation,

Just imagine...we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through 2019. Summer has bid us goodbye. Weather has turned cooler. St. Christopher's is beginning Children's Christian Education, Adult Formation, Wednesday Soup Suppers, finance stabilization and more. (For "more" see announcements in our Pew Pulse.)

Your Search Committee continues to meet and move forward.

October begins Stewardship month. As you know it takes the form of volunteering Time and Talents plus the pledging of our Treasures. Watch for your pledge cards soon!

Keeping track of our fellow congregation members is important. Let us make sure we do this when we don't see each other regularly. Its as simple as a phone call.

Until next time I ask for Blessings for you all.

*Jane Brewer*  
Senior Warden



### October is Stewardship Month!

This year, you will be provided with the opportunity to help the church in Moving Forward in 2020!

In 2019, we were able to take many steps (with your help) in moving from "survival mode" to a mission-based mode of budgeting and spending in 2020.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for pledge materials and information. If you do not receive your materials, extras will be available in the gathering space soon!

See members of our 2019 Stewardship Committee with any questions or for more information:  
Lou Alarie, Jane Brewer, Louise McAra, Joyce Thewalt

Thank you for all you do to help St. Christopher's!



## ALLY CHALLENGE THANK YOU!

To all who came out to help with parking for Ally Challenge-  
MANY THANKS!

As we work toward the goal of a balanced budget (hallelujah!), your efforts have added \$20,000 to our bank account.

Jim Beal	Velvet Douglas
Colleen Shrank	Flo Gjerstad
Caoline James	Kassidy Campbell
Barb Schmidt	Sharon Escue
Bob Medlyn	Harold Escue
Joe LePard	David Leffen
Ed Roelle	Fr. Don Davidson
Eldon Dove	Brenda Leffen
Shirley Dove	Bobbie Goergen
Joyce Thewalt	Greg Hassold
Shirley Showler	Noralynn Hassold
Linda Rathburn	David Warner
Ken Peterson	Tony Warner
Pat Peterson	Paige Steele
Jane Brewer	Louise Desgranges
Eric Campbell	Mary Van Duyne
Bill White	Deacon Michael Spencer

And to Jackie Beal for her wonderful lunches and deliciously fattening cookies, we are extra thankful!

As you may have heard, next year's Ally Challenge will be held from July 27-Aug 4 and-if the positive feedback from so many parkers and caddies is a good indication-I fully expect that our contract with Ally will be renewed!

With much gratitude,

*Ellen Safley*

## UPCOMING LESSONS

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### Oct. 6 - Pentecost 17

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### Oct. 13 - Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-11  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### Oct. 20 - Pentecost 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### Oct. 27 - Pentecost 20

Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### Nov. 3 - All Saints' Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**Find the readings every  
week on the church  
website or at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**



# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

## Greetings from the Music Room!

What a wonderful WELCOME BACK to our Fall Season at St. Christopher's by the beautiful clarinet solo transcribed from the Faure' Requiem, "Pie Jesus" which Ken Duck played on September 8th. Thank you Mr. Duck for suggesting this gorgeous musical offering. We all were so moved.

It is hard for me to believe that we have entered the month of October already, but HERE WE ARE! And, several good things will be happening in October, one of which includes our Bell Choir playing the Dvorak "New World Symphony" melody at our October 13th Service. Bill Hartley has been working very conscientiously on his music, so please be sure to try and make it to the 10:15 Service that morning. Even Jane Yorks (of treble E and F bell fame), who will be just returning from an overseas trip and on NO SLEEP is still planning on being here to play this lovely work. You rock, Jane!

I would also like to welcome young soprano from UM Flint, Cynthia Risch to our choir. She has been enjoying the music that we sing and attending the services that Father Don leads. Cynthia is from Davison (as is one of our basses, Tristram Shayna).

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Grand Blanc Community Messiah Sing which will be held at our own St. Christopher's on November 24th. If you would like to participate (as a singer) here are the guidelines:

- 1) You must make it to AT LEAST TWO of the THREE rehearsals (all three would be great, but if you cannot, please, please, please make two). All rehearsals are at St. Chris from 10 - Noon.  
November 2nd  
November 9th  
November 16th
- 2) The fourth and final rehearsal is the DRESS REHEARSAL on November 23rd, 10 am - Noon (again, at St. Christopher's). THIS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY!
- 3) The performance on November 24th is at 4 pm at St. Christopher's. CALL TIME IS 3 PM.

And as always, if you have been wanting but just did not have the time until now to participate in our Adult Choir, please drop down to the choir room to chat or come see me after our 10:15 service on any Sunday. If ringing bells was something you always wanted to explore, please come to our rehearsals which are held every Wednesday at 4:30 and give it try! Who knows, you may find that you really love bells and have a passion for it-- it could be that you may be meeting your calling!

More exciting things to come---

In Christ, I am yours,

*Nada*

Director of Music

# Gifts of God for the People of God

Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church



Furman L. Buchanan

BEGINNING SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 6 AT 9 AM

## Adult Ed is Back!

We will be exploring a different part of the Episcopal Service each week with

"Gifts of God for the People of God: Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church" by Furman L. Buchanan.

Books are available in the office. Fr. Don will be facilitating, but this class is intended as an interactive discussion with all participants.

COMING SOON!

## WEDNESDAYS WITH JESUS



JOIN US BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 6 PM

DURING THE SOUP SUPPER  
(BRING YOUR SOUP OVER DURING THE DISCUSSION)!

WE WILL BE READING THROUGH THE BIBLE AND  
DISCUSSING EVERY WEEK.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GRAND BLANC, MI

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS THIS SUNDAY (10/6)!



## Sunday School Starts Oct. 6!

As our children have headed back to school for another exciting year, that also means that Sunday School/Youth Formation is ready to kickstart into high gear for another year at St. Christopher's. Our school year will begin on Sunday, Oct. 6 and will wrap up in mid-May.

The format will not change from the 2018-19 school year, a year that I consider a real success.

Children of any age up through fifth grade will meet in the classroom (which looks substantially bigger and cleaner, thanks to our own Bill Anderson!) with two teachers each Sunday from 10 a.m. until the Peace.

The older kids (middle school on up) will stay in church and take notes on the Gospel and the Sermon and then meet with the two teachers during Coffee Hour to discuss that day's lesson.

Weekly lessons, as well as more info on our curriculum, can be found at [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com).

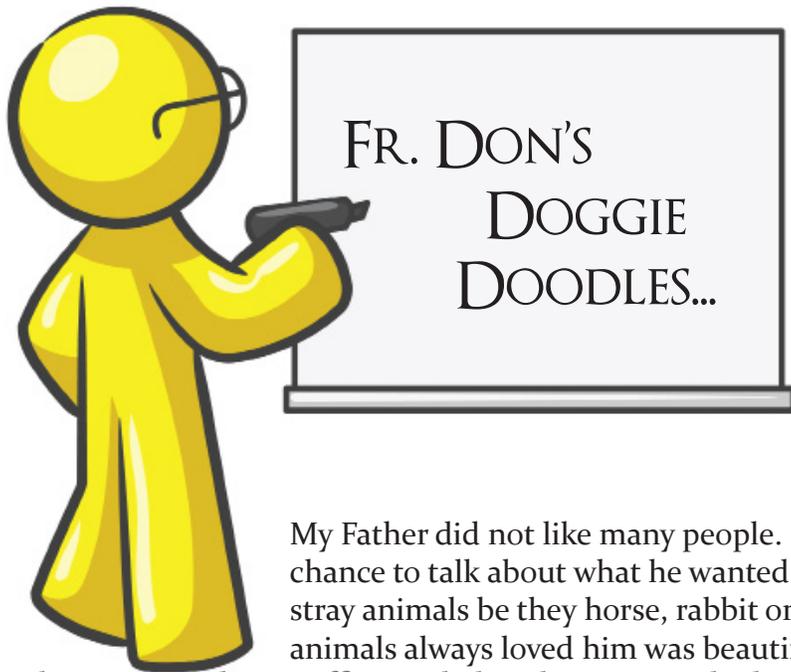
Our teachers this year will include Bill Anderson, Noralynn Hassold, Matt Mackinder, Stephanie Mackinder, Nadine Portela and Joyce Thewalt. We already have the year's schedule complete and Joyce and Noralynn will teach the month of October.

Each set of two teachers will teach a month before giving way to the next duo. This lends to continuity and after doing it this way last year, made for a more conducive learning environment. We are all really looking forward to continuing this endeavor!

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email me at [matt@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:matt@stchrisgrandblanc.org), call/text (248) 890-3944 or see me in church.

*Matt Mackinder*

Director of Christian Education



This month I dedicate my thoughts to my friends: Duchess, Muffin, Tippet, Mack, Tiger, Ziggy, Fergie, Punkydoodlefuffernutt, Tabby, Wrigley, Lollers and Cinnamon (picture).

Of course my friends were not human, they were my dog and cat friends and almost always they, in their own way, taught me more about life, living and love than any human. I loved and love them all very much.

My Father did not like many people. But Dad loved dogs and cats. When given the chance to talk about what he wanted in life it always had to do with taking care of stray animals be they horse, rabbit or hamster. His love of animals, and the way animals always loved him was beautiful to watch. The only time I ever knew my Dad to cry was when Muffin, our beloved rat terrier, died.

St. Francis teaches us that we are one with all creation under one Creator. We have been entrusted by that Creator to care for the earth and all who reside here. Sometimes we discriminate or justify, "let someone else do that." We make fun of a 15 year-old Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg who just might teach the world a thing or two about being selfish. We forget that some of the plastic stuff we use pollutes our oceans and damages our good earth.

Care of creation is not just a good practice it is a spiritual imperative. God loves us so much that we have this beautiful earth, we enjoy the unconditional love of our animal friends and we are compelled to do our part to clean what has been dirtied including the stress on our climate by past unwise decisions and do whatever is possible to make the world better for those to come.

Please join me in giving thanks for the animals that have graced our lives and brought smiles to our faces. Please join me in giving thanks for all that God has made and let us all commit ourselves to being good and grateful stewards every day of our lives.



*Don+*  
Priest in Charge





of Grand Blanc

## FALL FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS WITH FISH ARE BACK!

Please consider volunteering to help with FISH of Grand Blanc in their twice a month food distribution to people with children in need in the Grand Blanc community. The 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, volunteers are needed to help load food at The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in the AM and to help set-up and distribute food at St. Christopher's in the afternoon.

A reminder that FISH is an all-volunteer organization and to be eligible for FISH programs, recipients must live within the Grand Blanc School District. All donations to FISH remain in Grand Blanc.

For more information, concerns, comments, please contact FISH by calling: 810.866.4409 or emailing: fishofgrandblancmi@gmail.com.



### THANK YOU!!

**Thank you to our September Coffee Hour Hosts!**  
Shirley Dove, Nada Radakovich & Ken and Pat Peterson.

**Sign up for Coffee Hour is on the door of the kitchen. Please consider signing up for a Sunday to host by yourself or with a group following the 10:15 am service. It need not be elaborate - store bought or homemade baked goods or a tray that goes with coffee and water is enough. You can decorate or bring as much or as little food as you like. Have fun!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MID-MICHIGAN THERAPY DOGS BLESSING

Saturday, October 5 @ 11 am

## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6 @ 12:30 pm

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VESTRY

Sunday, October 6 @ 2 pm

## AMEN CLERGY CONFERENCE IN MACKINAW

Tuesday, October 8 - Thursday, October 10  
Canon Spencer and Fr. Don out of the office

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 8 @ 3 pm

## FAMILY PROMISE DINNER HOSTS

Sunday, October 13 & Thursday, October 17  
See Bobbie Walton for more information

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 16 @ 1:30 pm

## FINANCE TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 16 @ 3 pm

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN BAY CITY

Friday, October 18 - Saturday, October 19

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION WITH FISH

Monday, October 21

## VESTRY

Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



## A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Your Vestry asks that you pray daily for the search process. We ask that you use the following prayer:

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Christopher's Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church.

We ask your direction and guidance for all those who choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations.

Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other

and those who have entrusted us with this process.

Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.