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AUGUST 2026

Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service



Message from the Senior Warden...

Hello to all the members and friends of St Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan. As you all know, we are about to embark on the next round of parking required for the Ally Challenge golf program. We need all the help we can get to meet the requirements for getting cars in and parked. We hope you will volunteer some of your time to help out with that project.

The Vestry is also decided to see if there's enough interest to work on replacing the windows. We have faith that our members will provide money to help meet that need. Please turn in a check to the church and write in the memo line that it is for windows.

As you know, we have not had a lot of luck getting our air conditioning back on, but we are optimistic that by the time you receive this month's notice our special motor will be under our roof and the air-conditioning will be close to returning to normal. That will be a wonderful step for all of us.

Please look at the information about the New Bishop that will be elected in the annual meeting and be ready to vote for your choice. Once we make that decision, our representatives at the annual meeting will vote for that person and get us with a new bishop. This person will be a big help for us all and we look forward to accomplishing that goal.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and have plans to remember Saint Christopher's while enjoying yourself.

Thanks,
Chapin Cook

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Vestry 2026

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Karen Carr (2027) Dave Miller (2027)
Janice Convis (2027) Colleen Shrank (2029)
Diane Stellrecht (2029) Louise McAra (2028)
Jane Brewer (2029) Rod Bytwerk (2028)
Chapin Cook (2028)

Upcoming Lessons

August 2

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-22

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85: 8:13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:9-21

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings Everyone!

I hope this finds you doing well. Summer is quickly passing by, and the grass is showing the lack of rain we have had.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for our Vestry! Between our regularly scheduled meetings, we have had several committee meetings. Members of our Vestry have really stepped up to the plate in getting things done around here. If you drive by here at night, you will see that our sign outdoors is working again!!! We also have new doors on the trash bins on the other side of the parking lot. Members of Vestry have also worked with me to complete employee evaluations, updating our bylaws and are also working to update our Policies and Procedures. Our diocesan audit was completed in July. There were just a couple of things that we need to address, and Vestry is on top of them. We are very blessed to have such dedicated folks leading the way. Our auditor was very impressed at how well-prepared things were. We owe a great deal of thanks to our amazing Parish Administrator, Angela! Thank you!

August brings with it our major fundraising opportunity. The Ally Challenge will be arriving in the last week of this month. If you have not already done so, please sign up to help with parking. It takes a lot of people for this to go smoothly. Thank you in advance!

You may have noticed some pictures of three folks around the parish. These three individuals make up the slate for the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes. Please look at their biographies and speak with me if you have any comments or concerns, or if there is one individual who just jumps out to you as an excellent candidate. Please join our delegates and the entire Diocese as we pray for discernment. May God's Holy Spirit guide as we select our new Bishop. The selection will take place during our convention in October.

As you know, our air conditioner motor was burned up during a storm and the power outages that followed. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will have been fixed, and we will be back to normal.

You always remain in my daily prayers. I pray for you and I hope you pray for me!

May God fill your hearts with joy, love, peace and hope!

Jerry+



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.



Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Cycle of Prayer

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Under the direction of Bishop Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries provides pastoral care and support to members of the military and federal agencies. This week's updates include:

Cycle of Prayer 2026. You can find the complete cycle at www.episcopalchurch.org under Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of August 2. All of Coast Guard service members on their 236th birthday and those serving in Utah and Vermont - at Hill Air Force Base, Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, Camp Williams, George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center, the 158th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Camp Jonson, Coast Guard Station Burlington, and the Burlington VA Medical Center.

Week of August 9. Those serving in Washington - at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Naval Base Kitsap, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Fairchild Air Force Base, Federal Detention Center SeaTac, and the Seattle VA Medical Center.

Week of August 16. Those serving in West Virginia - at Camp Dawson, the 130th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, the 167th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Beckley, and the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

Week of August 23. Those serving in Wisconsin - at Fort McCoy, Volk Field Air National Guard Base, the 115th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Oxford, and the Madison VA Medical Center.

Week of August 30. Those serving in Wyoming - at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Camp Guernsey, the 153rd Airlift Wing Air National Guard, Laramie Readiness Center, and the Cheyenne VA Medical Center.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Christopher's:

Thank you for the lovely card and your delightful comments. Marcie and I have found a home these last ten years, and my sincere appreciation to Fr. Jerry and all of you for your continued welcome. You are our Michigan family and we Thank God for each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Don and Marcie Davidson



Please note that the next Healing Services will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026 and Friday, September 4th at Noon.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in July: Dave & Karen Miller, Jane Yorks, Chapin Cook & Ellen Safley, Rod & Cindy Bytwerk. 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, August 12th at 11:45 am at Brick Street, 1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd., Grand Blanc.

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



We are in need of items for our Blessing Bags for Carriage Town Ministries. Items needed: bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel size shampoo, deodorant, bottles of water and snacks (granola bars, etc). Please note that currently we have plenty of socks. There is a blue tub in the Gathering to place donations.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Annual Food Distribution...will be held the third Saturday of each month, May through October located at 7234 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc. There are no specific income requirements that people have to meet in order to receive food. However, a representative of the household has to be present to receive the food. If you know of anyone in need, please share this information.

If you know of anyone that would like to volunteer to help distribute - they need 40-50 volunteers each distribution. Volunteers should arrive at 8 am and park in the Sikh Temple lot directly south of Holy Spirit. You will be fed lunch following the distribution, which usually concludes around 11 am.

From the Music Room...



Notes from the Music Room

August is here! Yay! This means, only one more month until our choir is back in full swing! (If you could not tell, I rather do love our choir). Most all of our service music is planned through Advent 2026, and hopefully, once our a.c. for the church is back up and running, we will be able to address tuning the organ --- and then we will truly be ready for Fall!

Just in case anyone was wondering, the pipes for our pipe organ are subject to (are always subject to) the room temperatures and humidity variances in the sanctuary. At any given time, weather/temp dependent, a rank of pipes can become intolerably out-of-tune, and then the organist has to figure out a 'work around,' which, I must say, Dr. Angelo has managed magnificently well! We are very blessed, having a pipe organ in our church. It is a privilege. As such, it is our (my) duty to keep it well maintained and in good instrumental health. This year, organ-playing friends and tuners of Jeff Walker have been helping us out with this---Ed Arter from St. Paul's has been by a few times, as has Mark Funk from First Presbyterian. They both have been very good natured and very professional about helping tune and maintain the instrument. Over the past few months, Jim Case from Burton has tuned all of the pianos in the building. He has had to vacuum up little 'notices' from mice and has had to scrape out melted Hall's menthololypus cough drops from the inner working on the piano in the choir room. Note to anyone who might be using the piano in the choir room to pound notes: Please please please, put your Hall's in your robe pocket---thank you.



***Picture of cough drops in piano

September 13th will be our first service with full choir. If you happen to be reading this, and if you know in your heart that you just really would like to sing with our choir, or would like to contribute musically some Sunday morning, (Bill---Moe Bandy is for Saturday nights!) please drop by the choir room on any Wednesday morning, or shoot me an email (nada@stchrisgb.org) or catch me at coffee hour, and I can give you more details!

~ In Christ, I am yours,

Nada





Worship Leaders for August 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOW- ERS
<u>August 2</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	Flo Gjerstad	Frank Burger & Mike Latesky
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn	Christine Jacob & Jane Yorks		Gerry Rudduck		
<u>August 9</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Susan Arm- strong		-----	Diane Stellrecht & Mary Little	Diane Stellrecht & Mary Little
10:15 am	Karen Miller	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Louise McAra		
<u>August 16</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells(LEM)/ Jacob Stuart	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	Available	Jane Brewer
10:15 am	Ellen Safley	Bill Hartley & Jan Taylor		Anne Naber		
<u>August 23</u>						
8 am	Dave But- ler(LEM)/ Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Jacob Stuart		-----	Jane Yorks	Jeff & Kim Parker
10:15 am	Mary Little Steve Huber (LEC)	Becky Stermer & Louise Des- granges		Colleen Shrank		
<u>August 30 – No Service -Ally Challenge</u>						
8 am	No Service		-----	-----	Ally Challenge	Ally Challenge