



# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

One of the joys of parish ministry is seeing the spiritual growth that a congregation experiences over time. This parish has a long history of faithful worship, stewardship, and service. Parishes also go through phases, or cycles, in their common life as generational shifts occur and as the wider culture impacts our daily lives. In my August newsletter article, I wrote about the significant changes that St. Christopher's has experienced over the last few years, principally in the areas of increased financial support of our parish and in undertaking major repairs and improvements to our facilities.

Your responses to the Stewardship Survey indicate a strong desire to become more involved in our shared life and ministry as a parish. This leads me to believe that St. Christopher's is at a new turning point – the beginning of a new phase, or cycle, in our life as a parish. The Vestry has asked the Stewardship Committee to form a plan for us to gather in small groups for conversations over the coming year. In Maine, we called them “cottage meetings.” They offer an informal way to share our hopes, ideas, longings, and dreams with each other for our parish. I expect that these gatherings will begin soon after our Annual Meeting in January. If you would be willing to host a small group in your home for these sorts of conversation, please email me at [stchris.motherann@gmail.com](mailto:stchris.motherann@gmail.com) and indicate how many people you could comfortably host. I expect that these gatherings will begin in February and will occur over a number of months so there is a great deal of flexibility as you consider your calendars.

One indication that we are embarking on a new phase of spiritual growth is the return of Stephen Ministry to our parish and the recent interest in forming a chapter of Daughters of the King. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, we held an informational meeting for any women in the parish who were interested in forming a chapter of Daughters of the King here at St. Christopher's. There was enough interest that we will be going forward and will begin the process of preparing to become part of this world-wide community of women who pray daily and who seek opportunities to serve others in the name of Christ.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Guild Room. Becky Everett will have our study guides and we will decide at that meeting how often we will meet as we go through the study and preparation phase of becoming Daughters. If you are curious or interested in learning more but were unable to attend the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, come and join us on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to seeing other forms of growth over the next several years – finding new ways to support our families with children, our members who live alone, welcoming new members, and expanding opportunities “be Christ’s hands in the world” as we learn how our faith and daily lives connect in real and life-changing ways. I give thanks to God daily that you are the community with whom I have been called to make this journey.

In Christ’s Love,

Ann+

## Vestry Meeting (July 25, 2018)

*By John Irwin, M.D.*

Present: Mother Ann Kidder, Sean McMillion, Elise Bennett, Charley Marston, John Irwin.

Invited guests: Debbie and Randy Cole

Mother Ann Kidder led an opening prayer to commence the meeting at 6:10 PM. A quorum not being present this evening, the meeting proceeded for informational purposes.

### Invited guest presentation

Mr. and Mrs. Cole had been invited to the Vestry meeting to present information regarding recommended dispositions of the Jubilee Fund. This Fund, which was established a number of years ago at the time of the last 50-year Episcopal Church Jubilee Celebration, was originally raised by St. Christopher for the purpose of rehabilitating the kitchen facilities of an urban church, Saint Paul's in Cleveland. However, before those funds were distributed, St. Paul's Cleveland sadly closed.

It was recalled that the Jubilee Fund was originally established by St. Christopher with the intent of serving as an outreach to the needs of the urban communities in the Cleveland area. It has been felt that addressing those particular needs was most consistent with the concept and the spirit of the Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year is based upon Scripture in the Old Testament wherein Israel was directed to forgive all debts, restore land ownership and return property once every 50 years. This portion of Scripture echoed the duty to help those most in need. Leviticus 25:1-4, 8-10.

Since that time, the fund has remained on the books of St. Christopher and holds \$10,000 at present. The Vestry wishes to consider making appropriate outreach distributions of these monies and given that Mr. and Mrs. Cole had been significantly involved in the original fundraising effort years ago, the Vestry sought their recommendations, insights and suggestions regarding the utilization of this money.

Debbie Cole first presented a summary of the activities of the City Mission in Cleveland and in particular Laura's Home.  
<https://www.thecitymission.org/lauras-home/>

This Mission provides shelter, food, vocational and financial education, child care and a multitude of training programs and skillsets development to women and children who are homeless, dispossessed and otherwise in great need. In the past year, Laura's Home has provided housing for approximately 240 adults and 382 children, has provided nearly 50,000 "Safe Nights" and served over 89,000 meals.

Thereupon followed an extensive discussion as to how St. Christopher could utilize funds from the Jubilee account to assist Laura's Home in its mission to help homeless women and children. Those present from the Vestry expressed an interest in contributing toward a project or undertaking that would represent a long-term, capital improvement of some nature to Laura's Home. Mr. and Mrs. Cole will contact representatives of Laura's Home to request their input and suggestions as to any particular project or undertaking that would fulfill this outreach. Plans are also being made to ask a representative of Laura's Home to join the parish at a Sunday morning service to present additional details to the congregation. Further announcements regarding this will be forthcoming as arrangements are made.

Mrs. Cole then presented additional information regarding the Food for the Poor project, which the Women's Guild has already commenced. The Women's Guild plans to host a fundraising auction and reception on Sunday, June 2, 2019 with the goal of raising money to contribute to Food for the Poor for the purposes of constructing housing units in Central and South America. This organization can build substantial cinderblock homes with indoor plumbing and electricity at a cost of only \$3600 each. To date 1,993 such homes have already been constructed. The Episcopal Relief and Development program administered by the National Church is deeply involved in supporting Food for the Poor. The Vestry has already made a commitment to support the women's Guild auction next year and may also consider more direct support to fund the construction of housing, utilizing a portion of the Jubilee Fund.

Mrs. Cole presented additional information regarding the planned June 2, 2019 reception and auction to raise funds for the Food for the Poor. The details of this reception are still in development including the location, which it is hoped will be at a home rather than, for example, the community house or other more public location, for the reason that a home is felt to be a more cordial and intimate venue.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole also suggested that the Vestry consider financial support to St. Andrews church in Cleveland with which St. Christopher has maintained a long-standing partnership relation, including assisting in the weekly meal programs offered by St. Andrews. St. Andrews is in need of financial assistance in order to maintain a number of its ongoing programs including its Vacation Bible School as well as its financial education, family lifestyle and tutoring programs.

The Vestry also discussed additional ways beyond the Jubilee Fund that St. Christopher can assist in meeting the ongoing needs of our community, thus augmenting the outreach so industriously and charitably organized by the Women's Guild and its Bargain Box campaigns.

At 6:30 PM Mr. and Mrs. Cole were thanked for their presentation and excused.

#### **Approval of June 27, 2018 minutes.**

A quorum not being present, a motion to approve the minutes of the Vestry meeting of last month was not made. Instead, it was suggested that the minutes of this evening's meeting be distributed to all members of the Vestry together with a copy of the minutes from the June 2018 meeting with a request that each Vestry member respond with their approval or alternatively corrections or modifications to the June 2018 minutes. If a majority of responses approve the June 2018 minutes, they will be considered accepted. If a majority does not approve the June 2018 minutes without corrections or modifications, this item will be tabled until the August 2018 meeting.

#### **Junior Warden report**

The Junior Warden then reported upon the status of several ongoing projects including, first, the elevator project. The Figgie Foundation has generously assumed the cost entire project, including the extension of the elevator to the second floor of the church. A large debt of gratitude is owed to Matthew Figgie and the Figgie Foundation for this wonderful improvement to our church.

Exploratory excavation has already begun in the lower level for the placement of the some of the elevator mechanicals and it is anticipated that construction will continue until the end of August at which time it will be adjourned for the month of September in order to permit the semiannual Bargain Box sale to proceed without interference. Remaining construction will recommence in October and should be completed not long thereafter.

Mr. Marston also reported upon the replacement of the carpeting in the upstairs music room. A committee composed of Sally Conley, Elise Bennett, Yuri McElliot, Mother Ann Kidder has selected carpet tiles which will replace the current aged and worn carpet in the music room. The installation of the carpet will take place in the near future as soon as arrangements can be made for the furnishings and equipment in the music room to be moved out of the way for the carpet installation. The cost of the carpet tiles, with installation, is less than \$2500 and therefore competitive bids are not required by Vestry policy.

Finally, the Junior Warden Mr. Marston reported on the status of the riverbank restoration. Engineers from Davey Resources, the contractor for the project, did a site visit on Sunday, July 27, 2018, accompanied by Mr. Marston. A project kickoff meeting will be held at the Village Hall on August 9, 2018 at 2 PM with Village representatives, the three landowners (Ms. McGinnis, Ms. Nook and St. Christopher) and representatives of the contractor to review the final plans and specifications. It is hoped that the entire project can be completed by the summer of 2019 at a cost that may be significantly less than the anticipated cost of the original EPA grant, representing a savings both to the EPA and to the three landowners.

#### **Senior Warden Report**

Dr. Irwin then reported on arrangements for the picnic follow the Sunday service on Rally Sunday, September 9, 2018. Sean McMillion will lead the effort to organize the picnic, set up the grills, cook the hamburgers and hotdogs while parishioners will be invited to bring salads and desserts.

Dr. Irwin further reported that diocesan communications representatives have been invited to the August 2018 Vestry meeting as guest presenters to discuss various ways that we may expand our social media activities and outreach including our website, Facebook page and other technologies. Additional information on this guest presentation will be forthcoming as arrangements are made. Following this presentation, the Vestry should have additional insights regarding possible improvements to our audiovisual equipment in the nave and in the Guild Room.

#### **Financial report**

The monthly financial reports were not yet available and therefore will be deferred until the August 2018 meeting.

#### **Stewardship**

The Rector then reported on the status of the Stewardship Committee's activities, beginning with a letter to the parish introducing the annual stewardship campaign. This will be followed next week with a more detailed communication including a survey of the parish with questions regarding demographics and intended giving. A second survey will follow thereafter with broader questions requesting input from the congregation regarding St. Christopher's missions, programs, outreach activities and related matters.

The Rector also reported that copies of a book that was utilized as a discussion topic at the recent Diocesan Stewardship Seminar this past May 5, 2018, entitled "Propel", written by Clayton L. Smith has been ordered by the church and will be distributed to all members of the Vestry. The Rector requested that each member of the Vestry read and carefully consider the content and the suggestions for stewardship contained in that book. *(continued on next page)*

## **Future business**

As well as the items above relating to future activities, it was also noted that the Vestry is responsible for naming three delegates and three alternate delegates to attend the November 2018 Diocesan Convention. Some of the selected individuals will come from the Vestry while others will come from the congregation as a whole.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Vestry at this time, on motion made by Elise Bennett and seconded by Sean McMillion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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## **NEMAC Meeting (August 29, 2018)**

*By Linda Webb*

**Attendance:** Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Grace, Willoughby; Rev. Rosalind Hughes, Epiphany, Euclid; Bob Thompson, Epiphany; Peter Batcheler, St. Christopher's, Gates Mills; Andrew Spiesman, St. Andrew, Mentor; Larry Ross and Rev. Stephen Secaur, St. Bartholomew, Mayfield Village; Sandy Pavick, Christ Church, Geneva; Eric Sylor, St. James, Painesville; Laura Neilson, St. Peter's, Ashtabula; Rev. Lisa O'Rear, St. Andrew, Mentor; Rev. John Cerrato and Cheryl Gray, St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls. [Others were present, but the sign-in sheet could not be located after the meeting. Given updates, the minutes will be corrected at the meeting on October 25.]

### **Opening Prayer**

Mother Rose Anne led us in prayer.

### **Election, Diocesan Council**

A representative for Diocesan Council is needed as Mother Ann Kidder has declined re-election. Mother Rose Anne described the position requirements. This position is elected by NEMAC; it has no bearing on the election of representatives at Diocesan Convention. The topic was tabled since no one volunteered to stand for election. We will re-visit this at the next meeting, or vote electronically if someone volunteers for election prior to then.

### **Minutes**

Minutes for the meeting on April 24, 2018 were approved unanimously as corrected. (The spelling of Laura Nielson's name was corrected. The labyrinth borrowed by St. Peter's came from Gannon U., not Trinity Cathedral.)

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of May 31, 2018, we have a balance of \$4931.00 per an e-mail report from Father Chris. We approved disbursements of \$1,000.00 to St. Andrew for their Sanctuary Project, and \$500.00 to support the Belize Summer project. There is a balance of \$3,431.00, with the potential of another \$1,000.00 approved from the Diocese when we make the request.

### **New Funding Requests**

There were no new funding requests.

### **Old Business**

**Priest Exchange.** Mother Rosalind will be on Sabbatical during October and November. Father Steve from St. Bart's will cover Epiphany per their previous arrangement.

**Live Streaming and Phelps Street.** There was no report for live-streaming. The Phelps Street project is on hiatus due to a lack of lay leadership; Kate Carter experienced health issues and was unable to continue. New lay leadership has not yet been identified to move forward. Morley Library is ready to house the one story that has been captured and is being transcribed. If anyone is interested in providing leadership for this project, please contact Mother Vanessa. As soon as the St. James treasurer finishes updating expenses to date, unused funds will be returned to NEMAC.

**Sanctuary Efforts.** Mother Lisa reports that Laura and her two sons are waiting to hear from the Federal government about their U visas. They have met all of the requirements for the visa which will give them a path to permanent residency if/when approved. They are being prepared to transition back into the community. The parish is looking for affordable housing in Mentor since the boys attend school there. They continue to be supported by St. Andrew. Continuing prayers are requested.

**Belize.** There was no official report, however Hannah Fairbanks, a teacher from St. James went to Belize, and stated that the visit was very successful; this according to Eric Sylor of St. James.

**CRU NEMAC Host Site Planning.** Mother Lisa reported that the commission is looking at how best to present the training materials to the Diocese. They are hoping to have a page on the Diocesan website for information and training purposes.

**2018 Forum on Anti-Bullying.** Mother Rosalind reported that the project has been delayed because the lay representative moved to a new job. They are planning to present a workshop at Convocation in January.

**Diocesan Council News.** A reminder of the need for nominations was given. The Council has spent a lot of time discerning how to implement “Becoming Beloved Community” — and how the Council can support the mission areas.

### **Other Business**

**Facebook Webmaster.** Sandy Pavick from Christ Church will take on the role of NEMAC Webmaster for our Facebook page. Mother Rosalind will add her as Administrator and provide the information she needs.

**Human Trafficking Program.** Cheryl Gray spoke about the program “Know Human Trafficking” to be held September 27 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mother Rose Anne will email the program notice to members.

**Epiphany.** The church is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year; the Bishop visited to celebrate. They placed a bench at the bus stop in front of the church. David McBee is in his third year of training as a vocational deacon, as is Dan Hind who is serving at St. James. A summer music camp was held. The “Faith in the City” group put together 100 backpacks formerly done by the “Y” before it closed. There is also an active prayer shawl ministry.

**St. Martins.** Seminarian Anna Sutterisch is entering her third year of field placement at the church. Bishop Hollingsworth is visiting in September; there are ten youth and five adults for confirmation, reception and renewal. Diane Smith presented the work of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention to the parish. On November 11, the parish will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A “Caring for the Caregivers” workshop is being planned.

**St. Christopher's.** Prayers for healing and good health and good wishes are sent to Linda Webb, our NEMAC secretary. Her friend and fellow St. Christopher's member suffered a medical emergency last night and had surgery today. The church is in the process of installing an elevator. The autumn Bargain Box sale will be held on Friday, September 26. New carpeting was installed. On Rally Sunday September 9, there will be a barbecue. An archives project is underway with help from Brian Wilbert.

**St. Andrew.** The church is developing a scattering garden. The next sanctuary concert is scheduled on 9/16, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Plans are being made for the annual Fall Festival for October.

**St. Peter.** A study series about a book from Richard Rohr is being planned. 150 neighborhood people attended the Feast Day celebration. Another concert will be given in the fall; the date is to be announced. The “Follow the Star to Bethlehem” ecumenical event will be held again this year at the local mall.

**Grace.** The church will be welcoming Noah Sutterisch, Seminarian for a field education placement in September. Long-range planning is being conducted. The parish is gearing up for “Project Little Feet”, adding a third school this year. The rummage sale will be held on September 8.

**Christ Church.** A new outreach program will combine older parish members with youth, based on a Big Brother-Big Sister model. Plans are being made for a monthly meeting featuring crafts and stories. A parishioner who is 101 attends church every Sunday.

**St. James.** The building is 150 years old; the Bishop came to celebrate and re-dedicate it. A plaque was dedicated for Fr. Terry Russell (deceased) who served for 17 years. The Pork and Pierogis fund-raiser will be held on October 22.

**St. Bart's.** Father Steve is working with Mother Rosalind to cover her sabbatical. The church sponsored a chef through Lutheran Ministries Culinary School who is doing well, now working and with a place to live. He will be helping the new person that St. Bart's will sponsor through the Culinary school. A picnic was held including a celebration of the renovation of the Memorial Garden. Bishop Williams visited to bless it. A date will be announced for the annual “Kirkin’” of the Tartans event.

**St. Hubert's.** On October 20, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., the Soup Supper fundraiser for Los Amigos Episcopales will be held in support of the Diocese of El Salvador Montessori Schools. All are invited to support this effort. The church will soon be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Six adults and two youths will be confirmed or received at St. Luke's this fall.

### **Closing Prayer**

Our prayer was given by Mother Lisa O'Rear.

### **Next Meeting**

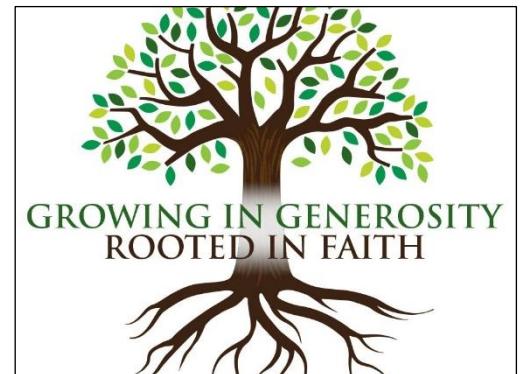
We will meet next on **Thursday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Church, Willoughby**. Mother Rose Anne asked that we begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end on time at 7:00 p.m. as there are four other events at Grace that evening. Parking and meeting space may be at a premium.

## Stewardship

by Becky Everett

I remember the first time I was faced with the idea of pledging to the church. I remember feeling unsure, nervous, and slightly irritated and pressured that I HAD to give something. I kept thinking, why do I have to do this? What amount is appropriate? Doesn't my involvement and time spent in various ministries at St. Christopher's church count? I spent so much time thinking about everything that I did for the church and forgot to consider what I was receiving each and every week from fellow parishioners, clergy and friends. But most importantly, I wasn't considering God and what He had given me.

Earlier this year, I was fortunate enough to be able to go to a stewardship conference led by Clayton L. Smith, author of [Propel: Good Stewardship, Greater Generosity](#). One of the things with which I walked away from this conference was the realization that *stewardship is a spiritual discipline in which I choose to give thanks to God for all the love and grace He has shown me*, and in turn, give myself more fully to Him. This gratitude grows through giving and receiving in much the same way as love grows through giving and receiving. With practice, I believe these two things become habits, not simply emotions.



I try to be thankful every day. Recognizing and accepting the good things is easy. The harder part is to accept the challenges that life brings and be thankful for the opportunity to use these rough patches as times to rely on our faith and strengthen our relationship with God. This is very difficult, at times, but is well worth the effort.

In considering my pledge this year, I am remembering the sense of home and family I feel every time I walk into church. I'm remembering the smiles, the hugs, the encouragement, and the rewarding work that we do here at St. Christopher's. I am thankful for all the joy, peace and love that I feel as I sing our beautiful hymns, listen to our scripture, learn from Mother Ann's sermons, participate in the sacraments and, at the end, am called to go out to love and serve the Lord. To me, these things are "priceless". Stewardship is just a small way for me to show my eternal gratitude to God, to this church, and to all of you. It goes beyond the notion of duty and responsibility. Rather, it is a part of my continual spiritual journey – one for which I am so thankful!

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship this Fall, I urge you to be grateful for the opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, and give thanks for all that you have received from Him and the people around you. God Bless each and every one of you, and thank you for being a part of my life and the life of the church!

**Fellowship at coffee hour and Church Picnic**



## Choir

by Yuri McElliot

I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped with our wonderful choir room renovations!

To Sally Conley; thank you so much for designing the new room and helping with new layout ideas. To Jeff Eakin, Becky Everett, John Irwin, Hugh Kelly, Charley Marston, and Lucy Calvo; thank you very much for your time painting, especially to Jeff who painted all the windows and the ceiling by himself. You are the best, Jeff! Thank you also to Hugh, Jolyon Welsh, and Joshua McElliott for helping to move the furniture.

Many thanks also to Chandler H Everett for donating funds for our new light fixtures. We don't need to tape or use clips to hold the light fixtures together during our rehearsal anymore, so we are VERY grateful.

While the renovation was going on, Peggy Reda and Debbie Cole allowed us move our furniture into their classrooms and they had to work around our things for their Sunday classes, thank you so much for your help and support.

And of course to Mother Ann; thank you so much for making this happen!

I hope everyone will stop by and see our renovated choir room, and if you love it, you can join the Adult choir, Handchime choir, or Junior choir! We would love to have new members.



## Ault 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 October are:

Oct 1	Hosea 11-12, Psalm 103, Matt 5	Oct 12	Amos 7, Psalm 113, Matt 15	Oct 23	Micah 2, Psalm 119:113-144, Matt 24
Oct 2	Hosea 13-14, Psalm 104, Matt 6	Oct 13	Amos 8, Psalm 114, Matt 16	Oct 24	Micah 3, Psalm 119:145-176, Matt 25
Oct 3	Joel 1-2, Psalm 105, Matt 7	Oct 14	SUNDAY	Oct 25	Micah 4, Psalm 120, Matt 26
Oct 4	Joel 3, Psalm 106, Matt 8	Oct 15	Amos 9, Psalm 115, Matt 17	Oct 26	Micah 5, Psalm 121, Matt 27
Oct 5	Amos 1, Psalm 107, Matt 9	Oct 16	Obadiah, Psalm 116, Matt 18	Oct 27	Micah 6, Psalm 122, Matt 28
Oct 6	Amos 2, Psalm 108, Matt 10	Oct 17	Jonah 1, Psalm 117, Matt 19	Oct 28	SUNDAY
Oct 7	SUNDAY	Oct 18	Jonah 2, Psalm 118, Matt 20	Oct 29	Micah 7, Psalm 123, Mark 1
Oct 8	Amos 3, Psalm 109, Matt 11	Oct 19	Jonah 3, Psalm 119:1-32, Matt 21	Oct 30	Nahum 1, Psalm 124, Mark 2
Oct 9	Amos 4, Psalm 110, Matt 12	Oct 20	Jonah 4, Psalm 119:33-72, Matt 22	Oct 31	Nahum 2, Psalm 125, Mark 3
Oct 10	Amos 5, Psalm 111, Matt 13	Oct 21	SUNDAY		
Oct 11	Amos 6, Psalm 112, Matt 14	Oct 22	Micah 1, Psalm 119:73-112, Matt 23		

## Guild

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM



Come join us to make Creamy Pumpkin and Hearty Vegetable soups for the hungry, led by our very own, Laura Cotton. You'll get to have a taste of the delicious soups as well!

**Thank you for everyone's help with Bargain Box!**

### Programs 2018-2019

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Filling backpacks for West Side Shared Ministries  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Greens Workshop. Centerpieces to Holly Hill  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>** – 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Bargain Box  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Auction for Food for the Poor

## Cub Scouts

**October 21 & 28**

During Coffee Hour on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Christopher's Cub Scouts will be selling their popcorn to raise money for their troop activities! Consider buying some or making a donation!



## October Birthdays

1 Bruce Long	6 Polly Bixler
Lindsey McMillion	7 Parker Selman
Brooklyn Osolin	10 Doug Broome
2 Elise Bennett	Baz DeBaz
Bonnie Humphrey	13 Tillie Malm
5 Jody Gray	14 Kerry Gnandt

15 Mike Klinginsmith	26 Pam LaMantia
16 Gretchen Fisher	John McElliot
17 Race Matthews	Britni Ventimiglia
Alexis Matthews	
19 Ralph DellaRatta	27 Harriett Leedy
21 Sean McMillion	28 Mallory Turnbull



## Blessing of the Hunt



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## Trinity Cathedral

**BROWN BAG CONCERTS -Wednesdays, NOON**

*Freewill Offering. Bring a lunch or purchase one for \$7.*

Oct 3 *Celebrating Autumn!:* Amethyst String Quartet

Oct 10 – *Dancing Wheels:* Art/Motion/Dance

Oct 17 – *Tribute to Julie Andrews:* Featuring soprano Kristine Caswech

Oct 24 – *Nicole!:* Nicole Keller with Julian Ross - Pipes, Keys, and strings

Oct 31 – *Blue Water String Ensemble:* Mendelssohn's Octet

Nov 7 – *Fritz Kreisler's Vienna:* Violinist Andrew Sords & Pianist Elizabeth DiMio

Nov 14 – *Gabriel's Horns:* Swinging 21 piece praise/jazz big band

**CHORAL EVENSONG Wednesdays Oct 3- Dec 12, 6PM**

**FALL CHORAL CONCERT - FRIDAY, Oct 12, 7PM**

The Three B's: Boulanger, Bairstow & Bernstein- An exciting and varied program of European gems and an American masterpiece.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Supper

To benefit Episcopal schools in El Salvador

All-You-Can-Eat Soup – Large Variety Available  
with bread and dessert

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

5 PM - 7 PM

**St. Hubert's Episcopal Church**

8870 Baldwin Road, Kirtland Hills, Ohio

Tickets: \$12 Adults  
\$6 Children 12 & under  
\$30 per family

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

## OCTOBER 2018 ROTA

### October 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda  
LR: Kitty Thomas  
AG: Teri Ianni  
10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt  
LR: Becky Everett/Brian Wright  
AG: Nicki Henry/Loni Todd-Lorenz  
Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole  
Hospitality: Nicki Henry/Tillie Malm

### October 14<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer

8:00 OFFICIANT: Peter Batcheller  
LR: Jeff Eakin  
AG: TBA  
10:15 OFFICIANT: Randy Cole  
LR: Linda Webb/Tom Matthews  
AG: Neal Lee  
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee  
Hospitality: Mary Holmes/Jean Ramsey

### October 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 EM: Charley Marston  
LR: Kitty Thomas  
AG: Sally Conley  
10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt  
LR: Chandler Everett/Bob Syverson  
AG: Marcia Alpers  
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl  
Hospitality: Kari Weikel-Broome/  
Lindsey McMillion

### October 28<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer

8:00 OFFICIANT: Peter Batcheller  
LR: Annette Lowe  
AG: TBA  
10:15 OFFICIANT: John Irwin  
LR: Jean Ramsey/Tom Holmes  
AG: Jean Ramsey  
Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman  
Hospitality: Sue Marston/Sandy Batcheller

## Food Pantry

In **OCTOBER**, we are collecting

Flour

Sugar (Granular, Brown, Powdered)

Salt, Pepper and Spices

Canola/Olive/Vegetable Oil

Baking Soda/Powder

Chicken/Beef Stock

Chocolate Chips



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Blessed Are We Dinner

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### Food Pantry

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

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



*Missed church on Sunday? 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/>

Check it out and subscribe to the YouTube page!

# OCTOBER



Sunday

Monday

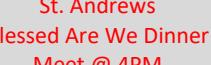
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

October Food Pantry Donations: Flour, Sugar, Brown Sugar, Salt, Pepper, Oil, Spices, chicken/beef stock, chocolate chips, baking soda/powder 	<b>1</b> 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry	<b>2</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:30 Guild Board Meeting  6 PM Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00 Daughters of the King   5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 8 PM Riverside AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Daughters of King Fall Assembly
<b>7 XX Pentecost</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Church School, Bible Challenge, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist  11:20 am Junior Choir <b>12:15 pm – Blessing of the Animals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>   5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 4:30 PM Riverside AA Annual Anniversary Dinner	<b>12</b> Mother Ann leaves for vacation, returning 11/3.	<b>13</b>
<b>14 XXI Pentecost</b> 8 am Morning Prayer 9 am Church School, Bible Challenge, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Morning Prayer 11:20 am Junior Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  4:30 PM Watershed Meeting	<b>17</b>   6 PM Cub Scouts	<b>18</b>   5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 8 PM Riverside AA	<b>19</b>   St. Andrews Blessed Are We Dinner Meet @ 4PM	<b>20</b> Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry 11 AM
<b>21 XXII Pentecost</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Church School, Bible Challenge, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:20 am Junior Choir 	<b>22</b> 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>   6 PM Vestry	<b>25</b>   5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM Bible Challenge 6:00 PM NEMAC 8 PM Riverside AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 XXIII Pentecost</b> 8 am Morning Prayer 9 am Church School, Bible Challenge, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Morning Prayer 11:20 am Junior Choir 	<b>29</b> October Newsletter Information Due	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 			

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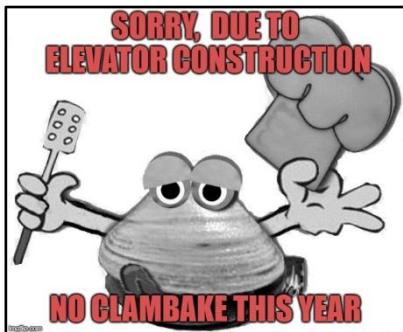
**Sunday Services**

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

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**Sunday, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost XX**

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

**Sunday, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost XXI**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

**Sunday, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> – Pentecost XXII**

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

**Sunday, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost XXIII**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

**St. Christopher by-the-River**

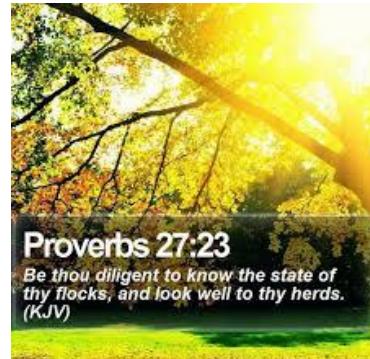
We welcome you to join us:

**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



**Proverbs 27:23**

*Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.*  
(KJV)