



THE

JANUARY 2021

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

9 am - Sunday Morning Service via Facebook Live & Zoom  
*Zoom Gathering following*

### WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer via Facebook Live

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES THANK YOU!



St. Christopher Family,

We successfully helped with the Christmas wishes of six children. Thank you to all who purchased toys, clothing and hygiene products. Each child had a nice set of new things along with headphones to help with their school work. FISH provided food for the family.

Peace from the Outreach Team,

*Becky Stermer*

*Bobbie Walton*

*Bill Anderson*

# SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year to you all!

Father Jerry Lasley has arrived! We welcome him and praise God he answered our call. We look forward to his work among us.

We are still struggling with the numbers in our state's Covid 19 illnesses and deaths. As the vaccine becomes more widely available our hopes should continue for changes to our Diocese's recommendations. Our aim is to keep all of us as safe and as healthy as possible.

Our Christmas season was a success and as wonderful as Fr. Michael and Rev Ann could make it. I love the Christmas story and everything about Advent. We were blessed to receive our Advent wreaths and drive through communion from Michael and we thank him.

Rev Ann has served as our Priest in Charge since the beginning of the Pandemic. She provided us with her excellent leadership skills and we thank her too!

As we continue worshiping during these trying times we look for silver linings anywhere we can find them. Those linings include our relationships with each other and our Outreach through FISH. Continuing these relationships and expanding on them is something we should put on our prayer list.

Have you heard about The Bible Challenge Fr. Michael is conducting now? This is our opportunity to read the Bible in one year and it's on Facebook. This becomes our chance to study the Word. Michael posts the readings every week. Check it out!

Blessings for all of us as we begin 2021.

Peace,

*Jane Brewer*  
Senior Warden

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

*“Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense . . .”*

Thank you to our prayer team headed by Linda Rathburn who will again be praying each week for our prayer requests.

Prayer requests will be included in the Prayers of the People the Sunday following receipt. After that, our prayer team will continue to pray for your request. Please do let us know how long you wish the person to remain on the prayer list.

If you have a prayer request, make sure to include your full name, the full name of the person you would like to have prayer for (only first names will be shared with prayer team and in the Prayers of the People), date of request, reason for prayer, the length of time you would like the person to remain on the prayer list.

We have a few ways for you to submit your request:

1. You can email to [rector@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:rector@stchrisgrandblanc.org) or [office@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:office@stchrisgrandblanc.org)
2. You can submit our new website form that is sent to our prayer team.
3. You can also call the church office and leave a message for Elizabeth (810) 694-3600. She will return your call if you would like to let us know your request over the phone.
4. You can also request copies of the prayer request form to be mailed to you. Please email or call the church office to request these.



## ANNUAL MEETING 2020

The annual meeting will take place via Zoom on  
**Sunday, January 31**  
**at 11 am**

We will be posting and emailing the Annual Booklet and mailing the booklet out early next week. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit any questions or comments you may have to Fr. Jerry ([rector@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:rector@stchrisgrandblanc.org)) or Elizabeth ([office@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:office@stchrisgrandblanc.org)) prior to the meeting and we will make sure they are addressed.

Meeting minutes will be available the following week upon request.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/91987525265?pwd=VEtlY0FvbFJJa0lNUHBleGVmdG93Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 919 8752 5265**

**Passcode: Annual**

**Or Join by Phone:**

**+1 312 626 6799**

## 2021 VESTRY NOMINEES

### Flo Gjerstad



Flo has been attending St. Christopher's church for about 10 years. Her husband was a Methodist Minister for over 30 years, and upon his retirement, they decided to attend St. Christopher's.

Flo has served in many capacities in their churches as a clergy spouse, so she is very aware of many of the challenges in the church.

Flo has served as head usher for about 3 years, and also schedules Lectors and LEM's for each Sunday. She also served on the Search Committee this past year. Flo feels that her experience throughout her life in the church has prepared her to serve on the Vestry. 2020 has been a challenging year, and she is hopeful that we will have a new beginning in 2021.

Flo looks forward to working with our new Rector, Father Lasley to bring our church forward in 2021.

### Bobbie Walton

When I finally retired from government work in 2008, my husband, George, and I re-located from Maryland to Michigan. We bought our home in Davison and began attending church at St. Christopher's. During the more than 12 years I have been a parishioner here I have worn different hats and taken on different projects. I have worked on many Outreach projects including the pancake breakfast fundraisers for FISH, the Giving Tree each year in support our Christmas Basket projects for families in need. I led our parish volunteers in providing support for Flint area families seeking housing through the Family Promise, multi-church network. I have ushered and recently joined the Sunday lectors in reading the lessons. I have served on vestry and have been the parish treasurer for two years. I have two degrees in Government. I spent close to 30 years working in, and for various levels of government, focusing on management. My special concerns include services and protections for victims of family and intimate partner violence. I have received awards for this work. I value my partnership with Jesus Christ in all that I do.



## UPCOMING LESSONS

### **January 24 - Epiphany 3**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:6-14  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### **January 31 - Epiphany 4**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### **February 7 - Epiphany 5**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### **February 14 - Epiphany 6**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### **February 21 - Lent 1**

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

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

## Steve Huber

Stephen W. Huber is longtime member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc, having served on the vestry three separate occasions, taught a Journey to Adulthood class, is an usher and lay reader.

While at St. Christopher's, he secured grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs and the Grand Blanc Fund of the Community Foundation of

Greater Flint to stage four concerts in memory of his mother, Katherine S. Huber, who was the organist and choir director at St. Christopher's in the 1990s, and to stage a series of jazz concerts in 2015, 2016 and 2017 at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. His father, the Rev. Dr. William G. Huber, was an Episcopal minister. The grand piano in the sanctuary was Mrs. Huber's and given to the church after her death.

Huber works as a communications professional for Oakland County Executive David Coulter and has been employed by the county for 17 years.

Before coming to the county in 2004, he spent 19 years as a journalist: 17 years as a senior reporter and columnist for The Oakland Press in Pontiac, covering legal matters, the prosecutor's office and law enforcement; and two years at The Fort Worth Star-Telegram where he covered civil and criminal court in Dallas and Fort Worth and was the paper's first beat writer for the National Hockey League's Dallas Stars. His work has been honored by The Associated Press, the Detroit Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists and the State Bar of Michigan. He has a degree in journalism from Michigan State University.

Huber was a professional hockey referee in the International Hockey League for 15 years and was a linesman in the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. He also refereed high school hockey for 31 years. He and his wife Maxine have three grown children, a granddaughter and live in Grand Blanc.

