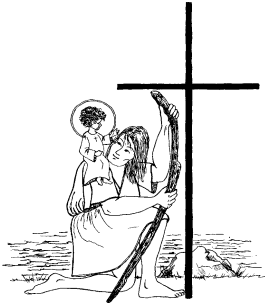


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From the Pastor
Gregory P. Sammons +

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Dear St. Christopher's Family and Friends,

May is a month of transition of all kinds for many of us. Children anticipate with delight the end of one school year and, after the warm summer months, a step upward to the next grade.

High School seniors say farewell to classmates that they have grown comfortable with. They think about trade school, or packing up for college with a mixture of excitement and dread. For parents, it's a time to come to terms with a "new normal," as the relationship with our children changes as the years go by.

Late Easter season, spanning the month of May, is much like this. For several weeks after Easter Day, the disciples encountered the Risen Lord as a physical (although mysterious) presence. He'd appeared to them in the Upper Room, on the open road and on a beach beside the Sea of Galilee.

But gradually that began to change. The Risen Christ appeared less, not because he no longer loved them and was going away—but so they would learn to relate to Him in a new way.

Thus, in the Gospel passages for late Easter (mostly from St. John), we learn that Jesus is our shepherd (John 10), guiding and caring for us even when we can't see him.

Jesus then holds himself up as a Vine (John 15) who is rooted in the Eternal Abba, and then delivers God's sustaining love to us, his branches, when we stay attached to him in faithful prayer and service.

Finally, we learn that though we cannot see him face to face, he has not turned from us. He is praying for us (John 17) in the presence of Abba that we might live in him, just as he lives in us.

Christ's dwelling in us is made real on Pentecost (May 20), when his Abba's Spirit, the Breath of Resurrection, makes a home in us. Now, we are "spirit people," who walk by faith, confident in Christ's presence even when we cannot perceive it, relying on his own best gift, the Holy Spirit, to guide, comfort and cheer us on the journey.

This is good news for disciples in every age. The people we love slip away, the friends who have been a part of our lives move on, things we had counted on change in ways that dismay us. These changes naturally make us anxious. And yet, the Risen Christ whispers to us: "in the world, you will have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

As nature leaps to new life under the warm May sun, may we place every doubt and uncertainty into his hands. May we be of good cheer, for, in the end, God's love is Victorious. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Gregory P. Sammons +
Supply Priest



ECW/M – Episcopal Church Women/Men

Judy Brainard

We haven't been real active lately and for that I apologize. However, we did welcome baby Owen into our congregation by giving him a baby shower. The Volkmer family has another adorable baby boy to love who is a carbon copy of his two older brothers. We have Amy Kopp and Carole Smith to thank for organizing this shower. If others assisted of whom I am unaware, I thank you as well.

I wanted to explain our policy on baby showers which came from an article by Dear Abby. We have a shower if it's the first baby or the first baby since you came to St. C's. So – one shower per family.

Mary Donnellan has an activity planned for June. It has been a while since we went to tea and she has found a wonderful place to eat scones, sandwiches and desserts and of course, tea. Also later this summer Darlene Walbroehl will arrange a tour of the VA gardens. Stay tuned.



FELLOWSHIP

Mary Donnellan

MAY FELLOWSHIP

Tea Party

SAVE THE DATE! You are invited to a wonderful tea party on June 20. We will travel just north of Springfield for a delightful tea at Colonial Manor Bed and Breakfast for tea at noon. Host Debbie Goode will dazzle us with her culinary skills as she serves us tea, fruit cups, soup, tea sandwiches, scones, Devonshire cream, various preserves, and sweet breads. The cost is \$25.00 plus tip which brings the total to \$30.00 per person. I will take care of reservations and payment. Please reserve and pay me by June 6. Please pay by check or correct amount of cash. There will be sign-up sheets in the church beginning May 1. We have to have to have numbers and money by June 6 in order to secure our reservation. On the sign-up sheet please indicate if you will drive. I have already had one person ask to go with me so that leaves two places in my car. We will leave the church at 11:15. If we are early we can visit the lovely grounds. You might even want to wear your special hat! Don't miss this nice event. I have been there once and have arranged for two other groups to visit. I really recommend Debbie and her beautiful home.

End of Year

The celebration for the end of the school educational year will be June 3. Please sign up for meat and other items for the cook out. The young adults will cook for us again this year. And we do so much appreciate their efforts. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, but I will be sending you good thoughts from Chagrin Falls where I will be house and animal sitting.

Amish Lunch

By the time you have read this, Toni Olgeaty and I will have returned from our visit to an Amish home in Rushsylvania near Bellefontaine. We hope we can have a lunch there for anyone interested in going. We will let you know the date, cost, etc. when we find out.

Coffee Hour

There are many openings for coffee hour. If you want this fellowship activity to continue it is imperative for you to sign up. You don't have to do anything fancy. Just bring whatever you would like and stay to clean up. Ask someone to help you. Everyone enjoys coffee hour. We all need to share in the hosting.

Mary Donnellan



Sunday Attendance

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
1st Sunday	64	59	67	Easter 131
2nd Sunday	37	56	54	47
3rd Sunday	64	42	47	56
4th Sunday	60	50	58	56
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a	n/a	tbd
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>(to date) 290</u>



May Birthdays

- 2 Lee Charters
- 7 Sarah Elizabeth Faller
- 14 Susan Brainard
- 24 Alice Baldwin
- 24 Melody Bigi
- 25 Joshua Turner
- 31 Andrew Turner

May Anniversaries

- 22 Anne and Mike Volkmer
- 26 Amy and Matt Kopp



We would like to include everyone in the celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries. If we have "missed" your special days, please send your family's dates for birthdays and anniversaries to the office.

St. Christopher's Prayer List

For illness, healing:

Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially Joanne, Joyce, Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Lynda, Daphne, Joe, Florence, Frank, Warren, Camden, Edwin, Jim and Ann, Jan, Peg, Doris, Nikki, Peggy, Vicky, Tammy and her family



thank you, God!

A Gentle Reminder: When planning church activities, please check the calendar posted in the church office to avoid scheduling conflicts. And **please post** upcoming activities.



May 2018 Events and Announcements, Opportunities

☆ **Sunday Schedule** –

- 9:15 Sunday School Grade 3 and up
- 10:00 Eucharist, Sunday School Pre-K thru 2nd Grade

◇ **Sunday May 13** – **Mother's Day**

☆ **Sunday May 20** – ECW used book sale

☆ **Monday May 21** – Deadline for **June 2018 Lantern** articles and info.

☆ **Sunday May 27** – The Rev. Canon Lynn Carter-Edmands will be here for the 10:00 service, and the Vestry meeting to follow.

☆ **Sunday May 27** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**

☆ **Sunday May 27** – **4th Sunday FISH donations.**

☆ **Monday May 29** – **Memorial Day Holiday** – church office closed.

◇ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service with Holy Communion is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.

◇ **Thursdays** – 7:00 Choir Practice

◇ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher's Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc.

◇ **OUTREACH** – Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.

◇ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.

◇ **The May Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



***** Note:** Champion Force Athletics uses the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Coming in June ...

The celebration for the end of our program year will be June 3.

June 20. We will travel just north of Springfield for a delightful tea at Colonial Manor Bed and Breakfast for tea at noon. Please see the Fellowship Report in this Lantern for details.

Altar Guild — Please Join Us!

Looking for a way to get involved at St. Christopher's? St.C's Altar Guild is in need of new members. The guild is seeking people interested in "setting the Lord's table".

St.C's Altar Guild currently has seven members who serve one week in rotation, usually two at a time, to prepare for our Sunday services and our occasional services during the work-week.

If you'd like to know more about St.C's, our Episcopal traditions and history, or if you have a couple of hours each month to share with us, please contact Andrea Haberecht, or any Altar Guild member.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 5:30 Champion Fell Hall 7:00 - Choir	4 6:30-8:30 GS mtg 31280	5
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Eucharist, Sunday School	7 5:30 Champion Fell Hall	8 Noon Healing Service	9	10 5:30 Champion 7:00 - Choir	11	12
13 Mother's Day Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Eucharist, Sunday School	14 5:30 Champion 6:30-8 GS mtg 30240	15 Noon Healing Service 6:30 GS Fbn SU meeting <i>New moon</i>	16	17 5:30 Champion 7:00 - Choir	18 6:30-8:30 GS	19
20 Day of PENTECOST 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Eucharist, Sunday School ECW used book sale	21 5:30 Champion	22 Noon Healing Service	23	24 5:30 Champion 7:00 - Choir	25	26
27 First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Eucharist, Sunday School The Rev. Canon Lynn Carter-Edmands here. 11:30 Vestry Meeting	28 HOLIDAY Memorial Day <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30 Champion 6:30-8 GS	29 Noon Healing Service <i>Full moon</i>	30	31 5:30 Champion 7:00 - Choir	 Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	

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MAY SCHEDULE

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	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension</i>	<i>PENTECOST</i>	<i>First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY</i>
	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz	David Christmas	Ron D'Allessandris	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearer	Ed Smith	Alan Haberecht	Cindy Feltz	James Lester
Acolyte	Kathy Smith	James Lester	Ed Smith	Iyabo Eguaroje
1st Reader LECTORS 2nd Reader	Judy Brainard <i>Acts 10:44-48</i> David Manship <i>1 John 5:1-6</i>	Ann Foster <i>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</i> Sierra Lester <i>Luke 24:44-53</i>	Theresa Turner <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> Stan Nelson <i>Romans 8:22-27</i>	Tammy Elliott <i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i> John Stauffer <i>Romans 8:12-17</i>
Ushers	Sierra Lester James Lester	Iyabo Eguaroje Hayward Learn	Ann Foster Gordon Hermann	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	Joyce D'Allessandris	Cindy Feltz	Toni Olgeaty	Joyce D'Allessandris
Greeters	Judy Brainard Ron D'Allessandris	Mary Donnellan Bruce Hain	Iyabo Eguaroje Gordon Hermann	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Kopp	Jones	Faller	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood	Kathy Smith Sierra Lester	Andrea Haberecht	Judy Brainard Betty Crichton
Tellers	Rosalie Arnold	Gordon Hermann Ed Smith	Cindy Manship Millie Roach	Susan Brainard John Stauffer
Fellowship	Stauffer	Rick & Millie Roach	open	open

PLEASE check the schedule and note your assignment(s).

If you are not able to serve, **notify the person responsible for that assignment** and the office (878-5614).

Ed Smith	429-4518	Worship Leaders, Chalicers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers	Amy Kopp Andrea Haberecht	258-0082 546-1208	Nursery attendants Altar Guild
Judy Brainard	879-3987	Greeters			Coffee Hour/Fellowship
Rosalie Arnold	878-5097	Tellers	Melody Kelley Deb Snively	(937) 372-6687 878-4054	Director of Music Senior Warden

937-478-3587 (C)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday