



# THE TRUMPETER

MAY 2024

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

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

**THURSDAYS - Resuming on June 6th**  
*1 pm - Prayer and Bible Study (in Person)*

A photograph of a rolled-up newspaper. The title 'Church News' is printed in blue and black text on the white paper. A red rubber band is wrapped around the middle of the roll.

Please note that Father Jerry will be out of the office May 7th through May 9th at a Retreat. He will also be out of the office on vacation May 13th through May 27th. The Rev. Michael Carr will be covering in his absence. Please contact the church office with any emergencies and/or concerns during these times. Thank you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL...**On Sunday, June 2, 2024, we will begin holding Sunday School from 9:15 a.m. - 10 am. Please mark your calendar. We hope that you will join us.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY...**Please be advised that we will resume Prayer and Bible Study on Thursday, June 6th at 1 pm at the church. Prayer and Bible Study will be in person. It will be held every Thursday at 1 pm.

**BULLETINS...**Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

**JUNE TRUMPETER...**if you have any articles/news that you would like to be included in our June Trumpeter, please forward your articles to Angela in the church office by Sunday, June 23rd.

**SAVE THE DATE...**please mark your calendars for our 21st Annual Trip to the Lansing Lugnuts game on Thursday, June 27th. Please watch the Cyber Trumpeter and bulletin for more information.

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## UPCOMING LESSONS

**May 5th**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17  
Psalm 98

**May 12th**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19  
Psalm 1

**May 19th**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

**May 26th**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17  
Psalm 29

**June 2**  
**Second Sunday of Pentecost**  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

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



# THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is Risen, the Lord is Risen Indeed!

We are still in the season of Easter and will be until May 19th when we celebrate Pentecost! I will be on the Clergy Retreat May 7, 8, and 9th . I will be back that weekend but will leave for a vacation to see my family in NC on the afternoon of May 12th . I will then be back in the office on May 28th .

I'm not sure how time goes so quickly but here we are in May already. May is always a very busy month. Graduations, Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekend. Why does it seem that the older I get, the busier I become? LOL

Things are still busy here at church. We will be replacing the parking lot lights and we also have someone who will be looking at the lights in the sanctuary. Please pray that we can simply replace the lights in the sanctuary and not have to have a whole new electrical system put in. If that's the case, we might have to resort to candlelight services every week...or we could get those flashlights that we put on our foreheads! Wouldn't that be a fun way to "Let our lights shine"!!

We are very blessed to have a good Vestry. They work hard to keep things running as smoothly as possible. When you see one, please tell them thank you and please pray for them! You have entrusted them with a lot. Encouragement and prayers go a long way.

Beginning in June, we will begin to have weekday Bible study and prayer services at 1:00 pm in person. Please consider joining us! We will also begin to have Sunday School at 9:15 beginning on June 2 nd . Good things are happening!

Don't forget to pray for the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan as well as both Councils. All of them are engaged in a great deal of work as we prepare for Juncture in October. There is much work to be done and there are many good folks doing a lot so that we can juncture smoothly!

It's not too early to begin praying for a new bishop. I don't know when we will begin a search...it won't be anytime soon, but never too early to pray! Also, pray for me as I have lots of travels coming up.

To those who watch us online, we are so grateful for your presence! We hope that at some point, you will join us in person. We recently improved our sound and recording system and are very pleased with the results. Our Sunday online attendance has been over 118 for several weeks now and we are so happy that people are joining us from across the country! You are so important to us!

Please stay tuned for information about a July celebration for the burning of our mortgage!

Have a very blessed month!

*Jerry+*

# FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



Greetings from the Music Room!

It's been a busy year, musically at St. Christopher's! Wow! I can hardly believe that choir will be wrapping things up in just a few weeks! Well, this means that I will now have time to get the music library organized and catalogued during the summer months! (I actually am looking forward to this task).

I am grateful we have this medium, *The Trumpeter*, because it allows me the opportunity to recognize a number of people I would like to just run up to and hug, but that would be unseemly! So, instead, I will write a word or two of thanks.

I want to write about the wonderful young persons who have been singing in our choir, participating in Anglican Chant and helping out with our coffee hour! Kudos to Angel Langford, Audrey Ditri, Jasmine Turman, Cynthia Risch, Jeff Fisk, Raymon Torres and Brad Skellenger. Thank you, each one of you, for making time in your lives to spend with us in worship and community. Thank you Joel Stoecklin for being the man behind the camera for our streaming service. Your presence is much appreciated! Thank you Andrew Wilson, our lone tenor! Thank you Bob and Mary Van Duyne for financially supporting our choral section leaders; Thank you Bobbie and Joe Goergen for doing this as well; Thank you Sally Swartz for your generous donations to the choir, and thank you, too, Anonymous! Without your help, building and sustaining our choral program would be impossible.

There are many moving parts in this living, breathing musical arena in our church; Mr. Walker knocks himself out trying to repair and maintain our Geissler and Keates organ. She's getting there (the organ)! Ken Duck has donated so much time ranging from his sonorous saxophone solo work, to his playing the clarinet on Sunday mornings. Heck, Ken has even imported his entire swing band to our church!

Last Sunday we attempted to incorporate plain chant into the Psalm moment in our service. Angela printed the music in our bulletin---I am hoping that maybe the next time we see this, that we as a congregation will try to sing along with this. At least, that was the intent. Hopefully on May 5th we may be more daring!

During Pentecost Father Jerry will be starting to include the *Sursum Corda* during Holy Eucharist. This is when the priest sings, "The Lord Be with You" and we respond with, "And also with You"...Celebrant: "Lift up your hearts", People: "We lift them to the Lord". I hope we will really burst out in great peals of vocal excitement from our congregation! We can do this! I know we can!!!

So, in closing, I just want to remind everyone that the last Sunday for choir will be May 26th, Trinity Sunday, and that we will resume rehearsals September 8th. During the Summer Months, wonderful volunteers have presented beautiful musical offerings each Sunday. If you think you might like to share your gifts with us, and you have not yet had time, please do contact me (via email [nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org)) or drop down to the choir room and let me know what might work for you.

In Christ, I am Yours,

*Nada*





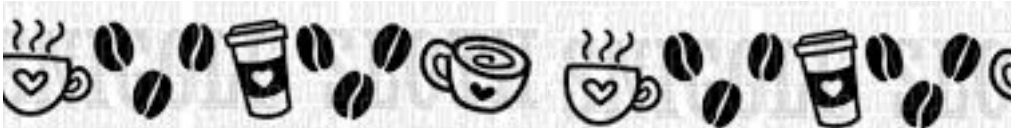
## HEALING AND EUCHARIST SERVICE

The next two Healing and Eucharist Services will be held Friday, May 3rd and June 7th at Noon. Please join us.



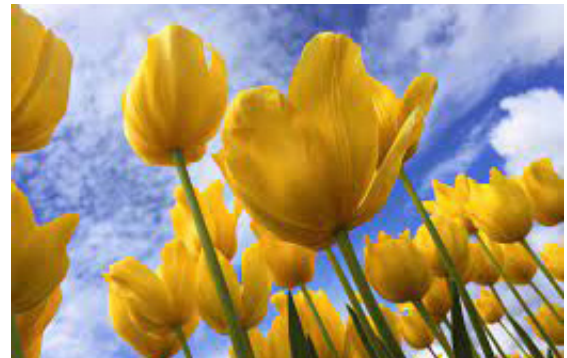
Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in March and April : Rene Carpenter, Bill Hartley, Karen & Dave Miller, Shirley Showler, Ken & Myrtle Duck, Nada Radakovich and Father Jerry.

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.



## MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9 a.m. @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 11:45 a.m. at Little Joe's Tavern, 11518 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT...

We have spoken a lot over the past year about transparency. It is a path that led us successfully through the Principal Payoff Challenge and can serve us well in the future. To that end, it is important to know that the Vestry is working actively to control and reduce our monthly costs, as well as implementing some long deferred maintenance to our building. We have contracted with Boss Lawn Services for our snow removal and mowing, resulting in savings of several thousand dollars per year. A conversation with Waste Management Services decreased our visits from them from every 2 weeks to once monthly (which, so far, has proven adequate) and lowered our cost by over \$600 per month. On Monday, Goyette Mechanical will be on site to improve the parking lot lighting. Once that task is completed, they will bring their lift into the Nave to help us determine whether the light bulbs can be replaced or if we must begin exploring alternatives to the current fixtures. If you have other suggestions for cost cutting, please share them with a Vestry member!

For the past few years, Grand Blanc High School has held Adopt a Senior. This was done in response to the loss of graduation related activities during covid. This year, Fr. Jerry and I thought St. Chris should be a part. We have adopted Angela Zinsli's oldest son Elijah. If you would like to join in creating a graduation gift basket, a donation of a snack food, gift cards, gas cards, candy, graduation greeting cards, (the ever popular) cash would help us bring a smile-it's been a rough year for the Zinsli family. See any Vestry member to contribute.

August 19-25 will see the PGA Champions' Tour return to Warwick for the Ally Challenge. We will again be under contract with Ally to provide parking for caddies, media, VIPs, etc. The Saturday concert will headline Thomas Wright, the artist for Friday night has not been released at this time. Last year raised over \$29,000. In planning this year's budget, Ally was not factored in, but will serve as a source for some needed "home improvement" work. Please keep some time open to help with parking during the tournament.

As you may have read in the Cyber Trumpeter, Church School and Bible Study will begin soon, the Chosen will resume at a date to be announced(as the DVDs become available). Fr. Jerry and the Vestry have heard and are acting upon your desire for religious education and encourage you to partake in any or all of the classes!

Plans are in the works for our Mortgage Burning Celebration. Stay tuned as details are released.

If you haven't had an opportunity to see the forsythia bushes outside the baptistry windows, please take a look. They have had a MAJOR trimming and are in full bloom. Thank you to whomever did the trimming! They are gorgeous and the tulips in the garden are beautiful!

We've survived the April showers-mostly in our winter coats. Let's pray for more of those May flowers, warm temperatures and sunny weather in the days ahead.

*Ellen*

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY 2024**

	<b>LECTOR / LEM</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>TECH</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>
<b><u>May 5</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Dave Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ellen Safley	Jan Taylor & Flo Gjerstad		Mary Van Duyne	Available	Available
<b><u>May 12</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Flo Gjerstad & Mike Latesky		Shirley Showl- er	Chapin Cook & Ellen Safley	Rod Bytwerk & Cindy Donner
<b><u>May 19</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Dave Butler (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Bob Luckey	Mary Van Duyne & Louise Desgranges		Cindy Donner	Available	Ellen Safley
<b><u>May 26</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ken Duck  Steve Huber (L)	Becky Stermer & Jane Yorks		Dawn Ruther- ford	Available	Dave & Karen Miller