



THE

SEPTEMBER 2021

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (in church building)

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

### WEDNESDAYS

4 pm - Bells Rehearsal  
7 pm - Choir Rehearsal

## SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOURS & STAFF TIME

**Fr. Jerry Lasley will be taking time off Thursday, September 2 - Monday, September 27.**

If you have a pastoral emergency, you can reach the following emergency contacts:

September 1 - 9: The Rev. Michael Spencer 989-721-7204

September 10 - 17: The Rev. Tracie Little 810-629-5681

September 18 - 26: The Rev. Michael Spencer 989-721-7204

**Elizabeth, our administrative assistant, will be on maternity leave beginning Monday, September 6 and will be returning to the work November 1.**

**As a result, the office will be closed for the most part in September.** Volunteers will be in and out to complete various administrative tasks. If you require entrance into the office or have an administrative need, please contact a Vestry member for assistance.

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THURSDAY EVENINGS

Thursday Evening Prayer and Bible Study Group have been suspended for the time being. We expect to resume in October. Watch for updates!

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear All,

August has turned into September and we have made it through the last few months together in spite of the restrictions Covid has required of us. Thanks to you for abiding by everything needed to keep us all safe. Hang in there as we continue on this path a little longer.

The Ally Challenge parking is behind us but the blessings it will bring are ahead. Thanks to Ellen Safley and ALL of us who participated rain and shine.

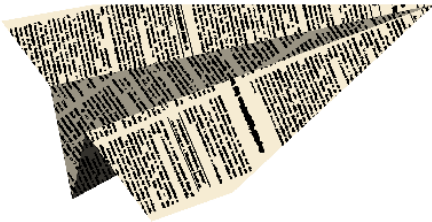
The Good News Garden is doing well. Tomatoes are coming in just fine. Thanks to all the volunteers who weeded and watered and to Bill Thewalt for delivering the produce to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan weekly.

Our building is now back to normal as FISH has moved elsewhere and we wish them well. Soon, as we are able to open our building to ourselves, we can provide a place for gatherings and concerts again.

Stay the course and keep the Faith. We are all in this together, with God's help!

Blessings to all of us,

*Jane Brewer*  
Senior Warden



## FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

We can move forward, or we can stay the same. Staying the same is not effective in growing our faith. Faith requires us to move beyond

September already? Where has time gone? I am looking forward to cooler weather after our recent excessive "heat wave." The weather during the Ally Challenge was not exactly cooperative, was it?! As always, we survived, and a lot of people spent a lot of hours here in the hot sun and in the driving rain. Thank you to everyone who made it another successful event!

People here are amazing and wonderful. Over and over, we have proven, when there is a need, people step up and make sure that things are taken care of. That's what a community does.

We are a community of faith. As we move through these next months and years together, it's time for us to begin to branch out and make a lasting footprint in our wider community. We do an excellent job in taking care of one another within our parish. Now, we need to look for new and effective ways to fill needs within the greater Grand Blanc community.

It is time for us to configure a new path. A path that leads us to serve in ways that maybe we haven't thought of before. Jesus sent the disciples out with nothing but the clothes on their back. We have so much more. There is talent within that can be put to good use. Maybe we can form a group of volunteers to go and sit with young students learning to read in one of our local schools.

Maybe we can begin our own food pantry for those coming to St. Christopher's as they navigate through difficult times.

Justice is a biblical matter. It is up to the church (you and I) to make sure it happens. We need to speak up for those who don't have a voice. We need to help those in need. How? Alone, I don't have the answers as to how. But together, we can do mighty things! I believe that and I hope you do too!

ourselves. Faith requires us to serve. If you recall, Jesus at the Last Supper put on an apron and washed the feet of the disciples. That was the role of a servant then and that is the role of a servant now.

We are called to be a servant church. How that plays out is entirely up to us. People are hungry. Spiritually and physically. Let's do what we can to make the world a better place.

Blessings,

*Fr. Jerry*

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## IS SERVICE TO THE ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY RIGHT FOR ME?

The Altar Guild has been described as: a special ministry whose mission is to care for everything that relates to the Altar. It is our privilege to prepare the Altar for the services of the Eucharist as well as baptism, weddings, funerals, and special services. We also care for the copper, silver, linens, etc., that are used in the services. Our work is a devotional one, and is open to everyone who wishes to join.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact Louise McAra by text or cell at (810) 287-4334, or by mail at [lsmcara1910@gmail.com](mailto:lsmcara1910@gmail.com).



Happy Fall Everyone!

Please mark your calendars as our first Bells rehearsal of the year as well as our first FULL choir rehearsal of the year will be taking place this coming Wednesday, September 8th!

**Bells, see you guys at 4:00 pm in the Nave**  
**Choir, see you guys at 7:00 pm in the nave as well**

If you are someone who hasn't rung bells before and you are curious, please drop by rehearsal and find out if this is something that you might enjoy! We really do have a lot of fun---and you can even be seated (on a stool) while ringing.

Victor Galea has graciously agreed to lead us through another year of peals laughter as well as glorious ringing!

If you are interested in singing with our terrific choir, also, please drop by rehearsal, sit in and see if this might be something you could work into your schedule this year!

On a serious note, it is very important that we continue to practice Covid safety precautions. Please ALWAYS have your mask on hand--if you need a singer's mask, you can order one from:  
<https://www.broadwayreliefproject.com/singersmask>

It is wonderful that the we are allowed to participate in music this year, but we have to be safe!

Thank you, everyone, and I am really looking forward to see you!

In Christ, I am yours,

*Nada Radakovich*  
Director of Music

## UPCOMING LESSONS

### **September 5 - Proper 18**

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### **September 12 - Proper 19**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-8  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### **September 19 - Proper 20**

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22  
or Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### **September 26 - Proper 21**

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

### **October 3 - Proper 22**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

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