



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

JUNE-JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

About a month ago, Peter Holmes asked me if I had ever thought about the parish making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A few days later, I received a catalogue from St. George's College in Jerusalem. Quoting from their catalogue, "St. George's College was founded in 1920 as a theological school for Palestinian seminarians. ...In 1962, St. George's College was transformed into a center for education, hospitality, pilgrimage, and reconciliation... St. George's has been offering pilgrims from all over the world a unique experience of the biblical lands ever since."

Looking toward my sabbatical, I had always intended to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land through one of St. George's courses. Now it seems as though the time might be right for us to share that experience with one another. In celebration of their Centennial, St. George's is offering an incentive to groups who register for a 2020 course by August 31st of this year. For every five class registrations, the sixth person is free. We can share the savings or offer a place to someone who otherwise might not be able to have this experience.

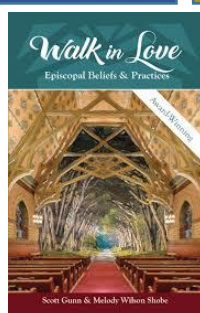
We have ordered more St. George's College catalogues so that you can read the course descriptions for yourself. I will most likely be registering for the "Palestine of Jesus" course, which runs for 15 days from November 2 – November 16, 2020. If you are interested in this opportunity to make a group pilgrimage, please speak to me as soon as possible.

While there, we may also have the opportunity to visit the Princess Basma Center for Children with Disabilities in East Jerusalem. Last Wednesday, the Vestry gave their approval for St. Christopher's to partner with the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) in submitting a Global Missions Grant Proposal to our Diocese. Our parish has supported the ministries of AFEDJ since 2005 through donations from St Christopher's Guild and our Good Friday Offerings. In order for AFEDJ to be eligible for a grant from our Diocese they needed a parish partner with a history of supporting the work of AFEDJ. I am including a link to their website so that you can read about the Mother's Empowerment Program, which will (hopefully) receive one of our Diocesan Grants. Here is the website address for AFEDJ www.afedj.org and a link to a video interview of a mother who spent three weeks participating in the Mother's Empowerment Program. <https://youtu.be/ZF9SBUITY9M>

All of this makes me think of the mysterious way in which God's Holy Spirit continues to be at work in our world – opening opportunities for spiritual growth and for transforming the lives of individuals and communities. As the Holy One says in the Book of Revelation, "Behold, I am making all things new." As the long, warm days of summer fill with the sounds of bird and insect song; the sweet smell of blossoms unfurling morning by morning; the sparking lights of fireflies hovering over lawn and field – look deep and long for God's presence here and now. Listen for the whispered call in your life to something new. "Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened."

In Christ's Love,

Ann+



Sundays at 9AM we are studying 'Walk In Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices'.

Books are \$20. Please contact the office if you would like one. Feel free to join in at any time.

Present: Elise Bennett, David Hauserman, Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Sean McMillion, Irene McMullen, Mary Murray, Jim Pender.

The meeting came to order at 6:08 PM. John Irwin opened the meeting with a prayer.

David Hauserman moved approval of the March 3, 2019 meeting minutes, as amended. Jim Pender seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Elevator – Our new elevator has a programming glitch, which is causing it to fail inspection. A charge of \$409 has been incurred from the Department of Commerce relating to re-inspection.

Streambank Restoration – The project is complete, and the plants are beginning to show leaves. The project will be featured by the Gates Mills Garden Club, with a CRWP speaker (and others) at their luncheon. Charley Marston is planning to write a public expression of gratitude to the Village and all involved, which will be published in The Pink Sheet.

Telephones – The new VOIP telephones are now functioning.

St. Christopher's Fund – A discussion was had regarding the need for a new Trustee for the Board of Trustees of the St. Christopher's Fund, as Charley Marston has stepped down from the position. John Irwin moved that David Hauserman be appointed to the board of Trustees of the St. Christopher's Fund. Irene McMullen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Pender noted that almost all of the corpus of the St. Christopher's Fund is derived from those who have contributed in other ways to St. Christopher's. Approximately 25-30% of the operating budget comes from the St. Christopher's Fund. This year, the contribution from the fund will be about \$127,000. Trustees of the St. Christopher's Fund decide what percentage of the income to provide to the church.

Ohio History Connection Plaque – Jim Pender resolved to approve an application to the Ohio History Connection and the William Pomeroy Foundation on behalf of The Parish of Saint Christopher by the River. Elise Bennett seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The application to the Ohio History Commission will use the Ohio corporation name of the parish. Irene McMullen explained how the application was created. The Gates Mills Historical Society is sponsoring the nomination for the sign. Irene passed out a summary of the various trade or commonly used names at St. Christopher's. The summary is attached (included in newsletter, below). It was discussed that the Archives Committee could provide input regarding the history of the name, which might be helpful. Irene McMullen also offered to have the aluminum plaque on the building refurbished. Mary Murray noted that the cost could be borne by the capital account.

Financial Report – Mary Murray distributed financial statements. She noted that our financial position looks a lot like last year's position. Irene McMullen moved that the interim budget for 2019 be adopted as the final budget for 2019. Jim Pender seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Presentation on Strategy Development – David Hauserman will speak about this concept at the next Vestry meeting, to help us develop goals to move forward this year.

Stewardship – Jim Pender spoke about the work of the Stewardship Committee. He would like to revamp the communications for next year. Forty of the gifts last year comprised 80% of the not-trust income of the church for last year. We should look at ways to be responsive to our parishioners. The Stewardship Committee designed a profile form to keep track of information regarding the church. We could use information to speak with donors about progress and updates regarding the church.

Community Meetings – Mary Holmes sent out a letter to parishioners regarding the upcoming meetings. It is a type of strategic planning. Hopefully, we will get a good turnout. It will be a brainstorming session regarding people's vision for five to ten years from now. The meetings will be recorded. From there, we will speak with key stakeholders in the community, and see how we can reach out to other organizations in the community.

Guild – Elise Bennett reminded all that Set-Up Sunday is this Sunday. The Guild could also use help on Saturday after the sale, cleaning up the church and putting racks away.

The June 2 auction is beginning to take shape. The Guild would appreciate suggestions for music. The Guild donated \$400 to Bellwether Farm for a camp scholarship.

John Irwin noted that Becky Everett is looking into the idea of installing covers for the church gutters.

From the Long Range Planning Committee:

Sunday School

Submitted by Peggy Reda

It's summer! Many thanks to Mrs. Debbie Cole, Mrs. Paulette Matthews and Miss Melanie Reda for their loving teaching this past year! Each Sunday they come prepared with lessons and dedicated presence and commitment to help our children grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. It has been a busy year and we have learned so much about the history of God's people and God's faithful servants. We learned that we, too, can be like them!

From all of us in Church School – have a happy and safe summer! Don't forget to take the time to pray and to worship with us at St. Christopher's or wherever your summer travels take you!

Cottage Meetings

By Mary Holmes, Kathy Pender and Darlene Hauserman

Thirty-three individuals in the parish have participated in small "cottage meetings" so far and we are happy to schedule another if there are individuals who would like to share their thoughts about the future of St. Christopher's by the River. Gathering this information is one step toward envisioning where our parish hopes to be five or more years from now.

The next step involves gathering insights from our neighbors about opportunities to welcome and engage our community in Gates Mills and the wider world. We plan to interview Village leaders and others. In July, the Vestry will meet to review all the information that has been gathered and identify three or four goals for the church for the next five years. No organization can survive and flourish by remaining unchanged. St. Christopher's faces the same challenges as all mainline churches: how to remain steadfast in our faith while adapting to the modern day needs of families and parishioners. This responsibility lies with each of us, not just the Rector or Vestry.

Conversions with the parish will continue over the summer as we begin to focus on what we hear from you. Growth and excitement are beginning to happen and we must find ways to encourage that. Feel free at any time to contact one of us if you have ideas or concerns. This is truly a great time for St. Christopher's by the River.

GRIEF GROUP



The Grief Support group this Spring which concludes June 13 has been very well attended.

If you would be interested in participating in a future grief support group, please express your interest Kathy Pender. (440-463-7378)

SUMMER HOSTESSES



Hosts/Hostesses for Coffee Hour are needed for the summer. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or please call the office and let us know if you can help on one of the Sundays in June, July or August.

Guild Events



RAISE THE ROOF AUCTION



June 2nd 4-6PM

Gates Mills Community House

The RAISE THE ROOF auction benefiting *Food for the Poor* is just a few days away! Please plan on attending this Sunday June 2nd. Bring your friends and join other parishioners for a great cause and fun, food and fundraising. See you then! - The Auction Committee



June 26

End of Year Luncheon at Sally Conley's. Sign up on the Bulletin Board.

HELP NEEDED JUNE 9

Anyone who can Lend a Hand – we need to move all items out of the choir room on **SUNDAY JUNE 9th after the 10:15 service**. The Carpet is being replaced. Yes, the carpet is new, but it was defective, so the manufacturer is replacing it! Becky Everett will be directing the moving of all items.

DIRECTORY UPDATE



We are in the process of updating our church directory. Sandra Redmond has kindly offered to help and is in the process of calling everyone in the directory to make sure all your contact information is up to date! Please get back to us

by calling the office if you need to make any changes. ALSO, we will have a copy of our latest information available to review on Sunday, June 9th with a red pen handy. You may mark up any changes needed. We plan to print the new directory on June 20, so please get any updates to us by June 16th!

Birthdays

JUNE

- 1 Sandra Batcheller
Clay McMullen
- 2 Gloria Soughan
- 3 Alison Benek
Chris Pucell
- 5 Stephen Morris
- 8 Elisabeth Blossom
- 11 Joan Allgood
- 12 Elise Champ
- 21 Bill Reynolds
- 23 Jay Lammers
Thomas Vail
- 29 Ryan Donahue

JULY

- 2 Jim Miller
Iris Vail
Frankie Ventimiglia
- 5 Sal Cicirello
- 10 Bob Weitzel
- 11 Charley Marston
- 13 Nancy Irwin
- 18 Frances Dickenson
John Irwin
- 21 Margaret LaMantia
John LaMantia
Connie Lincoln
- 22 Randy Cole
Barb Miller
Gini Negrelli
- 23 Anderson Osolin
- 26 Joyce Welsh
- 29 Brittany Benek



FOOD PANTRY

In **JUNE**, we are collecting:

condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise)

pickles

olives

salad dressing

Paper Towels, Plates, Napkins



In **JULY**, we are collecting School Supplies:

Please, only new supplies.

Scissors, Paper

Folder, Notebooks

Glue, Erasers

Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, etc.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Beginning the first week of June, summer office hours will start. Please refer to the calendar in this newsletter, the on line calendar and the weekly News and Notes for office hours in June, July in August. Most weeks the office will only be OPEN Tuesday and Wednesdays. The office will be closed the week of July 4th. Happy Summer!

MARSTON PARK GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY JUNE 23RD
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Come join in the celebrations. There will be:

Bike Rodeo

Parade to the Park

Band Concert

“Meet the Hounds” in the Pavilion

Flower Chime Concert

Fitness Challenge by Joe Petrella

Bocce Demonstrations

Pickle Ball Games

Tennis Match

Food Truck:



Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner

Friday, June 21st & July 19th

Meet at St. Christopher's at 4PM

Contact the office if you plan to help out.

Food Pantry

Saturday, June 15th & July 20th

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Call the office if you wish to volunteer.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter

Serve Lunch.

Wednesday, June 19th & July 17th

Look for May Sign ups on the bulletin board.

All welcome. Carpool leaves at 11:00 sharp!

MAY HAPPENINGS



JUNE 2019 ROTA

June 2nd

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Jeff Eakin
AG: Teri Ianni
10:15 EM: Charley Marston
LR: Jean Ramsey & Brian Wright
AG: Neal Lee
Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole
Hospitality: Mary Holmes & Becky Everett

June 9th

8:00 EM: Kitty Thomas
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: Sally Conley
10:15 EM: John Irwin
LR: Bob Syverson & Tom Holmes
AG: Carolyn Miscko
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

June 16th

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Jeff Eakin
AG: Sue Marston
10:15 EM: Dale Gnant
LR: Lindsey McMillion & D. Hauserman
AG: Mary Murray
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

June 23rd

8:00 EM: Charley Marston
LR: Sandra Redmond
AG: Teri Ianni
10:15 EM: Randy Cole
LR: Becky Everett & Linda Webb
AG: Nicki Henry & Loni Todd-Lorenz
Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

June 30th

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: **TBA**
10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Tom Matthews & Judy Holmes
AG: Jean Ramsey
Ushers: Peter Batcheller
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

JULY 2019 ROTA

July 7th

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: TBA
10:15 EM: John Irwin
LR: Susie Thorpe & Joyce Welsh
AG: TBA
Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole
Hospitality: **Please sign up**

July 14th

8:00 EM: Sandra Redmond
LR: Teri Ianni
AG: TBA
10:15 EM: Dale Gnant
LR: Ron Lee & Bob Syverson
AG: TBA
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

July 21st

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Annette Lowe
AG: TBA
10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Marilyn Fisher & Jeff Eakin
AG: TBA
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: **Please sign up**

July 28th

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Jeff Eakin
AG: TBA
10:15 EM: John Irwin
LR: Darlene Hauserman & Fran Sarkisian
AG: TBA
Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: **Please sign up.**

Vestry 2019

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| John Irwin | Senior Warden |
| Becky Everett | Junior Warden |
| Irene McMullen | Clerk |
| Mary Murray | Treasurer |

Class of 2021

Elise Bennett, David Hauserman, Sean McMillion

Class of 2020

Becky Everett, Mary Murray, James Pender

Class of 2019

Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Irene McMullen

Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2019

Linda Webb, 2019

June



Sunday

Monday




Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday









Friday

Saturday

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|  <p>Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonaisse, etc. Pickles Olives Salad Dressing Paper Towels, Plates, Napkins</p> | | <p>Adult Forum is studying:</p>  | | | 1 |
| <p>2 Easter VII 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p>  <p>4-6 PM Auction at GMCH</p> | <p>3 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry</p> | <p>4 OFFICE OPEN</p> | <p>5 OFFICE OPEN</p> | <p>6 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>5 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Grief Support 8 PM Riverside AA</p> | 8 |
| <p>9 PENTECOST 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting</p> | <p>12 OFFICE OPEN</p> | <p>13 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>5 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Grief Support 8 PM Riverside AA</p> | <p>15 Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry 11 AM</p> |
| <p>16 Pentecost I 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>17 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry</p> <p>4:30 PM Watershed Meeting</p> | <p>18 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting</p> | <p>19 OFFICE OPEN</p> <p>11:00 Men's Shelter Volunteering</p> | <p>20 OFFICE OPEN</p> <p>5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA</p> <p>St. Andrews Blessed Are We Dinner Meet @ 4PM</p> | <p>22 11:00 Jack Barker Memorial</p> |
| <p>23 Pentecost II 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 Marston Park Celebration</p> | <p>24 OFFICE OPEN</p> | <p>25 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting</p> | <p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Mary Vacation</p> <p>11:30 Guild Luncheon</p> <p>6 PM Vestry Meeting</p> | <p>27 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA</p> | <p>28</p> <p>29</p> |

July



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 Pentecost III 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist |  | 1 | 2 OFFICE CLOSED | 3 OFFICE CLOSED Mary Vacation | 4 OFFICE CLOSED  5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA | 5 |
| 7 Pentecost IV 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist |  | 8 | 9 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting | 10 OFFICE OPEN | 11 OFFICE OPEN 5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA | 12 |
| 14 Pentecost V 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist |  | 15 4:30 PM Watershed Meeting | 16 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting | 17 OFFICE OPEN 11:00 Men's Shelter Volunteering 6:00 NEMAC @ Grace Willoughby | 18 OFFICE CLOSED 5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA 6:45: Discernment Meeting in Guild Room | 19 St. Andrews Blessed Are We Dinner Meet @ 4PM |
| 21 Pentecost VI 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist |  | 22 | 23 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting | 24 OFFICE OPEN 6 PM Vestry Meeting | 25 OFFICE CLOSED 5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA | 26 27 11:00 Robert Lomas Memorial |
| 28 Pentecost VII 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist |  | 29 | 30 OFFICE OPEN 9:30 Staff Meeting | 31 OFFICE OPEN |  We are collecting all kinds of SCHOOL SUPPLIES for July. New and unused please!  | |

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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

Open T-W-TH 8:30-2:30
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June-July 2019 Newsletter



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We welcome you to join us:

Sunday, JUNE 2nd – Easter VII

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

Sunday, JUNE 9th – Pentecost

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

Sunday, JUNE 16th – Pentecost I

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

Sunday, JUNE 23rd – Pentecost II

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

Sunday, JUNE 30th – Pentecost III

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

Sunday, JULY 7th – Pentecost IV

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

Sunday, JULY 14th – Pentecost V

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

Sunday, JULY 21st – Pentecost VI

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

Sunday, JULY 28th – Pentecost VII

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

NURSERY CARE

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