



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

In a recent sermon I talked about the importance of prayer (and of daily prayer) in our lives. Prayer grounds us day by day in the reality of God's continuous loving and guiding presence in our everyday life. By it we are fortified to deal with all "the changes and chances" of this mortal life. Over time, prayer strengthens our relationship with God and enables us to discern what God would have us do in any situation. Prayer also makes our hearts tender toward others, both friends and strangers, building up in us our capacity to love as we have been loved by God. In the Epistles we are encouraged to "pray without ceasing" and in the Gospels we often read of Jesus seeking a quiet place to pray. As I mentioned in my sermon, many of us feel as though we don't know how to pray. Don't be discouraged if that describes you – the Twelve Disciples felt the same way. Because they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, we have the gift of the Lord's Prayer. Here is the literal translation of the Lord's Prayer as found in Luke's Gospel:

Father, hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

It's pretty short and to the point – prayer doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece. We just need to speak our truth, whatever that may be, to God. Although we read about Jesus frequently praying, there are several places in the Gospels where the words of Jesus' prayers are recorded, as remembered by those who were present. He expresses gratitude, praises God, asks on behalf of others' needs, asks on behalf of his own needs, and seeks to give himself wholly to God's will for his life.

This fall we will be forming a Chapter of the Daughters of The King here at St. Christopher's. It is one way to have companionship in developing a life of prayer, evangelism, and service.

On Sunday, September 16, I invite any women in the parish who would like to learn more about the Daughters of The King to watch a brief video following coffee hour.

If you do not already pray at some point during every day, I encourage you to take on that practice – and it is something that requires practice. In just a short time, however, it will become second nature. and you will find yourself sharing your life, longings, hopes and fears with God moment by moment through your day. With more time, you will "hear" God speaking with you in response. Prayer will change your life – and your prayers will change the lives of others.

In Christ's Love,

Ann+



September 9th

One service only at 10:15, followed by a cook out! Sign-up on the bulletin board for a dish to bring. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks provided. Let Mother Ann know if you can help organize set up or clean up.



Vestry Meeting (June 27, 2018)

Present: Mary Holmes, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, Charley Marston, Ann Kidder, Sean McMillion, John Irwin, Mary Murray.

The Rector opened the meeting at 6:11 PM with a prayer.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the Vestry meetings held on April 25, 2018 and May 30, 2018 were approved as submitted upon motion by Becky Everett, seconded by Sean McMillion.

Senior Warden's report.

Dr. Irwin reported on the upcoming Fourth of July festivities. As customary, the church will host a free cotton candy stand, to the delight of many children and some adults as well. Cub Scout pack 165, sponsored by St. Christopher, has been invited to participate in the parade. The chairman of the Cub Scout pack, Timothy Hollis has been given the contact information for the Village Service department in order to make arrangements for a suitable float for the Cub Scouts.

Junior Warden's report.

Mr. Marston reported on several topics beginning with the Riverbank project. Davey resources has been selected to be the contractor on the project. Davey has considerable experience in Riverbank restoration including the projects previously reviewed by the Vestry located in Willoughby and in Hunting Valley. The estimate provided by Davey is \$50,000 less than the initial grant estimation. Any savings from the original grant estimate will be shared proportionally with 60% of the reduction going to the EPA and 40% to the landowners.

The Army Corps of Engineers has been approached to approve the project. At this time two bendway weirs are planned on the frontage of St. Christopher. Further construction details will become available as the Army Corps of Engineers and the contractor, Davey Resources revise and finalize the plans.

On July 10, 2018 the Village Council Agenda will address the Contract Award. Initial construction on the project is planned to commence later this summer and may continue through the winter season with an anticipated completion date in the summer of 2019.

Mr. Marston then reported on the status of the elevator project. At a recent meeting with Rebecca Wiesenthal, who works with John Brown, and with the anticipated contractor David Novak, it was reported that Mr. Novak is still finalizing construction estimates and figures. The project budget of \$137,000 or less remains valid. The project is planned to begin during the last week of July and will continue until the end of August at which time it will adjourn to permit Bargain Box during the month of September to prepare for and conduct the annual September Bargain Box sale. Any remaining work will then be resumed and completed in October.

A discussion was then held regarding the possibility of extending the elevator to the second floor of the church. It was the sense of the Vestry that if the cost of such an extension was reasonable, it should be strongly considered. An informal estimate of the cost previously mentioned by John Brown was \$15,000. The Junior Warden was asked to circle back with Mr. Brown, Ms. Wiesenthal and Mr. Novak to ascertain the estimated cost of extending the elevator. This option may then be presented to the Figgie Foundation and Matthew Figgie for consideration and may also be presented to the Vestry for funding from the existing Capital Campaign.

At the present time expenditures of \$15,000 as an initial payment to Mr. Novak, \$35,000 as an initial payment for the fabrication of the elevator and \$1625 for government permits need to be dispersed. Mr. Marston will follow-up with those expenditures.

With regard to the elevator project, a final discussion was had regarding the utilization of the lower level room in which the elevator will be placed and making appropriate accommodations for that room to be usable by Bargain Box.

Treasurer's report.

Ms. Murray then reported on the May 31, 2018 financials. As anticipated, this shows at this point in the year, a deficit in pledge receipts, but historically those receipts come in in larger quantities at the end of the year. Otherwise, there have been no other significant deviations. A discussion was held regarding the organ fund and the Senior Warden will check with the church's insurance agent and review the existing insurance coverages with particular reference to the organ. The Rector mentioned that another nearby Episcopal Church has arranged for flood coverage through FEMA and that coverage will also be investigated.

Mr. Marston then continued the financial discussion by attention to the status of the stewardship campaign. An initial draft of a letter to the congregation, prepared by Morrie Everett, is in process and will include questions to be asked of the parishioners regarding their giving plans. This letter is scheduled to go out on August 1 and will represent the first step in the annual campaign. Vestry members were encouraged to submit proposed questions to go to the parish members about their wishes, ministry proposals, program considerations and other topics that might impact upon the anticipated financial needs and support of the church. The every member canvas is thereafter anticipated to begin in early October 2018.

Guild Activities.

Becky Everett then reported on the Guild activities including a planned event on Saturday, June 1, 2019. This event, which may involve a silent auction, with a dinner or cocktail gathering, is intended to raise money for the construction of housing in areas of Central and/or South America for those people in great need. Each house has an anticipated cost of \$3600 and the event is hoped to raise money for one or more homes for this purpose. At this early time a committee of the Guild including Debbie Cole, Chair, Becky Everett Kitty Thomas and Neil Lee are meeting to develop specific plans. This would include the potential venue for the event as well specific proposals for assistance with the event from the Vestry.

Additionally, a discussion then followed regarding the Jubilee Fund. These monies were raised a number of years ago with the intention of assisting St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Euclid Avenue to restore its kitchen facilities. However, before that project was commenced it was determined to be no longer viable and the Jubilee Fund held by St. Christopher in the amount of \$10,000 has remained unspent. A discussion then followed as to various possible ministries and projects to which this fund could be directed in keeping with its initial purpose of funding a capital project of some nature. Debbie Cole will be invited to the next Vestry meeting, July 25, 2018, to present proposals and details to the Vestry.

Additional Business.

The Rector reported that the church keeper, Lucy, will be absent to travel to South America to visit her family from July 10 until August 1. During this time Lucy's daughter Andrea will see to the care of the church in her mother's absence.

Our music director Yuri will be traveling to visit her family in Japan and in her absence, on July 8, 2018 cellist David Ellis will provide musical accompaniment to the service at 10:15 AM and Ava Ellis will serve as the organist on July 15 at the 10:15 AM service.

Finally, the Rector indicated that the diocesan Media Representative would perhaps be invited to attend the Vestry meeting on August 29, 2018 before the commencement of the formal every member canvas to discuss and advise utilizing various media resources to complement the Stewardship campaign.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry at this time, the Rector led a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Junior Warden's Report

How are you at singing?

How are you at playing the chimes?

If you like to do either, we want you in our church choir or joining our bell playing group. Yuri will provide information about each: I.e., when we practice, play and sing.

Yours truly has been aware that the second floor practice room had seen better days and was not up to the quality to properly welcome our angelic musicians. Here endith the problem. Sally and Elise, our decorators, have sprung into action. Marshall Carpet has again given us a bargain price, and our painters, Hugh and Lucy, with great assistance from Yuri, Becky Everett, Jeff Eakin, and John Irwin, have sparked the room up in beautiful blue and sunny yellow.

Glorious music kicks off the season on Rally Sunday with this prayer in mind.



Lucy, Hugh, Charley, Jeff (Photo by John Irwin)

The Choister's Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple;
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in
our hearts.

And what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in
our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you. Thank you one and all for your help.

Choir

by Yuri McElliot

If you are interested in joining our choirs, we would love to have you! Please contact me or any choir member and we'll be happy to talk to you about it. Our fall schedules are:

Sunday, Sep 9 9:30am Adult choir Sunday morning rehearsals resume

Sunday, Sep 16 9:00am Handchime choir rehearsals resume

11:20am Junior choir rehearsals resume

Wednesday, Sep 26 7:00pm Adult choir Wednesday rehearsals resume

We are excited to begin the fall schedule and would be very happy if you could join us.

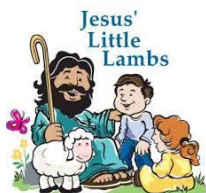
September Birthdays

1 Betty Tone	7 Conrad Selnik	15 Fran Sarkisian	20 Evan McMullen
3 Paulette Matthews	8 Alison Selman	17 Peter Holmes	21 Toly Gnant
Stacey Miscko	9 Elsbeth Daly	18 Christine DeBaz	Jan Tuttle
4 Debbie Cole	13 Marty Feller	Mary Holmes	25 Melanie Reda
5 Ron Miscko	Sam Mitchell	19 Larry Bennett	29 Hudson Chamr
7 Lily Klinginsmith	14 Deborah Brown	Andrew Clark	



Join us in celebrating the first day of Sunday School on September 9th!

Sunday School for all school aged children will resume at 9 am with exciting activities for the children.



Nursery care available for children under 3 years old at 10:15 am service.

If you are new to Sunday School or have questions, please contact Peggy Reda, Director of Faith Development at 440-773-2518 or prseverin@aol.com.

Adult Forum

Bible Challenge Discussion groups are meeting on Thursdays at 6PM and Sundays at 9AM. Feel free to join in at any time. Contact the office or Mother Ann if you need a book



The readings for September are:

Sep 1 Ezekiel 21-22, Psalm 79, Rev 2
 Sep 2 *SUNDAY*
 Sep 3 Ezekiel 23-24, Psalm 80, Rev 3
 Sep 4 Ezekiel 25-26, Psalm 81, Rev 4
 Sep 5 Ezekiel 27-28, Psalm 82, Rev 5
 Sep 6 Ezekiel 29-30, Psalm 83, Rev 6
 Sep 7 Ezekiel 31-32, Psalm 84, Rev 7
 Sep 8 Ezekiel 33-34, Psalm 85, Rev 8
 Sep 9 *SUNDAY*
 Sep 10 Ezekiel 35-36, Psalm 86, Rev 9

Sep 11 Ezekiel 37-38, Psalm 87, Rev 10
 Sep 12 Ezekiel 39-40, Psalm 88, Rev 11
 Sep 13 Ez 41-42, Psalm 89:1-18, Rev 12
 Sep 14 Ez 43-44, Psalm 89:9-52, Rev 13
 Sep 15 Ezekiel 45-46, Psalm 90, Rev 14
 Sep 16 *SUNDAY*
 Sep 17 Ezekiel 47-48, Psalm 91, Rev 15
 Sep 18 Dan 1-2, Psalm 92, Rev 16
 Sep 19 Dan 3-4, Psalm 93, Rev 17
 Sep 20 Dan 5-6, Psalm 94, Rev 18

Sep 21 Dan 7-8, Psalm 95, Rev 19
 Sep 22 Dan 9-10, Psalm 96, Rev 20
 Sep 23 *SUNDAY*
 Sep 24 Dan 11-12, Psalm 97, Rev 21
 Sep 25 Hosea 1-2, Psalm 98, Rev 22
 Sep 26 Hosea 3-4, Psalm 99, Matt 1
 Sep 27 Hosea 5-6, Psalm 100, Matt 2
 Sep 28 Hosea 7-8, Psalm 101, Matt 3
 Sep 29 Hosea 9-10, Psalm 102, Matt 4
 Sep 30 *SUNDAY*

Guild

Bargain Box!

Sep 28, 8-4

Help is always needed AND welcome for Bargain Box. Our next sale is approaching quickly!

Contact Carolyn Misco for a schedule of workdays or watch the weekly News Notes.

Programs 2018-2019

October 10th – Making Soup for the Hungry with Laura Cotton
November 7th – Filling backpacks for West Side Shared Ministries
December 13th – Greens Workshop. Centerpieces to Holly Hill
January 10th – Tour of the Children's Museum
February 13 – Euclid Beach Carousel Tour
March 13 – Lenten program at Cleveland Museum of Art with Deacon Lydia Bailey
May 3rd – Bargain Box
June 2nd - Auction for Food for the Poor



THOSE WHO SERVE

SEPTEMBER 2018 ROTA

September 2nd

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Jeff Eakin
AG: Rosalie Della Ratta

10:15 EM: Randy Cole
LR: Rik Bole/ Peter Batcheller
AG: Bob Syverson
Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole
Hospitality: Nancy Irwin

September 9th

8:00 NO SERVICE

10:15 EM: Randy Cole
LR: Kathy Pender/ Fran Srkisian
AG: Mary Murray
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: **RALLY SUNDAY PICNIC!**

September 16th

8:00 EM: Peter Batcheller
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: Judy Eakin

10:15 EM: Dale Gnant
LR: Jeff Eakin / Chris Pucell
AG: Nicki Henry/ Loni Todd-Lorenz
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: Mary Reynolds/ Rosalie Della Ratta

September 23rd

8:00 EM: John Irwin
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: TBD

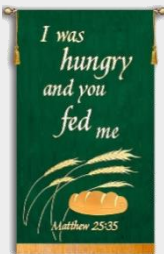
10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Sue Thorpe / Kathy Pender
AG: Courtney Schmidt
Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: Gretchen Fisher / Becky Everett

September 30th

8:00 EM: Charley Marston
LR: Teri Ianni
AG: Teri Ianni

10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Mary Holmes / Joyce Welsh
AG: Jean Ramsey
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: Linda Webb / Mary Murray

In **SEPTEMBER**, we are collecting:



Dry Pasta
Sauce
(preferably no glass)
Mac N Cheese
Ramen



Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner

Friday, September 21st

Meet at St. Christopher's at 4PM
Contact the office if you plan to help out.

Food Pantry

Saturday, September 15th

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Call the office if you wish to volunteer.

Vestry 2018

John Irwin	Senior Warden
Charley Marston	Junior Warden
Irene McMullen	Clerk
Mary Murray	Treasurer

Class of 2020

Becky Everett, Mary Murray, James Pender

Class of 2019

Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Irene McMullen

Class of 2018

Elise Bennett, Charles Marston, Sean McMillion

Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2017 & 2018

Linda Webb, 2018 & 2019

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.
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THE 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Every day, people in our diocese help to change the world by putting into action our shared commitment to love God, to love our neighbors, and to change the world.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports parishes' response to people in need, clergy and lay formation opportunities, youth leadership development, outreach ministries, and many other important initiatives that further God's Mission to heal the world.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

Donation envelopes are available at Sunday services in the pews. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the office. If you have any questions, you may contact Becky Everett.

For more information or to give online, please visit dohio.org/bishops-annual-appeal



September



Sunday

Monday










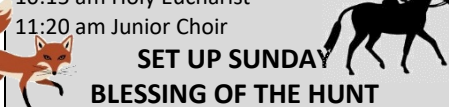




Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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<p>9 XVI Pentecost 8 am – NO SERVICE 9 am Bible Challenge 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p>  	10	<p>11 9:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Stewarship Meeting</p>	12	<p>13  5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 8 PM Riverside AA</p>	14 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	15 Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry 11 AM 6:00 PM Wedding
<p>16 XVII Pentecost 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Challenge, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:20 am Junior Choir</p> 	17 1-3 PM Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM Watershed Meeting	18 9:30 Staff Meeting	19 6:00 Cub Scouts	20  5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 8 PM Riverside AA	21 St. Andrews Blessed Are We Dinner Meet @ 4PM	22
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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Nursery Care for 10:15 service
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Parish Office

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September 2018 Newsletter

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We welcome you to join us:

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 2nd – Pentecost XV

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



Sunday, SEPTEMBER 9th – Pentecost XVI

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 16th – Pentecost XVII

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 23rd – Pentecost XVIII

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Set Up Sunday
Blessing of the Hunt

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 30th – Pentecost XIX

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR KIDS 5-14

9 -10 a.m. Church School Class (Upstairs)
10-10:15 a.m. Break & Snacks in the Nursery
10:15-10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary with class
10:30 -11:00 a.m. Children's Chapel
11:00-11:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary with families

NURSERY CARE

10 am-11:30 am for Ages 0-4



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Want to hear the sermon
again?*

We now have our sermons available on line. There is a link to our YouTube page on our website:
<http://stchrisbytheriver.org/sermons-2/>

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