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MAY 2025

# Trumpeter

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## Weekly Schedule

Sundays

*8 am - Holy Eucharist Service*

*10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service*

Thursdays

*11 am- Prayer and Bible Study (in Person)*

## From The Senior Warden

**I want to start my May report by thanking everyone who helped create such a beautiful church scene for Easter. The flowers were lovely and the altar guild did a great job prepping for the Easter Celebration.**

**You may have heard me at both of the church services talking about the need for input from the membership to the Vestry on how we will come up with a Capital Improvements Program for this year. We know we have made a lot of progress over the last few years on paying off the mortgage, improving and cleaning the church, fixing the lights and paving the parking lot. Clearly, we have been blessed.**

**Now we need to solicit input from members to determine what projects we can prioritize and attempt to commit to for this year. Would you please contact a Vestry member or put in a suggestion in the suggestion box as to those things that you would like to see us improve on the church building or facility? Once we have reviewed those we will prioritize them and then come back to the membership to attempt to find the funding necessary to carry one or more of them out. This is an act of faith, I understand, but I think it's important that we keep moving forward.**

**I hope you had a blessed Easter season and look forward to working with you this year.**

**Chapin Cook, Senior Warden**



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## Upcoming Lessons

**May 4**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**May 11**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**May 18**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

**May 25**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5  
John 14:23-29

**June 1**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

**June 8**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

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



# The Priest's Desk

May is such a beautiful month. The world around us is transformed as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We see all kinds of flowers blooming, the birds are chirping away, the trees are filling out. What a glorious time! God's beauty surrounds us every single day. May is a time of renewal, growth and celebration.

On Easter Sunday, we renewed our Baptismal Covenant. This simple but powerful act reminds us of who we are and who we are called to be. We are called to care for the world in which we inhabit. We are called to treat others tenderly, with love, empathy and mercy. We are called to be builders of the Kingdom of God. That which is here, but not yet fully realized. Our Baptismal Covenant reminds us that we are to die daily to sin and then believe in the power of the Cross. A cross where our Lord, Jesus Christ, carried our sins and through which we are redeemed. Each of us has the opportunity to be renewed in faith on a daily (sometimes hourly) basis. Lord open our hearts and minds.

Growth. Here at St. Christopher's, I am frequently reminded that we are growing. We have lots of new folks worshipping with us. Several people attend the Tuesday classes where we learn more about our faith and our journey together as we try building God's Kingdom here on earth. Sometimes, growth doesn't seem to come fast enough. Our hope is that every Sunday, we have an Easter or Christmas crowd at our worship services. Wouldn't that be remarkable?! Yes, it would be. But slowly, we are increasing. We recently had 96 in attendance for our Easter Services. Like you, I wish we could fill our church like that every single Sunday. I believe we will get there. In order to grow, we must have faith. Faith the size of a mustard seed will move a mountain. Lord, show us what we can do to share your Good News with others.

Celebration. We love to celebrate, don't we?! We have celebrated so many life altering events. We've had a couple of weddings, birthdays, several new members (they already seem like family), the burning of our mortgage, a newly paved parking lot with new lights, new lights in the sanctuary, a Coat Closet that has really blossomed, and so much more. God planted seeds long ago and we continue to find new life in those seeds. I'm sure there will be plenty more things to celebrate in the coming years. Lord, help us always to see the abundant blessings you bestow on us daily.

Renewal, growth and celebration. Those are some of the key moments in life. We are constantly being called to renew and strengthen our faith. We are called to grow in our service to others. And we are called to celebrate the power of God in our lives. Let us continue to build on the past. Let us look for new and exciting ministries that will allow us to serve a broader base of God's people. And let us always be grateful and celebrate the presence of Almighty God!

Blessings be upon you.

Jerry+

# Adopt a High School Senior



The Grand Blanc Adopt a High School Senior program was established to shower students with some extra love during their Senior year. Ideas are: a card, gift card, snack or small gift to let them know that they are being thought of and to give them a reason to smile!

This year, we have adopted Caleb Zinsli (our Administrative Assistant Angela's middle son). Caleb is a Senior at Grand Blanc High School and will be graduating in a couple weeks. He is dually enrolled at the high school and as a University of Michigan Flint Early College student. He will be continuing his education next year at the University of Michigan Flint. He is a National Honor Society member, works part-time at Culver's and plays soccer.

We will be collecting items to present to Caleb at an upcoming Sunday service. Please bring any contributions toward his gift directly to Father Jerry by Sunday, May 25th. Thank you.

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



Notes from the Music Room!

What a lovely Easter celebration we all were able to share. Thank you Father Jerry for the lovely service, thank you Altar Guild for the beautiful flowers, Thank you wonderful choir for your terrific singing, Thank you Jeff Walker for your fabulous playing, and Thank you to our congregation for the delightful Easter Brunch. What a special moment it is when I get to share in this most meaningful day with our church family. I am most grateful. Easter represents renewal, hope and rebirth.

These feelings are especially important as we emerge from our weeks of reflection during Lent and embrace the promise of the Resurrection.

These next weeks of Easter will go fast (I am certain of this, as May seems to just always zip by) and on June 1st we will find ourselves already in Pentecost. Which, just in case you might be wondering---pentecost comes from the Greek word, 'pentekoste', which means fiftieth. So, this church festival is celebrated 50 days after Easter) (and yes, I did look this up just to be sure).

So, when June first is here, let us all get out our red shirts and shoes and scarves and such, and together create a great celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit!

Choir will be singing with us until mid-June. They have worked very hard all year and do deserve a few months of summer fun, don't you think? If you are interested in possibly singing a solo during June, July or August or perhaps if you play an instrument and would like to offer your talent during this time, please drop by the choir room and let me know---I will do my best to schedule you! You can also email me ([nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org)) or drop a note in the mailbox in the office.

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada







The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, June 6, 2025 at Noon. All are welcome to attend.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in April... Chapin Cook, Ellen Safley, Dave & Karen Miller. Thank you also to everyone that brought dishes for the Easter Brunch.

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 latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, all funds given toward pledges received in the current calendar year must be deposited and posted to the same calendar year. We can no longer accept advanced payment of pledges for the next calendar year. Thank you for your understanding.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 11:45 am at Irene's Craft Kitchen & Biergarten, 210 Reid Rd, Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.

# Easter at St. Christopher's





## Worship Leaders for May 2025

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>May 11</u>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses (LEM)/Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	Tom & Dianne Trevino	Bob McCrea
<b>10:15 am</b>	Rod Bytwerk	Louise De- granges & Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler		
<u>May 18</u>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Susan Armstrong	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Flo Gjerstad	Available
<b>10:15 am</b>	Bob Luckey Steve Huber (L)	Rod Pierson & Jane Yorks		Dawn Rutherford		
<u>May 25</u>						
<b>8 am</b>	Dave Butler (LEM)/Kay Van Natta	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	Available	Karen & Dave Miller
<b>10:15 am</b>	Linda Rathburn	Rene Carpenter & Bill Anderson		Anne Naber		
<u>June 1</u>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses (LEM)/Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	Available	Jane Brewer
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky & Louise Des- granges		Colleen Shrank		