



The

AUGUST 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

Using Zoom to meet, the Search Committee completed our profile. Our consultant, the Rev. Tracie Little, will take the document to our Vestry for their review. Once they approve, the Rev. Canon Michael Spencer will begin the actual search for candidates. Any candidates will have to be reviewed by the Diocesan office. Those who are approved will be interviewed by Search Committee members.

While we're waiting for candidates, Tracie will help us set up a process for doing the interviews and help us learn to do the interviews and follow the process.

The end of the tunnel is almost in sight. Please continue to pray for us and for candidates to respond. Thank you for your support throughout this process.

Linda Rathburn

Search Committee Member

STEWARDSHIP STILL IMPORTANT!

Ways that you can continue your pledge:

1) Mail checks to 9020 S. Saginaw Rd., Grand Blanc, MI

2) Go online and give:
<https://onrealm.org/SaintChristopher/give/now>
*You can give a one-time gift or set up automatic giving

3) Text StChrisGB to 73256

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear All,

Although the inside of our church building is closed we can all enjoy the outside landscaping and flowers. So much time has been spent and work has been accomplished and the results are beautiful. I suggested in an earlier report that you should do a drive by and take pride in what has been done.

Ellen Safley got the ball rolling with her trimming, weeding and mulching of the islands and grounds. Sharon Rice, as usual, planted and waters the two large pots by the front door. Every season she keeps them looking appropriate. Colleen Shrank provided the petunias for the other large pots and they have taken off beautifully. Bill White patched our potholes in the drive and cut down the deformed trees by the front door. It all looks great; done originally for the Ordinations held July 18th. The project has been picked up by Bill Anderson with the help of his friend Ed Demming. It continues to give our building a professional appearance. Rebecca Stermer and I added our assistance as well. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone. Let me know and I will cover my error in subsequent issues.

Online services are faithfully attended and wonderfully presided over by Fr. Michael and Rev. Ann and ALL their assistants. We thank them so much.

Please keep in mind that Elizabeth will be on vacation August 7-17. We all wish her well.

The reopening of our building rests with the Diocese and we will let you know as soon as possible when that will be. We all look forward to seeing each other and worshipping together in the building when the time is right.

Peace and Blessings for a healthy return,

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden

UPCOMING LESSONS

RCL YEAR A

August 9 - Proper 14

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16 - Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 23 - Proper 16

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 - Proper 17

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 6 - Proper 18

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FORMATION UPDATE

Just like with many other things in this unfortunate COVID world we are living in, the month of March not only brought about our church building closing, but also the premature end to the 2020-21 Sunday School/Youth Formation year.

And I'll be 100 percent honest – I miss all of what we had going on at St. Christopher's. Everyone here is truly a second family, and some even hire our kids to paint decks at their home!

In my three years as Director of Christian Education, it has been a roller coaster of a ride. I've written ad nauseum about how we have so few young families but the ones we do have get an enriched dose of His Word each Sunday.

I just wish there was a way we could snap our fingers and get 50 new families with kids that are looking for a solid Sunday School program. And while none of us have magic beans, most of us wish we did.

So now, humbly, I come to you, my parish family, asking for suggestions on how we can appeal to young families to come check us out and see what we can offer today's youth.

Let me know your thoughts by emailing me at matt@stchrisgrandblanc.org.

Of course, we have already started planning for a return to Sunday School – in some fashion – once school starts back up later this month and into September.

Like many of you, I think we're all anxious to get back into our former routines, but while that may not be realistic to an extent, I believe Sunday School can and should be part of that routine, at least every Sunday.

We have the building. We have the teachers. We have the curriculum. We have some kids. Now we need to take it up a notch.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Be well, my friends!

Matt Mackinder

Director of Christian Education



ALLY CHALLENGE PARKING COMPLETE FOR 2020!

As I rest here in the sand on the shore of Lake Huron and think about the Ally Challenge. I keep reflecting on 2 idea. First, I am so thankful for all our members who step up every year to accomplish this fundraiser. And, second, that even with the COVID challenge, the Ally Challenge was able to proceed continuing St. Christopher's partnership with the tournament. Certainly, this event was different. Having no spectators, half the number of volunteers and fewer caddies made the number of cars to place on our front lawn and parking lot an easier task. The cooler temperatures, low humidity and lovely breezes made the weather a delight. (I made very few trips to the walk-in cooler just to "cool off".) And the opportunity to reconnect and converse with friends we have been out of touch with for months was a special blessing!



I believe that people need to be acknowledged for their efforts and so I extend much appreciation to:

Dave, Tony & Carrie Warner for striping the lawn and helping to hang all the banners.

Jim & Jackie Beal – our “meals on wheels” for providing coffee, yummy cookies and other snacks to keep our energy up.

Our parking crew:

Colleen Shrank
Dawn Rutherford
Victoria Price
Louise McAra
Caroline James
Ed Roelle
Ken Peterson
Eldon & Shirley Dove
Bill White
Fr. Michael Spencer

Linda Rathburn
Jane Yorks
Bob Medlyn
Chapin Cook
Fr. Michael & Karen Carr
Jane Brewer
Sharon & Harold Escue
Greg Hassold
Becky Stermer
Louise Desgranges

To Barb Schmidt – we missed you and hope your leg is better very soon!

Ally Challenge 2021 seems a long way off, but dates for next year's tourney will be announced soon. I'll keep you posted!

And again, many thanks!

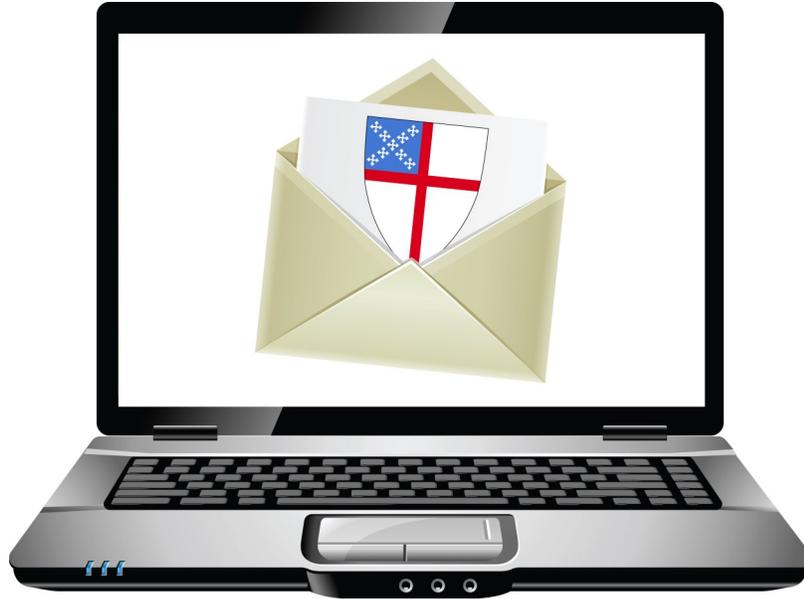
Ellen Safley

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