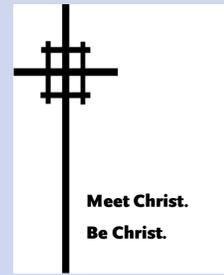


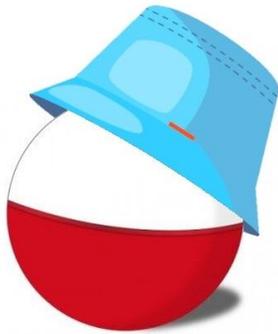
St. Christopher's

# e-Traveler



[Visit our Website](#)

## From the Rector



**The Rev.  
Randy W. Johnson**

**Rector**

### **Creativity** by Fr. Randy+

I have never been one to consider myself “creative.” It is true that I had particular interest in a few of the music and arts experiences I had in school—playing bass trombone in band and even dabbling in getting my hands very messy as I threw clay on a potter’s wheel in a couple of pottery classes. While I enjoyed myself in my stumbling efforts being creative, I think I harbored a sense of being unable to truly be successful in these endeavors. It is most likely that I was actually in more fear of having my meager artistic talents fall short of what others—even *myself*—would consider worthy of being considered creative in any way, shape, or form.

I also believe that during our time of developing from early childhood to adulthood, we begin to fritter away some of the freedom of artistic expression we once shamelessly claimed as children. As kids, we were willing to take a chance—as if we were free “to give a go” and not be frightened to be judged or to be wrong. I witnessed this type of creative joy in the engagement of our young ones in Vacation Bible School this past week. Kids sang and played and did art projects and baked bread for Sunday Worship. But, it was not just the kids who were creative—it was the many adults and youth volunteers who created this wonderland of special activities for the VBS Food Truck Week, sharing their artistic passions and acting acumen with joy and laughter. In setting aside their anxieties and hesitations to be creative—the Holy Spirit worked in mystical ways through their hearts and hands.

Sir Ken Robinson, a British educator, told a story about how we need to be more creative in our lives—to allow ourselves the freedom to be who we are meant to be in this world. He says that, *“If you’re not prepared to be wrong, you will never come up with anything original.”* Three ten-year-old boys were assigned the roles of being the Three Wise Men for the Epiphany pageant at their country parish. The boys were dressed in regal costumes—each holding a box of *“precious gifts.”* The first King stepped forward to the Christ Child and said, *“I bring you the gift of Gold.”* The second King hesitated momentarily, which resulted in the third King to butt in, out of order, saying, *“I bring you the gift of Myrrh.”* The now slightly flustered second King thought a moment and boldly strode forward, placed his box on the ground and said, *“Frank Sent This!”* Frankincense aside, this young lad took the chance, made his creative move, and dynamically shared the richness of human capacity to express oneself.

Many of us were taught a narrow, restrictive view of creativity. It’s not just the arts. Not just a select few who others approve as artists. We create in so many diverse, dynamic, and distinct ways. We create when we write a poem or story, design a greeting card, set up a celebration, share our vocal or instrumental talents, cook a meal, or play a game. All of us create or think new things. All of us reflect God. We all have tremendous talents and unfortunately we squander them.

God is the master of all creation. In the beginning, God birthed creation from the formless womb of space. God created all manner of things, including the creation of humankind—in God’s own image. *We were created to be creative!* Creativity reveals more than we know or imagine about the world and ourselves. New concepts, perceptions, and knowledge including of love, life, hope, and meaning. Pay attention through your passions, and let new forms further expand your perspective. Creativity is risky because who knows how it will turn out or if it will work and what it might cost. Creativity in its risk and whole nature is divine; it reflects God.

A six-year-old girl was singularly focused on the details of a drawing she was creating. With tongue sticking out of the corner of her mouth she deftly applied colorful lines and flourishes on the formerly blank sheet of paper. An adult in the room noticed the animated actions of this very young artist and inquired, *“What are you drawing?”* The girl immediately responded, *“I am drawing God.”* The adult was taken back by this strongly affirmative declaration and cautioned her, *“But, nobody knows what God looks like.”* To which the young artist said, *“In a couple of minutes you will!”*

Be creative in everyday ordinary life, with what’s familiar and what’s new. Creativity reflects and relates us to the Divine Artist. *“Our stretching towards fullness of life is an act of faith in Christ who is the living Word through which all things have their being...We are called to realize his life-giving presence within our own selves and bodies and to share in his ongoing creation.”* (SSJE Rule of Life) Create Extravagantly.

Randy+

---

## Music Notes



**Karla Cole**

**Director of Music  
Ministries**

### **Music Notes**

Since Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine last February, I've been trying to choose hymns that will remind us to pray for peace and live peaceably. One of my favorites from our hymnal has been "O day of peace that dimly shines" (#597). The tune is quite lovely, so classically English, written by Charles Parry and is titled *Jerusalem*. You might remember it from the 1981 film, "Chariots of Fire". The original text here, is a poem by William Blake:

*And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green:  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen!  
And did the Countenance Divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?*

*Bring me my Bow of burning gold;  
Bring me my Arrows of desire:  
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold:  
Bring me my Chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from Mental Fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem,  
In England's green and pleasant Land.*

This very descriptive poem alludes to the centuries old legend that Jesus traveled to the British Isles with Joseph of Arimathea, who was thought to have been a metal trader, particularly of tin, and likely the tin from Cornwall on the western coast of England. It is also thought that St. Augustan learned of the story when he came to England around 597AD and wrote about it. A 2008 book, "Did Jesus Come to Britain?" by Glyn Lewis and a 2009 documentary, "And Did Those Feet" lay out a somewhat plausible case that Jesus might well have traveled before he began his ministry. I have neither read the book, nor seen the documentary, but I'll admit, the legend is kind of fascinating, even though there are tons of refutations to be had.

But that's not why I'm telling you about this hymn. *Jerusalem* is a rather patriotic hymn for the Brits – they voted it their favorite hymn in 2019, in the fevered run-up to Brexit, when they officially left the European Union at the end of January 2020. There's a lovely video performance from the last night at the BBC Proms in 2012 on my favorite time-waster, YouTube. You don't have to

be English or even Episcopalian to feel a bit of a thrill when the entire audience in Royal Albert Hall stands and sings the hymn seemingly from memory, Union Jacks waving, and then erupts into cheers and whistles worthy of a Super Bowl game. There was no lack of national pride that night.

Our hymn is no less stirring. Carl Daw, Episcopal priest, hymnwriter and adjunct professor of hymnody at Boston University School of Theology, has set his own text to Parry's hymn tune. I'm not an English scholar or a literature critic, so I won't try to interpret it for you. I'm sure that you can divine its intent and beauty all on your own.

*O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

I was so taken with your congregational singing of this hymn last week. It seemed to me that we've really learned it, the tune *and* the intent. I've spent many years accompanying peoples' singing and confidentially, I'm pretty hard-bitten. It takes quite a lot to get my goosebump meter going. But I do have to tell you that last Sunday's singing of "O day of peace" was truly moving for me. I loved being a part of it. Thank you all.

Karla Cole

---

## Footprints August 2022 News from Children's Ministries



**Marion Hunner**

**Director of  
Children's Ministries**

# FOOD TRUCK PARTY

COKESSBORO'S VBS  
ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

Many thanks to all who helped make Food Truck party a success! I am always amazed and humbled at the way our community steps up for this event. Between the behind-the-scenes prep and those who come during the week, over 20 adults help bring Vacation Bible School to our kiddos. Because this newsletter due date is during VBS, I will share an update on our food shelf

collection next month. You can see photos from each day on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville](http://www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville)





### **School Supply Collection – August 7-21**

Watch for the yellow bus in the Lower Narthex from August 7-21, where we are collecting school supplies for Roseville Area Schools. They need all of the typical school supplies for children in elementary through high

school. Especially: backpacks, #2 pencils, Markers (thin and thick), crayons, colored pencils, handheld pencil sharpeners, kid-sized scissors, etc. Anything you find in the back-to-school section of the store would be great! Please place supplies in the bus no later than Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, as Marion will be delivering them that week. If you would prefer a monetary donation, please put it in Marion's mailbox and label it "school supplies." We have shoppers who would be thrilled to put it to good use!

### **The Hayride is back! Saturday, October 22nd**

Come join us for an evening of fun at Bunker Park Stables. We meet at 4pm for a horse drawn hayride at 4:30, and then we enjoy a potluck picnic supper and bonfire. Register Here: <https://forms.gle/ptgX9b3qL51aib487>

---

## **Summer Services**

Please remember that we are in Summer hours; one service at 9:30 AM on Sundays.

---

## **Coming August 7th:**

Please join us on August 7th, after the Lemonade and Coffee hour, to hear about Urban Farming, with Rev. Mary Rowe's grandson, who is doing his post-graduate work. We'll be in the Parish Hall.

---

## **Pulse of the Parish**

This brief report is to keep you, our faith family, informed about the work and actions taken by the Vestry on July 18

Finance: Our budget is looking good at halfway point of the year. Facilities income is up, thanks to outside resources returning to full use like the Chinese Daycare, plus increased spiritual direction program use. The only downstroke has been our PIF investments due to stock market drop in recent months.

Altar Guild: The recyclable plastic communion wine containers seem to be doing the trick as we continue with this work-in-progress brought on by Covid19.

Buildings and Grounds: The new cleaning service folks began in earnest this month. Since they come every Friday, vestry felt it would be good to continue the Bathroom Brigade (thank you volunteers) for their services, with activities that occur over the weekend and review whether to continue those efforts in the fall. Also the condensate pump has been ordered and is to be installed soon in the gathering room air conditioner. We are waiting on the installer to put up the gutter covers over the sacristy gutters. We are taking bids to have tree branches cut above the sacristy as well as cut down some dead trees near the Dellwood residence.

Children's Ministries: The On A Roll Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School rolls in Monday, July 25.

Faith Family Welfare: Plans are in the works for involving Hearts and Hands for endeavor in August.

Hearts and Hands: Meeting this week to help with getting Vacation Bible School ready.

Garden Team: Veggies are growing for Keystone.

Unfinished Business: The vestry approved the Finance Team recommendation to move \$50,000 to F&M Bank to make sure all our bank accounts were covered by the FDIC.

The vestry discussed planning and working the bbq picnic hosted by the Vestry for our faith family following the 9:30 a.m. service on July 31.

New Business: Fr. Randy shared that Don Shiek (thank you Don!) volunteered to chair our 75th anniversary in 2024.

Rector Report: Fr. Randy has completed phase one of the National Episcopal paid research comprehensive survey on Episcopal Church parish ministry dealing with Covid19 which runs through 2026 receiving a stipend for our parish.

Wardens' Report: Discussion ensued about identifying candidates for 2023 Vestry.

Shoutouts: Thanks to the Altar Guild for working through all the challenges and opportunities now that we are back to providing wine for communion. Thanks to Karla and choir member Tom McNellis for fabulous music on July 3rd, and all summer long! Visitors have shared rave reviews with Fr. Randy about our music program.

Please feel free to contact any of our Vestry members if you have questions or comments. The meeting minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next Vestry meeting, on August 15th. Thank you for all you do for our faith family!

---

## Please Pray Daily

In this time of upheaval, stress and conflict, I encourage you to intentionally go in prayer daily for our world, our country and our communities.

I am sharing a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (#18, BCP pg.820);  
For Our Country:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage:  
We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God Almighty continue to bless our country in abundance, loving kindness, and peace.  
Fr. Randy+

---

## CALENDAR for AUGUST

### 1 Monday

2:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

### 2 Tuesday

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5:30 PM

9:00 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

12:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM

7:00 PM Meditation Group - #218/Chapel – to 8:30 PM

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

### 3 Wednesday

10:45 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

2:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7 PM

3 PM Staff Calendar Planning – Office Closes

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

### 4 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

**5 Friday**

3:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

**6 Saturday**

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

**7 Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14****SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE BEGINS****9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Church**

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

11:30 AM Urban Farming Presentation

4 PM Family Worship

**8 Monday**

2:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

5:30 PM Finance Committee –Parish Hall

**9 Tuesday – Primary Election Day**

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM – Primary Election Voting – Parish Hall

9:00 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

11:30 AM Meals on Wheels - Offsite

3:00 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, outdoors

**10 Wednesday****12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

4:00 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7 PM

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

**11 Thursday**

2:00 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

3:00 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:15 PM

**12 Friday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

**13 Saturday****14 Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Church

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

**15 Monday**

1:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 5:30 PM

6:45 PM VESTRY – Parish Hall

**16 Tuesday**

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5:30 PM

9:00 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

1:00 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, outdoors

**17 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

3:00 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7 PM

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

**18 Thursday**

3:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

**19 Friday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

**20 Saturday**

**21 Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE LAST DAY!**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Church

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

**22 Monday**

**23 Tuesday**

10:00 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, outdoors

**24 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

**25 Thursday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

**26 Friday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

**27 Saturday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

**28 Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17**

STATE FAIR PARKING

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Church

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

**29 Monday – e-Traveler Deadline**

STATE FAIR PARKING

**30 Tuesday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

11:30 AM Meals on Wheels - Offsite

**31 Wednesday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

**September 1-5**

STATE FAIR PARKING

**Please note** that MOST of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building. Those groups are now on this calendar to avoid over-scheduling. Always check with the church office before scheduling a meeting.

---

## Last Words



Ruth Thillen  
Parish Administrator

---

I hope you have enjoyed the August **e-Traveler!** This month, things will be hopping at St. Christopher's, with Primary Election Day on the 9th, and then State Fair Parking beginning on the 25th! I'm going to take a week off this month to enjoy summer while it is still here. My heartfelt thanks to the Warkentiens and Shieks for being in the office while I'm away.

## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

### **VESTRY:**

Chris Mayr, Sr. Warden; Karen Hartman, Jr. Warden  
Robert Williams, Clerk; Jean Crow, Treasurer

Ross Ackerman; Patrick Ahern; Cheryl Bailey;  
Madisen Crow; Eric Hedican; Ann DePaolis-Jones;  
Alexander Kun; Leslie Norton

### **STAFF:**

Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator  
Marion Hunner, Children's Ministries Director  
Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries  
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest  
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

### **Our Summer Schedule:**

*Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.*

**Sunday: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary  
10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

**Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

STAY CONNECTED

