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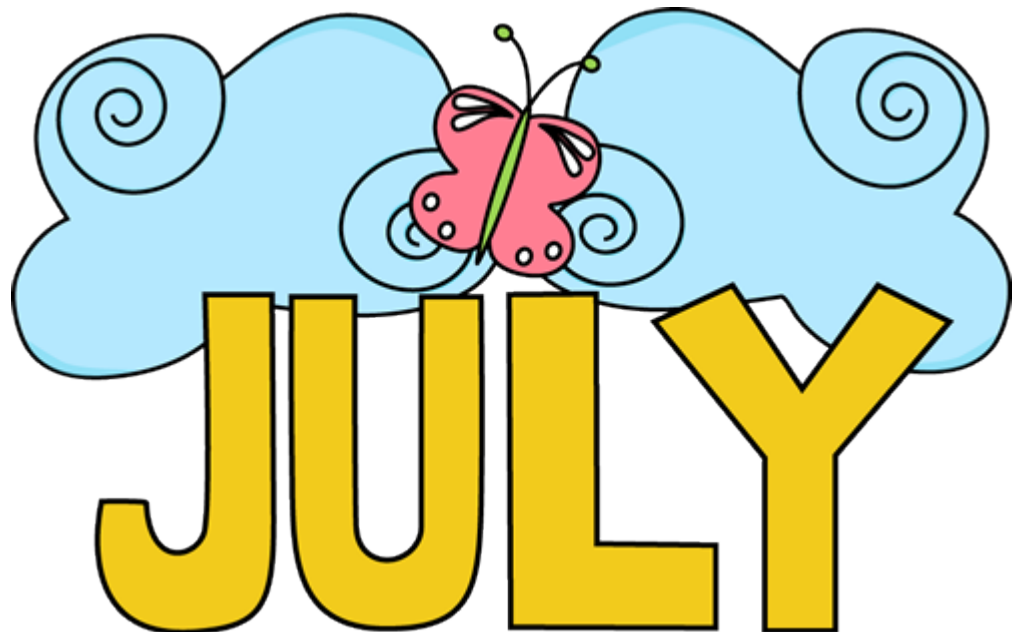
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday Services

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (in church building)

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(in church building & livestreamed on Facebook Live)
Coffee hour following 10:15 am service



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NO THURSDAY BIBLE
STUDY OR EVENING
PRAYER IN JULY!

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Its July already! Unbelievable! However, with July comes more opening of our church building, more resuming of activities, the chance to see more of our fellow parishioners and vegetables to donate to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

We enjoyed Pride Sunday the last Sunday in June and welcomed visitors to our church. It felt good to see new faces and children in our building. We need to continue welcoming people and growing our family. With your help we can continue to open our church to others.

As of July 11th we will begin our 8am service and move our 10:00 to 10:15. It would be great if we could attend each service at one time or another in order to continue to see all of our Brothers and Sisters.

Your surveys have helped us know which direction to travel as we reopen our activities. For example, a trip to Lansing for the Lugnuts game is coming up on July 15th. I think there is still time to join the group attending. See Bill Thewalt asap.

Have a peaceful and blessed rest of the summer and SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden

Ally Challenge is Monday, August 23 - Sunday, August 29, 2021

Parking Volunteers will be needed...

Summer is flying by faster than any of us would wish and before we know it, golfers, caddies, TV cameras and crowds will descend upon Warwick Hills and St. Christopher's for the Ally Challenge! We are very fortunate to have this annual opportunity to raise funds through our partnership with the Tournament-many of us can recall what a blow it was when the Buick Open left our community.



St. Christopher's provides parking for the caddies, media, VIPS (whoever THEY are!) and the tournament volunteers, using our front lawn, parking lot and back field. Volunteers are needed in several roles during the week. The weekend before the the Challenge begins, volunteers "stripe" the grass to define traffic lanes and parking spaces. Monday and Tuesday are lighter work days as the golfers and caddies arrive to walk the course, get in some practice rounds and field interviews with local media. Wednesday and Thursday, we start getting busier as golf begins with the ProAm rounds which provide funds to many area charities. Play begins in earnest on Friday morning with the start of the 3 round tournament and concludes Sunday afternoon with the trophy presentation to this year's Ally Champion. Clean up and sign removal is a job easily accomplished in an hour or less on Monday the 30th after the Tournament.

It takes many hands to make it through the week and we do have a lot of fun with our guests and each other. The work is not difficult, we greet our guests and direct them to appropriate areas. We are sometimes called upon to give directions, suggest good restaurants or "watering holes". But, mostly, we smile and welcome everyone. We NEVER drive or park anyone's car, so bad driving is not an excuse!

Following tournament play on Saturday, there is a concert held near the practice putting greens. This years entertainment will be provided by Little Big Town. We will be offering paid public parking for the concert and expect to be very crowded-lots of hands will be needed Saturday afternoon to take money and guide concert-goers to safe parking spaces. Once the concert starts, we usually gather with our lawn chairs outside the columbarium chapel for a good view of the concert and to enjoy a pizza party!

In years past, we have moved our Sunday morning worship to an evening service. I have had a conversation with Fr. Jerry about this. He will decide and announce what our service schedule will be for August 29th.

Please watch for the Sign Up Genius to be posted online (Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4DACAC28A4FFCF8-ally>) and a Sign Up Poster to be available in the Narthex and add your name to 1 or as many time spots as you would like to cover.

Bring a lawn chair-there is a good bit of time to relax and visit with each other-comfortable sneakers, sunscreen, and a hat when you come for your "shift." A Shade Canopy, beverages and snacks will be provided. If you are new to this venture and have any questions, please ask!!!

Oh, and pray for good weather!

Ellen Safley

UPCOMING LESSONS

July 18 - Proper 11

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25 - Proper 12

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-19

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

August 1 - Proper 13

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 8 - Proper 14

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 15 - Proper 15

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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

KITCHEN PERSON NEEDED

We are currently without a "Kitchen Head". In order to have a running kitchen in which food is prepared, we must have someone in charge with Serve Safe training! The church would cover any costs for your training. If you feel that this is an area where you can be helpful, please contact Fr. Jerry.



'Lift Every Voice and Sing' Virtual Revival

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) invites the church to join a virtual churchwide revival July 27-30; an event that will feature stirring music, testimonies, learning, and messages from leaders across the church, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

The four day event includes daytime sessions with panel discussions, prayer, and fellowship, as well as evening worship and preaching inspired by the hymn, Lift Every Voice and Sing.

The daytime program costs \$150 for adults. Discounts are available for young adults (18-30), youth, groups, and UBE members. Go to: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal-revivals/> for more information and registration.

The **evening worship services are free** and open to the public and will be livestreamed to several destinations. The services will stream to the following pages:

Union of Black Episcopalians - YouTube and Facebook Page

The Episcopal Church - YouTube and Facebook Page

The above event and article was in the latest issue of the Diocesan Email Newsletter "The Feast". To subscribe to receive weekly emails, go to www.eastmich.org and scroll to the bottom of the homepage to "Join Our Newsletter".



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

We are a people of faith, and we hold great hope for the future of the church, the country, and our own lives. Those things which we already see do not require faith.

Confidence. Hope. Assurance. As we walk on our journey together, it is important for us to have all three. There is one more thing necessary to complete the equation. Love.

When we love God, love ourselves and love all our neighbors, it is only then that we can walk in confidence, hope and assurance.

Walking in love, we can do great things. Once Fall arrives, our building will be completely our own. Our building will be a thriving place, filled with numerous activities and opportunities. Everyone will have the opportunity to grow in faith, love, service, and knowledge.

There is no way to predict the life of a church. For us to be successful, it takes the commitment of every single member. Not just the Vestry, not just the rector, but everyone.

My hope is that you will begin to pray about new and exciting things that you would like to participate in. Here are just a few of the things that will be taking place.

- **Sunday worship** at 8 and 10:15 (Lectors? LEM's? Altar Guild? Choir? Ushers? Coffee hour host?
- **Java with Jerry** on Tuesday mornings at 10. We will begin with prayer and then move into a time to sit, chat, and have a cup of coffee!

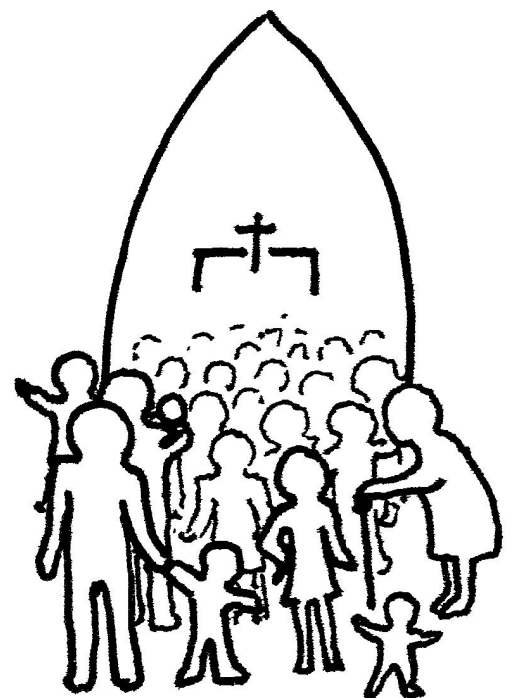
- **Wednesdays & Possibly Thursdays** we will have opportunities to have a Midweek Eucharist, Bible Study, Bell Choir rehearsal, Choir rehearsal, Soup supper.
- **Possibly on Tuesday evenings** there will be a class for those that wish to join the Episcopal church or to strengthen their faith.

These are just some of the things that will begin to take place in our near future! I'm excited about the possibilities, and I hope you are too! There are some other activities in the planning stages, and you will hear more about them as time draws nearer.

In the meantime, pray for one another. Have confidence that we will accomplish the tasks God sets before us. Hope for a bright future for our parish and our community and our world. Have confidence that God will direct every thought and step along the way!

Blessings,

Jerry+





The Rev. Canon Michael Spencer showing off his Pride stole knitted by Linda Rathburn on Pride Sunday last month, June 27!

GARDEN HELPERS NEEDED

We have planted our Good News Garden and need people who will take a week to come 2-3 times and water/weed. There is a hose out there for you to easily water and a bucket to put any weeds to be taken out when it is full. You can sign up on Sunday mornings - there is sign up sheet located on the table in front of the kiosk. If you have any questions, you can contact Jane Brewer. Thank you!

OUR FAMILY STORY SERIES

In our monthly newsletter, we would like people to tell us their story.

Each month we will publish someone's story. What makes you get up in the morning? Are you a lifelong Episcopalian? If not, how did you decide that the Episcopal church is right for you? What makes St. Christopher's the place where you choose to worship? We would like to know about your life (what you are willing to share) and your faith life.

Submit your story to the church office or Fr. Jerry

HELLO SUMMER