



THE OCTOBER 2022

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

THURSDAYS

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

An Afternoon of Chocolate, Spice and All That Jazz

Invite all your friends and neighbors to "An Afternoon of Chocolate, Spice, and All That Jazz" concert on October 23, 2022 at 3 pm at St. Christopher's. A Free-Will donation will be collected at the concert, all of which goes to St. Christopher's. The concert will be performed by the local Rock of Ages Big Band, which played its first concert in December of 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Davison. The band has played continually in the mid-Michigan area since that time, except during the Covid-19 lockdown. In September of 2021, the post-lockdown band reunited with vigor and played some six Christmas concerts in the area, featuring both secular and sacred music. The upcoming concert will draw from music played by: Glenn Miller; Count Basie; Duke Ellington; Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra; Nat & Natalie Cole; The Beatles, Earth, Wind and Fire; Ray Charles; Stevie Wonder; Michael Jackson; and others. A reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall. St. Christopher's member, Ken Duck, has played various saxophones and clarinet with the Rock of Ages Big Band since 2019.



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FAMILY COAT CLOSET

Thank you for all of the coats that are being donated weekly. New and gently used coats may always be placed in the basket found near the library.

Two hour Saturday morning (10 a.m. to Noon) staffing opportunities are still available, can you help? Please contact Jane Yorks (810) 441-6968 or Jane Brewer (810) 655-5930.



CLOTHING ITEMS OUTREACH

We are still collecting NEW or like new T-shirts, socks and underwear to give to St. Andrew's for their outreach. Baskets to place donations can be found in the gathering space near the hallway to go to the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING LESSONS

October 2- Proper 22

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9- Proper 23

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16 - Proper 24

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23- Proper 25

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30- Proper 26

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

**Find the readings every
week at
lectionarypage.net**



Is it me or could it be that our congregation is really singing out of late? I must tell you, that the past couple of Sundays, when I have processed in with the choir, it has filled my

heart with joy hearing a glorious sound ringing out from our congregation! Way to bring it!!!

Today I just want to take a moment to again mention that our Bell Choir is back up and running, and if you happen to be reading this article, and you have wondered what it might be like to play in a bell choir, do drop by on a Wednesday at 4 p.m. and maybe see if we might be a good fit for you--give it a whirl. We have a wonderful time, and too, every so often, make a lovely sound!

Following Bell rehearsal, of course, is our fabulous soup supper---we have enjoyed some magnificent soups of late---Bill Hartley brought a scrumptious Split Pea (vegetarian version) last week; Ellen Safley made a rich Broccoli/Cheddar, and Jeff Walker treated all of us to a divine creamy wild mushroom! Soup Supper happens around 5:30-6:45. Please do come if you have both the time and the inclination---it really is a nice time for fellowship.

As I write this note, I am hoping that everyone has their calendars marked for the upcoming Sunday afternoon Jazz event with Ken Duck's terrific ensemble, The Rock of Ages Big Band. **"An Afternoon of Chocolate, Spice, and All That Jazz" concert on October 23, 2022 at 3 pm at St. Christopher's. A Free-Will donation will be collected at the concert, all of which goes to St. Christopher's.** Thank you, Ken, for making this happen!

Too, I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who has stepped forward to join our newly organized Organ Guild! Thank you! You guys rock! This church is an amazing congregation and your 'can do' attitude is both wonderful and inspiring!

Perhaps some of you have noticed in the bulletin that the terminology of Prelude/Postlude has been changed to Voluntary. As we are an Episcopal Church, this word change was made in order to honor the Anglican tradition of a Voluntary being an instrumental piece which is played as a part of the service.

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich
Director of Music



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

This prayer is used a couple of times every day by folks who pray the Divine Office. It comes near the end of the Office, but I've always thought that maybe it should come at the beginning. After all, what better way to pray than to give thanks. This prayer reminds me of all that God has done for me. It doesn't matter what I'm feeling, what matters is that God has given me life, God has taken care of me every step of the way...even when I turn from God. God has given me eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ. God has shown me mercy more times than I can count. God never fails. Even when I do! God has given me so much.

As the summer days begin to fade into fall, we are reminded of the death and Resurrection of Jesus. The leaves begin to turn bright reds, yellows and oranges. We are surrounded by beauty! (There's really not a season that I don't like!). The leaves are already falling and returning to the earth to provide nutrients for growth in the winter months and the springtime. Life is a constant death/resurrection journey.

We are born into this world and there is a constant struggle to move closer to God. Sometimes, we fail. We all do. As we move through this life, we learn countless lessons. We also teach others important lessons. The most important thing we can teach one another is gratitude. There is always something to be grateful for. Even in the darkest of times, God is there sustaining us. Even when we may not feel it, God dwells within us. And we move through our days, finding new joys, new life, but also dying to ourselves and to sin.

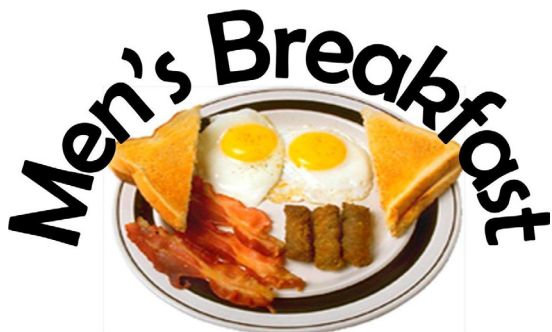
Life is about death and resurrection. Out of death, comes new life. Let us live our lives in humble gratitude for all of the wonderful mercies God continues to show us.

I am always very grateful for all of you and the blessings you have shown me and one another. Let us go forth in the name of Christ, to love and serve God and one another!

Amen.

Jerry+

MEN'S GROUP



Men: We have formed a new Men's Club that will meet once a month for breakfast on a Saturday morning to share fellowship. The next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, October 15th at 9 am** in Fellowship Hall. Reservations are highly recommended. Please email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

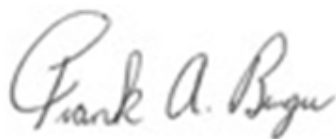
Hello St. Christopher's Episcopal Church,

It's hard to believe that it is October and soon we will be feeling the chill fall and eventually winter.

I would like to give a big shout out to all of the volunteers who are making our new Coat Closet Ministry such a success. Recently, our coat closet was featured on Channel 25 news.

In the very near future, you will be hearing more from your Vestry regarding a Stewardship campaign and how you can help our church grow. Stewardship is a very important part of church life and making sure the church has the resources it needs to serve everyone and the community.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live streaming of our Sunday services. Now that we have a new computer, the process is very simple. If you are interested in becoming a live technology streamer at the church, please reach out to me or Jerry Lasley. There will be a training opportunity in October for those who are interested in becoming a Live Streamer.



A Prayer for Vestry:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. Amen.

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in August:

Shirley Showler, Jane Yorks, Flo Gjerstad and Joyce Thewalt

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

Beginning **January (please note this change)**, we will begin having a Saturday evening service at 6 pm immediately followed by a potluck dinner. There will be a "kid's corner" for families with children. All are welcome!





Family Coat Closet

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Every Saturday!
September through December
10am - Noon



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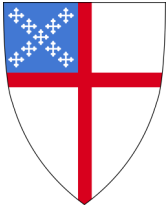
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NEW OUTREACH!

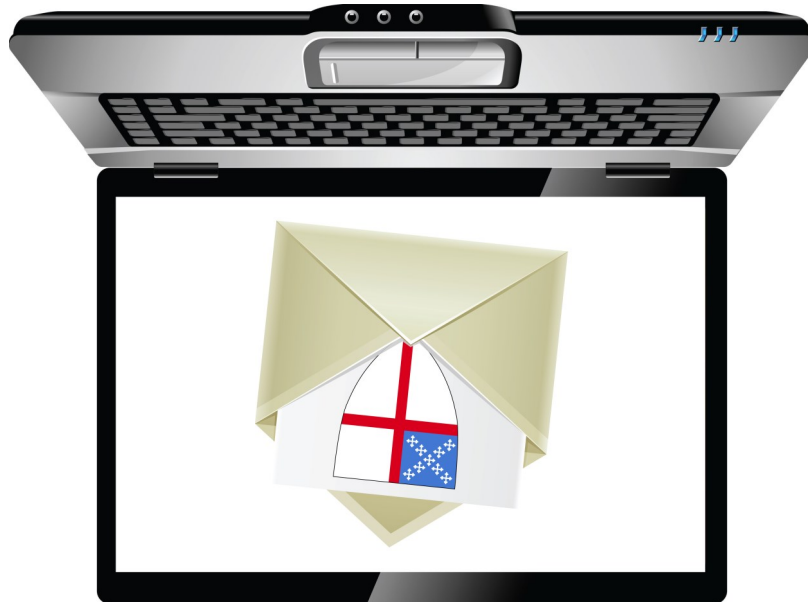
We are asking everyone to take a couple of flyers (available in the gathering space) and distribute them throughout the community to continue to get the word out about our coat closet!

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 2022						
	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>October 2</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Lackey Steve Huber	Jane Yorks Mary VanDuyne		Anne Naber	Ellen Safley	
<u>October 9</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Jane Brewer Lou Alarie		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt	Bobbie Walton Jan Taylor		Mary VanDuyne	Louise Desgranges	
<u>October 16</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley	Joyce Thewalt Becky Stermer		Colleen Shrank		Shirley Showler
<u>October 23</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Jane Brewer	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Shirley Showler		Cindy Donner
<u>October 30</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Flo Gjerstad Steve Huber	Shirley Showler & Mary VanDuyne		Anne Naber		



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