



The

JULY 2020

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday Services

ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Morning Prayer Service via Facebook Live & Zoom
Zoom Gathering following

10:15 am - Morning Prayer Service with Music
via Facebook Live & Zoom
Zoom Gathering following

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer via Facebook Live



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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our documents are complete and have been submitted to our consultant for review again. We already made changes based on Rev. Little's recommendations. After her final review, everything will be submitted to the National Church's Office of Transition Ministry. They will publish the documents.

Linda Rathburn

Search Committee Member

ALLY PARKING STILL HAPPENING

As of this date, the Ally Challenge (Monday, July 27 - Friday, August 7) is still a go! We park cars in our lot and on our lawn- it is by far our largest fundraiser of the year.

We need volunteers. Every effort will be made to maintain the health and safety of our members (including new social distancing guidelines) while we fulfill the contract we have with Ally and raise the funds that will help to keep our budget balanced!

Keep an eye on the Weekly Cyber Trumpeter emails and Facebook for future updates!

Questions? Reach out to Ellen Safley at gram8547@sbc-global.net or by phone at 810-603-1982 or 810-444-0860.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring and summer are here and work needs to be accomplished on the grounds (weeding, mulching, etc). You will be able to work by yourself, need yard tools from home and energy to do the job. St. Christopher's is hosting the diocese ordination of deacons Saturday July 18th outside and we would love to have a cleaned up area for them. Please let Bill White, your Jr Warden, know If you can help. His contact information is: juniorwarden@stcgb.org



St. Christopher's EPISCOPAL CHURCH GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

LETTER REGARDING PARISH BUILDING RE-ENTRY

June 30, 2020

Dear Siblings in Christ:

We are in a trying time. Many of us have been sequestered in our homes for months, going out only for essential tasks. Not only that, our churches have been closed since March by order of the three bishops of the four dioceses of Michigan.

On May 1, 2020, after working together intently and prayerfully, they released a document entitled, "Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians." This three-phase plan includes requirements and advisories for a gradual reopening of our buildings for worship, meetings, and gatherings.

Phase I prohibited in-person worship and allowed for a limited number of people to enter St. Christopher's only for purposes of performing tasks that need doing, such as signing payroll.

St. Christopher's has been worshiping using the Office of Morning Prayer remotely via Zoom. No celebration of the Eucharist was allowed in Phase I. Following worship we join together for coffee hour, also using Zoom.

While it has been hard to be physically distanced from one another, we are grateful for the ways in which we have been connected during this time. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak Bishops Wayne Hougland, Bonnie Perry, and Rayford Ray, have communicated clearly and efficiently their care for the health and safety of our collective communities by adapting pastorally sensitive physical distancing practices.

Keeping this physical distance and wearing masks is the only way to slow the spread and impact of the virus, and the decrease in cases have shown this to be effective. Many states, including Michigan, have gradually opened up. However, recently, there has been serious spread of the disease in certain parts of the country. Michigan has also seen a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases.

On June 19, the bishops of the four dioceses announced a voluntary movement from Phase I to Phase II, allowing for re-entry into our buildings as of June 29, and permitting worship as of July 5. The bishops also allow for Eucharist with strict rules for its administration, including communion with bread only. Masks and physical distancing are still required. Singing, while not forbidden, is strongly discouraged. People will need to leave the building immediately following worship. There will be no coffee hour. Phase III will allow for complete reopening of the building, and the celebration of Holy Communion without physical distancing and mask requirements. The bishops offer advisories in Phases II and III that include setting up systems for contact tracing and mechanisms for handling pastoral care should someone who entered the building contract COVID-19.

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At a special Vestry meeting on June 9, the vestry decided we will continue to meet for Sunday worship services online and not gather for in-person worship until Phase III. At its regular meeting on June 23, and in light of the revised directive from the bishops, the vestry re-affirmed its decision of June 9 to wait until Phase III to gather for in-building worship.

Your leadership has made this decision knowing that re-entering our building is on everyone’s hearts and minds. While we all want to gather in-person we need to remind ourselves that the church is the people – people we love and care about.

Yes, this means it will still be some time before we gather for safe, in-person worship services, our bishops remind us that “. . . The Body of Christ is more than what happens inside of our buildings – it is a people living the Way of Love wherever we may be.” (Letter dated March 17, 2020)

The clergy and Vestry of St. Christopher’s have all of you in our prayers. We hope we are in yours as well. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any one of us.

If you would like to see the full report and details of each phase, you may visit the Diocesan website at <https://www.Eastmich.org/>.

Peace and God’s blessings,

The Rev. Ann Grady, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Michael Spencer, Curate
Jane Brewer, Senior Warden



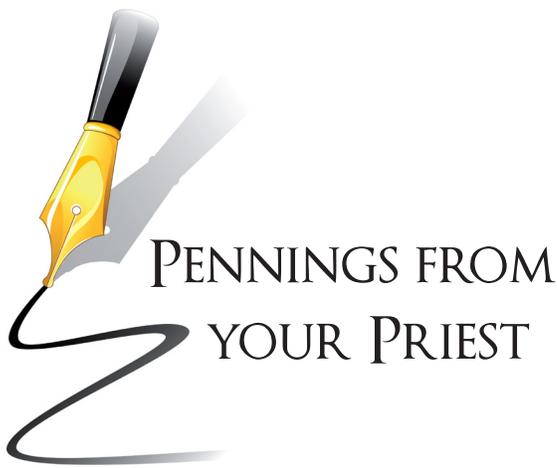
FISH is still using St. Christopher’s for drive-up food distribution for over 200 Grand Blanc families every Monday.

Items they could use are: cereal, meals in a box or can, syrup, pancake mix, tuna fish, crackers, jelly, mayonnaise

They will be distributing hygiene products in August and items they could use for this are: bar hand soap, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, shave cream, laundry soap and toilet paper.

Please contact the FISH office to find a good time for drop offs: (810) 866-4409.

Thank you for your continued support of FISH and our efforts to help our less fortunate residents.



OK. The time has come for me to tell you about myself. I have delayed doing so for the last couple of months because other things took priority.

I was born in North Dakota, where my parents lived while my father was working for the federal government. When I was six months old my parents moved back to Wisconsin. My mother was born and raised there, and my father had attended the University of Wisconsin there.

I grew up in the small (15,000) town of Beaver Dam, located about 40 miles from Madison. I have two brothers, who also grew up there. My brother, Pat, his wife, Mary Jo, and their son, Dan, live in Wisconsin. Pat retired several years ago after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

My brother, Gardner, and his wife, Sharon, live in San Diego. Gardner spent years as a graphic artist and now works for an environmental group. Sharon is working on a Master's Degree.

My father worked in agricultural sales, and my mother stayed at home to care for three children. She was active in the League of Women Voters at both the local and state levels. That formed my interest in government and politics.

I participated in my first political campaign at the age of 10. My mother was the campaign manager for a woman who ran for the State Assembly (the lower house of the Wisconsin legislature). She lost but I was hooked.

Every two years I worked on the re-election campaign for my congressman, Robert Kastenmeier. In 1967-68 I worked for Eugene McCarthy, who campaigned in my hometown.

While in college, I spent the summer of 1973 in Washington, D.C. as an intern in Bob's office. It just so happens that was the summer of the Watergate hearings by the House Judiciary Committee, of which Bob was the fourth-ranking Democrat.

I majored in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1974, I embarked on what would be some of the best years of my life. I got my first job working in the office of the Assembly Chief Clerk in the Wisconsin Legislature. The chief clerk's office produced the documents used by the members of the Assembly on a daily basis.

My colleagues and I were often a resource for members of the public and the press. We knew legislative procedure at least as well, if not better, than most of the legislators. I left after ten years, wanting to prove to myself I could do something else.

I answered a blind ad in the newspaper – remember those days? – and got the job. I moved to Chicago, where I worked for four years in the Governmental Affairs Division of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). I worked with state chapters of ADHA, analyzing practice acts and administrative rules, and writing language to amend those documents.

I forgot to mention that I was raised in the Presbyterian Church. While I was in middle school a new pastor was called to the local United Methodist Church. He, Gordon, and my pastor became good friends.

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I started attending the local United Methodist Church, and subsequently became active in the Wesley Foundation while at UW-Madison.

It was while I was working in Chicago that I felt a call to the ordained ministry. My mentor and friend, Gordon, whom I had known since I was a teenager was supportive and urged me to enroll in seminary.

I received a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1993. While there, I became acquainted with the Book of Common Prayer. It was love at first reading.

After some time off, I took a year of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Madison, Wisconsin. I worked as a hospice counselor and volunteer coordinator.

I began the process toward ordination in the Episcopal Church. In 1999, I enrolled at Nashotah House to work on a second Master's degree, and received a Masters in Sacred Theology in 2000.

I was ordained that year in the Diocese of Milwaukee to the transitional diaconate. I was ordained to the priesthood in 2001, and began serving my first parish that year.

I served Episcopal parishes and Lutheran churches in Wisconsin until 2010, when I moved to Vermont to serve at Christ Church, Montpelier. I returned to Michigan in 2013, and served at Trinity, Bay City until 2016. I retired from the priesthood in 2018.

Since retiring, I have done supply in parishes in Michigan, am the Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Spouses, and Surviving Spouses, and am currently serving you as your priest in charge. I also serve on the Diocesan Committee on Constitutions and Canons.

The end.

Ann+

Priest-in-Charge



UPCOMING LESSONS

RCL YEAR A

July 5 - Proper 9

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 - Proper 10

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65: (1-8), 9-14

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - Proper 11

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 - Proper 12

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2 - Proper 13

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-22

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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

CHOOSE HOW YOU GIVE

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."

- Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

If you are able to continue your pledge through these challenging times we have several options:

1. Mail in your pledge to address below
2. Online Giving:
<https://onrealm.org/SaintChristopher/give/now>
3. Text StChrisGB to 73256



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