



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Bishop Arthur Williams will make his Visitation to our parish on Sunday, October 13th. We will have **one 10:15 worship service** that day, followed by Coffee Hour and an opportunity for Bishop Arthur to meet with our Vestry. A number of our fellow worshipers will be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church during the service. Bishop Arthur will also consecrate the Altar in our Children’s Chapel. While we gave thanks and “cut the ribbon” on our elevator some time ago, Bishop Arthur will also officially bless the elevator during his visit. It will be a busy and joyful morning!

I hope that all of our children and their families will be able to join Bishop Arthur in the Children’s Chapel, along with our teachers, the Helman family, and members of the Children’s Chapel Committee. The Consecration of an Altar and dedication of a place for worship is relatively rare. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our children to witness this very special moment in the life of a parish.

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”

This is the Offertory Sentence (Ephesians 5:2) that I choose to use every Sunday at both services.

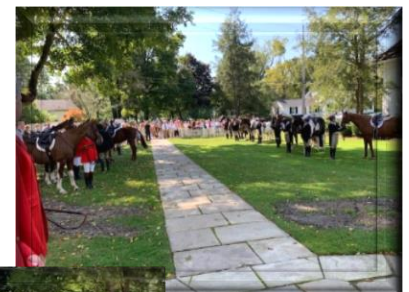
It is a reminder of that which grounds us in our faith – Love. God’s love for us, made visible in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus **for us**. That experience of God’s love for us and the gratitude it produces, provides a solid foundation for how we live out our daily lives.

We serve our parish and the wider community from this heart of love and gratitude. It guides our thinking, our conversations, our decisions and our actions every day of our lives. The Children’s Chapel and its Altar, the elevator, our organ, our staff and buildings which support both our worship and all the ministry done by this parish in Christ’s name; is all possible only because of each giver’s gratitude for God’s redeeming, transforming love.

As we turn to focus on the financial stewardship necessary to support our parish’s 2020 operating budget, I hope and trust that a spirit of thankfulness will be the foundation of your giving. Thank you all for your dedication of time, giftedness, and financial support for our parish and its ministries.

In Christ’s Love,

Ann+



2019 Blessing of the Hunt

Submitted by Irene McMullen, Clerk

July 24, 2019 St. Christopher-by-the-River Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present Mother Ann Kidder, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, David Hauserman, Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Sean McMillian, Irene McMullen, Mary Murray, Jim Pender. Guest: Darlene Hauserman

The meeting came to order at 6:00 PM. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

Because many Vestry members did not receive the draft minutes for the last meeting, a decision was made to postpone approval of those minutes until the next meeting.

Becky Everett gave an update on her efforts to spruce up the landscaping.

Becky obtained three estimates to refurbish landscaping at the back of the church. John Irwin asked about prioritizing future capital projects, so we are thoughtful about how remaining funds are expended. Becky spoke about how all three estimates were obtained. John Irwin moved to (Parti) authorize Exscape Landscaping to proceed with Phase 1 of a project, which is clearing out old landscaping, if they give a reasonable bid for said Phase 1. Part 2 of the motion is that between now and next Vestry meeting, John Irwin, Becky Everett and Mother Ann will develop a priority list of capital campaign items. Part 3 of the motion is that the Church will negotiate with a contractor for further landscaping. Becky Everett seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding a schedule to eradicate the old landscaping and further uses for the capital campaign. A suggestion was made to make use of the talents of Master Gardeners who are church members. All voted in favor of the motion, Motion carried.

Mary Murray distributed the financial statement. Our financial picture is on track based on where we expected to be.

Mary Holmes and Darlene Hauserman spoke about the results of the cottage meetings. The six themes of the report were discussed. The committee was thanked for their excellent and extensive work.

Communication needs were a pervasive theme in talking about the issues.

The Pink Sheet has offered the church a column for the monthly publication.

We need to find a way to attract new members and families.

Ideas from the extensive report, which were discussed, include: finding a way to have a more contemporary worship service for some; strategies for how to move forward; operational support for the office; using Servant Keeper software; and training and guide information for volunteers.

An extra Vestry meeting will be held on August 10, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to discuss our vision and mission.

Vestry member were asked to think about an updated mission statement for the church.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 PM.

August 28, 2019 St. Christopher-by-the-River Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present: Mother Ann Kidder, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, David Hauserman, Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Sean McMillian, Irene McMullen, Mary Murray, Jim Pender.

The meeting came to order at 6:05 PM. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

The June 26, 2019 minutes were presented for approval and upon motion duly made and seconded they were approved.

The July 24, 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Becky Everett moved and David Hauserman seconded a motion to clarify the previous action of the vestry regarding the approval of the landscaping project. Becky Everett's motion contained the following: approval of moving forward with the plans submitted by Exscape, splitting the project into two separate phases, the first phase to be accomplished this fall consisting of the removal of current vegetation, renovation of the stairs, and the mound where the bench is currently located, with application of woodchips by the riverbank and leaf hummus to other areas of the project. The second phase will be planting of bushes and plants in the spring. The total cost of the project from the bid by Exscape is \$18,215.28. An initial down payment of \$8500 will be made. The total cost of this project will be paid from the Capital Campaign Fund. Motion passed.

Bishop Purcell will be at the church at 10:15 AM on October 13, 2019. There will be one service. Mary Holmes and Elise Bennett will both be out of town. He may want to meet with the Vestry.

There has been a change in staffing. Hugh resigned and his resignation was accepted with regret. Mother Ann gave him two weeks pay and a recommendation letter. José Luis Calvo has been hired to fill the position. He will work 16 hours per week and will receive two weeks paid vacation.

Three Vestry members will be rotating off of the Vestry -John Irwin, Mary Holmes and Irene McMullen. Please think about new officers and Vestry members.

The Archive Project has made substantial progress. Digital versions of documents will be available on Mary Zup's computer.

John Irwin will distribute a draft list of capital project priorities. The balance of the fund is about \$136,000.

Becky reported that the air compressor at the Rectory is no longer functioning. The church building needs a new coat of paint. Becky and John will start compiling a list of parishioners who have an engineering or construction background.

Becky purchased and had installed a new vinyl signpost and sign for the church.

Mary Murray distributed the financial statement. Our financial picture is on track based on where we expected to be.

Mary Holmes spoke about the August 10 Vestry meeting. We need to update the mission statement. Mary Holmes is working on interviewing people with young children, and the start time of Sunday School was discussed. Communication is very important.

Jim Pender gave an optimistic report regarding his presentation to the Improvement Society. Mary Holmes is speaking to the Red Cross about the possibility of having a blood drive at the church. The Guild should be consulted for ideas for volunteering opportunities for church members, as they have many contacts with local organizations.

The Parish needs to select three delegates and three alternates to Diocesan Convention by the October meeting. Becky brought up Rally Sunday. Sean and John kindly agreed to run the lunch event.

The dates for Vestry meetings were changed. The next meetings will take place September 19, 2019 and October 24, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 PM.

Junior Warden
By Becky Everett

As many of you have noticed, the first stage of our landscape project is complete! Oh, what a difference! I would like to thank our dedicated vestry for appropriating the capital funds for this project! After the soil has had the winter to rest and retain nutrients, we will do the second stage of the project which is the planting of perennials around the big maple tree and the mounded bench area. We are also going to get the sage advice from our very own master gardeners, Fran Meyers and Mary Holmes, as we design the kidney-shaped garden around the St. Christopher statue.

I am hoping that the removal of the hemlock trees at the corners of the rectory and other needed tree trimming will finally be completed this Fall. A big thank you goes out to David VanCuren and VanCuren Tree Services for providing all the work and labor for this free of charge!

Enjoy this lovely fall weather! Feel free to come and visit our beautiful back yard. Have a seat on our bench and relax and reflect as you take in the beauty of the lovely Chagrin River!

Daughter's of the King
By Becky Everett

The Daughters of the King is an order whose members undertake a Rule of Life which incorporates a Rule of Prayer and a Rule of Service. Each Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. We are also dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish.

We have four Daughters here at St. Christopher by the River. Becky Everett, Kathy Pender, Annette Lowe and Debbie Cole took their vows last March and have been meeting regularly ever since. We are figuring out our role here at the church and would welcome anyone who has an interest in becoming a Daughter. Please feel free to contact any one of us. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have and help you to determine if this group is the right one for you.

Please remember that there is a prayer box in the guild room where you can place any prayer(s) you wish. We promise to add those people/prayers to our daily prayer list, keeping the request totally confidential.

If you are looking to enhance your spiritual life and gain a devoted, caring sisterhood, please consider joining our order. The following is the Motto of the Order:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

Strategic Planning Committee Update
By Mary Holmes

Parents, teachers and interested people met after church on Sunday, September 15th to begin a thoughtful discussion of the future of Sunday School in light of our five year goal to add twenty new children to our program. The group will meet again after church on October 20th to hear ideas from Christian Education leaders at Church of the Good Shepard about offering some joint programs to youth. Anyone who has ideas

to contribute to this discussion is welcome to attend. To get on the email list for updates, contact Mary Holmes at 440-423-1870.

We are still looking for a volunteer marketing person to help with social media. We want to be sure we share with our community all the exciting things happening at St. Christopher by the River. Contact Mother Ann or Mary Holmes if you have an interest.

The Role of the Deacon

By Lydia Bailey

As a deacon in our diocese, I am often asked what exactly a deacon is. Maybe you've wondered the same when you see me at St. Christopher's on alternate Sundays. You are not alone! As Bishop Mark Hollingsworth said at a recent ordination of deacons, "Perhaps the least consistently defined ministry in the church is that of the deacon. Even within individual denominations, the roles deacons play vary broadly. From diocese to diocese across the Anglican Communion, deacons serve in varying capacities."

To put it simply, the diaconate is about servanthood – what Christ modeled, and what he taught throughout the Gospels. And here's what is detailed in our Book of Common Prayer*:

- Deacons are the ordained members of the Body of Christ who are given special charge "to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely."
- The diaconate is meant to be prophetic ministry - which sounds like a tall order. But it flows from the deacon keeping in touch with the world and then challenging and "interpreting to the church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world."
- Deacons are to be icons of the servant ministry of Christ both within and beyond the Church, "by word and example."

Importantly, deacons are meant to stir all the baptized as the primary agents of service. In Bishop Mark's sermon (*copies of which are on the bulletin board at church*), he writes, "We do not ordain deacons so that we don't have to do the serving ourselves. Rather, it is precisely the opposite. We ordain deacons to inform, inspire, and encourage us to be the hands and heart of God, with actions to heal a hurting and hurtful world."

Deacon's roles in liturgy reflect their roles outside the liturgy. For example, the deacon proclaims the gospel in the midst of the congregation, symbolizing the gospel's immediate relevance to our surrounding world. The deacon sets the table at Eucharist, acting as an icon of the servanthood of Christ. At the dismissal, the deacon leads the congregation back out into the world, where all of us are to express this servanthood at the heart of our faith.

I am so grateful to all of you at St. Christopher's – this bright, pastoral community who has recognized *service* as one of two strategic goals for the next five years. I love how you have taken up monthly volunteering at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter where I am employed – unfolding so naturally that it seems the Holy Spirit is truly instrumental here. I value the Sunday morning book studies with you between services – your stories and good humor and sharing of faith are vital for me!

On Sunday, November 3 at 11:30, I will be presenting on more ways St. Christopher's can volunteer at LMM's Men's Shelter (everything from being part of the legal clinic, to participating in the shelter's current events discussion group and poetry workshop, to serving meals). Then, on Sunday, November 17 the Director of Development at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry will speak on new initiatives that address root causes of homelessness.

-Faithfully, Deacon Lydia Bailey

*BCP, The Ordination of a Deacon, page 537



PLEASE JOIN US!

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 @ 11:30 AM

DURING COFFEE HOUR IN THE GUILD ROOM

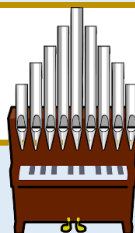
St. Christopher by the River will be having a special program to learn about volunteer opportunities at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter. The program will take place during coffee hour after the 10:15 am service. The Rev. Deacon Lydia Bailey, Director of Volunteers at the shelter will be highlighting the many ways we can all become involved in this important ministry. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you then!

October Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Long
Lindsey McMillion
Brooklyn Osolin
- 2 Elise Bennett
Bonnie Humphrey
- 5 Jody Gray
- 6 Polly Bixler
- 7 Parker Selman
- 10 Baz DeBaz
- 13 Tillie Malm
- 14 Kerry Gnant
- 15 Mike Klinginsmith
- 16 Gretchen Fisher
- 17 Race Matthews
Alexis Matthews
- 19 Ralph DellaRatta
- 21 Sean McMillion
- 26 Pam LaMantia
John McElliot
Britni Ventimiglia
- 27 Harriet Leedy
- 28 Mallory Turnbull
Margot Hoeflinger



ORGAN CONCERT



Wednesday, October 23, at 10:30 AM

Karel Paukert will present the history of and offer a concert on Christopher's Hradezky organ. As a bonus, David Osburn will start the program with a short Carillon recital.

Following the concert, Laura Cotton, Personal Chef will be offering lunch:

Harvest Salad – mixed greens, slivered apples, toasted walnuts; crumbled feta cheese, cider vinaigrette
Creamy Pumpkin Soup
Roasted Turkey Sandwiches with Sharp Cheddar Cheese and Chutney Sauce on assorted bread/rolls
Warm Autumn Fruit Crumble – pears, plums & poached apricots topped with an oatmeal/chopped pecan/crystallized ginger crust; Ice Cream

The cost of the lunch is \$15.00. Please bring cash or a check made out to St. Paul's Church (with SAGES written in the memo line) with you on the day of the event.

Attendees need to register by Wednesday, October 16, so we can have a count for the caterer. Please contact Susan Peterson, 216-932-5815 or speterson@stpauls-church.org to sign up.

Please join us for this fellowship opportunity. Questions: Contact Lael Carter laelbill@att.net or Sara Cutting sgcutting916@gmail.com

Karel has served as Organist-Choirmaster at St. Paul's Church since 1979. He is the Curator Emeritus of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Before coming to Cleveland, Karel was associate professor of Organ and Church Music at Northwestern University and directed music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston. He continues to concertize and teach internationally. He especially likes to return to his native Czech Republic.

GUILD - SOUP MAKING

2019-2020 Guild Events

- Nov 13 - Backpacks, Westside
Shared Ministry
- Dec 11 - Greens Workshop for
Holly Hill
- Jan 8 - Museum of Modern
Porcelain Art
- Feb 12 - Local Author Book
Review
- Mar 14/21 - Lenten Meditation at
Cleveland Museum of Art

OCT 9th
11AM

All women are invited to make soup with Laura Cotton. Soup will be frozen and donated to Trinity Cathedral's outreach program, A Place At The Table.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Begins Tuesday November 5, 2019

St Christopher's By the River will be offering a Grief Support Group to the members of its Parish as well as members in the community. This group will begin Tuesday November 5th at 5:30 pm at St. Christopher's Church in the "Guild Room. The group will meet every other week.

After a loss of a loved one, people experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. The ever-changing emotions we experience can catch us off guard, causing us to act differently than we are used to and to have feelings we don't often understand.

We all need a support system to help us move through our grief journey. While family and friends are vital, unless they have experienced a close personal loss they don't always understand. That is when a support group can be a valuable resource.

Grief support groups offer companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss and are experiencing similar challenges that living with grief brings.

Please contact Kathy Pender for questions or more information at 440-463-7378 or email at kp@momshrink.com.

You may also call the church office at 440-423-4451 to sign up

DO YOU HAVE THE HEART TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



VOLUNTEER AT
THE RESALE SHOPPE

Join our dedicated team of volunteers who operate WomenSafe The Resale Shoppe! All of the shoppe proceeds support survivors of domestic violence.

Volunteer shifts are 3-4 hours weekly with a high need for these days/times:

- Tuesdays: 10-2 pm
- Thursdays: 4-7 pm
- Fridays: 10-2 or 2-5
- Saturdays: 1-4 pm

Volunteer Activities:

- Sorting and pricing donations
- Running the easy cash register
- Organizing new merchandise
- Having fun 😊

No experience or heavy lifting required

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at fundraising@womensafe.org or 440-286-7154 ext. 223 for more info.

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CLAMBAKE



October 26th!

Saturday Evening!

October 6th

8:00 EM: Sandra Redmond & Peter Batcheller
 LR: Judy Holmes
 AG: Sue Marston
 10:15 EM: John Irwin
 LR: Rik Bole & Tom Matthews
 AG: Nicki Henry & Loni Todd-Lorenz
 Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole
 Hospitality: Becky Everett & Barb Pesuit

October 13th – Bishop’s Visit

8:00 NO 8:00 Service
 10:15 EM: Randy Cole
 LR: D. Hauserman & Fran Sarkisian
 AG: Carolyn Miscko
 Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman
 Hospitality: Gretchen Fisher & Janet Hargrave

October 20th

8:00 EM: Sandra Redmond & Fran Meyers
 LR: Annette Lowe
 AG: Teri Ianni
 10:15 EM: Dale Gnant
 LR: Courtney Schmidt & Victoria Connell
 AG: Neal Lee
 Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
 Hospitality: Rosalie Della Ratta & Linda Webb

October 27th

8:00 EM: Kitty Thomas
 LR: Kathi Mitchell
 AG: Sally Conley
 10:15 EM: Beth Miller
 LR: Renee Kolecki & Joyce Welsh
 AG: Courtney Schmidt
 Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
 Hospitality: Mary Holmes & Nancy Irwin

Vestry 2019

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner

Friday, October 18th

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

Food Pantry

Saturday, October 19th

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

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men’s Shelter

Serve Lunch.

Wednesday, October 16th

Look for May Sign ups on the bulletin board.
 All welcome. Carpool leaves at 11:00 sharp!

FOOD PANTRY

**In October, we are collecting items for
 the Lutheran Men’s Shelter House
 Warming Packages**

- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Cleanser
- Spray Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Containers
- Can Openers
- Bar Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Dish Towels/Dish Rags

2019-2020 Guild Officers

President	Sue Marston
V P Programs	Sandy Redmond Debbie Cole Laura Cotton Kitty Thomas
V P Bargain Box	Carolyn Miscko
Secretary	Neal Lee
Treasurer	Elise Bennett
Asst. Treasurer	Fran Meyers
Buildings & Grounds	Sally Conley
In Reach	Charlene Currutt
Library	Rosalie Della Ratta
Stationery	Marcia Alpers
Trac Rack	Jean Ramsey
UTO	Sandy Batcheller
Worship	Jean Ramsey

October



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

 <p>Laundry Soap Dish Soap Cleanser Spray Cleaner Paper Towels Plastic Containers Can Openers</p> <p>Bar Soap Body Wash Shampoo Toothpaste Deodorant Dish towels Rags</p>		1	2 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Guild Board Meeting 7 PM Choir	3 5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA	4	5 11:30 AM Memorial Service Linda Costello
<p>6 Pentecost XVII 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum, Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:20 am Junior Choir 12 PM Blessing of the Animals</p> 	7 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry	8 Mother Ann @ Fall Clegy Day	9 11 AM Guild Event Making Soup 7 PM Choir	10 Riverside AA 50 th Anniversary Dinner at GMCH 5 PM Evening Prayer	11	12
<p>13 Pentecost XVIII 8 am NO SERVICE 9 am Handchime 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Bishop Williams Presiding</p> 	14 4:30 PM Watershed Meeting	15	16 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Men's Shelter Volunteering 7 PM Choir	17 4:30 PM CV Watershed 5 PM Evening Prayer 6 PM NEMAC @Grace Willoughby 8 PM Riverside AA	18 St. Andrews Blessed Are We Dinner Meet @ 4PM	19 Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry 11 AM
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The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector
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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
440-423-4451
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October 2019 Newsletter

St. Christopher by-the-River

We welcome you to join us:

Sunday, OCTOBER 6th – Pentecost XVII

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

Sunday, OCTOBER 13th – Pentecost XVIII

8:00 a.m. No Service
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Bishop Arthur Williams Presiding

Sunday, OCTOBER 20th – Pentecost XIX

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

Sunday, OCTOBER 27th – Pentecost XX

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

