



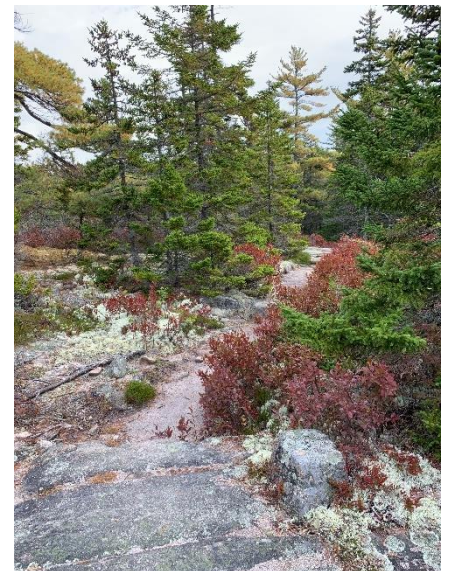
# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

## NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Alice and I had a wonderful three weeks in Maine with my husband Ted and his Field Spaniel, Phoebe! It's a two day drive each way but well worth the trip if you ever have the opportunity. The weather was mostly sunny and in the low 70s while we were there so Alice and I got out for walks in Acadia National Park almost every morning. The carriage roads that John D. Rockefeller had built throughout what is now a national park are a true gift to all who visit. Like those who gave us Severance Hall, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and so many other cultural gifts to the public here in Cleveland, they are a reminder that money used for the common good is a blessing that continues throughout many generations. I promised you some pictures, so here you go!

These photos are from three different locations on the Island: A carriage road leading to Aunt Betty's Pond, Witch Hole Pond, and several photos that I took one morning as Alice and I hiked the Friends Trail at Little Long Pond. (Alice spent a huge amount of time in Maine grinning from ear to ear!)



Thank you all for your faithful care for our parish and for giving me the gift of time to be with Ted, to walk in some of my favorite places, and to have the time to refresh my spirit. It's good to be back with all of you as we turn now to the work of discerning together who the Spirit is calling to be our next Bishop. Please plan to attend one of our parish discussions (October 30<sup>th</sup> at Coffee Hour and November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00) to share your thoughts with our Parish representatives to Diocesan Convention.

With Love, Ann+

# VESTRY MINUTES

**JULY 27 2022, 6PM**

***Mary Holmes***

In attendance: Mother Ann Kidder, Becky Everett, Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, Renee Kolecki, Ron Lee, Bruce Long, Sandy Redmond, Peter Thatcher, Charley Marston

Mother Ann opened the meeting with prayer

The June 25, 2022, minutes of the Vestry Meeting were reviewed and were approved as written.

## June Budget Report:

Mother Ann provided a revenue and expense report year to date along with the current balance sheet. There were no concerns identified.

Update regarding advertising:

Peter Thatcher brought a copy of the ad we are now running the Chagrin Valley Times once a week. Becky and Peter will design a larger ad to invite people to Rally Sunday on September 11th. This ad should mention the cookout following the 10:15 service.

## Jr. Warden Updates:

Given the positive feedback from the Figgie Foundation, Charley proposed using the anticipated gift to address two significant capital improvement projects, repair of the stone steps at the front entrance of the church and at the rectory as well as the need to paint parts of the outside of the church.

Charley asked for a motion to authorize spending up to \$19,160 for painting and \$22,325.75 for repair of the steps. The amount for painting was based on estimates from Best Buy Painting, a company that has done good painting work for the church in the past. Sandy moved and Becky seconded authorization to spend up to \$19,160 for painting. The motion passed unanimously.

Skybridge Masonry provided the estimate for the step repairs. Bruce moved and Renee seconded authorization to spend up to \$22,325.75 for the repairs of the steps. The motion passed unanimously. Charley stated that he would seek additional quotes to try to lower the price, but that having the authorization will make it easier to engage contractors and get on their schedules given how busy they are.

## Sr. Warden Updates:

Ron reported that there is a group of parishioners who will assist in the setup and tear down of the tent, grills, tables and chairs for the Rally Sunday cookout. Burgers, hot dogs, condiments, plates, silver service and napkins will be provided by the church. Attendees will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Mother Ann requested that Vestry members form a committee of the whole to assist.

Mother Ann will purchase new nametags for the Vestry and requests that Vestry members wear them at Rally Sunday and subsequent Sundays at worship. Nametags are especially important as a way to welcome new comers.

Becky will work with Mary Zup to update the pamphlet that describes the activities and ministries of St. Christopher's. The pamphlet will be mailed to new comers as well as displayed on a table at Rally Sunday and in the Narthex.

## Quote of the day calendar project:

Becky reported that this project is designed to raise money to buy bus passes for men in the LMM men's shelter on Lakeside Ave. The idea is to print 365 quotes from parishioners and others on a rolodex style calendar showing one quote per day for a year. We are now collecting quotes which can be written on 3x5 cards and returned to Mary Zup or placed in the offering plates.

## Sandy Redmond personal report:

Sandy has accepted a position as director of education for a community center that serves refugees in Burlington, Vermont. She has also secured an apartment, which is near her sisters. This will be Sandy's last Vestry According to

the Church by-laws, the Vestry can appoint a new member to complete Sandy's term who would also be eligible to serve an additional three year term after completing Sandy's term. All Vestry members should be thinking about a candidate to recommend at the August meeting.

Sandy was thanked and praised for her contributions to St. Christopher's and the Vestry by all. She will be greatly missed.

#### Rector's Report:

The Vestry is responsible for electing 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the Diocesan Convention, which will be held in Cleveland on November 18<sup>th</sup> starting around 5pm and November 19<sup>th</sup> from about 9am to 3pm. This is an important election year where the delegates will elect a new bishop. Please submit ideas for candidates to Mother Ann ASAP.

Many young couples have asked to join St. Christopher's or get more involved here. Mother Ann wants to host a gathering for them and their children so that they can get to know each other. She also wants to plan a gathering for all the individuals who have become involved in the Church since 2019. Vestry members should plan to attend this newcomer party, which she hopes will happen in the last week of October.

The Vestry had previously decided to offer the program, "On Sacred Ground" to educate ourselves about race relations and to address the question in the Diocesan Report about such efforts. There are 11 sessions, which can be done by Zoom. The Rector and a parishioner facilitate the sessions which Mother Ann suggests be held every other week. She suggests that we begin the course in January 2023.

Mother Ann reported that she might be called to Jury duty during the week of August 8-12. She plans to take a week of vacation from August 19<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. Rich Israel will serve on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Yri will also be on vacation and Eva Ellis will be here in her place.

Mother Ann will take the remainder of her vacation during the first three weeks of October.

#### Future Agenda Items:

Updates from: Stewardship, Fellowship, Service, and Education/Faith Formation

Mother Ann closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Meeting: August 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – Guild Room and Zoom**



2 Don Negrelli  
3 Dennis Currutt  
4 Bill Donahue  
5 Michael Marting  
7 Kathy Pender  
12 Helen Cicirello  
13 Yuri McElliot  
Tim Thirion  
14 Hope Lomas  
Betsi Morris

16 Andrew Everett  
Alexandra Wolf  
17 Buffy LaMantia  
Susie Thorpe  
18 Sue Marston  
23 Will Barnes  
27 Carolyn Miscko  
Caleb Thirion  
30 Lucy Lytle

#### FLOWER DEDICATIONS

#### OCTOBER 2022

#### In loving memory of:

- Dr. Petros & Elizabeth DeBaz and Shehadeh & Abba Kafena by Mona & Baz DeBaz and Family
- Jane & Rick Bauschard & Jimmy by Laura Bauschard
- Bob Trebar by Renee Kolecki
- Robert & Virginia Chase by Sue & Charley Marston
- Suzanne Turner Gepfert by Leslie & Michael Marting

# VESTRY MINUTES

**AUGUST 31, 2022, 6PM**

*Mary Holmes*

In attendance: Mother Ann Kidder, Becky Everett, Mary Holmes, Renee Kolecki, Ron Lee, Bruce Long, Peter Thatcher, Charley Marston. Mother Ann opened the meeting with prayer

The July 27, 2022, minutes of the Vestry Meeting were reviewed and corrections made. The minutes were approved as amended.

## June Budget Report:

Mary Murray will attend the September Vestry meeting to review our financial status and report on the annual audit of our financial reports.

## Update regarding advertising:

The ad we placed with the Chagrin Valley Times has run every week in July and August. A larger ad to invite people to Rally Sunday on September 11<sup>th</sup> will run once.

## Sr. Warden Updates:

Ron reported that everything is on track for the picnic on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to help put up the tent on Saturday at 11:00 am and to help set up on Sunday at 9 am. Becky has updated the Service Opportunities booklet for distribution at Rally Sunday.

## Jr. Warden Updates:

The sewer pipe running behind the church evidently collapsed and was leaking water into the river and backing up into the church and Molly Nook's house. Charley hired a plumber who has repaired the pipe.

Best Buy Painting provided the best bid to paint the areas of the church (bridge side and front) that need it the most. They will begin work either this fall or next spring.

David Novak repaired the front steps of the church. He is seeking a competitive quote in addition to the we received from Skybridge Masonry for the step repair at the Rectory.

A Stewardship letter describing St. Christopher's financial situation has been written and will be sent in the September newsletter. Lucy Lytle has organized a committee to run the Every Member Campaign, which will launch at Rally Sunday. Please wear nametags at Rally Sunday and tell Becky if you need a new one.

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The Vestry is responsible for electing 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the Diocesan Convention, which will be held in Cleveland on November 18<sup>th</sup> starting around 5pm and November 19<sup>th</sup> from about 9am to 3pm. Three delegates have been selected and a list of three potential alternates will be contacted by Mother Ann.

The Vestry had previously decided to offer the program, "On Sacred Ground" to educate ourselves about race relations and to address the question in the Diocesan Report about such efforts. There are 11 sessions, which can be done by Zoom. The Rector and a parishioner facilitate the sessions which Mother Ann suggests be held every other week. She suggests that we begin the course in January 2023.

Mother Ann encouraged the Vestry to elect a member to replace Sandy Redmond. This person would complete Sandy's term and could stay on for another three-year term but is not obliged to. The Vestry developed a list of four potential members and Ron will contact each one to see if they will serve. If one of them agrees, the rest of the list will not be called at this time.

## Future Agenda Items:

- Review of the impact of advertising in the Chagrin Valley Times
- Updates from: Review Stewardship and Faith Formation (September)
- Updates from Fellowship and Service (October)
- Discussion regarding the candidates for Bishop of the Dioceses

Mother Ann closed the meeting with prayer.



### Annual Giving Campaign

## Annual Giving Campaign Week 3 Update

St. Christopher's had another great week in annual giving! We received 21 more pledges for a total commitment this week of \$48,500 for next year.

Here is where we stand relative to our campaign goals with 4 weeks left in the campaign:

Campaign Goals	Total Through Week 3	% of Goal
80 pledges	34 pledges	42.5%
\$165,000	\$90,520	54.8%

Moreover, 73.5% of all of our donors for next year increased their gifts from last year. The remaining donors kept their gifts at the same level.

Lucy Lytle compared the total amount pledged by our donors for 2023 to the amount the same donors pledged for 2022, and these new commitments are 13.86% higher than last year.

Please be sure to return your pledge card by the early-bird deadline to qualify for our gift basket drawing. The names of those parishioners whose 2023 pledge cards are in the church office by noon THIS Thursday, October 27 will be entered into a drawing for a wonderful basket filled with gifts from 17 of our fellow parishioners. Thank you again for your support—and good luck in the drawing on Sunday, October 30! You do not have to be present to win. Lucy will call you and make arrangements for the basket to be delivered to you.

## Christmas Backpacks!



This year, we have almost 40 back packs that need filled and returned in time to distribute before Christmas. On **Sunday, November 6**, you may pick up a backpack or two. There will be child and adult back packs. We will provide a list of items needed to fill the backpack. We ask that they are returned by Nov 27 so they may be blessed. Thank you!

## Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate...and Wine!

Our own Melanie Reda will discuss the taste, texture, and color of different chocolates. Each chocolate will be paired with two compatible wines. This event is sponsored by [Sweet Designs](#) of Lakewood. Gift boxes will be given to every member of the audience and there will also be items for sale.



**NOVEMBER 9**  
**10:30 AM**  
**GUILD ROOM**

RSVP by NOV 2<sup>nd</sup>  
to Sue Marston  
440-423-4759  
[skypond1@aol.com](mailto:skypond1@aol.com)

*All are welcome.*

## Advent Wreath Workshop – Registration Required

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Immediately following the 10:15am  
Service in the Fellowship Hall

We invite you to celebrate the season of *Advent* by creating a beautiful wreath. Materials and instructions will be provided. We welcome both individuals and families to participate in the workshop, one wreath per household please.

Please fill out the form included in this newsletter and return it to the church so we can ensure adequate materials are available the day of the event. Space is limited. **Registration forms are due no later than Wednesday, November 16, 2022.** Anyone interested in registering after that date should contact Peggy or Melanie Reda directly.

There is no fee for participation and all materials will be provided. However, we will accept donations to help cover materials costs, estimated \$15 wreath. We also recommend that you bring garden gloves and snips to work with the fresh greens.

Please email the church office or Peggy Reda([prseverin@aol.com](mailto:prseverin@aol.com)) with any questions






SUNDAY OCTOBER 30		MONDAY - 31	TUESDAY - 1	WEDNESDAY-2	THURSDAY-3	FRIDAY-4	SATURDAY-5
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Book Group</b> Cpt 4  Coffee Hour discussion of Candidates for Bishop	9-11 Stephen Ministry	10:00 Staff Meeting	Mother Ann @ Fresh Start  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		<b>4:00 PM Jean            Moseley            Funeral</b>
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	Fran Meyers						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Courtney Schmidt & Judy Holmes						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	Courtney Schmidt						
<b>USHERS</b> NA							
<b>HOSTESSES</b> Lucy Lytle & Courtney Schmidt							

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6		MONDAY - 7	TUESDAY - 8	WEDNESDAY-9	THURSDAY- 10	FRIDAY- 11	SATURDAY- 12
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Discussion</b> <b>of Candidates for</b> <b>Bishop</b>	10:00 Staff Meeting  <b>6:30 PM Grief</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>CHOCOLATE</b> <b>EVENT!</b>	4:00 Book Group Cpt 5  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Charley Marston	Dale Gndant						
<b>LECTOR:</b> Teri Ianni	Fran Sarkisian & Chandler Everett						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Teri Ianni	Lucy Lytle						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Brian Wright						
<b>HOSTESSES</b> Charlene Currutt & Nancy Irwin							

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13		MONDAY - 14	TUESDAY - 15	WEDNESDAY-16	THURSDAY- 17	FRIDAY- 18	SATURDAY-19
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9AM Book Group</b> Cpt 5	10:00 Staff Meeting		5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Melanie Reda	John Irwin						
<b>LECTOR:</b> TBA	Courtney Schmidt & Judy Holmes						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sally Conley	Mary Murray						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
<b>HOSTESSES</b> Judy Holmes & Jean LaRiche							

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20		MONDAY - 21	TUESDAY - 22	WEDNESDAY-23	THURSDAY- 24	FRIDAY- 25	SATURDAY-26
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	BISHOP Hollingsworth VISIT	10:00 Staff Meeting  <b>6:30 PM Grief</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Eve Service</b>	 8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> NO SERVICE	Fran Meyers						
<b>LECTOR:</b> NO SERVICE	Dixon Morgan & Courtney Schmidt						
<b>ALTAR:</b> NO SERVICE	Leslie Marting						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Kurt Liljedahl & Dixon Morgan						
<b>HOSTESSES</b> Neal Lee & Becky Everett							

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 – Advent starts!		MONDAY - 28	TUESDAY - 29	WEDNESDAY-30	THURSDAY- 1	FRIDAY- 2	SATURDAY-3
<b>8 am Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>10:15 am Holy Eucharist</b>	9-11 Stephen Ministry	10:00 Staff Meeting  <b>**Dec/Jan</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>articles due</b>	<b>6:00 PM Vestry</b>	4:00 Book Group Cpt 6  5:00 Evening Prayer  8:00 AA		
<b>EM:</b> Melanie Reda	John Irwin						
<b>LECTOR:</b> TBA	Fran Sarkisian & Neal Lee						
<b>ALTAR:</b> Sue Marston	TBA						
<b>USHERS</b> NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
<b>HOSTESSES</b> Lucy Lytle							

# Advent Wreath Workshop Registration

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Immediately following the 10:15am Service in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for taking interest in participating in the 2022 Advent Wreath Workshop as part of the Faith Development Program. We welcome both individuals and families to participate in the workshop, one wreath per household please. Please fill in the form below so we can ensure adequate materials are available the day of the event.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How many individuals will be attending in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you registered for Sunday School?                      Yes                      No

Are you interested in assembling an Advent Wreath for one of our congregation's shut-ins?                      Yes                      No

Space is limited. Registration forms are due no later than Wednesday, November 16, 2022 to the church office, PO Box 519, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040. Anyone interested in registering after that date should contact Peggy or Melanie Reda directly.

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### Sunday Services

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

Find our weekly worship on [YouTube](#).

### Parish Office

Staffed T-W-Th 8:30-2:30

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## St. Christopher by-the-River

### SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Childcare available at the 10:15 service)

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### THURSDAYS

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
(not being held on Thanksgiving)

### GRIEF GROUP

Zoom Meeting

NOVEMBER 8 & 22

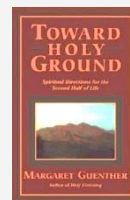
6:30-8:00 PM

If interested in coming to this group,  
please contact Kathy Pender:  
440-463-7378 or [kp@momshrink.com](mailto:kp@momshrink.com)

### BOOK GROUPS

Thursdays 4:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m.



Nov 10, 13 Chpt 5  
Dec 1, 4 Chpt 6

### Food Pantry Donations

- Soup
- Rice (white, brown, side dish like rice a roni),
- Instant Potatoes (mashed, au gratin, scalloped)
- Canned gravy
- Tortillas
- Stuffing



**BISHOP'S  
VISIT  
NOV 20**

Join us  
Sunday Nov 20 for  
**ONE SERVICE**  
at 10:15

**Bishop Hollingsworth  
presiding**

Coffee hour following the service.