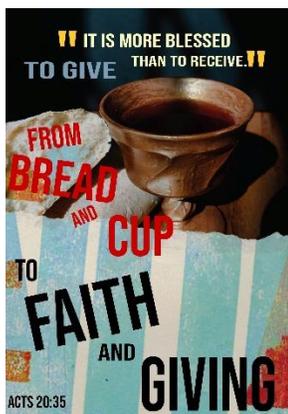




ST. CHRISTOPHER BY THE RIVER

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



October 1, 2025 is the official launch date for our 2025 – 2026 Annual Giving Campaign! Our theme, “From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving”, reminds us how Communion is a means by which Christ nourishes, strengthens, and comforts us. At the same time, God blesses us with certain gifts which we multiply and offer back through service to God. We understand that all we possess comes from God, and we respond to God’s generosity by **giving**.

With this in mind, please pledge your support for the coming year. Our goal for the 2025 – 2026 Annual Giving Campaign is 80 formal pledges totaling \$185,000! The success of last year’s campaign has helped to lead us to the positive place we are now. Help us, not only, as we journey on this road to calling a new rector to St. Christopher by the River, but also as we anticipate the hopeful, positive future which

the Holy Spirit has in store for us. You can do this by submitting your formal pledge **NOW!** **The official campaign runs from October 1 – November 15. We are asking that each of you maintain, and possibly increase, your current level of financial support!**

Once again this year, any formal pledge that gets to the church office by noon on October 30th will automatically enter that individual/family into a drawing for two incredible prizes! **The first is a \$150 gift certificate to Sara’s Place** located right over the bridge from the church. **The second prize is two seats for the musical, The Sound of Music, at Playhouse Square next April!** **This prize includes parking in the Playhouse Square garage that day.** The drawing for these two prizes will be Sunday, November 2nd, after the 10:15 AM service. **You must be present at the 8:00 AM or 10:15 AM service that day to be eligible for the drawing!**

Thank you all for your past, present, and future support of St. Christopher by the River – a church that we all love and would like to see continue on a positive path as we prepare to call a new Rector!

Respectfully, Becky Everett

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2025

In loving memory of:

- Laura & Ed Cole and Dove & Harry Schluter by Debbie & Randy Cole
- Sarah Christy Dickenson and Jeffrey R. Cudlip by Frances & David Dickenson
- Irene & Merle Reynolds and Fred Bixler by Polly Bixler
- Jaymi Feeney and Joyce Dunn by Barbara Dunn Blossom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Bruce Long
Lindsey McMillion
Brooklyn Osolin
- 2 Elise Bennett
- 6 Polly Bixler
- 7 Parker Selman
- 10 Baz DeBaz
- 13 Tillie Malm

- 14 Kerry Gndt
- 15 Mike Klinginsmith
- 16 Gretchen Fisher
Douglas Dolch
- 18 Jenna Vandertill
- 19 Ralph DellaRatta
- 21 Sean McMillion
- 26 John McElliott
Britni Ventimiglia
- 28 Margot Hoeflinger



From your Jr. Warden

Now that the inside of our Church rectory has been refurbished, it was time to take a look at the outside. The west side of the house, as well as the garage, were in dire need of attention. Nick Bryan has sanded, primed, repaired and painted all of that area. We are very happy with the outcome!



As you can see from the pictures our church front entrance was also in need of replacing rusted and damaged slate porch and railings. Terre Creek did a spectacular job. We are still waiting for the blacksmith to refurbish our railings. Sorry for the inconvenience but I am told they are on their way soon!

Stay tuned for further repairs!!! There are still a few projects outside the rectory that need to be addressed prior to winter.

~Charlene



VESTRY MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2025

There was not a Quorum present at the scheduled September Vestry meeting, therefore the August minutes could not be approved.

Church Directory

UPDATE



Look for the new directory by the end of the month!



A shout out to EVERYONE who made Bargain Box another huge success. As always, our proceeds will go to benefit many worthwhile charities in the greater Cleveland area!



OCTOBER

Pantry Goods: Flour
Sugars, Stock, Oils,
Seasonings

LYDIA BAILEY HONORED



Our very own Lydia Bailey has been selected as one of **Greater Cleveland's High 5 winners of 2024-2025!** She was nominated for this honor by Marcella Brown at LMM.

The **High 5 Awards** highlight contributions of excellence within Cuyahoga County health and social service organizations recognizing the tireless efforts of those serving in staff capacity, and are given by The Center for Community Solutions. Lydia will receive an award emblem and a **\$500 prize** in appreciation for her dedication in all she does to make Greater Cleveland a better place to live.

Lydia will be honored along with the other recipients at the annual **Celebration of Human Services** luncheon on Friday, November 21, at the Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom at Case Western Reserve University. Award winners will also be featured in the **"5 Things You Need to Know"** newsletter during the year-end holiday season.

The program, will welcome Master of Ceremonies **Mike McIntyre**, executive editor, Ideastream Public Media, and will include the presentation of community awards and a keynote speech delivered by **Kevin Clayton**, Executive Vice President, Chief Impact and Equity Officer for Rock Entertainment Group (REG), the parent company encompassing the Cleveland Cavaliers, Rocket Arena, Cleveland Charge, and the Cleveland Monsters.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5		MONDAY - 6	TUESDAY - 7	WEDNESDAY-8	THURSDAY-9	FRIDAY- 10	SATURDAY-11
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		 12:00	9:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Finance Meeting		
EM: Kitty Thomas	Hayley Kosmatka						
LECTOR: Annette Lowe	Chandler Evertt Sr. & Dixon Morgan						
ALTAR: Michelle Brockett	Lucy Lytle						
USHERS NA	Brian Wright & Charlene Currutt						
HOSTESSES	Laura Cotton				8:00 AA		

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12		MONDAY - 13	TUESDAY - 14	WEDNESDAY-15	THURSDAY- 16	FRIDAY- 17	SATURDAY- 18
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		9:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Finance Meeting			
EM: John Irwin	Hayley Kosmatka						
LECTOR: Michelle Brockett	Eric Sylor & Courtney Schmidt						
ALTAR: Sue Marston	Neal Lee						
USHERS NA	Ron & Neal Lee						
HOSTESSES	Charlene Currutt				8:00 AA		

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19		MONDAY - 20	TUESDAY - 21	WEDNESDAY-22	THURSDAY- 23	FRIDAY- 24	SATURDAY-25
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		9:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Finance Meeting			
EM: John Irwin	Brian Wright	 Meeting					
LECTOR: Teri Ianni	Lucy Lytle & Dixon Morgan						
ALTAR: Teri Ianni	Alison Wolf						
USHERS NA	Leslie Marting& Kurt Liljedahl						
HOSTESSES	Lucy Lytle					8:00 AA	

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26		MONDAY - 27	TUESDAY - 28	WEDNESDAY-29	THURSDAY- 30	FRIDAY- 31	SATURDAY-1
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		9:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Finance Meeting		 Halloween	
EM: Kitty Thomas	James Gallagher						
LECTOR: Michelle Brockett	Fran Sarkisian & Ron Lee						
ALTAR: Sally Conley	Linda & Eric Sylor						
USHERS NA	Ron Lee & Peter Thatcher						
HOSTESSES	Laura Cotton				8:00 AA		

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2		MONDAY - 3	TUESDAY - 4	WEDNESDAY-5	THURSDAY- 6	FRIDAY- 7	SATURDAY-8
8 am Holy Eucharist	10:15 am Holy Eucharist		9:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Finance Meeting			
EM: Charley Marston	Hayley Kosmatka	 NOVEMBER					
LECTOR: Annette Lowe	Cally Hoyt & Courtney Schmidt						
ALTAR: Sue Marston	Courtney Schmidt						
USHERS NA	Brian Wright & Charlene Currutt						
HOSTESSES	Sue Marston					8:00 AA	

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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](#).

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

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SUNDAYS

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(Childcare available at the 10:15 service)

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**HOSTESS
WANTED!**

We are looking for a few more people willing to be hostesses for Sunday morning coffee hour. All you need to do is provide a few snacks and be on hand to help serve the tea. We provide the drinks and clean up!



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4th - 10:30 AM

Bring your pets or pictures of your pets to receive a blessing from Father Rich on the Feast of St. Francis!

The Blessing of the Beagels will be Sunday, October 5th at noon.

