



THE FEBRUARY 2023

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



THE PRIEST'S DESK

I must say, it's been wonderful to see the sun shining these last few days! Even though it's been much colder, the sun seems to help "warm" the day!

Lent is coming! During the season of Lent, we will be adding a Friday service at Noon. We will pray the Stations of the Cross as a way to enter more deeply into the Passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please plan to join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Christ is and always should be at the center of everything we do. It is Christ who we seek to serve. It is God who we worship. Lent is about turning away from sin and turning towards God. It is a time of turning from those things that are not from God. It is a time of seeking God in a more profound way. We have countless opportunities to increase and strengthen our faith.

What will you do to bring Christ's presence into the world more fully? What will you do to spread the light of Christ in the midst of darkness? What will you do to help out those who are in need?

Look at the Season of Lent as an opportunity.

Jerry+

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UPCOMING LESSONS

February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Psalm 119:1-8

February 19

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Psalm 2

February 26

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm 32

March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Johns 3:1-17

Psalm 121

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

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.



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S
CONCERT FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY
Award Winning Concert Tour Comes to Michigan!**

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The Concert for the Human Family is an inspiring collaboration between musicians and church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster Beloved Community.

Experience genre-crossing original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop, rock and bluegrass, performed by a multi-cultural, award-winning team of recording artists, led by GRAMMY-nominated pianist and composer Kory Caudill and Wordsmith, a Baltimore-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Guided by their music and friendship, they invite concertgoers into an exploration of Beloved Community and the power of racial reconciliation through relationship.

The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan are thrilled to host two stops on the nationwide Spring Tour: in Grand Rapids on April 21st and in Flint on April 22nd. This is a destination experience -- see below for tickets!!

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$18 per person with our local discount codes and additional savings are available for students and group registrations. This event is open to all, regardless of denomination or faith background -- please share!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st at 7:30pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids
Discount Code: STMARKS

SAT., APRIL 22nd at 7:30pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint
Discount Code: STPAULS

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notes from the... *Music Room*



Please Christine Jacob, may I apologize for somehow misrepresenting your name in the Annual Report. I know fully well that you are Christine Jacob! Thank you for singing with us--- you are a wonderful addition to the musical life in our church. February brings us one of the most meaningful times of our lives in the Episcopal Church, a very special period of introspection and renewal. As we gently allow the celebration of light during Epiphany to complete its calendar, we enter the more contemplative season of Lent. The music of the Episcopal Church reflects our personal challenges; understanding our reasons for penitence as we prepare for the arrival of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord.

Please do, as you hear the special music offered during the next forty days, please allow yourselves to become immersed in the beautifully haunting harmonies combined with the moving text of our liturgy, which can transform us. This is a time of renewal, recommitting ourselves to prayer, listening to God's Word, examining our lives and our relationship with God.

- Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 7 p.m.
- Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 6th
- Good Friday, April 7th (Ecumenical, to be held at St. Christopher) 7 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 8 (TBD)
- Easter, April 15th, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. our foray into our hymnals!

In Christ, I am yours,
Nada Radakovich
Director of Music

CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are finalizing the Church Directory for print to distribute to the parish. ***If you do not want your address, phone number and/or email address in the updated directory, please contact the church office in writing no later than February 21, 2023.*** If we do not hear from you the 21st of February than your name, address phone number and email address will be included and shared with member of the parish.

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, March 11th at 9 a.m.** at Hill Road Grille, 2160 w. Hill Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Reservations are highly recommended.

Please sign up on the kiosk, email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Greetings from sunny Florida!

I'm not sure how a "remote" Senior Warden functions-or if we've ever had one!- but I will try to do my best until I am home some-time in April.

Most of you know me, I have been a member of St. Christopher's since 1995, chaired the Project 99 Committee(still have my hard hat somewhere), sing in the choir, ring in the bell choir, lector, LEM, rep. to diocesan convention, head up the Buick Open/ Ally Challenge fundraiser and most anything else that support our parish and it's success. Do I love St. Christopher's and our congregation? Heck, yes! They are my family!

I'm already looking forward to what we can do to be present in our community, to inform, invite and encourage-not only our members- but the wider community to find us, share with us and include us in their journey.

We all have work to do, not all of it is difficult, not all of it is strenuous, but we all have a role. In the months ahead watch for moments when you can say, "I can do that, I can do my part" and help St. Christopher's be a vibrant partner in our community and a shining example of God's love to all.



Ellen Safley



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:45 a.m. Location to be determined. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than March 4, 2023 as we need to give a head count to the restaurant. Please note that going forward the Ladies' Luncheons will be held the second Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars!



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in January: Flo Gjerstad, Ken Fawcett and Bill Hartley.

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.



Stations of the Cross Services

Beginning Friday, February 24, 2023, please join us at Noon for our Stations of the Cross Services. These services will be held every Friday during Lent.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>February 12</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Flo Gjerstad Mike Latesky		Louise McAra	Dave & Karen Miller	-----
<u>February 19</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses	Jane Brewer Lou Alarie		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn Steve Huber (L)	Jan Taylor Becky Stermer		Mary Van Duyne	Shirley Showl- er	-----
<u>February 26</u>						
8 am	Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt	Flo Gjerstad Mike Latesky		Shirley Showler	Available	-----
<u>March 5</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Joyce Thewalt Flo Gjerstad		Cindy Donner	Available	-----