



ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Good day all!

We are well on our way through the Transition of Ministry, but my report for this Newsletter will be brief for the following reasons. I am submitting this report on the date of going to publication, August 26, and much of what I will report over the next two or three weeks will relate to decisions that the Vestry will make at its August 28, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, there are many things in process and I will update everyone by FlockNote after the Vestry meeting.

In general, we are in very good shape financially and otherwise. The generosity of the entire parish has kept us within our budget and continues to allow us to meet our obligations and continue our various ministries.

Throughout this time of transition, I encourage everyone to communicate with members of the Vestry regarding each person's suggestions, questions, or other comments about this entire process. It is important that the Vestry knows what each of you has in mind for our next rector.

We have made arrangements for ongoing pastoral care and regular Sunday supply with Father Richard Israel. We have also made arrangements with Mother Rose Ann Lonsway to fill in other dates as supply clergy. Lastly, on such dates as supply clergy are not available, we will conduct Morning Prayer services at both the 8 AM service and the 10:15 AM service. Please continue to attend regularly and diligently to worship God and to enjoy our mutual times together.

I look forward to seeing each of you every Sunday.

Respectfully,

John R. Irwin, M.D.

Senior Warden



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8th, is Rally Day and we're having a picnic! More importantly, however, Rally Day is the kickoff of the fall season of the church year and the resumption of activities that, to some extent, have been in abeyance over the summer months. It will be great to have the choir back making their contribution to our Sunday services!

It is also a time to consider our personal involvement and contributions to the many functions at St. Christopher's from worship to outreach. Enjoy the picnic and consider ways you will help carry forward St. Christopher's mission in the coming year!

The "Rally" of Rally Day this year is particularly appropriate as we undertake the process and challenges, we face in seeking a successor to our beloved Mother Ann, while keeping the functions and activities smoothly moving forward at St. Christopher's.

- **Sign up through Flocknote or call the office! We appreciate your RSVP!**
- **Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks provided.**
- **Bring a side dish to share.**
- **Only one service at 10:15.**
- **Picnic will be right after!**

Present: The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector, Ms. Charlene Currutt, Dr. John Irwin, Mr. Ron Lee, Dr. Bruce Long, Mr. Peter Thatcher, Ms. Kitty Thomas.

Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer at 7 PM.

John Irwin served as Acting Clerk.

Previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Vestry of May 29, 2024 were then reviewed. Upon motion made by Dr. Long and seconded by Ms. Thomas the minutes were approved as drafted.

Junior Warden Report

The Junior Warden then reported upon the status of several projects, including, first, the landscaping and mulch application of the flower bed on the west side of the lawn. Parishioner James Gallagher has been working diligently on this job, and it is nearly finished.

The handrails have been installed on the steps coming down from the Maple Route Interurban easement. The second handrail came with a matte finish and it will be painted with a glossy finish to match the first handrail that was installed a few weeks ago.

The plumber, Bob McHugh, who repaired the grinder system has submitted his statement and he is aware and agreeable that our accounting procedures will provide payment to him by the end of July.

Senior Warden Report

The Senior Warden then reported that Gates Mills Police Officer Jessica Newsome will visit the church on a Sunday following our 10:15 a.m. service to conduct a security review. The date for this visit is still to be determined, however members of the Vestry are invited to participate as Officer Newsome inspects our physical plant and provides suggestions to prepare for and deal with security incidents, which we hope with God's grace, will never occur. But it is important to be prepared. Further information will be forthcoming.

The Senior Warden then reported on the status of our current VOIP (voice over internet protocol) telephone systems, which is provided by our Internet service provider, Spectrum. The church presently has a total of five VOIP telephones, but it appears that the telephone in the Guild Room kitchen and the telephone in the Fellowship Hall kitchen are rarely used and are therefore an unnecessary expense. Discussions are proceeding with Spectrum regarding not only the reduction in the number of VOIP telephones necessary for the church, but also a concern about the quality of the VOIP connections which, too frequently, suffer pauses and interruptions. Alternative systems are being explored but for the moment the Spectrum system will continue to provide telephone service to the church.

Rector Report

The Rector then advised the Vestry that after nearly ten years of service to St. Christopher by the River, the time has come for her to announce her retirement. Mother Ann provided to the Vestry members copies of two letters, one from herself and one from the Senior Warden regarding her retirement. These letters will be sent by FlockNote to the entire parish this evening and by regular mail to those parishioners who do not utilize FlockNote. These letters are attached to and incorporated by reference into these minutes.

A lengthy general discussion thereupon ensued with Mother Ann and the Senior Warden describing the search process which now commences. The diocese has guidelines to assist parishes in transition and the diocesan staff and the Vestry will be working closely together over the coming months to identify, select and hire a successor to Mother Ann Kidder.













Mother Ann also spoke of her deep affection for this parish and the joy that it has brought her serving as our Rector. All members of this Vestry expressed to Mother Ann their affection in return and also their sadness regarding her retirement. In all respects, she has been a wonderful Rector, priest, and leader for the past decade. She retires with the love of this parish and our very best wishes for a long, active, and joyful future, so honorably earned.

Mother Ann then gave a closing prayer with words of comfort.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry this evening, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

The next meeting of the Vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 7 PM in the Guild Room.

BARGAIN BOX

Lot#	Photo	Name/Title	Description
1		14K Yellow Gold Omega Necklace	Apprx 24.75 grams of yellow gold.Apprx 15"L. Auction est \$700-900 Condition: bangle dented in two areas.
2		14K Yellow Gold Hinged Bangle	Apprx 12.68 grams. Estimated \$400-600 Dented
3		18K yellow Gold and Diamond Chain with Matching Diamond Pendant	18K yellow gold necklace with a hidden box clasp, apprx 22.8 grams, apprx 16"L. Each link is set with five modern round brilliant diamonds, apprx 4.44 TDW. Estimated \$3,000-6,000 Condition: like new, custom made.
4		Matching 18K Gold and Diamond Pendant	Matching 18K yellow gold pendant set with a Kite shape fancy cut brown diamond, apprx 3.1 cts, with 21 modern round brilliant white diamonds, apprx 1.37 cts and 3 baguette diamonds, apprx .27 cts, TDW apprx 4.79 cts. Apprx 7.5 grams. Estimated \$6,000-9,000
5		Reversable 14K Gold Omega and Pendant Necklace	14K white and yellow gold reversable Omega chain, marked Aurafina (Italy), apprx 18.77 grams, apprx 16"L. Comes with a two-tone white and yellow 1K gold slider pendant, channel set with nine graduated modern round brilliant diamonds, apprx 7 to 3 points, apprx 6.81 grams and apprx 1.25"L x .75"W. Estimated \$800-1200 condition: excellent
6		14K Yellow Gold Omega Necklace	14K yellow gold, marked Italy, Omega necklace, weighing apprx 29.28 grams, apprx 18"L. Estimated \$1200-1500 Condition: excellent
7		14K white gold Omega Necklace with Diamond Slider	Marked 14K Italy, white gold Omega necklace with 14K white gold slider decorated with melee diamonds, overall weighing apprx 31.60 grams. Necklace apprx 15.5"L, slider apprx 2.25"L. Estimated \$1200-1500 Condition: like new.
8		18K White Gold and Diamond Leaf and Vine Necklace	Melee diamonds, set in 18k white gold, leaf and vine design, weighing apprx 19.89 grams. Estimated \$800-1200 Condition: mint
9		14K yellow Gold and Diamond Ring	14K yellow gold ring, set with seven marquis, apprx 10-14 points each and twelve modern round brilliant stones, apprx SI-2 stones, varying colors, from apprx H to K in color, marquis and modern round brilliants, natural stones. Estimated \$600-800 Condition: very nice condition, no wear.
10		14K Yellow Gold and Baroque Pearl Necklace	Twelve gray baroque pearls, apprx 8mm each, well matched with a pink nacre, set into 14K yellow gold caps in a linked chain, apprx 29.36 grams. estimated \$900-1500 Condition: excellent
11		Pair of Citrine Earrings with Matching Pendant	Pair of earrings with omega backs and a matching slider/pendant. Apprx 23.19 grams of 18K yellow gold, set with fancy cut citrine stones in yellow and orange, each with three small modern round brilliant diamond accents. Marked 18K. Estimated \$1000-1500 Condition: used, very good.
12		14K yellow Gold Rope chain with a Carved Horse Cameo Pendant	14K yellow gold rope chain, apprx 7.46 grams, with a modern made glass cameo pendant with gold tone bail. Estimated \$250-450 Condition: like new.

JEWELRY FOR SALE

The jewelry pictured are the special jewelry recently given to the St. Christopher's Women's Guild by an anonymous donor.

We are offering the sale of these items to our members at the lowest auction estimates as listed on the forms. We wanted you to have an opportunity to purchase them before giving them to the auction gallery to sell for us.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, they will be on display and will be for sale in the Guild Room at 9:00 AM, between the services, on Sunday September 15th.

SUMMER PRESORT DATES

All are welcome! We will meet from 9-12 on Sep 4 (Wed) and Sep 9 (Mon).

SALE: FRIDAY SEP 27 8 AM – 4 PM

BARGAIN BOX FACEBOOK PAGE

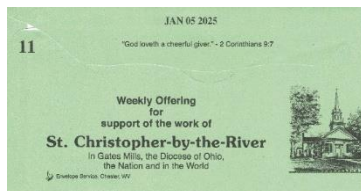
It will feature items for sale & other news on the sale. It will be updated almost daily. Open Facebook, and search for it as follows:

--Bargain Box: St. Christopher's Church

--Look for the yellow Profile Picture showing Christopher Fox, since there are other similar pages.

Any questions may be directed to Diana Everett (page manager)

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Anyone interested in weekly offering envelopes, please contact Mary in the office. I do appreciate people using the envelopes! If you would like just a handful of undated offering envelopes, we would be happy to send them to you with your number written on them as this helps Mary in the office with processing checks from each Sunday.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S UPDATE



Seasons are changing and school is starting! St. Luke's Church of Cleveland reached out to us asking for donations of school supplies. They cannot thank you all enough for your generous donations! They were so happy when Randy Cole and I delivered a carload of supplies this past week.



Look closely and you can see the squirrel on the roof!

Four trees removed!



Speaking of seasons, Fall will be here soon. When Parkhill roofing was on the rectory roof assessing our situation they saw these perky little squirrels, trying to figure out how to enter their sanctuary for winter. It was strongly suggested that we remove their easy access to both the rectory and our church. Hence Brian Morton tree service was called upon to remove the trees.

Thinking of eliminating those furry intruders we also have discussed at the vestry meeting about those two-legged intruders! The Vestry will be working on updating our security systems.

We also can now feel safe on our elevators we passed inspection! We also have completed and passed our heating and cooling so we should be all comfy and cozy for our future Sunday services.

Last, but not least...God did promise Noah, that he would never destroy our earth by water again, but did he ever promise that to Saint Chris by the river? Once again, we have had flooding, however, not anywhere near as serious as prior years. We are looking into the causes and how to solve our problems. We need to thank Lucy and Luis for being there at all times, and for their hard work!

I hope my next newsletter information is much shorter!

Respectively submitted,

Charlene Currutt
Junior Warden



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

AUGUST 2024




In loving memory of:


- The Kloppenburg and Conley Families by Sally Conley
- Paula & Mark Ianni by Teri Ianni
- Stuart & Shiela Bates by Susan, Ian, & Brian Bates


And in praise of Holy Matrimony by Sal & Helen Cicirello who married on August 1, 1948!





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| 1 Betty Tone | 16 Hannah Ruddock |
| 3 Stacey Miscsko | 17 Peter Holmes |
| 4 Debbie Cole | 18 Christine DeBaz |
| 7 Lily Klinginsmith | Mary Holmes |
| 8 Alison Selman | 19 Larry Bennett |
| 13 Samuel Mitchell | 20 Evin McMullen |
| 14 Deborah Brown | Gayle Richmond |
| 15 Fran Sarkisian | 21 Toly Gnant |
| | Jan Tuttle |
| | 25 Melanie Reda |
| | 29 Hudson Champ |
| | Bennett Vandertill |

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1		MONDAY - 2	TUESDAY - 3	WEDNESDAY-4	THURSDAY-5	FRIDAY- 6	SATURDAY-7
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist	Congrats to Yuri!  MORNING PRAYER		OFFICE CLOSED 4:00 Prayer Shawl	9-12 Presort	9:00 Staff 10:30 Lay Euch. Ministers 8:00 AA	
EM: Charley Marston	John Irwin						
LECTOR: Kitty Thomas	Chandler Everett & Brian Wright						
ALTAR: Teri Ianni	Carolyn Miscko						
USHERS NA	Brian Wright & Charlene Currutt						
HOSTESSES	Lucy Lytle						

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8		MONDAY - 9	TUESDAY - 10	WEDNESDAY-11	THURSDAY- 12	FRIDAY- 13	SATURDAY- 14
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist	 Celebrant: The Rev Richard Israel	9-12 Presort		8:00 AA		
EM: NA	Hayley Kosmatka						
LECTOR: NA	James Gallagher & John Irwin						
ALTAR: NA	Lucy Lytle						
USHERS NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
HOSTESSES	NA						

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15		MONDAY - 16	TUESDAY - 17	WEDNESDAY-18	THURSDAY- 19	FRIDAY- 20	SATURDAY-21
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist	Celebrant: The Rev Richard Israel 			9:00 Staff 8:00 AA		
EM: Kitty Thomas	Randy Cole & Eric Jayne						
LECTOR: Michelle Brockett	Fran Sarkisian & Dixon Morgan						
ALTAR:	Alison Wolf						
USHERS NA	Leslie Marting & Dixon Morgan						
HOSTESSES	Nancy Irwin						

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22		MONDAY - 23	TUESDAY - 24	WEDNESDAY-25	THURSDAY- 26	FRIDAY- 27	SATURDAY-28
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist	Celebrant: The Rev Rose Anne Lonsway		7:00 Vestry	8:00 AA	BARGAIN BOX 8-4 	
EM: Charley Marston	Brian Wright						
LECTOR: Kathy Pender	Lucy Lytle & Judy Holmes						
ALTAR:	Neal Lee						
USHERS NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
HOSTESSES	Sue Marston						

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29		MONDAY - 30	TUESDAY - 1	WEDNESDAY-2	THURSDAY-3	FRIDAY- 4	SATURDAY-5
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist	Celebrant: The Rev Rose Anne Lonsway 	4:00 Prayer Shawl		9:00 Staff 8:00 AA		
EM: Charley Marston	Hayley Kosmatka						
LECTOR: Michelle Brockett	Chandler Everett & James Gallagher						
ALTAR:	Courtney Schmidt						
USHERS NA	Peter Thatcher & Gabe Brachna						
HOSTESSES	<i>Nothing Bundt Cakes!</i>						

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Sunday Services

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

Childcare available at the 10:15 service.

Exceptions:

Sep 1st: Morning Prayer

Sep 8th: One service only at 10:15

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

Parish Office

Mary Zup

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

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VESTRY

Treasurer: Mary Murray

Class of 2024

Bruce Long
Peter Thatcher
Kitty Thomas

Class of 2025

Matthew Vazzana (Clerk)
Judy Holmes
Rich Radis

Class of 2026

Charlene Currutt (Junior Warden)
John Irwin (Senior Warden)
Ron Lee

NEMAC Representative

Laura Cotton

St. Christopher by-the-River

**RALLY DAY: NEXT SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8th**

One Service Only at 10:15



*Blessing
of the
Animals*

**Coming next month:
Blessing of the Beagles
and Animals**

**Sunday October 6th
12:00**

RETURNING TO
REGULAR
OFFICE HOURS



8:30 – 2:30

TUES & WED & THURS

Starting September 10th