ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

JUNE/JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

On May 5th, the weather was glorious, the pews were packed, and we rejoiced to welcome our new bishop to our parish.

Bishop Jolly baptized Emery and Brooks Vazzana, baptized and confirmed Jamie Vazzana and Haley Radis, confirmed Hannah Ruddock, Joyce Zaid, Rick Hamilton, Michelle McMullen, Anderson Osolin, Dan Petrov, Logan Miller, Patrick Hoeflinger, Kylie Wright, and Elise Champ, received Teri Ianni, Yuri McElliott, Charlene Currutt, Nancy Irwin, Jenny Gray, Mary Podwoski, Matt Vazzana, Kathy Vilas, Rich Radis, and James Gallagher. That's twenty-four individuals and twenty-six "Episcopal acts" (if you were counting). Following Coffee Hour, she also met with our Vestry. What a day!

We often hear that the Episcopal Church is in decline, but these photos and our memories of that day tell a different story. If you were not one of the people being baptized, received, or confirmed on May 5th, I want you to know how important you are to our parish's vibrancy. Yours is the first face, the first warm and genuine "Welcome" that someone coming to St. Christopher's for the first time will experience. Your invitation to come with them to coffee hour, your gentle spirit of friendship may be what encourages them to return on the following Sunday. And when you remember their face (if not their name) and welcome them back, it makes all the difference in the world. The church building can sparkle, the music and sermon can soar, the coffee hour food can be Michelin Star worthy but "if we do not have love, we are a clanging gong and a noisy cymbal". You are the face of God's love to each other every day. Thank you!

May God's blessings fill your summer,

Ann+

VESTRY MINUTES | MARCH 27, 2024 | *By* JOHN IRWIN

Present: The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector, Peter Thatcher, by zoom, Dr. Bruce Long, Kitty Thomas, Judy Holmes, Ron Lee, John Irwin.

Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer at 7 PM. John Irwin was appointed Acting Clerk.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Vestry of February 21, 2024 were then reviewed and minor corrections were made. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The special Vestry meeting minutes of March 3, 2024, were then reviewed and upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes were amended to specify that Vestry meetings would be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Budget report

Rector then reported that the February budget report was not yet available, however the January report was reviewed and discussed. The Rector then suggested that in the event that any Vestry member had further questions they should direct those to Mary Murray, Treasurer with a courtesy copy to the rest of the Vestry so that the Treasurer's response to any question would be disseminated to the entire Vestry.

Senior Warden Report

The senior Warden then thanked the Vestry and Dr. Long in particular for the nomination and election to senior Warden. Dr. Irwin then suggested some future projects for the Vestry including the preparation of a parish directory containing photographs to make it easier for new parishioners to learn the faces and names of everyone.

Finally on behalf of the Junior Warden, Dr. Irwin reported on the status of the replacement furnace and the associated humidifier. This project is awaiting a final decision by the Figgie Foundation as to their financial support for these infrastructure items.

Rector Report

The Rector then reported that Mary Podwoski has graciously offered to manage the Easter Egg Hunt for the children, either outside or in the Guild Room, depending upon the weather on Easter.

The Rector then further discussed plans and arrangements for a special coffee hour on April 28, 2024 event to honor and thank Becky Everett for her six years of service on the Vestry. The Rector reported that she has already ordered a leather-bound Book of Common Prayer/Hymnal as a gift for Becky Everett at a cost of $114.42. The Rector suggested that each member of the Vestry should consider donating $10 to pay for the gift to Becky Everett.

Mother And then reported preliminary details regarding the visit of our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly to St. Christopher on May 5, 2024. The Bishop will conduct Confirmation and Reception services, visit with the Parishioners during Coffee Hour, and meet with the Vestry. Further details will be provided as the event approaches. Visitation: St. Christopher's, Gates Mills | Sunday, May 5, 2024 | The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

Finally, the Rector referred to the Security Plan and the fact that Becky Everett had previously spoken with the Gates Mills Chief of Police for his guidance regarding a Security Plan. The current Senior Warden will follow up on that plan with the Chief of Police.

A discussion then ensued regarding a possible Picnic Event sometime this summer, with a tentative date of June 2 for that event and a rain date of June 9. On motion duly made and seconded those dates were approved by the Vestry. Thereafter followed a general discussion regarding scheduling a series of events throughout the calendar year with Dr. Long taking the lead in developing a proposed calendar for those events.

A final discussion for information purposes ensued regarding the scheduling of the Annual Meeting and the associated minutes of those Meetings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was concluded with a closing prayer by the Rector at 7:32 PM.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

We started off this spring with an almost IMPOSSIBLE problem….Our 30 year old sanitary grinder/pump stopped working. McHugh plumbing worked for two weeks searching for replacement pumps and fittings for this antiquated GREEN MACHINE. Hazmat equipment had to be used to enter down 12 feet to repair. Electrical issues also arose due to age and decay. Thankfully we can now use our sanitary facilities without holding our breath!

"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"
MATHEW 19:26

Speaking of making things possible….We are so very thankful to the FIGGIE FOUNDATION for their generous gift. This replaced our furnaces and humidifiers that were also 30 years old and failing.

Lastly our rotting railing on the stairs near the fire lane has been replaced!

Respectfully yours,
~Charlene Currutt

We are also continuing to improve our curb appeal! Thank you for your help James Gallagher and Larry Richmond. The hostas and bark much look great!

1 Sandy Batcheller
Clay McMullen
3 Alison Benek
Chris Pucell
Lydia Bailey
5 Diana Everett
Stephen Morris
8 Elisabeth Blossom
11 Joan Allgood
12 Elise Champ
21 Bill Reynolds
23 Jay Lammers
30 Larry Richmond

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FOOD PANTRY JUNE

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

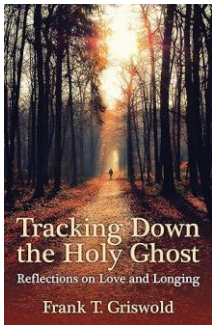
FOOD PANTRY JULY

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

ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 9 AM

This summer, we will be discussing the book *Tracking Down the Holy Spirit: Reflections on Love and Longing*. You may purchase a book HERE on Amazon or find it at your favorite local bookstore!

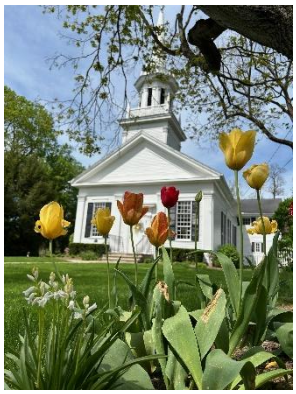


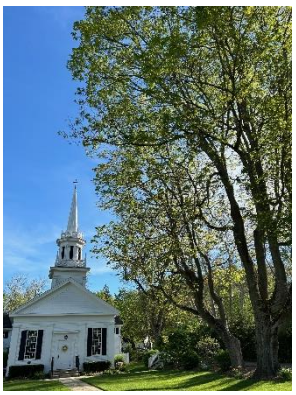
June 9	Chpt 1
June16	Chpt 2
June 23	Chpt 3
June 30	Chpt 4
July 7	Chpt 5
July 14	Chpt 6
July 21	Chpt 7

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King is an order at St. Christopher by the River 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 a support to the Rector and are dedicated to the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish.

Up until now, our chapter of Daughters of the King has had four members – Becky Everett, Kathy Pender, Annette Lowe and Debbie Cole. I am overjoyed to announce that as of Sunday, June 30th, we will welcome our newest member, Teri Ianni! She has spent the last few months meeting with our Daughters to discern if she is being called to this ministry. After much consideration and study, Teri has decided to take her vows at the 8:00 AM service on June 30th! We invite everyone to join us that morning to witness this ceremony as well as the re-dedication ceremony of the current Daughters. We look forward to Teri taking this next step in her spiritual life and can't wait to welcome her into the fold! Hope to see you there!





PICNIC

Join us for the 3rd annual St. Christopher's Pentecost picnic at Marston Park, across the river from the church, after the 10:15 service on June 9th! 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 your 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.

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.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS
MAY 2024

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
- Michael Pender by his parents, Jim & Kathy Pender

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

1 Claire Morgan
2 Frank Ventimiglia
5 Sal Cicirello
11 Charley Marston
13 Nancy Irwin
18 Frances Dickenson
John Irwin
Jim Mitchell
21 Connie Lincoln
22 Randy Cole
Barb Miller
Gini Negrelli
23 Anderson Osolin
25 Riley Brenner
26 Joyce Welsh
27 Sabrina Salerno

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

One of the service ministries that St. Christopher by the River has been involved with for a number of years is the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry – more specifically, the Men's Shelter! We have donated clothing, eyeglasses, coats, shoes and any other needed items. Last year we sold a Day by Day Calendar with all proceeds going to the purchase of RTA daily bus passes. It has been a wonderful and fulfilling relationship for all those involved.

Another very important part of this ministry is the service of lunch which we provide once a month, along with our colleagues at St. Paul's, Cleveland Hts. This is where I invite you to join us! *Every other month, on the second Wednesday, we provide casseroles and cookies for lunch*. St. Paul's provides casseroles as well. They also purchase sides to go with the meal. If you would like to join us in this rewarding ministry, please contact Becky Everett! We need people to make casseroles, people to make cookies, and people to serve! There is usually carpooling available each time we go to the shelter, so there is no need to drive. In the months when we don't make casseroles, we serve the food provided by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries.

If you're interested in volunteering to serve lunch, have any questions, or would like to help provide casseroles and/or cookies, feel free to contact Becky Everett at (216)409-2370. We look forward to hearing from you!

SUNDAY JUNE 2				MONDAY - 3	TUESDAY - 4	WEDNESDAY-5	THURSDAY-6	FRIDAY- 7	SATURDAY-8
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**		MARY ON VACATION					
EM:	Kitty Thomas	John Irwin			10:00 Staff Meeting				
LECTOR:	Annete Lowe	Bria Wright & Fran Sarkisian							
ALTAR:	Sally Conley	Laura Cotton			4:00 Prayer Shawl		8:00 AA		
USHERS	NA	Brian Wright & Leslie Marting							
HOSTESSES	Larry Richmond & Laura Cotton								

SUNDAY JUNE 9				MONDAY - 10	TUESDAY - 11	WEDNESDAY-12	THURSDAY- 13	FRIDAY- 14	SATURDAY- 17
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**		MARY ON VACATION					
EM:	Becky Everett	Randy Cole & Eric Jayne	**9AM Book Group**						
LECTOR:	Teri Ianni	Dixon Morgan & Judy Holmes							
ALTAR:	Teri Ianni	Lucy Lytle							
USHERS	NA	Ron & Neal Lee			**6:30 PM Grief**	**7:00 Vestry**	8:00 AA		
HOSTESSES		** PICNIC **							

SUNDAY JUNE 16				MONDAY - 17	TUESDAY - 18	WEDNESDAY-19	THURSDAY- 20	FRIDAY- 21	SATURDAY-22
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**							
EM:	Charley Marston	Brian Wright							
LECTOR:	Teri Ianni	Chandler Everett Sr. & Becky Everett	**9AM Book Group**						
ALTAR:	Teri Ianni	Carolyn Miscko			10:00 Staff Meeting		OFFICE CLOSED		
USHERS	NA	Dixon Morgan & Kurt Liljedahl							
HOSTESSES		Sue Marston					8:00 AA		

SUNDAY JUNE 23				MONDAY - 24	TUESDAY - 25	WEDNESDAY-26	THURSDAY- 27	FRIDAY- 28	SATURDAY-29
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**							
EM:	Kitty Thomas	James Gallagher							
LECTOR:	Annette Lowe	Lucy Lytle & Neal Lee	**9AM Book Group**						
ALTAR:	Sue Marston	Leslie Marting			10:00 Staff Meeting		OFFICE CLOSED		
USHERS	NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher							
HOSTESSES		Larry Richmond			**6:30 PM Grief**		8:00 AA		

SUNDAY JUNE 30				MONDAY - 1	TUESDAY - 2	WEDNESDAY-3	THURSDAY- 4	FRIDAY- 5	SATURDAY-6
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**		MARY ON VACATION					
EM:	Charley Marston	Becky Everett	**9AM Book Group**						
LECTOR:	Michelle Brockett	Lucy Lytle & Chandler Everett			10:00 Staff Meeting				
ALTAR:	Michelle Brockett	Renee Kolecki							
USHERS	NA	Chandler Everett & Charlene Currutt			4:00 Prayer Shawl		8:00 AA		
HOSTESSES		Lucy Lytle							

SUNDAY JULY 7			MONDAY - 8	TUESDAY - 9	WEDNESDAY-10	THURSDAY-11	FRIDAY- 12	SATURDAY-13
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**						
EM:	Becky Everett	John Irwin						
LECTOR:	Michelle Brockett	Brian Wright & Chandler Everett Sr.						
ALTAR:	Teri Ianni	Lucy Lytle						
USHERS	NA	Brian Wright & Alison Wolf						
HOSTESSES		Nancy Irwin						
		9AM Book Group		OFFICE CLOSED		OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY JULY 14			MONDAY - 15	TUESDAY - 16	WEDNESDAY-17	THURSDAY- 18	FRIDAY- 19	SATURDAY- 20
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**						
EM:	Kitty Thomas	Hayley Kosmatka						
LECTOR:	Annette Lowe	James Gallagher & Fran Sarkisian						
ALTAR:	Sally Conley	Neal Le						
USHERS	NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
HOSTESSES		Sabrina Salerno						
		9AM Book Group		10:00 Staff Meeting **6:30 PM Grief**		OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA	**4PM Wedding Rehearsal**	**5:00 PM Wedding**

SUNDAY JULY 21			MONDAY - 22	TUESDAY - 23	WEDNESDAY-24	THURSDAY- 25	FRIDAY- 26	SATURDAY-27
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**						
EM:	Charley Marston	Randy Cole & Eric Jayne						
LECTOR:	Teri Ianni	Dixon Morgan & Becky Everett						
ALTAR:	Sue Marston	Carolyn Miscko						
USHERS	NA	Dixon Morgan & Kurt Liljedahl						
HOSTESSES		Becky Everett						
		9AM Book Group		10:00 Staff Meeting		OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY JULY 28			MONDAY - 29	TUESDAY - 30	WEDNESDAY-31	THURSDAY- 1	FRIDAY- 2	SATURDAY-3
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**						
EM:	Kitty Thomas	James Gallagher						
LECTOR:	Michelle Brockett	Fran Sarkisian & Lucy Lytle						
ALTAR:	Michelle Brocket	Lucy Lytle						
USHERS	NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
HOSTESSES		Sue Marston						
				10:00 Staff Meeting	**7:00 Vestry**	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA		

SUNDAY AUGUST 4			MONDAY - 5	TUESDAY - 6	WEDNESDAY-7	THURSDAY- 8	FRIDAY- 9	SATURDAY-10
	8 am Holy Eucharist	**10:15 am Holy Eucharist**						
EM:	Kitty Thomas	John Irwin						
LECTOR:	Annette Lowe	Becky Everett & Judy Holmes						
ALTAR:	TBA	Neal Lee						
USHERS	NA	Brian Wright & Leslie Marting						
HOSTESSES		Judy Holmes						
				10:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Prayer Shawl		OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA		

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

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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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GRIEF GROUP

Zoom Meeting

JUN 11 & 25, JUL 16
6:30-8:00 PM

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

BOOK GROUP

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

See inside.

Sunday June 9th

11:15

Bring a dessert or side dish

JUN – JUL - AUG

8:30 – 2:30

TUES & WED only