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OCTOBER 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  
6:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study



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# SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear All,

As time goes on and we are kept from worshiping together our faith is tested more each day. The Vestry is working hard to accommodate all the differing opinions where in-church worship is concerned. Please stay tuned and know that we are thinking of all of us as we make our difficult decisions.

Peace and Blessings to you all,

*Jane Brewer*  
Senior Warden

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is November 1.

Since we are not able to gather in-person this year, we would like to create a picture collage to honor those who have passed this year.

If you have someone you would like to be remembered, please send the name and a picture to Elizabeth in the church office ([office@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:office@stchrisgrandblanc.org)). Please send by Tuesday, October 27. If your picture is a print and you are unable to scan and email it, please contact Elizabeth for assistance.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Finally, in spite of the pandemic and learning to meet via Zoom, we finished all of the preliminary paperwork. Our consultant, the Rev. Tracie Little, reported to the committee that the search for names is now underway. Once candidates are found and approved by the diocesan office Tracie will work with us on how to interview them.

*Linda Rathburn*  
Member of the Search Committee

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## 2021 STEWARDSHIP

Our 2021 Stewardship campaign is underway with the theme of “Faith-Filled Generosity.” We are using resources created by The Episcopal Network of Stewardship (TENS), an association of church leaders who understand, practice, and proclaim God’s call to generosity.

We, like many other faith communities, continue to be challenged by how to safely and pastorally respond to COVID-19. While we are not yet worshipping in person, outreach continues. Your generous giving ensures it will be able to continue.

In the October editions of the Weekly Cyber Trumpeter emails, you will be able to read a reflection produced by TENS relating one of the coming Sunday readings to the “Faith-Filled Generosity” theme.

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of St. Christopher’s.

## 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

As we commence our 2021 Stewardship campaign some of you may have questions about how the parish is doing financially this year. Bobbie Walton, our parish treasurer, has provided some information.

We are in the black, partially because of a reduction in expenditures, and partially because most parishioners have maintained their pledges. Since we have established an online or text option for giving, we are making it easier to keep up without having to remember to mail a check.

Our plate offerings are down, because of the length of time we have not met for services in our building, and our building use income is down for the same reason. But, the reduced expenditures are picking up that lack.

A thumbnail of our last financial report, which took us through August, shows the following:

Here is a summary of August and YTD activity:

	<b>August 2020</b>	<b>January - August, 2020</b>	<b>% Budget Used</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	32,045.40	253,068.85	61.1%
<b>Expenditures</b>	15,986.81	222,018.76	53.8%
<b>Net Activity</b>	16,058.59	31,050.09	1511.7%

# 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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## UPCOMING LESSONS

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### **October 11 - Proper 23**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### **October 18 - Proper 24**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 25 - Proper 25**

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### **November 1 - All Saints'**

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 8 - Proper 27**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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

## REOPENING OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ON THE HORIZON

The Vestry committee assigned the responsibility of looking into the reopening of our building for in-person worship has met. A proposal is in the works and will be presented to the Vestry at the October 27th meeting. Details will be forthcoming after all the arrangements for a safe and thoughtful return have been worked out. Your prayers are appreciated as we look forward to making this move.

*Jane Brewer*

Senior Warden

## DAY BY DAY

The latest edition of the daily devotional book Day by Day is available. We have pocket-sized and large-print books available for Nov-Dec-Jan.

If you would like a copy, please let Elizabeth in the church office know: [office@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:office@stchrisgrandblanc.org). She will arrange a drop off/pick up or mail them to you.

## HOW CAN I CONTINUE MY PLEDGE?

We have several ways to continue your giving:

### 1) Mail checks:

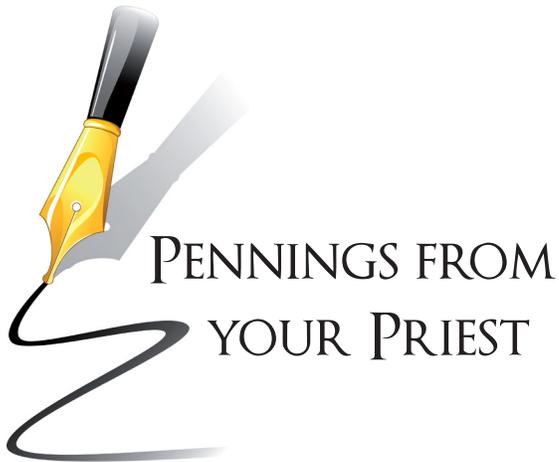
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### 2) Go online and give:

<https://onrealm.org/SaintChristopher/give/now>

\*You can give a one-time gift or set up automatic giving

### 3) Text StChrisGB to 73256



This month we begin our annual Stewardship drive. You should have already received from me a kick-off letter along with a Pledge Card and Proportional Giving Chart.

We will conclude our stewardship campaign with a "Parade of Pledges" on Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 2:00P.M. – 4:00P.M. We will have some surprises for you, so please join us.

We are using resources from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). This year's theme is "Faith-Filled Generosity." Each weekly Trumpeter will include a written reflection from TENS on the theme. I hope you will take the opportunity to read them as you discern how you will support St. Christopher's with your treasure.

Some of you may be wondering why, or if, you should support St. Christopher's as we have not worshiped in person since March. You see other faith communities gathering in their building and you wonder why we are not.

If we are not meeting in person why should I give money to St. Christopher's. I know many of you are asking that question.

The bishops of the four Episcopal dioceses in Michigan bishops reminded us in their Re-Entry Document that, "As people of faith, we follow the commandment Jesus gave us - to 'love our neighbors as ourselves.' Loving our neighbors these days, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, means setting limits. This is how we love our neighbors - by working to slow the spread of this extremely contagious, life-threatening virus. We know that coming together, even for the best of reasons, can spread this disease."

The vestry is in ongoing discussion about re-opening for in-person worship. Rest assured it is not a settled issue.

We have also been reminded in ways we never thought we would that "the church is more than the building." Through the Care Circles and in informal ways you have reached out to those who have suffered loss the loss of a loved one, and those who are enduring an illness or are frightened by a diagnosis they did not expect. You have sewn scores of masks and made sure the needy get the food they need.

As The Rev. Melanie S. Donahoe said in her October 11 TENS reflection, "God's Holy Spirit has inspired you to be Christ's daily loving, healing presence in the world. Our physical church doors may have necessarily been shuttered, but 'the Church' has never been closed."

St. Christopher's has never stopped being the church. We have never stopped engaging in acts of faith-filled generosity. That, my friends, is why we need your treasure for the coming year.

Blessings,

*Rev. Ann*

Priest-in-Charge