



THE TRUMPETER

JULY 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

The best part about moving this summer has to be that the weather is much cooler than most June days and the humidity has been pretty low. That said, I sure will be glad when all the boxes are unpacked, everything is organized into its new home and I have TV and internet service again! I'm using a "hot spot" right now and it tends to drop the signal without warning. Brevity is the order of the day.

Thanks to all who have supported the PPC. We have made a significant dent in that balance over the last 2 months. With 7 months before the mortgage comes up for refinancing, I believe the payoff is an attainable goal and hope we can plan a big celebration for early in the spring!

Please remember to stay current with your General Fund pledges. The meeting of our monthly expenses, salaries, utilities...has to be our first priority. We have shown time and again throughout the years that we are a faith family with a generous spirit, let's keep up our God filled work.

So many wonderful things are happening this summer. The 20th outing to the Lugnuts, the Chosen study series, the Ally Challenge. Great things are happening amongst us! And as I restart my computer and link with the hot spot for the third time ☹, I think I will close (or give up) for now.

Blessings to All,
Ellen

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UPCOMING LESSONS

July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Psalm 145:8-15

July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Psalm 86:11-17

July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Psalm 119:129-136

August 6

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Peter 1:13-21
Luke 9:28-36
Psalm 99

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



THE PRIEST'S DESK

I am so excited to say that I am completely moved to my new home. Being just ten minutes from church is absolutely fantastic. Thank you to all who helped and prayed.

As you may have noticed in our Sunday “Prayers of the People,” we are now praying for Trinity Episcopal Church in Three Rivers, Michigan. You may be wondering why we are doing this. As you are well aware, the Diocese of Eastern Michigan and the Diocese of Western Michigan are in a period of discovery. It is a time for soul searching and a time for imagining what might be if we were to conclude that juncture (a fancy name for joining the two into one) is a wise decision. In the end, we want to do the will of God and do what is good, right, and holy. We want to know if juncture will enhance the building of the Kingdom of God.

It is important as we continue on this journey for us to find out more about each other. As a result, each parish in the Eastern Diocese is joined with a parish in the Western Diocese. The hope is that we will pray for one another, possibly have joint zoom gatherings, and maybe do a pulpit switch one weekend. Whether we join together or not, it is always good to find out what other parishes are doing in serving God and God's people.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to grow in our knowledge of what we are about as well as finding out how Trinity sees their role in God's Kingdom. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please keep the saints from Trinity in your daily prayers.

Blessings,

Jerry+

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



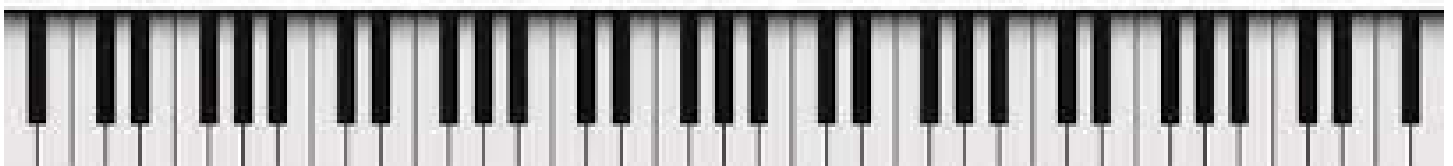
Good morning!

After having accompanied both of the Stoltz Sisters mid-June (one of whom we know as Bobbie Goergen), it started me thinking about how fortunate we are at St. Christopher! So many folks in our congregation have been so generous by offering their time, talent and ability to help us bring music to our worship services during the summer months. Well, this got me thinking, that even though I do try to thank everyone in person, it might be nice if I were to also state this as well in our Trumpeter. So, an hearty thank you to Carole and Bobbie! You guys were great! Cindy Butcher sang for Father's Day, "Bless this House"--Thank you, Cindy.

Ken Duck will be playing clarinet a few times over the summer----we had a blast reading through pieces the other day. Ken had both his saxophone and clarinet at the ready. Jeff Fisk dropped by last Wednesday to rehearse in the nave. Mr. Walker has been both working on our organ and when he isn't too knocked out from that, he has been playing really wonderful works during these summer months. Bill Hartley keeps telling me each week that if I need someone to 'jump in', he has a Moe Bandy piece ready to go. Andrew and Aaron (our AA tenors) are both signed up to sing solos, and even though Angel and Audrey have very cool engagements over the summer, (Angel will be going up to sing for "Baroque on Beaver Island" this summer as a ringer/vocalist; Audrey will be heading across the pond, to merry olde England, where she will be singing in an international Gilbert and Sullivan production of 'Ruddigore') has also offered to sing, that is, of course, if we can catch them before they disappear!

All in all, I consider us to be very blessed, and this music director is very grateful indeed!
Thank you, each and every one of you who make such a difference.

In Christ, I am Yours,
Nada





Family Coat Closet

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

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



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GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

Join us for Sunday Services!
8:00am and 10:15am

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Coffee Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in June: Ken & Myrtle Duck, Dave & Karen Miller and Jane Yorks.

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



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 12th 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, August 12, 2023 at 9 a.m. Location: To Be Determined, Please sign up on the Kiosk.



**men's
breakfast**

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>JULY 9</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Joyce Thewalt & Becky Stermer		Mary Van Duyne	Cindy Donner & Rod Bytwerk	Available
<u>JULY 16</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley	Mary Van Duyne & Becky Stermer		Sharon Rice	Shirley Showl- er	Available
<u>JULY 23</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck	Flo Gjerstad & Jan Taylor		Cindy Donner	Chapin Cook	Available
<u>JULY 30</u>						
8 am	Kay VanNatta	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger Steve Huber (L)	Mike Latesky & Flo Gjerstad		Anne Naber	Available	Bill & Joyce Thewalt

The Hiding Place - August 3rd - A Global Cinema Event

During World War II righteous Gentiles risked their lives providing havens for endangered Jews. *The Hiding Place*, written by Corrie Ten Boom tells of her family's heroic work in safeguarding Jews in the Dutch town of Haarlem. Papa Ten Boom, a watchmaker, and his daughter Betsie and Corrie opened their door to all in need, saving approximately 800 Jews. The family was betrayed; Papa Ten Boom and Betsie died as a result. Corrie was released from a concentration camp through a clerical error. After the war, she became a "tramp for the Lord" traveling the world with her message of forgiveness, hope, love and salvation. Her books and the 1975 film version of *The Hiding Place* are Christian classics. An all new film version of *The Hiding Place* makes its world premiere on August 3-5. Trillium Theater in Grand Blanc is one of the participating theaters.

Join us for fellowship and a memorable film experience.



Thursday August 3rd @ 5 PM

We'll gather in St. Christopher's Fellowship Hall for a light supper. At that time our own Bill Anderson, who has visited the original Ten Boom home (and hiding place) in Holland will share that experience with us.

6:30 PM: Depart for the Grand Blanc Trillium Theater to enjoy a 7 PM Showing of "*The Hiding Place*"

Sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in the Narthex or notify Angela during office hours. Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

