



THE TRUMPETER

JUNE 2024

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

THURSDAYS

1 pm - Prayer and Bible Study (in Person)

Church
news

Please join us on Sunday, June 9th at the 10:15 am service to celebrate our adopted Grand Blanc High School Senior- Elijah Zinsli. He will be heading to the University of Michigan in the Fall. Congratulations Elijah!



SUNDAY SCHOOL...will be held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Please join us!

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY...Please be advised that we will hold Prayer and Bible Study on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church. Prayer and Bible Study will be in person.

BULLETINS...Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

JULY TRUMPETER...if you have any articles/news that you would like to be included in our July Trumpeter, please forward your articles to Angela in the church office by Monday, July 29th.

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Ellen Safley (2025)

UPCOMING LESSONS

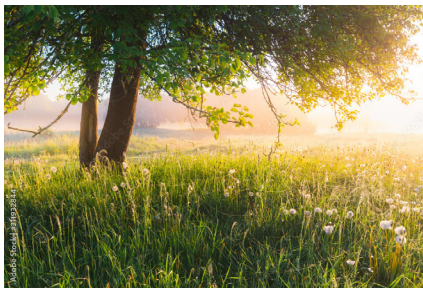
June 9th
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 16th
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13], 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 23rd
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30th
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15;
2:23-24
Lamentations 3:21-33
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 7th
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13



THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings in the name of our God, Creator of us all!

I hope this finds you all doing well. It's difficult to believe that our year will soon be half over (I know I say this just about every month! LOL)

We have made some small strides in updating our building and grounds. We have new lights in our parking lot, we are hoping to do some work on the lights in the sanctuary very soon, and we have updated our technology for our Sunday streaming services. That's a lot! It takes a great deal to maintain our building. We have also made progress in cutting what expenses that we could. This past winter we had a different company do the snow removal and they are also doing our mowing. This will save us quite a bit of money. We also paid off our mortgage at the end of last year.

However, expenses continue to rise. Our utilities cost us over \$2,000 a month (gas and electric). Our salaries run around \$13,000 per month. Our insurance is \$5,500/year. Our phone/internet is around \$900/month. These are all things we need but are not physical things that we actually see and therefore, we sometimes take for granted. Just as your expenses rise, so do the expenses of the church. I just want you to be aware. Our Vestry and I have promised you full transparency. That continues to be our goal.

We are beginning Sunday school and Bible Study. Sunday school will take place every Sunday at 9:15. Bible Study will take place on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the meeting room. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. The life of a church and it's members are called into deeper relationship with God and with our world.

I have asked our Vestry to begin a process surrounding our mission. What are we about? What could we do that we currently are not doing? How can we have a greater impact in our community? It will take all of us, working together, to accomplish this.

I plan on having a mid-year town hall meeting in July so that we can do this work together. It will be on a Sunday and will probably take place between the services at 9:15. (No Sunday school that day). So, with our July celebration and a town hall meeting, July is shaping up to be a busy month!

If you haven't joined us in a while, I encourage you to join us. We are an amazing community of faith. We are deeply involved in the lives of our fellow parishioners. We take care of one another and the fellowship we have is truly remarkable.

I pray God's peace and love for all of you!

*Blessings,
Jerry+*



We have an exciting event at the church coming up on Sunday, July 14, 2024. Please watch your mailbox for your invitation in mid-June. You won't want to miss this event!

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



Greetings from the Music Room!

Such a beautiful Trinity Sunday was presided over by Father Jerry. Thank you for singing the Sursum corda during Holy Communion. It was greatly appreciated by many.

This has been a beautifully musically fulfilling year. As a congregation, we have tried Plainsong chant several times---are you guys liking this? Please let me know. I am grateful to all of the wonderful musicians we have in our midst who contribute. And a few of you who used to sing in the choir and have time to suggest pieces they would like to hear---these suggestions are most welcome, always!

Please be aware, that throughout the summer months, guest artists from our choir and congregation will be providing our Offertory Anthem moment during the service. I believe Ken Duck and Bobbie Goergen, and Cynthia Butcher and Audrey Ditri all have mentioned that they would be able to contribute over the summer months. The choir will be back for our July 14th Special Service, otherwise, the choir will be on break now until rehearsals start back up in September (probably September 8th). If there are any of you in our church who would like to join the choir, please just let me know. I will do my best to make things work.

If there are any of you who might like to dust-off your vocal chords--- just to, you know, be able to join Bill Hartley for karaoke night, too, please just let me know, and we can find a time and do a mini-voice lesson...these are going to be the carefree days of summer! But seriously, just shoot me an email and we can set up a time. nada@stchrisgrandblanc.org.

Wishing everyone a gloriously relaxed summertime----

In Christ, I am Yours,
Nada





HEALING AND EUCHARIST SERVICE

The next two Healing and Eucharist Services will be held Friday, July 5th at Noon. Please join us.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in May: Father Jerry, Chapin Cook, Ellen Safley and Dave & Karen Miller.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 8 2024 at 9 a.m. @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 12th at 11:45 a.m. at Little Joe's Tavern, 11518 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



Weed Pullers?

If anyone loves to garden, we could use some assistance in weeding flower beds at the church during office hours. Thanks in advance!

WORD SEARCH

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WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE 2024

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>June 9</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Louise Des- granges & Joyce Thewalt		Dawn Ruther- ford	Available	Available
<u>June 16 -Father's Day</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn	Jan Taylor & Rebecca Sterm- er		Anne Naber	Available	Paul Manners
<u>June 23</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk	Bill Anderson & Louise Des- granges		Sharon Rice	Available	Ken & Myrtle Duck
<u>June 30</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley Steve Huber (L)	Becky Stermer & Jane Yorks		Jane Brewer	Available	Available