



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

JUNE/JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

In The Gospel According to John Chapter 10 Verses 7-10, Jesus says, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

An abundant life is not without pain, sorrows, or challenges. But it does imply a deep joy in our souls that is able to sustain and carry us through all the changes and chances of this life. The source of that “abundant life” is, of course God’s presence with us always in the person of the Holy Spirit within us. There are many spiritual practices that can strengthen our ability to experience that abundant life regardless of the challenges that come our way; unforeseen and often unwelcomed. This summer, if you would like to explore some spiritual practices that have sustained two joyful spiritual giants of our time, I hope you will join the “Talking Faith” group that meets on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

This summer in “Talking Faith”, we will be reading and discussing The Book of JOY. We will also have the opportunity to try several “joy practices” used by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I hope that this description from the book’s front flap will entice you to join us on Thursdays at 4:00 or Sundays at 9:00 in the Guild Room. We can all do with experiencing more joy and resilience in our day-to-day lives!

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships – or, as they would say, because of them – they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama’s home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness’s eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life’s inevitable suffering?

They traded intimate stories, teased each other continually, and shared their spiritual practices. By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our times and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy.

...We get to listen in as they explore the Nature of True Joy and confront each of the Obstacles to Joy – from fear, stress, and anger to grief, illness, and death. They then offer us the Eight Pillars of Joy, which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Throughout, they include stories, wisdom, and science. Finally, they share the daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives.

The Archbishop has never claimed sainthood, and the Dalai Lama considers himself a simple monk. In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.

Wishing you all a joyful and joy-filled summer,

Ann+

DAILY QUOTE Calendars

The 2024 Daily Quote calendars that all of you helped to create are available for purchase after both the 8 and 10:15 services. The cost of each calendar is \$30.00, with **100% of the proceeds going toward the purchase of daily bus passes for our friends at the men's shelter.**

We will accept cash and/or checks made out to St. Christopher by the River. If writing a check, please write *calendar* in the memo line of the check.

I thank you all for your support and enthusiasm as we kick off this new project. Please call Becky Everett at (216)409-2370 with any questions!

Dear St. Christopher's,

When I walked into the shelter this morning, one of my first interactions was with a shelter resident who is deaf. He uses his phone to type out his messages. On the phone I read "Do you have a bus ticket?" I shook my head no, and he thanked me in his customary way of touching his heart to show his gratitude anyway. You see, shelter staff and case workers have traditionally distributed bus passes to those who need them for essential appointments. But recently the funding has decreased for bus passes.

Today I am the one who is grateful - to all of you at St. Christopher's for the amazing 2024 Day by Day calendars now on sale in the parish. All proceeds of the calendar generously go toward purchasing bus passes for this shelter. On behalf of the resident I mentioned who is deaf, and all the other shelter residents and staff here at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter, thank you for this project!

I already received my Day by Day calendar and have been moved by the love, variety of insight, and -I must say- wonderful I sense of humor sprinkled throughout. This is a calendar that is staying close to me, not just for 2024! The fact that shelter residents contributed their quotes to the calendar - in fact, enthusiastically supporting this idea, makes this all the more meaningful.

Thank you, St. Christopher's for support, your sunny-hearted humor, and your creativity in this project.

God's love to you all. ~Deacon Lydia

Celebration of Bishops and Staff

The Transition Committee of the Diocese of Ohio invites you to a celebration for the whole diocese to honor and celebrate:

Bishop Mark and Sue Hollingsworth,
Bishop Bill and Nancy Persell,
Bishop Arthur and Lynette Williams,
Bishop David and Nancy Bowman,
CFO Sue Leishman,
Canon Percy Grant,
Canon Brad Purdom,
Canon Bill Powel,
And the whole Bishop's Staff

for our many years of shared ministry with them.

The celebration will be a casual and fun-filled afternoon with live music by the Forest City String Band, an assortment of food trucks, activities for children & youth, and sharing of brief remarks at 3:30 p.m. Parking will be available on the street, and a continuous shuttle will run from First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd). All are welcome!

Saturday, June 17, 2023

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Hathaway Brown School

19600 North Park Blvd, Shaker Heights

Please [RSVP](#) by June 8, 2023

- 1 Sandy Batcheller
- Clay McMullen
- 3 Alison Benek
- Chris Pucell
- 5 Diana Everett
- Stephen Morris
- 8 Elisabeth Blossom
- 11 Joan Allgood
- 12 Elise Champ
- 21 Bill Reynolds
- 23 Tom Vail
- Jay Lammers
- 29 Ryan Donahue



Food Pantry June

Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise), pickles, olives, salad dressing

Food Pantry July

Paper goods – Toilet Paper, feminine products, napkins, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, dish soap

Directory Updates!

This summer, we will be updating our directory and printing copies for any who would like one.

Please contact the office with any updates to address, cell phone, email or birthdates (this won't be in the directory 😊)

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

MAY 2023

In loving memory of:

- James T. & Penny G. Donaldson, James T. Donaldson Jr., Richard H. Miller, and Susan K. Miller by Elizabeth D. Miller.
- Sarah Christy Dickenson and Jeffrey Rockwell Cudlip by Frances & David Dickenson
- Jim Storer by Dede Storer

And to the Glory of God by
Annette Lowe and Doug Dolch.



Parishioners are such a bright part of the day when they serve lunch here at the Men's Shelter, the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Every other month, St. Paul's and St. Christopher's also provide the lunch for the day. Parishioners carpool and we love to have you here!



JULY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lucas Vary
Jonathan Vary
Michaela Vary
James Vary
- 2 Jim Miller
Iris Vail
Frank Ventimiglia

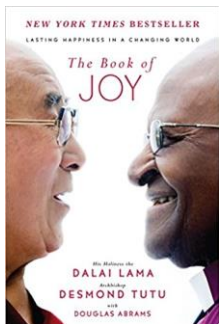
- 5 Sal Cicirello
- 11 Charley Marston
- 13 Nancy Irwin
- 18 Frances Dickenson
John Irwin
- 21 Margaret LaMantia
John LaMantia
Connie Lincoln
- 22 Randy Cole
Barb Miller
Gini Negrelli
- 23 Anderson Osolin
- 23 Joyce Welsh

Adult Forum

Thursdays at 4 PM

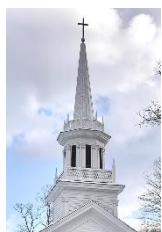
Sundays at 9 AM

We are starting *The Book of Joy* on June 1st & 4th. You may purchase a book on Amazon or find it at your favorite local bookstore!



June 1 & 4	Pages ix – 24
June 8 & 11	Pages 25 – 64
June 15 & 18	Pages 65 – 92
June 22 & 25	No Book Group
June 29 & July 2	Pages 93-133
July 6 & 9	Pages 134 – 168
July 13 & 16	Pages 169 – 188
July 20 & 23	Pages 189 – 228
July 27 & 30	Pages 229 – 262

Carillon Concert



As all of you are aware, we surpassed our Stewardship goal last fall and are going to celebrate with a carillon concert by Becky Everett. The concert is planned for June 18th with a rain date of June 25th! The concert will begin at noon on the 18th and will last for approximately ½ hour. We invite all of you to join us for this special concert by bringing a blanket and/or chair to sit on the front lawn of the church and enjoy a great chance to hear lovely music and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners as well as guests from the village of Gates Mills. Feel free to bring your own light refreshments as well! We look forward to seeing you all on June 18th and can't wait to celebrate!

Children's Nursery is Open!

Please help me welcome Andria Calvo to our St. Christopher family! Andria will be caring for our youngest parishioners in the nursery during the 10:15 AM service. I invite all of our families with children to come and visit the nursery and get to know Andria! She is a very loving and caring nursery director. Your children will find a very safe, inviting and warm environment when they walk through our doors. We have a growing number of young children who are the future church school of our parish. I hope to see many new faces in our nursery as our youngest friends get to know each other as well as Andria!



EASTER

Last April brought us wonderful weather to resume our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a great turn out and lots of fun hunting eggs!

From the Junior Warden

I am pleased to report that much has been going on here at St Christophers!



Our church has received a facelift... Best buy painters did a great job and also cleaned our gutters pro bono.

Unfortunately, the men's restroom has been out of order. Bob McHugh plumbers found very old, crushed sanitary pipes several feet underground.

They are replacing them with PVC.

We thank Dennis Farmer (mason) for replacing side stairs and landing. Soon the dangerous stones on walkway will be repaired.

Our flowerbeds are also in need of attention. Abate nursery will complete, edging and mulch by the end of this month.

We thank all our generous parishioners for helping us maintain GOD'S HOUSE !



~Charlene Currutt

Picnic

Join us for the 2nd annual St. Christopher's Pentecost picnic at Marston Park, across the river from the church, after the 10:15 service on June 4! It's a semi-potluck event, with fried chicken provided and attendees being asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Iced tea, lemonade and water will be provided, but you are welcome to bring their own soft drinks, wine, or beer if desired.

The park is a beautiful setting with playground equipment, a walking trail, bocce ball courts, and tennis/ pickle ball courts.

Wear appropriate casual picnic attire to the service with a special invitation to wear Pentecostal red!

Please RSVP via Flock Note or by calling Mary at the church as soon as possible so that we can have an approximate head count for ordering chicken.

Bargain Box

Hello All! Happy Summer!!!

Below is the slated Bargain Box presort schedule for the rest of the summer and into fall. We've received so many generous donations, sadly in part due to some heartbreaking losses. There is quite a lot to work thru so the schedule is rather heavy. I'll do my best to adjust the schedule as needed.

Tuesday June 6	10am-12pm
Monday June 12	5-7pm
Wednesday June 14	10am-12pm
Wednesday June 21st	5-7pm

Monday July 10	5-7pm
Wednesday July 12	10-12pm
Tuesday July 25	5-7pm
Thursday July 27	10-12pm

Tuesday August 8	5-7pm
Thursday August 10	10-12pm
Wednesday August 16	5-7pm
Monday August 21	5-7pm
Thursday August 24	10-12pm
Wednesday August 30	10-12pm


Wednesday September 6	10-12pm
Tuesday September 12	5-7pm
Thursday September 14	10-12pm
Monday September 18	5-7pm
Tuesday September 19	10-12pm
Wednesday September 20	5-7pm
Thursday September 21	10-12pm

This schedule brings us to the week before the Bargain Box Sale. As we get closer, we'll take a look at what the sale requires for setup. If you have any questions, please let me know. Even if you can only come for a short time, it is still helpful! Looking forward to catching up with everyone!




Melanie Reda 440-773-4976




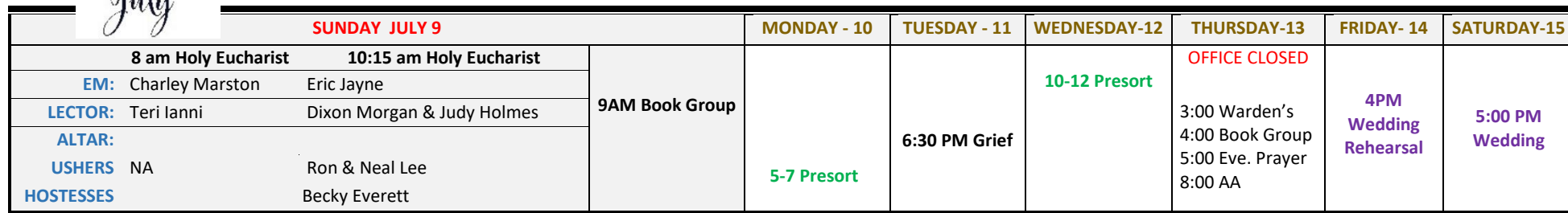
SUNDAY JUNE 4			MONDAY - 5	TUESDAY - 6	WEDNESDAY-7	THURSDAY-8	FRIDAY- 9	SATURDAY-10
8 am Holy Eucharist		10:15 am Holy Eucharist	 9AM Book Group 1:00 Funeral Ted Ramsey	10:00 Staff Meeting	5:00 C. Ed Search Comm.	OFFICE CLOSED	4PM Wedding Rehearsal	2:30 PM Wedding
EM:	Melanie Reda	Becky Everett						
LECTOR:	Annette Lowe	Fran Sarkisian & Neal Lee		10-12 Presort		3:00 Warden's 4:00 Book Group 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
ALTAR:	Sally Conley	Leslie Marting		6:30 PM Grief				
USHERS	NA	Brian Wright						
HOSTESSES	** PICNIC **							

SUNDAY JUNE 11			MONDAY - 12	TUESDAY - 13	WEDNESDAY-14	THURSDAY- 15	FRIDAY- 16	SATURDAY- 17
8 am Holy Eucharist		10:15 am Holy Eucharist	9AM Book Group	Mother An at Clericus 5-7 Presort	10-12 Presort	OFFICE CLOSED	5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	2-6 Celebration of Bishop & Staff 5:30 PM Wedding
EM:	Charley Marston	Eric Jayne				3:00 Warden's 4:00 Book Group 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
LECTOR:	Teri Ianni	Dixon Morgan & Chandler Everett Sr.						
ALTAR:	Sue Marston	Neal Lee						
USHERS	NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
HOSTESSES	Becky Everett							

SUNDAY JUNE 18			MONDAY - 19	TUESDAY - 20	WEDNESDAY-21	THURSDAY- 22	FRIDAY- 23	SATURDAY-24
8 am Holy Eucharist		10:15 am Holy Eucharist	 9AM Book Group 12PM—Carillon concert	10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Funeral Higbee 6:30 PM Grief	6:30 Vestry 5-7 Presort	OFFICE CLOSED		
EM:	Becky Everett	Chandler Everett				4:00 Warden's 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
LECTOR:	Kitty Thomas	Lucy Lytle & Fran Sarkisian						
ALTAR:	Teri Ianni	Renee Kolecki						
USHERS	NA	Dixon Morgan & Kurt Liljedahl						
HOSTESSES	Lucy Lytle							

SUNDAY JUNE 25			MONDAY - 26	TUESDAY - 27	WEDNESDAY-28	THURSDAY- 29	FRIDAY- 30	SATURDAY-1
8 am Holy Eucharist		10:15 am Holy Eucharist	9AM Defibrillator Training	10:00 Staff Meeting	6:30 Vestry	OFFICE CLOSED		
EM:	Becky Everett	Becky Everett				3:00 Warden's 4:00 Book Group 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
LECTOR:	Annette Lowe	Renee Kolecki & Chandler Everett Sr.						
ALTAR:	Teri Ianni	Carolyn Miscko						
USHERS	NA	Nancy Irwin & Peter Thatcher						
HOSTESSES	Sue Marston							

SUNDAY JULY 2			MONDAY - 3	TUESDAY - 4	WEDNESDAY-5	THURSDAY- 6	FRIDAY- 7	SATURDAY-8
8 am Holy Eucharist		10:15 am Holy Eucharist	9AM Book Group	MARY ON VACATION				
EM:	Melanie Reda	Charley Marston				3:00 Warden's 4:00 Book Group 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
LECTOR:	Michelle Brocket	Brian Wright & Ron Lee						
ALTAR:								
USHERS	NA	Brian Wright						
HOSTESSES	Judy Holmes							



SUNDAY JULY 23		MONDAY - 24	TUESDAY - 25	WEDNESDAY-26	THURSDAY- 27	FRIDAY- 28	SATURDAY-29
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		10:00 Staff Meeting	6:30 Vestry	OFFICE CLOSED		
EM: Charley Marston	Becky Everett		5-7 Presort				
LECTOR: Kitty Thomas	Fran Sarkisian & Neal Lee						
ALTAR:							
USHERS NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
HOSTESSES	Nancy Irwin						
9AM Book Group							

SUNDAY AUGUST 6		MONDAY - 7	TUESDAY - 8	WEDNESDAY-9	THURSDAY- 10	FRIDAY- 11	SATURDAY-12
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		10:00 Staff Meeting		OFFICE CLOSED 10-12 Presort		
EM:	9AM Book Group		5-7 Presort				
LECTOR:							
ALTAR:							
USHERS NA			6:30 PM Grief		3:00 Warden's 4:00 Book Group 5:00 Eve. Prayer 8:00 AA		
HOSTESSES							

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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 8:30-2:30

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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

GRIEF GROUP

Zoom Meeting

JUN 6 & 20, JUL 11 & 25
6:30-8:00 PM

To attend, please contact Kathy Pender:
440-463-7378 or kp@momshrink.com

BOOK GROUPS

Thursdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 9:00 a.m.

See inside.

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Sunday June 4th

11:15

**Bring a dessert
or side dish**



JUN – JUL - AUG

8:30 – 2:30

TUES & WED only