



# THE TRUMPETER

JUNE 2023

*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**

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Frost warnings on Wednesday-heat wave on Monday. It surely is "Pure Michigan!" Some of the weather contingent objectives on the to-do list have been accomplished. 850 pounds of Blacktop Patch and several hours of hard work made a big improvement in our parking lot. Be sure to thank Bill Hartley-he works hard at his job as Junior Warden!

Speaking of Bill, Bill Anderson has offered to tend the plants in the courtyard to keep the weeds at bay and encourage the plants to thrive. If anyone would like to join Bill in gardening, please speak to him. His days vary as his schedule allows, but I'm sure he would love a few helpers!

Saturday morning the church doors will open at 8am for everyone working on the parish garage sale and we will welcome the crowd of shoppers at 9! Some "pre-sales" have begun already as Angela Zinsli has eyed several furniture pieces for her refinishing business and several transactions took place during Coffee Hour last Sunday! Thanks to all who have donated and to all who come to shop. Every dollar keeps that PPC thermometer turning red and reduces our mortgage principal!

The deadline for tickets for the Lugnuts game is coming up soon. There is a sign up sheet on the information table in the narthex. Hard to believe that we've attended 20 annual "Thirsty Thursday" games and this year is extra special- Bill Hartley will represent us and throw the first pitch! Such a fun night of fellowship. Many thanks to Bill Thewalt (another Bill!) for starting and promoting this annual event.

I really don't like looking ahead to August, when summer has barely started, but please remember to mark your calendar for the week of August 21-27. The Ally Challenge will again take place at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club. My fingers are crossed that (like last year) we will only be attending our parking lot Thursday-Sunday, but I will keep you posted as soon as I hear from the tournament organizers. The Saturday evening concert this year brings Miranda Lambert to the neighborhood and I expect she will bring in quite a crowd. Funds raised from this year's tournament and concert will add to the PPC.

We have had wonderful participation on Thursday mornings watching and discussing "The Chosen." It is certainly a different approach to Bible Study and makes the lives of those early Christian's seem more relevant and understandable! Thank you Jim and Jackie Beal and Fr. Mike Carr for bringing this to us.

~Ellen Safley

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Myrtle Duck (2024) Flo Gjerstad (2024)  
Linda Rathburn (2026) Colleen Shrank (2025)  
Jane Brewer (2026) Bill Thewalt (2025)

## UPCOMING LESSONS

### June 4

Genesis 1:1-2;4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Psalm 8

### June 11

Genesis 12:1-9  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Psalm 33:1-12

### June 18

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17

### June 25

Genesis 21:8-21  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

### July 2

Genesis 22:1-14  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42  
Psalm 13

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



# THE PRIEST'S DESK

It's good to be a member of St. Christopher's! We are a church that is beginning to rise like the Phoenix (after Covid). We are moving deliberately and steadily in our attempt to follow Jesus. Our worship is at the heart of our life together. It's just who we are. Attendance is starting to pick up, and we are gaining a new member here and there.

More people are becoming involved in the daily life of our parish family. There are more Lectors and LEM's. There are people coming up with new ideas for ways we might grow and learn together.

If you have not been able to attend any of "The Chosen" sessions, I strongly encourage you to give it a try. Fr. Mike is an excellent teacher and I so appreciate his willingness to lead these discussions. And they are wonderful discussions. Special thanks goes to Jim and Jackie Beal for their willingness in bringing this to fruition.

Our "Principal Payoff Challenge" is in full swing. Thus far, we have reduced the principal by \$37,025.00. Not a bad start. I'm sure our indoor yard sale will reduce it even more. If you haven't given yet, there is still time.

I am so pleased with how things are moving at St. Christopher's and I can't wait to see what else we discover as we follow Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

*Jerry+*

# COAT CLOSET



Our Coat Closet has continued to grow over the last five months. Donations of coats and non-perishable food came in thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and thankfully, from other organizations as well.

We'll soon be working on our two hour staffing opportunities. Our closet opens Saturdays from 10AM-12 in October, November and December. One of the team leaders will be asking "what works best for you" please help where you can.

Wish List: Do you have a rolling rack such as pictured above? Our ministry needs a few more of these if you're able to donate. Coats, winter gear and non-perishable food are always needed. Let friends and neighbors know that donations are accepted anytime the office is open.

*-Jane Yorks*



**Family Coat Closet**

**FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE**

**Every Saturday!**  
**October through December**  
**10am - Noon**

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**June 3, 2023  
9 AM-1:30 PM**

# Yard Sale

- \*Bring donations already priced to the church.
- \*On the day of the sale you will work your own table.
- \*You will receive an envelope with your name on it to collect proceeds from the sale. At the end of the sale, you can donate your proceeds to the PPC. This donation will go toward your yearly giving statement.
- \*At the end of the sale, you will clean up your items. Volunteers of America will take any items that you don't wish to take home.

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Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in May: Cindy Donner, Rod Bytwerk, Nada Radakovich, Shirley Showler and Flo Gjerstad.

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.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 11:45 a.m. at Villagers Restaurant, 1121 N. Saginaw St, Holly. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than June 7th as we need to give a head count to the restaurant.

## MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9 a.m. Location: Hill Street Grille, 2160 W. Hill Rd., Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



Worship Leaders for June 2023						
	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<b><u>June 4</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Anne Naber	Available	Jerry Lasley
<b><u>June 11</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ellen Safley	Jan Taylor & Joyce Thewalt		Cindy Donner	Ken & Myrtle Duck	Available
<b><u>June 18</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses	Jane Brewer	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Bob Luckey	Mary VanDuyne & Mike Latesky		Colleen Shrank	Available	Available
<b><u>June 25</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Kay VanNatta	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Linda Rathburn  Rod Bytwerk (L)	Bill Anderson & Jan Taylor		Jane Brewer	Available	Ken & Myrtle Duck



The 20th St. Christopher's outing to the Lugnuts game will be Thursday, July 6, 2023. In honor of our 20th, Bill Hartley will be throwing the first pitch! The Lugnuts are a minor league baseball team whose home field is a modern stadium in Lansing, Michigan. The Lugnuts are holding a block of tickets for us. The Lugnuts deadline for our group reservation is June 9, 2023. The ticket price remains at \$11.00 (cheap). To reserve tickets, you need to sign up using the sheet on the table in the narthex OR contact Bill Thewalt at 810.938.7098 or by email at [fwithe@gmail.com](mailto:fwithe@gmail.com) Please don't try to give him the money now as he prefers to collect when the tickets are delivered. No group transportation is being arranged, so make your own car pools.

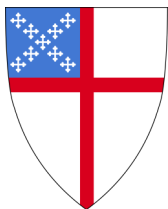
It is our custom to meet at a restaurant across from the stadium --The Nut House --for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in order to arrive in the stadium by game time at 7 pm. GO NUTS!

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Have you heard the news about the PPC?

PPC stands for Principal Payoff Challenge. Learn more about the PPC by visiting St. Christopher's website at [www.stchrisgrandblanc.org](http://www.stchrisgrandblanc.org)





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