



# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

## AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

More than one person has noted that our response to COVID-19 “is a marathon – not a sprint”. It certainly feels as though the finish line is still very far away! In mid-March we followed our Governor’s instructions to stay at home. Later we scrambled to make or buy masks and developed the ability to recognize a distance of six feet even without markers on the grocery store floors. We held on to the belief, and then hope, that this would all be over within a matter of a few weeks (or maybe a month or two). Soon we would be able to get back to our normal, pre-pandemic lives. Well – here we still are..... tired, frustrated, frightened, angry, uncertain about when this upended life will return to normal, and in danger of losing hope.

In August of 2011 Margaret and I ran an accidental half-marathon. That summer Margaret, William, and I would often go for early morning runs on the carriage roads in Acadia National Park. On this particular day, however, we missed our morning run and so headed out in the late afternoon as the heat of the day began to diminish. We set out from the Jordan Pond House parking lot where it was possible to pick up hiking trails and carriage roads to almost any point in the Park. Margaret and I planned to jog a couple of miles up a carriage road named “Around Mountain” and then double back to meet up with William, who had an eight-mile run planned for one of the hiking trails. Margaret and I trotted along enjoying the waterfalls, and sweet late afternoon air. Even though the road was all uphill we reached our planned turn-about point much sooner than anticipated and with loads of energy to spare. The carriage road had curved around as we went so that the sun now lay 180 degrees from when we began. Having never hiked “Around Mountain” before (and with no map to consult) I fatefully said to Margaret, “How about we just keep going?” (The name of the carriage road was, after all, “Around Mountain” and I figured that we were surely already half-way around!) Margaret agreed, and off we set.

The road ran fairly level for a while, then made some turns in various directions and headed uphill again. Periodically, we would come upon one of the rustic trail markers placed throughout the Park and always chose “Around Mountain” from the options presented. On we went. According to Margaret’s Garmin, we had run about four miles when we came to a fateful intersection of three carriage roads. Two of them were marked “Around Mountain”! We could either stay on our present “Around Mountain” or turn off onto this new “Around Mountain” option. Surely, **surely** we had to be half-way around the mountain by now! We stuck with our current road and kept going.

By the eight-mile mark, I knew that “Around Mountain” was not the straightforward, easy afternoon jog that I had anticipated – and the late afternoon sun was getting lower. We could turn around and go back (a guaranteed eight-mile run) or we could keep going. Margaret and I jogged on, though slower now and with less chatting. Somewhere between the tenth and eleventh mile I stopped asking her what her Garmin said – neither of us really wanted to know.

The sun finally set and the long northern summer sky of August slowly dimmed to twilight.

Now Margaret and I let gravity carry us downhill, then held hands as we walked up hills, we made best effort, hopeful comments to each other. Surely it couldn’t be much longer.....We came to another split in the road and we could barely make out the signpost’s words. Only one choice said “Around Mountain” – and it was the road that we were already on. We kept going.

Now it was dark. Our feet made crunching sounds on the gravel road and I listened for sounds in the woods on either side of us. I thought about the bear scat I had seen earlier in the mountainside blueberry patches. I thought about the likelihood of encountering a skunk in the night. I thought about William, who had surely returned to the parking lot hours ago and wondered if he had already reported us missing. How would the Park Rangers know where we had gone? Would they find us? Would we be out here all night? We were tired and just trudging forward, holding hands, by now. The moon rose and on we went.

At long last the road turned, and the woods opened, revealing the stone bridge that we had crossed as we set out on our original four-mile run! Margaret and I hobble-jogged to the car, where a worried William gave us both a very big “piece of his mind”. When he finished, I asked Margaret how far we had gone – thirteen and a half miles – a half-

marathon! We drove home in the light of the full moon that had shown Margaret and me the welcome end of our accidental half-marathon adventure.

In the years since, I have often thought about how that experience showed us both things that we had not known before. Things about ourselves and about each other. About the importance of courage, patience, persistence, and hope in the face of an unknown future with no clear endpoint in sight. About how much we can help one another get through long, tough times by simply sticking together and supporting each other in holding on to hope and the will to keep going.

We don't know how much further we have left to go but we have each other – and having each other was what got Margaret and me safely through our long journey through the woods in that dark night so long ago. So hold on to hope – this time will end, though we do not yet see when that will be. We have each other for our own present, personal, marathons. Call each other, send a note or card, and don't watch too much news. Remember that Jesus promised his disciples (and us) that he would be with us always. Read books that will offer you spiritual support. Pray – give your worries, hopes, and fears to God. Margaret and I were never really alone on that dark, gravel, road and we are not alone now.

May God's Love fill you and carry you through these days,

Ann+

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Charley Marston

This past Sunday morning I came downstairs and noted how dark and rainy it was. I told Sue I wished I were at St Christopher's with my friends listening to Mother Ann's inspirational message. While I was able to see today's service, which John Irwin has uploaded to our website, hearing Mother Ann discuss the lessons from Genesis, Paul's letter to the Romans and The Gospel according to Matthew, it lacked the wonderful interaction with us in the pews which she has always been able to do so well. That too many people in Cuyahoga County let their guard down and caused an increase in Covid cases and resulted in very few, if any, churches in the diocese holding live services is frustrating to us all. At our Zoomed vestry meeting on July 30th, a great deal of discussion ensued about our need to keep safe. At the same time, we wondered if we might try a different service. While we recognize that many of us must be overly cautious about how we interact with society, there are others who have been careful, remained healthy and conduct themselves properly when leaving their homes and are unlikely to catch the virus or cause it to spread. These individuals might like to attend a service where proper precautions are in place. To that end, the vestry is exploring the idea of holding a service in the yard in front of the church, weather permitting, on Sunday August 23rd. The concept includes proper spacing, wearing masks and, for safety sake, bringing ones own prayer book and folding chair. This service is in the early stages of creation so save the date but keep checking our website for details.

Due to the continuing challenges of finding a vaccine and bringing this plague to less threatening levels, the Women's Guild has met and made the decision to not hold a traditional Bargain Box sale until the fall of 2021. Most of our church's outreach effort has traditionally come from our Bargain Box so this hurts important organizations we like to support. In the meantime, they are sorting the items we already have with the thought that much of it will be given to needy organizations like the Lutheran men's shelter. Some of it may be priced and sold with the hope of generating some income. We will also begin accepting limited quantities of quality items for future sales so contact Sue or Carolyn if you have anything to give.

While I wish I could have gone to church this morning, I am grateful that there are still numerous activities occurring. Thank you, John and Mother Ann, for your videos. Thank you, Becky, for your accomplishments on our church grounds and other projects. Thanks to everyone participating in our Zoomed Thursday evening prayer and adult forums and thank you Daughters of the King for your birthday card. And especially thank you all for your understanding and patience. With best wishes

## JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT Becky Everett

I hope all of you are enjoying a relaxing summer as we make our way into August! Let me start by thanking Jeff Eakin for volunteering to paint the pump cover at the back of our property! The new coat of paint has made a huge improvement in the appearance of the cover and the hunter green color helps it to blend in more with the surrounding vegetation. I think he was also responsible for some minor repairs on the picket fence out front, which is also deserving of our gratitude!

We have had some minor repair work done on the brick wall by the side door. In addition, please note that our new picket fence is going to be installed later in September, and I am in the process of replacing the lamppost in front. Have a great rest of your summer! I hope to be seeing more of you in the next few months! Stay healthy and safe!

August marks the beginning of the budgeting process for the Vestry. This is the time when we plan for the future based on the parish commitment to our work as Christians for worship, education and service.

Two things to do right now:

Set up an automatic payment to the church. The amount isn't as important as the regularity which not only makes planning easier, but greatly facilitates cash flow.

Second thing is to think a bit about what you want St. Christopher's to be when we can safely gather again. I would love to hear from you about your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Mary Holmes



For Strategic Planning and Stewardship

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



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Goaltime 5-22-23

**FAITHFULNESS  
GENTLENESS  
GOODNESS  
JOY  
KINDNESS  
LOVE**



**PATIENCE  
PEACE  
SELF-CONTROL**

## Kindly keep up with your pledge during this shutdown

Even though we are not able to meet in person, St. Christopher's depends on their members donations during this time. Checks may be mailed to PO Box 519, Gates Mills, 44040 or you may give electronically through our website:

[www.stchrisbytheriver.org](http://www.stchrisbytheriver.org)

## VESTRY MINUTES, MAY 14, 2020

Tom Matthews, Clerk

Present: Mother Ann Kidder, Charley Marston, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, Jim Pender, and Tom Matthews

The meeting came to order at 6:02 PM. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mother Ann followed with a review of the minutes from the April 30 meeting. There were 3 corrections identified. Becky Everett moved the minutes be approved with the identified corrections. Judy Holmes seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion Carried

Mother Ann then mention Mary Murray was unable to attend today's meeting and she will review April's financial result at the next meeting.

For the next order of business, Mother Ann reviewed the benefits she is finding through the CEEP Network and recommended that all of the Vestry consider joining to find innovative ways parishes are creating to address the recent operating environment caused by the pandemic.

The Vestry retreat was the next order of business. Mother Ann proposed methods to accomplish the meeting via virtual zoom meetings. As for dates, Saturdays on June 6th, 13th, or 20th and Sunday the 7th were proposed. Ideas of possible personal meetings with the necessary social distancing were also offered. The outcome of the discussion was for the vestry to respond to Mother Ann with acceptable dates as well as personal views for the meeting to be held via Zoom or in person.

Mother Ann then gave an update on the all the alternative meeting formats that the church has created (Thursday evening prayer, coffee hour, study meetings, morning prayer, etc) and positive feedback and attendance trends. There was also a good discussion around Becky's Sunday Carillon events and how this is attracting church members and non members.

The discussion then switched to the Ohio Bishops creating a unified conservative approach for Ohio and that these new forms of ministry will likely continue through the summer. With this, possibilities for restarting live church sessions (such as outside service) were reviewed.

For the Senior Warden update, Charley Marston thanked the Vestry for their efforts making connections with the membership. General comments followed from the Vestry that the the consensus response was gratitude for reaching out and making the connection. With this, there was a renewed enthusiasm to continue the effort.

Becky Everett then reported the landscaping will be done by next Wednesday and 2 chairs, a table and a welcome sign were ordered for the spot overlooking the river. She also mentioned there are planning discussions ongoing for the garden area around the statue. As for the Rectory AC, estimates will be in next week and with these, a vote will be targeted for the next meeting. Becky also brought up the Rectory oven is not heating correctly. She will have it looked at, but just wanted the Vestry to know that this may need replacing as well. For the fence project, of the 3 companies that were part of the bids, one is not responding. So, another company will be brought in for the 3rd quote. Lastly, painting in the guild room is close to done.

For the next meeting, we have the regular monthly meeting on May 28th at 6pm.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM

### Vestry

Charley Marston Senior Warden  
Becky Everett Junior Warden  
Tom Matthews Clerk  
Mary Murray Treasurer

#### Class of 2022

Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes,  
Charley Marston

#### Class of 2021

Elise Bennett, Tom Matthews,  
Sean McMillion

#### Class of 2020

Becky Everett, Mary Murray,  
James Pender

#### Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2020  
Linda Webb, 2020

## **VESTRY MINUTES, MAY 28, 2020**

**Tom Matthews, Clerk**

Present: Mother Ann Kidder, Charley Marston, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, Jim Pender, Sean McMillion, and Tom Matthews

The meeting came to order at 6:03 PM. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mother Ann followed with a review of the minutes from the May 14th meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ moved they be approved. Becky Everett seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion Carried

Mary Murray then reviewed the financial report through April and summarized with all things considering, we are in good shape. Mary Holmes moved to approved the report. Becky Everett seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Due to a possible member attendance conflict, elements of the Junior Warden report were brought forward on the agenda so all members could participate in the associated votes. For the rectory air conditioning project, the 3 quotes from the respective contractors were reviewed along with considerations for included materials, warranties, prior experience and references. Based on this review, Becky moved that we contract W. F. Hann for the project. Mary Holmes seconded the motion, a vote was taken and all agreed.

The fence replacement project was then reviewed. The 3 contractors, their respective quotes, responsiveness, references, prior work in the area, were all submitted and discussed. The discussion then led to possible historical society requirements for the project and it was decided to get clarity on these aspects prior to taking a vote on June 6th.

For the next order of business, Mother Ann reviewed the draft proposal of the Parish Requirements to Return to in Person Worship. All agreed that Mother Ann had done a very nice, diligent job working through a detailed proposal. The follow on discussion reviewed how the proposal addresses all of the recommendations and requirements set out in the Bishops Pandemic Regathering Protocols. This review revealed the proposed plans met most if not all of the requirements. The review with the associated feedback and alternate ideas was beneficial for the proposal and with this the plan will be completed and agreed upon at the Jun 6th Vestry Retreat.

Charley Marston summarized the Return to in Person Worship discussion, reinforced that the sooner we can get a program in place the better, and highlighted that there are some recent advancements like the Zoom sessions where a hybrid solution will likely be a part of the Churches future.

The Vestry retreat and working through the logistical details to be compliant during the meeting was the next order of business.

For the next meetings, the Vestry retreat is June 6th from 10am - 2pm. Mother Ann proposed an interim meeting on July 2nd and a normal meeting July 30th.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 PM.

## **VESTRY RETREAT MINUTES, JUNE 6, 2020**

**Tom Matthews, Clerk**

Present: Mother Ann Kidder, Charley Marston, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, Jim Pender, Mary Murray, and Tom Matthews

The meeting came to order at 10:15 AM. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mother Ann followed with a review of the minutes from the May 28th meeting. Jim Pender moved they be approved. Becky Everett seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion Carried

A review and vote on the picket fence project was the next order of business. Becky Everett reviewed the 3 contractors, their respective quotes, responsiveness, references, and prior work in the area. She also mentioned the project was reviewed with the Historical Society and project was deemed acceptable. Based on this Mary Holmes moved the project be approved and Charley Marston seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Mother Ann then lead a review of the 2019 Vestry Retreat. All agreed that faced with the recent changes due to the pandemic, the outlined objectives and 5 year goals from that retreat still hold true.

This led into a discussion on Stewardship Strategy and a recap of 2019 cottage meetings and accomplishments by Mary Holmes. One specific change that resulted from the cottage meetings was the shift of Sunday School from 9am to 10 am. Identifying new outreach opportunities was another topic of the cottage meetings. Mary reviewed discussions the group had within the community and highlighted the progress the parish has made with the men's shelter and through the women's guild.

Jim Pender then gave an update on the Gathering Information to support Stewardship Development project identified at the 2019 retreat. Through the discussion it was highlighted that there are still struggles gathering and getting all of the data into our database and the effort could use support from additional "Servant Keeper" experts/resources.

Further on the discussion of Stewardship, Charley Marston reminded the group that the Vestry needs to manage the process and support it through year round contact with the membership. Faced with the recent changes, we need to think about how we need to adapt to our changing environment to go forward.

Mary Holmes reminded the group that the Stewardship Committee would definitely benefit from some younger members and to please think of and forward possible participants.

The next order of business was the Plan for Regathering.

Mother Ann lead a review of the proposed responses to questions as outlined in the Bishops letter. These were summarized in the Phase 2 Regathering Report. All agreed that the proposed responses were sufficient.

Mother Ann then reviewed target dates and steps and due diligence that have been worked through to ensure a safe re-opening of services. All agreed that the proposal and program that will be in place was sufficient to submit to the Ohio Diocese. With this Becky Everett moved to approve sending the proposal, Mary Holmes seconded and all approved.

Mother Ann then stated that the overall opening of the church requires a similar proposed plan from the Riverside AA Group. This lead into a review of the Riverside proposal which identified a few recommended and required changes to their proposal. From this discussion, Mother Ann will review these with Riverside and return to the Vestry with the results of the discussion for approval.

A proposed time periods for Mother Ann's continuing education and retreat was the next order of business. Mary Holmes moved to approve the proposal, Charley Marston seconded, and all approved.

Charley Marston commented that the Parish will get \$10k returned for the Riverside project and then gave an update on Gates Mills plan for the 4th of July parade. This year the parade will be brought to the people through an automotive tour of the town. People at home are encouraged to decorate their mailboxes and with this Charley requested approval for St. Christophers to decorate as well. All approved.

For the next meetings, the interim meeting is planned for July 2nd and a normal meeting planned for July 30th.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55PM.

## TESTIMONY

Deacon Lydia Bailey

I recently wrote a letter to a parishioner at St. Christopher's. Without really intending, it became an exercise in gratitude. Maybe COVID-19 brought this out. With so much unsettled in our world, the everyday beauty of things came into relief. Since then, Becky Everett put out a call to the church and the Gates Mills community for donations to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter. The response has been enormous- can openers, kitchen towels, plastic food containers, laundry detergent and toiletry items – all so necessary for men moving out of homelessness into their own apartments. Becky volunteered to deliver a portion of these supplies to the housing coordinator at the shelter, as much as could fit into her car! My gratitude has just gone up another notch, so I'd like to share with you part of the letter I wrote about serving with all of you...

St. Christopher's has been one of the highlights of my month for these past several years. This would not have been so had the parishioners not welcomed me in with such a natural, sunny-hearted way, full of sensitivity and humor and intellect. There are other ingredients that I so resonate with- I'll mention these here in no particular order:

- The Carolina Wren that I hear singing while walking over the foot bridge before the 8:00 service
- The way the light comes in the paned glass of the windows over the course of a morning
- Historical depth of the church and understated details of architecture that are a vehicle of the Spirit for me.
- Coffee hour book studies where I'm listening to this really heartfelt laughter and careful thought and snippets of people's experiences. How good it feels to share snippets which over weeks build into a narrative. The physical setting for coffee hour is so conducive for conversation, with couches and these wonderful prints on the wall.
- The warmth of the Sunday school, even when it's snowing outside. -Also being in the midst of the children before processing in at the start of a service. I feel their energy, their fun, speaking of a new day.
- A quality of doing liturgy together at St. Christopher's - yes! This congregation knows liturgy and music and this feels like a homecoming for me.
- I love serving with St. Christopher's parishioners at the shelter. You are vital and some shelter residents and staff pick up on this – I see expressions lighten, and there is respect. When you exit the shelter out onto the sidewalk, I kind of feel like my family just left!
- During a few times of worry, I remember how parishioners surfaced in the most self-effacing and supportive way. This was an anchor for me.

Mother Ann has certainly added to the harmony and strength and sense of rightness I feel at the church, but all the things I mention above have to do with you, the parishioners, and the place of St. Christopher's where I feel God has led me for now. Maybe God knew I needed just such a place to grow in the Spirit, in friendships, and in my role as a deacon. What a gift you have been for me!

Thank you, Deacon Lydia+



We are inviting all villagers to help us collect housewarming packages which are given to shelter residents who have reached their goal of leaving the shelter and moving into their own apartments. We have seen the joy and happiness on the faces of these individuals as they are able to gather up their belongings and walk through the doors of the shelter, one last time, as they begin a new and exciting phase of their lives.

In order to help with this transition, they need the following items, purchased new:

laundry soap	can openers
dish soap	bar soap/body wash
cleanser	shampoo
spray cleaner	toothpaste/tooth brush
paper towels	toilet paper
deodorant	plastic containers
dish towels	dish rags

Please place any donated items (in boxes or bags) into the brown storage container, marked Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, next to the side door of the church. Thank you for your generosity and help with this important ministry! God Bless you all!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY and CONTINUING EDUCATION

Kathy Pender, Leader

As you may know the Stephen Ministers meet two times a month for ongoing supervision and training. Recently their assignment was to read a wonderful book by Joan Chittister, (Executive director of Benetvision and co -chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women.) The book, "Gift of Years", reflects on many aspects of aging, the purposes and concerns, the struggles and surprises, the potential and joys. Our hope had been to present a workshop on "Aging" to the parish last Spring. Hopefully we will be able to do this in the future when the church will be open.

This month we have one our Stephen Ministers telling you about one of her personal experiences. She was reporting on a chapter about "regret" in Chittister's book and how she was able to turn that feeling around to one of joy and gratitude. As Judy ended up saying "Thanks Be To God"

*"THE BURDEN OF REGRET IS THAT, UNLESS WE COME TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF THE CHOICES WE MADE IN THE PAST, WE MAY FAIL TO SEE THE GIFTS THEY HAVE BROUGHT US."*

~Joan Chittister "The Gift of Years"

In reading the author's chapter entitled "Regret", I was reminded of a recent illustration from my own life. It's a simple one compared with the more profound decisions we make in our life journey, but I hope it's meaningful.

The setting was the Munich Airport on March 5, 2020 after a glorious week in Austria with my host family from a college year abroad. Bound for the airport, I reluctantly turned from the snowcapped mountain views from our train window to my phone to find a surprising newsflash from Andrew's university. Parents were being advised to "reconsider" unnecessary overseas travel. It so happened that Andrew was taking extra days at the beginning of his spring break to meet us the next day in Lisbon; we had a European family and an eager Airbnb host assuring us that all was safe in Portugal. I will note we had been hearing disturbing Covid accounts during our first week in Europe and a hotel had closed down in a city on our itinerary.

In what seemed like an instant, Peter and I found ourselves at the United counter rerouting ourselves from Munich to Cleveland. All was calm at the counter that day although our agent reflected with some foreboding that she was anticipating busy times ahead. This was the beginning of my exhausting journey into the "sandpit of regret." I was in a complete daze and not quite sure how I set foot on the plane bound for Dulles forfeiting one month in Lisbon. The regrets flooded in.

The rhapsody of sorrow and "should haves" was sounding in my ears for several long days. I'm a wimp, a failure, I thought, and have let everyone down. March looked particularly grey that first morning back in Cleveland. Days later, I finally had the courage to check in with a fellow St. Christopher's parishioner to say I was back in Cleveland and tell her what had transpired. She responded, "Maybe God was nudging you."

With the events of the next week; people paying huge sums to get out of Europe and then the shutdown of travel to the U.S. from all European ports but London, I began to turn my own thoughts to my friend's comment and now to the gift of Joan Chittister for understanding: "One of the functions, she writes, one of the gifts of aging is to become comfortable with the self we are, rather than to mourn what we are not. When we devalue it, we bring everything we are and were into question, into doubt. We doubt the God who made us and walks with us all the way to the end."

"The things we did not do begin to dampen the glow of what we did do." Our family at home was comforted by our decision. We were fortunate to leave when we did or shall I say, thanks be to God.

Judy Holmes



**9-11AM Via Zoom**

Kathy will inform the group if and when in person meetings will resume.

**August 10**

**August 31**

**September 14**

**October 5**

**October 19**

**November 2**

**November 16**

**December 7**

On Dec 14 at 11:30 AM there will be a Christmas Lunch and Gathering at Kathy's home.

## Bargain Box Canceled -No Donations

Both the SEP 2020 *and* the APRIL 2021 Bargain Boxes have been canceled and we are not able to accept Bargain Box donations at this time. However, if you feel you may have special or valuable items that might benefit Bargain Box in the future that you can not hold on to, please contact the office directly.

## Flower Donors Needed!

Anyone interested in becoming a Sunday flower donor, please contact the office. We have a few openings. We are very grateful to those who donate and many who donate to two or more Sundays. Please consider a Sunday Flower donation. The requested donation is \$80. The donor may specify to whom the flowers are dedicated. This past month we have been providing beautiful live wreaths instead of our usual Altar Flowers. (at the same cost). Once services resume, we will return to flowers for the Altar.

## Flower Dedications

- June 14 J. Tucker Marston by Jean Marston  
June 21 William and Diana Hauserman and Louis LaRiche by Darlene and David Hauserman  
June 28 Brooke & Virginia Mallory, Tina Mallory & Alberta Day, Edward and Ann Meyers by Ed and Frances Meyers  
Helmut Alpers by Marcia Alpers  
July 5 Art & Ruth Collins and Jim & June Irwin by Nancy and John Irwin  
July 12 Suzanne Turner Gepfert by Leslie and Michael Marting  
July 19 Bobbie & Bill Gotherman and Betty & Mark Negrelli by Don & Gini Negrelli  
July 26 Madeleine G. Mitchell & Jean H. Doerr by Kathi & Jim Mitchell



## AUGUST

- 1 Carol Smith  
5 Joey Inkley  
6 Cecile Murray  
8 Donna Bixler  
13 Jeff Eakin  
14 Patrick Hoeflinger  
15 Peter Batcheller  
Frank Ventimiglia  
16 Mary Murray  
18 Sarita Frith  
20 Marcia Alpers  
22 Luke Mitchell  
Maddie Pucell  
24 Charlie Broome  
Warren Morris  
28 John Weber  
31 Jane Chisholm

## Noah's Ark Word Search

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**Sunday Services**

In person worship is currently suspended.

Find our weekly worship on

[YouTube](#).

**Parish Office**

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### Opportunities to Study, Worship, and Chat Together Online

#### **Thursdays, 5:00 Evening Prayer**

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573658691>

#### **Tuesdays, 10:00 AM Wednesday, 9:00 AM Adult Forum**

**TUE:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87135403656?pwd=TVNmS1ZIN2J4OFd0K0gxOFhvSHdDZz09>

**WED:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89570520435?pwd=MzBBRHIPVDFTRUFoVUdhRFUybltQT09>

#### **Sundays, 11:30 AM Coffee (Half) Hour**

Join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998417516?pwd=ZS80OWVsMnNsQlItRVhkQWJxSmk5UT09>

#### **For Those Without the Ability to Join Us On-line**

I would love to come for a “dooryard call” so that we can see each other face to face (from six feet away) for a brief visit. Please do call me at 207-664-4041 and let me know if you would like me to visit. If you live in assisted living or a nursing home, I will not be allowed to enter until that restriction has been lifted by the Governor but I am always happy to chat with you and pray with you over the phone.