

May 2017



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER



Dear Friends,

For the last nine months, Kathy Pender and a group of our fellow parishioners have met faithfully week by week to learn and practice the skills necessary to be a Stephen Minister on your behalf. Kathy has written several articles over the past months explaining what Stephen Ministry is (and is not). As your priest and rector, I am grateful to Kathy and all those who have responded to God's call to prepare to serve in this very significant ministry.

While my role as your rector involves a great deal of administration, my primary call is to be your priest. At the heart of the priesthood lies pastoral care. More than half of my work as your rector involves pastoral care and the need always exceeds what any one person can provide. I welcome Stephen Ministry at St. Christopher's – not as a replacement for my responsibility to be your priest, but as a gift offered by your fellow parishioners that expands and extends my ability to meet your needs.

If you are going through a challenging chapter in your life, a Stephen Minister might make all the difference in the world to you. A call to me (or to Kathy Pender) can be the beginning of a conversation to determine if a Stephen Minister might be appropriate as a supplement to my pastoral care of you and your family.

On a completely different note, I am so very happy to share with you that our "Church-keeper", Lucy, has passed her citizenship exam and will soon officially be sworn in as a citizen of our country. Please offer your congratulations to Lucy when you see her. As you may know, Lucy was born and raised in Peru, which suffered major flooding last month. Lucy's family, along with many other people in Peru, suffered devastating losses because of flash floods. One of her brothers lost his home and her parent's home is in danger of collapse. Her parents continue to live in their home in Ayacucho province. Her brother who lives in the capital of Lima now provides a home for her remaining siblings and their families.

If you are moved to give a gift that might help Lucy's family to recover from this devastating event please write a check (tax deductible) to the "Rector's Discretionary Account". I will then pass your gift on to Lucy for the benefit of her family. We will never be able to meet the needs of all the people of this world but we can make a difference for good.

Finally, thank you all for your love and the many, many ways in which you contributed to the Celebration of **OUR** New Ministry. The entire celebration was a powerful testament to our commitment to one another and our united commitment to serve God as the people of St. Christopher's. I look forward to what God has in mind for us in the coming years.

God's blessings and peace to you all,

Ann+



The Episcopacy in Review

A Bicentennial History of Ohio's Bishops

The Rt. Rev. William Leonard

1889-1930



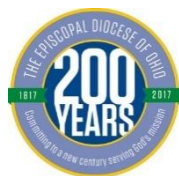
The fourth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, William Andrew Leonard, was born in Southport attending school at St. Stephen's College in Berkley Divinity School. After graduation, John Williams, the founder, Dean, and teacher of the Berkley Divinity School. He then went to his childhood church, Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, New York. The next year Bishop Williams ordained Leonard as a priest, and he then went on to serve at the Church of the Redeemer in Brooklyn for eight years. During that time, Leonard married his wife, Sarah Louisa Sullivan, and wrote Via Sacra: Or Footprints of Christ, a book describing the events during the final week of Jesus' life.

Diocese of Ohio, William Andrew Leonard was born in Southport Connecticut on July 15, 1848. While attending school at St. Stephen's College in Annandale, New York, Leonard became interested in pursuing ministry as a career. In 1868, the 20-year-old Leonard entered the Berkley Divinity School. After graduation, Leonard was ordained as a deacon by Bishop John Williams, the founder, Dean, and teacher of the Berkley Divinity School. He then went to his childhood church, Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, New York. The next year Bishop Williams ordained Leonard as a priest, and he then went on to serve at the Church of the Redeemer in Brooklyn for eight years. During that time, Leonard married his wife, Sarah Louisa Sullivan, and wrote Via Sacra: Or Footprints of Christ, a book describing the events during the final week of Jesus' life.

In 1880, Leonard became the rector of St. John's in Washington, D.C. In January 1888, Bishop Bedell, the third Bishop of Ohio, asked for an assistant bishop be elected. After three special conventions with no suitable candidate elected, Leonard was elected at a fourth convention on May 15, 1889. Upon Leonard's consecration as the assistant bishop in October of that year, Bedell resigned, making Leonard the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Ohio.

With the Bishop and his wife inheriting great wealth, Leonard was able to connect and build relationships with the wealthy. The Leonards built a large mansion on the portion of Euclid Avenue known as "Millionaires Row." Leonard used these connections to persuade the wealthy to pour their money into the church. This resulted in the building of The Church Home and Trinity Cathedral (consecrated in September 1907) as well as several buildings on the campus of Kenyon College. Leonard dedicated a significant portion of his time to the inhabitants of The Church Home as well as St. John's Orphanage which became St. John's Home for Girls in Painesville; he secured funds for the operation and expansion of the home.

From 1913 until 1924, Frank DuMoulin, Bishop Coadjutor, assisted Leonard, and from 1925 until 1930, Warren L. Rogers, elected Bishop Coadjutor (to replace DuMoulin), did the same. In 1929 and 1930, Leonard became the temporary Presiding Bishop of the American Church on the basis of his seniority in the House of Bishops. On September 21, 1930, Bishop Leonard died at Gambier and was buried next to his beloved Sarah in the crypt at Trinity Cathedral. Bishop Leonard served the Diocese for 41 years. These years were marked by the expansion of the church in Ohio both in numbers of communicants and church buildings as well as in missionary zeal for service to others.



St Christopher by-the-River Bicentennial Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the many blessings You have showered upon us: for the peaceful, beautiful valley in which we live, for home, family, friends, work, health, and other too numerous to mention. Help us to daily be mindful of these gifts, and let them make us more aware of and compassionate towards those who are not as fortunate: the homeless, the refugee, the poor, and the disenfranchised and marginalized. Guide us to move out of our comfort zone, to share the resources You have given us with those in need, to extend these blessings beyond this valley to any place You may lead us, knowing that our only true security and comfort is in You.

In a world where technology has brought the problems of all mankind into our living rooms, help us to not be overwhelmed and respond with fear and isolation. Rather, guide us to open our hearts and minds to new ideas and to thoughts and beliefs which may be strange to us, so that, with understanding, we can work together to acknowledge everyone as Your child, using whatever gifts and talents we have to spread Your Love throughout the world. Amen.

MINUTES & REPORTS

**NEMAC MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2017 AT GRACE
EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH, WILLOUGHBY AT 6PM.
SUBMITTED BY PETER BATCHELLER**

1. Margaret Dodds brought the meeting to order at 6.00 pm with a Prayer led by Mother Rose Anne Lonsway, Rector of Grace Church.
2. The Minutes from the January 23rd, 2017 meeting were approved.
3. Self-introductions of the eighteen representatives from the NEMAC Churches present were made.
4. Father Chris McCann, Treasurer, stated that NEMAC held a Fund Balance of \$3,184.32 and were able to apply for a further \$4000.00 from the Diocese as no moneys had been requested from the Diocese for 2016.
5. A Funding Request was made and approved for:
Up to \$100 for Power Point Presentation at the Human Trafficking Seminar on Saturday, May 6th at the 9.30 am Seminar (SOAP) at Grace Church. This Seminar is organized by Cheryl Gray and Rose Anne Lonsway.
6. The Human Trafficking program for May 6th was discussed. Hopefully a good number will attend.
7. Vanessa Clark introduced the Phelps Street project. This is organized by St. James, Painesville. It is a project to work on giving the Homeless self-respect and importance by inviting them to recount their lives. Many volunteers are being given extensive training to handle this project to interview and record the memoirs of these persons. I can relate this to our very own Stephen Ministers program. Apparently the Diocese is giving a grant for this Project and also the local Lake County Library is involved in the public/private Funding but the hope is that NEMAC Churches will also get involved. An advertising flyer is forthcoming.
8. Matt Teare of St. Luke's, Chardon gave an update on the Belize project. Plans are now forthcoming for the first week in July in order to run a camp to give one-week of extensive Science Leadership Training to 21 Teachers in Belize in teaching Science projects for these Teachers to return to their Neighborhoods and train additional Teachers. Matt said he was looking for an additional person to join the Team and go to Belize with them to give his/her non-Teaching observations and suggestions in the running of this program. NEMAC responded by awarding a \$1000 grant towards this project. The idea was to spread additional Funding throughout the Diocese.
9. Father Chris McCann led a discussion about getting NEMAC Churches involved as a unit in getting involved. Chris said that it was being discussed in Clericus but a plan was for a June 24th Family Cleanup Day.
10. There was no meaningful Diocesan Council News. Rose Anne gave an update about the Direction in which the Council were taking.
11. The Rector of St. Andrews was nominated and elected to be the NEMAC representative for Racial Understanding (CRU). This was after a discussion about what CRU stood for and what they hoped to achieve.
12. Margaret Dodds brought up ideas for NEMACs involvement in the Diocesan 200th Celebration. Margaret said that this topic should be put on hold as each Church (St. Christopher's included) were doing their own part in being involved.
13. The next meeting is slated for 6pm at Grace Church, Willoughby on Wednesday, July 19th, 2017.
14. There was no other business and after a closing prayer by the Rector of St. Andrews, the meeting was adjourned at 8.05 pm.

FAITH FORMATION

STEPHEN MINISTERS TO BE COMMISSIONED ON MAY 7TH SUBMITTED BY: KATHY PENDER

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

The eight Stephen Ministers have completed their 50 hours of training and will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at the 10:15 service on May 7th.

These eight individuals will then be meeting with people in the parish who may need support in a time of need. These individuals will be referred to as “care receivers”. Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept and pray for and meet with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time. Stephen Ministers are NOT counselors.

Even though the formal training of 50 hours has been completed by the Stephen Ministers they will have continuing education sessions twice a month even after they begin meeting with their care receivers.

Trust is essential to a caring relationship and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust.. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of the Stephen Ministry and all information, including names, is kept in the strictest confidence.

The priest has the primary role of the caregiver at St. Christopher’s but there is no way that Mother Ann can meet the needs of everyone all the time. God has called all of us, not just ministers and priests, to minister to one another. Mother Ann as the priest and Kathy Pender as the Stephen Minister Leader and the Stephen Ministers serve as a team to care for those in need.

If you or you know of someone who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister please talk to either Mother Ann or Kathy Pender.

If you might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister you might talk to a Stephen Minister or Kathy Pender 440-463-7378.

Congratulations to the eight Stephen Ministers who have worked so hard for the past 9 months. It has been such a blessing to have worked with all of them!

Peter Batcheller, Sally Conley, Becky Everett, Janet Hargrave, Judy Holmes , Nancy Irwin , Fran Meyers, Susie Thorpe

LENTEN SUPPERS

Lenten Suppers were a success.
Thank you to all who hosted
and attended!



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH DEVELOPMENT SUBMITTED BY PEGGY REDA

May Schedule

Sunday, May 7th – Church School Class
Mother's Day- Sunday, May 14th – Church School Class
Sunday, May 21st – Church School Closing Party
Sunday, May 28th – No Church School

Summer Church Camp

Ages 3 - 13
Monday, July 24th – Friday, July 28th
9-Noon



We encourage families to consider having children, including neighbors, to join us at our St. Christopher's Summer Church Camp. As we are still in the planning stages, please contact the church office or Mrs. Peggy Reda (prseverin@aol.com) if you are interested as soon as possible.

Some Thoughts

As we once more want to express our gratitude to Debbie Cole and Melanie Reda for their devotion to the spiritual growth of the children, I would like to ask your indulgence in some musings. Life for all of us is extremely busy with many worries and many challenges. We worry about our finances, medical care, job security, the well-being and safety of our loved ones and so much more. Each Sunday we try to offer the children (as well as ourselves) the means to cope with worries, big and small, through the knowledge of the strength, courage and love available each day through the relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We rejoice, and we mean that sincerely, when our classroom and our nursery is full of children who are happy to be together and happy to see us. It is amazing when we have the privilege of sharing the happy and the sad events in their lives and listen to them ask for prayers. They are learning the reverence for the cross and for the Bible and for the unselfishness that they and all of us must nurture in our lives.

The stories of the Bible and the example of Jesus Christ are so familiar now that the class understands the lessons and each year their understanding grows and the comfort of knowing that they are loved also grows. Please consider what a gift regular attendance in worship and in church school or nursery is to the children and share your faith with your parish family all through the year!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!



NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Know Human Trafficking”

May 17, 2017

- Know how to identify human trafficking victims
- Know the right questions to ask
- Know what to do



6:00-7:00 pm: Light refreshments
 7:00-8:00 pm: Speaker with Questions to follow
 Location: Gates Mills Community House,
 1460 Chagrin River Rd., Gates Mills
 Presented By: St. Christopher’s Women’s Guild
 Speaker: Renee Jones, President & CEO
 Renee Jones Empowerment Center
 1340 West 65th St., Cleveland, OH 44102

YOUR MISSION
IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT:



HELP
TRINITY CATHEDRAL
& THE DIOCESE OF OHIO

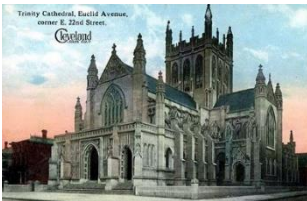
CELEBRATE
20 YEARS



SAVE THE DATE
More information coming soon!

What: Youth Spy Pilgrimage
When: May 19-21
Where: At Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
 Questions, comments, or concerns: Children, Youth, & Young Adult Minister
 Christopher Decatur cdecatur@trinitycleveland.org, (216) 774 0478

USE CLUES FROM PAST PILGRIMAGES TO
UNLOCK A VISION OF A FUTURE CATHEDRAL!



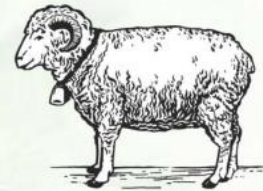
EVENTS at TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thru May Bicentennial Exhibition
 May 3 12PM Brown Bag Lunch:
 Oberlin Collegium Musicum
 May 10 12PM Brown Bag Lunch:
 Kenny Davis Jazz Quartet
 May 17 12PM Brown Bag Lunch:
 Trinity Chamber Orchestra



Hospice of the Western
Reserve Warehouse Sale

May 12-13
8AM-4PM Fri
9AM-3PM Sat



Bellwether
FARM
CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

Please RSVP for a Youth & Family Work Day!

When: Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where: Bellwether Farm, 4655 State Route 60
 Wakeman, Ohio 44889
Who: Able-bodied persons with a can-do attitude!
What: Light work: clearing walking trails, planting
 gardens, and small building projects.
What to Bring: Clothes good for outdoor work! Please
 dress for the weather. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by May 3 at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-family-work-days-tickets-32405143657>

or you can contact Claudia Wilson at
 cwilson@dohio.org or by phone at 216.774.0483.

THOSE WHO SERVE

MAY 2017 ROTA

MAY 7th

8:00 EM: Charley Marston
LR: Kathy Pender
AG: Sue Marston
10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Brian Wright/Chris Pucell
AG: Carolyn Misco
Ushers: Brian Wright/Rik Bole
Hospitality: Chris Pucell/Courtney Schmidt

MAY 14th – Mother's Day

8:00 EM: Peter Batcheller
LR: John Irwin
AG:
10:15 EM: Randy Cole
LR: Heather Daly/Elsbeth Daly
AG: Jean Ramsey
Ushers: Brendan Daly
Hospitality: **MOTHER'S DAY**

MAY 21st

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Kathy Pender
AG: Sally Conley
10:15 EM: Dale Gnant
LR: Bob Syverson/Joyce Welsh
AG: Laura Cotton
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: Polly Bixler/Fran Meyers

MAY 28th

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Terri Ianni
AG: Jane Battles
10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Jean Ramsey/Neal & Ron Lee
AG: Nicki Henry/Loni Todd-Lorenz
Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: Di Treco/Sue Marston



Julia, Finley, Fred, Larry, Bridget, Jean, Denise, Whit, Jim, Charlene, Lena, Dan, Jennifer, Nancy, Renee, Whitney, Gladys, Tyler, Russ, Tom, Brandon, Stella, Dwight, Barbara, Evelyn, & Bob.

Vestry 2017

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

Class of 2019

Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Irene McMullen

Class of 2018

Elise Bennett, Charles Marston, Sean McMillion

Class of 2017

Heather Daly, David Dickenson, Mary Murray

Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2017-2018

Charlene Currutt, 2017

Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner

Friday, May 19th

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

Food Pantry

Saturday, May 20th

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

Food Pantry

In **MAY**, we are collecting:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Bread

Crackers



We continue to collect toiletries for our Veterans.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry Training	2	3 10:30 AM Guild Board Mtg.	4 Riverside AA AlAnon 8 p.m.	5	6 BellWether Farm Work Day 10-2 Scouts 10-11:30
7 IV Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Forum, Church School & Hand Chime 9:30 am Adult CHOIR Rehearsal 10:00 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist <i>Commissioning of Stephen Ministers</i> 11:30 am Junior CHOIR Rehearsal	8 Stephen Ministry Training	9	10 Scouts 6-7:30	11 Evening Prayer 5PM Riverside AA AlAnon 8 p.m.	12	13
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LAST DAY
Choirs & Church
School

ST. CHRISTOPHER
BY-THE-RIVER
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
stchrisbytheriver.org

7601 Old Mill Rd.
PO Box 519
Gates Mills OH 44040

The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector
stchris.motherann@gmail.com

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
440-423-4451

stchrisbytheriver@gmail.com

May 2017 Newsletter

St. Christopher by-the-River

We welcome you to join us:

Sunday, May 7th – IV Easter

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



Sunday, May 14th – V Easter

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

Sunday, May 21st – VI Easter

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

Sunday, May 28th – VII Easter Memorial Day Weekend

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



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.