



THE TRUMPETER

SEPTEMBER 2023

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist Service

THURSDAYS

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

50/50 Raffle Drawing

On September 3, 2023, we held the 50/50 Raffle drawing. Our 1st prize winner was Jim Beal. Jim was kind of enough to donate his winnings to the church. The proceeds from the raffle and the donation will be applied directly to the principal of our mortgage. Thank you to everyone that participated in the 50/50 Raffle. We had two amazing helpers that helped draw our winners, Theodore and Temperance.



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Linda Rathburn (2026) Colleen Shrank (2025)
Jane Brewer (2026) Bill Thewalt (2025)

UPCOMING LESSONS

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 21:33-46

Find the readings every week at
lectionarypage.net



THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings in Christ Sisters and Brothers!

I am happy to report that we are starting to create a new normal. Lots of things are about to launch here at St. Christopher's starting this month! Let's make them all a huge success.

Here's a list of things you are all welcome and encouraged to attend:

1. Wednesday night at 5:30 Holy Eucharist followed by pot luck soup supper. This is open to all parishioners! Let's have a good crowd!
2. First Friday of the month. Holy Eucharist with Rite of Healing at Noon. This starts on September 1 st . Hope to see you!
3. Evening Prayer followed by Bible Study every Thursday at 5:30 pm. This is on zoom so if you need directions on how to navigate, please call the office or let me know! It's pretty simple. And if you don't have a computer...there is a way to use your phone. Please join us.
4. Every Tuesday morning at 10 we will be making some new Crismons for Advent/Christmas. No experience needed. Come join the fun and get in touch with your creative side!
5. The Chosen. Beginning September 7th and every Thursday at 10:00 am. This is an extremely powerful series and Fr. Mike Carr offers a very informative learning opportunity after each session. (They are short.)

As you can see, there are ample opportunities to work on our spirituality. We can never have too much of God in our lives. I pray you will join us for some if not all of these wonderful activities. You won't regret it! So come on to church, hang out with your friends or maybe even make some new ones.

Blessings,
Jerry+

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



Greetings from the Music Room!

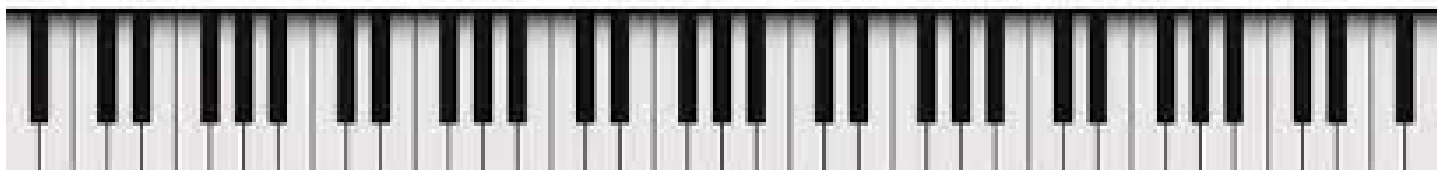
We have wonderful things afoot! Choir rehearsals will be starting very soon. That means, please mark your calendars---September 6th will be our first choir rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. We shall meet in the nave. Choir will sing and chant, September 10th, for the 10:15 service. Please be here and ready to rehearse by 9:20 that morning. If your choir robe/cotta needs 'freshening up', please feel free to take it home with you and give it a run through the wash. (Woolite is recommended!) If you are not able to take care of this yourself, please see me.

Soup supper will also be returning---following the 5:30 Holy Eucharist Service, on Wednesdays.

Exciting news about our organ: Mr. Walker tells me that he has all but three stops working! That may sound like Greek to many of us, but what I believe he is saying is that we have many more beautiful colors, timbres and sonorities which help this instrument sound even more ethereal! Just so you know, we are doing the best we can to figure out how to best keep the brilliance of our instrument sounding without bonking everyone over the head!

You may have noticed that there are a few 'hot spots' in the church. This happens because of the bounce-back off of the brick walls. We (Mr. Walker, Mark Funk and myself) have been doing sound experiments, trying to determine how to best remedy this situation. Of course, obviously, we need a case for the instrument, which was originally planned, but as yet, not quite implemented. But, I know that we will get there one day!

In Christ, I am Yours,
Nada





Family Coat Closet

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Every Saturday!
October through December
10am - Noon



St. Christopher's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Join us for Sunday Services!
 8:00am and 10:15am
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Blessing of Animals Service

Please mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Animals Service scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. This service will be held outside. If there is unfavorable weather, the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9 a.m. @ Sophia's Kitchen, 11395 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



Coffee Fellowship

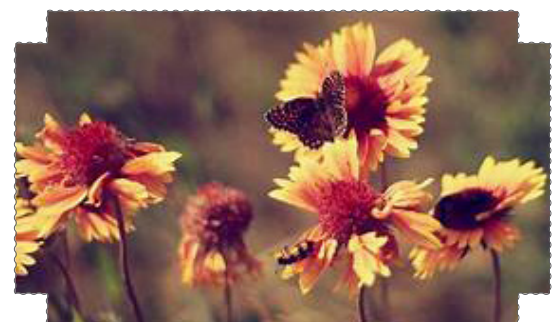


Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in August: Ellen Safley, Bill Hartley, Rene Carpenter and Bill Anderson.

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, September 13th at 11:45 a.m. at Antonio's Coney Island, 5485 Fenton Road, Flint. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than September 7th as we need to give a head count to the restaurant.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>SEPTEMBER 10</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky & Flo Gjerstad		Cindy Donner	Karen Miller	Jerry Lasley
<u>SEPTEMBER 17</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Jan Taylor & Becky Stermer		Collen Shrank	Shirley Showl- er	Collen Shrank
<u>SEPTEMBER 24</u>						
8 am	Kay Van Natta Nancy Wells (LEM)	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley Steve Huber (L)	Mary Van Duyne & Flo Gjerstad		Jane Brewer	Available	Available
<u>OCTOBER 1</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer Dave Butler (LEM)	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Thank you to all who helped with the Ally Challenge. Despite the Thursday rain, our lawn and volunteers held up pretty well! Thank you to Jackie and Jim Beal who kept us nourished-love that chicken salad. Not only is the Ally a great fundraiser for us, it is an important way to be a presence in and part of our community. I guess I will continue coordinating it as long as my legs hold up...

Please read the Trumpeter and join in some of the activities offered as we go from summer to our program year and as you read, have your calendar ready to jot down the opportunities you want to join in.

Blessings,
Ellen Safley

Letters that we received regarding the Ally Challenge - evangelism at work!

