



*The Lantern of
Saint Christopher*
Lighting the Way for Christ

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o come, let us
adore him!

From the Priest's Desk...

When do we kneel, stand, sit?

Why do some people make the sign of the cross?

What is the right thing to do?

Why do we do the things that we do?

As we begin a new year of worshiping God, it seems like a good time to review our Episcopal worship service, traditions, and practices.

On Epiphany (January 6) we will celebrate the **baptism** of Owen Volkmer. It will also be an occasion for all of us to renew our baptismal vows.

The following week, January 13, we will have an **“instructed Eucharist”**. As we go through our liturgy, we will pause occasionally to explain what we are doing and why, so that we can all have a better sense of how the entire service is put together and what role each part plays. This will not make the morning's experience any longer than usual—the instructions will be offered in lieu of a sermon.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 20, following the 10 am worship. This is when we hear reports about our parish life, elect wardens, vestry, and delegates to Diocesan Convention. As a special order of business, Mike Volkmer will lead us through an exercise in how the congregation can best respond in an emergency (medical, weather, fire, physical threat etc.). Like the Boy Scout motto, BE PREPARED, the better prepared we are, the less likely is the harm that will occur if we should ever experience an actual emergency.

We are pleased to offer an **Adult Forum** course that will serve as confirmation preparation for adults and as a refresher for those who have already been confirmed. Join us at 9 am on Sunday mornings.

Best wishes to all as we begin another year of grace.

Faithfully,
The Rev. John Paddock

Wardens' Words

Deb Snavely, Senior Warden

Since 9 October The Rev. John S. Paddock has been serving as our new Priest-in-Charge. John has hit the ground running and I couldn't be happier with our decision. He and Ann are a wonderful addition to our parish family.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Judy Brainard for her assistance as our Junior Warden. In case you don't recall, her term was to have ended last year but she agreed to do one more year to help me finish my term. As always she ran the perfect Stewardship Campaign (the major responsibility of the Junior Warden). She ably leads the Vestry in my absence and, if the truth be known, when I'm present too. In her other volunteer jobs in the church she is on alter guild, sings in the choir, leads the ECW/M and keeps track of everyone's monetary contributions. If a job needs doing she jumps in and gets it done. She has had some personal challenges this past year and is unfortunately facing more health related issues in 2019. I truly don't think I could have gotten through my personal and church-related challenges without her support.

I always tell people that the strength of St. Christopher's is its parishioners. During the last three years the Vestry and individual members have pitched in to help as needs have been identified. We made it through these trying times by working together. Thank you all!

Deb Snavelly

Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

St. Christopher's Financial Report by Robin Jones

2018	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating income	8,166.29	8,767.36	10,173.17	8,583.87	125,403.90
Operating expenses	3,536.82	4,828.81	9,743.94	7,089.59	82,764.01
Difference	4,629.47	3,938.55	429.23	1,494.28	42,639.89

Sunday Attendance

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
1st Sunday	43	64	43	67
2nd Sunday	59	64	50	79
3rd Sunday	64	56	61	77
4th Sunday	79	75	57	53
				C'mas eve 121
5th Sunday	72	n/a	n/a	49
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>446</u>



January Birthdays

- 13 Ron D'Allessandris
- 18 Gordon Walbroehl
- 23 Derick Faller



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:

Joanne, Carol, Toni, Lynda, Florence,
Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann, Chester,
Judy, Bob, Betty Jean and Mark,
Melissa, Bob, Melody, Zada, Linda,
Betty, Camden, and Deb.



Thank you, God!


St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Fairborn, Ohio
Vestry Minutes

November 18, 2018

Those Present: Father John Paddock, Judy Brainard, Iyabo Eguaroje, Lauren Faller, Cindy Feltz, Dave Manship, Ed Smith, and Gail Stauffer.

Those Absent: Debbie Snavelly, Amy Kopp, and Mike Volkmer.

Called to Order: Father John Paddock led us in opening prayer

Minutes: Minutes from October 17 meeting were approved after correction.

Finance: No financial report to review.

Old Business:

- Bishop Breidenthal will visit on November 25, Christ the King Sunday.
 - At Adult Forum – will talk of Beloved Community plus other items.
 - 10:00 Service – Will preside and preach within our regular service.
 - 11:10 – Will attend fellowship in Christopher's Corner.
 - Will meet with Vestry with no particular agenda.
- Nominating Committee: -- Brainard, Snavelly, Kopp, Stauffer
 - Wardens will be elected on separate ballot.
 - Consensus to have vestry of nine.
- Emergency Preparedness / Business Continuity Plan:
 - Mike Volkmer left message for vestry that he is working on it and is nearly finished. It will be considerably condensed from the model provided by the diocese.
- Boiler Repair / Rooftop System:
 - Boiler History – ten to 20 years old – there have been a number of repairs through the years.

- Father Paddock will meet with John Stauffer, Ed Smith, and Dan Snavelly to review history, needs, and options with contractors.
- Recent repairs cost \$1,554 – control unit on damper, replace two electronic relay boards, loose belt caused non-functioning pulleys which caused blowers to stop functioning.
- Eventually will face a decision to replace or continue to repair.
- Need to get contract for maintenance.
- Altar – minor roof leak:
 - Consensus to get person to examine roof again.
- Membership in Fairborn Chamber of Commerce:
 - Membership fee is \$125 per year. After discussion, the vestry decided not to renew.
- Carpet in teen room:
 - Ed Smith brought in bids from Dan’s Carpet of Fairborn to remove and replace old carpet in teen room. No decision reached.
- Nursery Room Carpet:
- Will have a professional clean nursery room carpet at least once per year.

New Business:

A.2019 Budget Preparation: Mission Share is \$12,789.53

- Judy and Deb will work on budget.
- Priest, Wardens, and Treasurer will work together to determine budget and present to Vestry.
- Budget will be presented to congregation at annual meeting.

B. Adult Forum Schedule:

- Schedule was announced after service and will be printed in bulletin and sent out via e-mail.

C. Families for Christmas:

- Christmas project by Lions’ Club to secure a family for a Christmas Tree Project.
- It was suggested to contact Becky and Eleanor Wood to see if they would do it.

D. December events:

- Sunday, December 9, 4:00 P.M. – St. Nikolas Appearance

- Sunday, December 16, 5:00 P.M. – Family Party – service project, craft, caroling, dinner – Amy Kopp and Carole Smith.
- Sunday, December 23, time – Christmas Pageant or Program Tradition – fourth Sunday of Advent – Melody, Hayward, Barry
- December 24, 4:30 P.M., Christmas Eve Service – singing begins at 4:00 P.M.
- December 31, New Year’s Eve Party – Debbie Snavely and Rosalie Arnold.

E. January 20, Annual meeting (snow date is February 3)

Member Reports:

Judy Brainard:

- Thanked Lauren for purchasing chicken.
- We have 25 pledges to date.
- Mission share – Currently under same formula to determine our share.

Mike Volkmer

- Mike was absent but sent this message for Vestry.
- Mike is almost finished with the Emergency Preparedness / Business Continuity Plan.

Cindy Feltz:

- Requested short summary of convention.
- Worship – Said “Lord’s Prayer” at times.

Ed Smith:

- Reported on flooring and need to replace carpet and tile in teen room. Estimates were provided by previous company.

David:

- Boiler – Must gather data and have knowledgeable professionals make recommendations.

Lauren – Convention

- Not controversial
- How to dissolve relationship with Saint Andrew in Dayton.

- Worked on Conversation of Becoming a Beloved Community.
- Resolution on Church Planting
- Rotating schedule of 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 day convention.

Father John Discussions:

1. Explained goal of Becoming a Beloved Community.
Martin Luther King spoke of . . .
 - Where all are called for and strengthened – church plus wider community.
 - Special Focus on Race Relations.
 - How to have healthy, civil conversations in midst of all.
2. Stressed need for operational manual:
 - Who's in charge? Who to call? How repairs are made?
 - Would include lists of who does what and when.
 - List of our systems, age, who has access.
 - There are electrical, sound, computers, video, HVAC systems.
 - Need list of service providers.
3. Need policy manual.
4. Review of Membership Records
 - Very confusing
 - Judy Brainard offered to help – Baptism, Marriage, and Funeral
 - There is a need for digital record system or card file on transfers in and out.

Adjournment and Closing prayer: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00. Father Paddock called upon the Lord in our closing prayer.

Recorded by



Cindy Feltz

Note: the minutes printed in the Lantern are from the previous month, after they have been reviewed by Vestry.

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.



January Events and Announcements, Opportunities

- ☆ **Monday January 1** – NEW YEAR’S DAY Holiday. Church office closed.
- ☆ **Wednesday January 2** – 6:30 – 8:00 Girl Scouts Fairborn Service Unit Team meeting.
- ☆ **Saturday January 5** – **8:30 – Noon** Community Blood Drive.
- ☆ **Saturday January 5** – 3 pm Funeral service for John Ziegenhagen. Music rehearsal before, reception following.
- ☆ **Saturday January 5** – **8:30 – Noon** Community Blood Drive.
- ☆ **Sunday January 5** – Epiphany Sunday and Baptism
- ☆ **Tuesday January 8** – 6:30 – 8:00 Girl Scouts Fairborn Service Unit meeting.
- ☆ **Wednesday January 9** – deadline to submit items for the 2018 Annual Report
- ☆ **Sunday January 13** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – **Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.**
- ☆ **Monday January 21** – **HOLIDAY** Martin Luther King Jr.



- ☆ **Monday January 21** – Deadline for **February 2019 Lantern** articles and info.
- ☆ **Sunday January 27** – **4th Sunday for FISH donations.**
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ **Thursdays** – **7:00 Choir**
- ☆ **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.
****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ **OUTREACH** – 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’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Tree. phone: 254-0005
e-mail: rjdallessandris@gmail.com.
- ☆ **The January 2019 Lantern** – will be online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



***** Note:** Champion Force Athletics uses the Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 5:30-9:15 p.m. and on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Sunday January 20 – Congregational
Annual meeting and Potluck.

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's will be held **January 20, 2019**. The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's will be held **January 20, 2019**. Elections: Both Wardens need to be chosen as well as members-at-large. We will also select 4 delegates and 4 alternates to Diocesan Convention.

All commission and financial reports need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday, **January 9, 2019**.

There will be, as usual, a potluck on that day. Copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be sent out by via e-mail. Hard copies will be available at the church for those not using e-mail. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office.



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