



THE

OCTOBER 2021

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (in church building)

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

TUESDAYS

10 am - Coffee Hour with Fr. Jerry
6:15 pm - Classes on Episcopal Church

WEDNESDAYS

4 pm - Bells Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist
6 pm - Soup Supper
7 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

It's hard to believe but All Saints Day (11/1) is coming soon.
We will be observing All Saints' Sunday on Sunday, November 7th.

Please send in any names of loved ones or friends that you would like us to remember. Please get them to me personally, preferably by responding to this email. Otherwise, you may give them to me after church this Sunday or next (please put them on a piece of paper so I don't forget!).

Fr. Jerry

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SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I use this salutation because I truly mean it. You, me, and ALL of us are together by a single bond, God, His son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. By walking with God, through the sacrifice of Jesus leads us all to being joined by the Holy Spirit.

As members of St. Christopher's, we have found a "home" with "family" through faith.

Eventually, we all will come back together in our new normal. Until then we are worshipping together with masks and coffee hour. Our choir has returned to provide beautiful music. The bell choir is underway. Soup suppers and Wednesday services will resume soon. On the first Sunday of each month our Inreach program is conducting a jig saw puzzle exchange and a book loan program.

Remember these programs were mentioned in our congregation-wide survey filled out by many of us last Spring. Please know these events were suggested many times in the surveys and have been put in motion for our benefit.

The financial support of church has been outstanding. Stewardship is an ongoing event. Our time, talent and treasure will be needed soon as we count down another unusual year 2021 and enter 2022 with optimism. Stay tuned for pledge renewal requests coming soon. Your steadfast giving helps us continue as a family in Christ.

Check out our newly refinished floors in the Nave and fellowship hall provided by some special donors.

Think about our kitchen and how you could help by donating your time and talent as head of the kitchen. We need someone to take on the important position. See Fr. Jerry if this might be for you.

Your Vestry is working hard, and we will report on that hard work in the November Trumpeter.

Blessings and Peace,

Jane Brewer
Senior Warden



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

don't resist change. For they know, that to have new life, they have to let go of this year's leaves. The leaves fall to the ground and help the ground to become

Here we are, almost in the middle of October!

I had a wonderful vacation. I spent some time with some friends and then worked on unpacking more "stuff" at home. I'm slowly getting there!

October is one of my favorite months. I love the fall colors and the cooler weather. (Where is that cooler weather!?). There is power in watching the changing of the leaves and watching them slowly fall to the ground. It is a reminder that we all must die to some things, in order for us to have new life. We are always changing, whether we realize it or not. Change is inevitable! But change can be a good thing. It is all a matter of perspective. We can either embrace change or fight it. Fighting change will bring lots of unnecessary frustration and can affect our spiritual, emotional, and physical health. Like the leaves, we must die a little bit to have new life.

Some changes are very difficult to embrace. It's hard when our bodies and minds don't work as good as they used to. It's difficult to realize that we might not be able to do all the things that we once were able to do. Whether it is walking, driving, climbing stairs, it's difficult for us when these things become challenging. Yes, it's important to mourn those losses but it's also important to look for new ways to live our lives.

When we embrace change, it doesn't mean that it will be easy. But as we move through life, change is all around us. We discover that maybe some of the things we once thought were important, just aren't that important anymore. Change can help us focus on what is truly important. Family, faith, friends. Maybe having a spotless house isn't quite so important. Having a manicured lawn is less important than spending some time with grandkids and attending their events. Reading a good book grows our minds and can also take us to new worlds. Change is never easy. If we look at the trees, they

fertile.

Faith is like that. When we die a little bit to ourselves, we find that we move a bit closer to God. When we spend less time worrying and more time trusting in God's love and mercy, we realize that we move closer to who we are meant to be.

As we move into the winter months and there is more darkness than light in any given day, let us pray that we might be light and life. Let us pray that we may die to self and live for Christ. The world desperately needs us. We can change the world and we will!

Blessings,

Fr. Jerry

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.



Hello!

Well, our choir has been in full swing for four weeks now, and we cannot express fully enough, how very grateful we all are being able to be here to express our love of God through the medium of song (albeit it masked!). We have been rehearsing in the nave, masked and well spaced. Covid protocols are being strictly observed.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Bill Hartley to the choir. He had started sitting in on rehearsals, and felt ready to start singing with us officially last week. Welcome Bill!

On Wednesday, October 13th, we restarted our soup supper evenings at 6 p.m.

If you are able to bring a soup, please do so with gusto! What we don't finish, we can reheat the following week!

Bells: we are sort of in that 'cat herding' phase. Rehearsals are returning to Wednesday's at 4 p.m. Dr. Scott Hyslop from St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth has offered to conduct a Bell Clinic January 16th, 2022, here at St. Christopher's. Victor and I will explore this possibility further and hopefully, we can make this happen! Thank you Flo Gjerstadt, Bill Hartley, Audrey Ditri and Victor Galea for helping us polish our bells a few weeks ago. They look gorgeous!

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich
Director of Music

UPCOMING LESSONS

October 31 - Proper 26

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

November 7 - All Saints'

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 14- Proper 28

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18)

19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 21 - Proper 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 28 - Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Psalms 25:1-9

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week on the church
website or at
lectionarypage.net**