



Footsteps of St. Christopher's November 2023



Our Vision:

*"To know
Christ and to Show Christ"*

Important Dates for November:

Sunday Service at 9:00 am

Men's Breakfast at Perkins, Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

Holy Eucharist, Thursday's, 11:30 am till Noon

Bible Study, Noon-1:00 pm thru November 16

- November 3, *First Friday Coffee, 10:00 am*
- November 4, *St. Elizabeth's Guild, 9:00 am.*
- November 10, *DOK, 1:00 pm.*
- November 10, *Office Closed to observe Veterans Day*
- November 15, *Vestry Meeting--6:00 pm., Wednesday*
- November 18, *St. Elizabeth's Guild Annual Bazaar & Craft Show, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm*
- November 23, *Office Closed for Thanksgiving*
- November 25, *Christmas Parade, volunteers meet at St. Christopher's at 9:00 am*
- November 27, *Footsteps Mailing & out to Lunch, 10:30 am, join us at noon for lunch!*
- November 28, *Pizza and Prayer with a Priest, 5:30 pm, Tuesday*



Many were present to witness the amazing "Ring of Fire" eclipse on October 14th. What a gift it was that Father Paul provided his telescope for everyone to take a look!

The picture here is an actual ₁one taken from the telescope.



Bible Study with Dolores Dionne

On Thursdays through November 16th, a dedicated group meets to study the Holy Scriptures which has sustained the church and helps guide us in our daily lives. All participate in sharing interpretations and life's experiences. Our focus is on the book of I Corinthians, tracing the Christian movement. Some arrive at 11:30 to celebrate Holy Communion in the sanctuary and is administered by Father Paul. All are welcome.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th, St. Elizabeth's Guild annual ***Bazaar and Craft Show.***

As in the past, this year's event will run from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The tables are "sold" to the crafters/vendors, so we need help from our church members in setting up the tables the day before-Friday, the 17th, between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. (some come from the basement). We also need help taking them down after the show on Saturday between 3:00 & 3:30 pm. We ask for baked goods for the bake table, and pies and/or bars for the rest of the food we sell. The guild will also be selling tickets for the ***BIG*** gift basket. Lunch is available for purchase and the menu will be posted. Come eat, buy special gifts, and take a chance on winning the gift basket!" Questions? Contact Lynda at 307.634.2953.

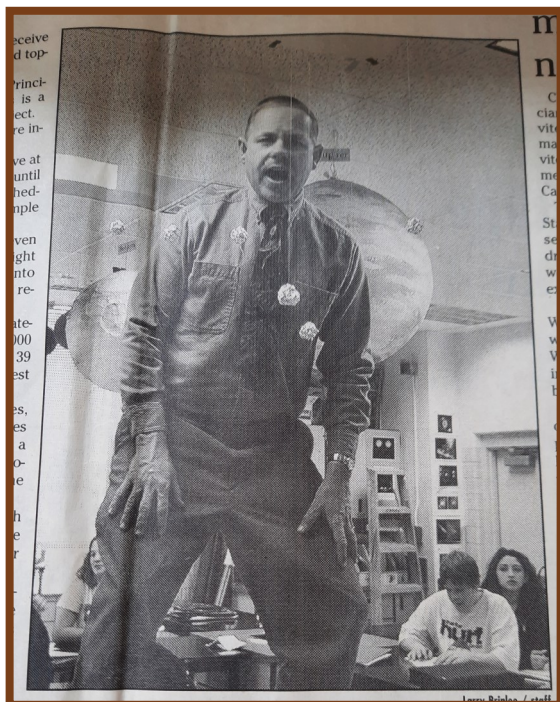
~~ Christmas Float ~~

This year's *Cheyenne Christmas Parade* is held on Saturday, November 25th. The last two years we have had a model of an old Wyoming Episcopal Church with a nativity scene on the inside. The Reverend Paul is going to rebuild another frame for the float as the old frame was starting to show wear. The float is a church project and everyone is welcome to participate in decorating it. New ideas for the float are encouraged! We can stay with the old church theme or perhaps something different.



Let's start putting ideas together and share them with our clergy team or Gene Williams. This float has been great for public relations with the community and if you've ever been to the parade, it has become more secular each year. We have brought the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ back into the parade and last year many people were very excited to see the nativity scene depicted in the old church. A big thanks to Ed and Ruth Ferguson who provided the large trailer and truck for the parade last year. Ed's driving skills are a blessing to this worthwhile event. Volunteers meet at St. Christopher's at 9:00 am, the morning of the parade! See you there, *The Rev. Paul Crips*

November's Blast from the Past



Recognize him?

That's Paul Crips who was featured in a Wyoming Tribune-Eagle article back in January 1999. One might ask, *"What is he doing?!"* And a very good question that's addressed in the following newspaper caption: "Carey Junior High School science teacher, Paul Crips, stands on a lab table to discuss the Big Dipper, represented by the tin foil balls, hanging from the ceiling. Crips has been chosen as one of 25 U.S. Stardust Fellowship winners. Crips will receive training on the Stardust Mission, a NASA mission to gather comet debris, and then will be qualified to teach other educators on the subject."

Quite an honor back in the day and to think he is now a priest at St. Christopher's, ordained in 2021.

What amazing accomplishments, Father Paul.

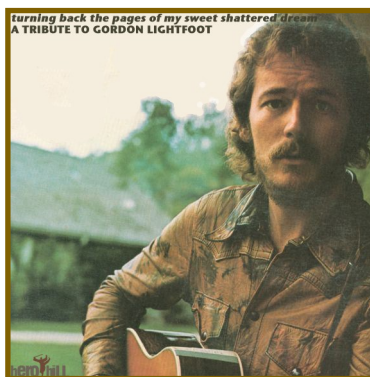
St. Christopher's is blessed to have you!

Please submit any old photos to Trudy at stchrischeyenne@gmail.com, along with a short paragraph. Though you may not be featured in an article in the Tribune, we'd treasure any blast from the past!

"Peaceful Waters"

The dead leaves of autumn
That cling so desperately
Must fly before the cold October winds
Their simple lives have ended
Must they be born to die again
Oh may the light of freedom shine
For all the world to see
And peace and joy to all mankind
Through all the years to be

For soon the leaves will die
And the long hard wind will blow
May this world find a resting place
Where the peaceful waters flow



Gordon Lightfoot

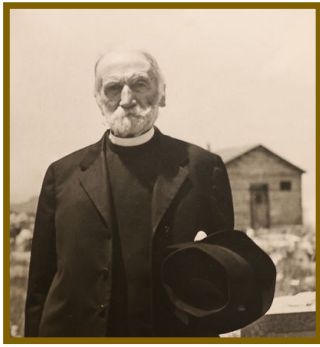
may have passed away in May of this year, but his music will always be appropriate for the times.

"Peaceful Waters" is one of those songs whose words resonate

not only with the changing seasons, but for world peace. May Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine and Russia, and anywhere there is conflict in the world, find peace during these very trying times.

Submitted by Mary Beth Crips.



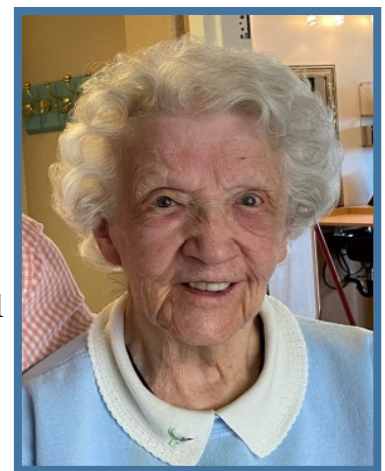


Father Paul's Corner about an amazing Minister

The Rev. Dr. John Roberts was born in Wales in 1853, and while training for Anglican ordination, felt called to serve among his Native American sisters and brothers in North America. Following several years of service in the Bahamas and Colorado, he began his ministry on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, USA in 1883. Not long after his arrival, he conducted the funeral for Sacajawea, who as a young Eastern Shoshone woman, was the remarkable guide on the renowned Lewis and Clark expedition. The Rev. Roberts was well ahead of his time, as he embraced Native American customs, languages, and expressions of spirituality. The Rev. John Roberts cultivated close friendships with tribal leaders, including the renowned Eastern Shoshone Chief Washakie and Northern Arapaho Chief Black Coal, and was referred to with deep affection as "White Robe" and "Elder Brother." If there were negotiations with U.S. government officials, the tribes would not proceed without the Rev. Roberts being present. His work led him, with the assistance of tribal leadership, to establish two alternative schools on sacred land gifted by the tribes that focused on honoring and preserving Indigenous culture. One of the schools is on the National Register of Historic Places today. In addition to the Rev. Robert's ministry on the Wind River Reservation, he founded all the Episcopal churches among white settlers within a 150-mile radius, in Fremont County, Wyoming, including the present-day Episcopal churches in the cities and towns of Lander, Riverton, Thermopolis, Atlantic City, Morton, Crowheart and Dubois, as well as churches that no longer exist in Milford, Hudson and Shoshoni. The Rev. John Roberts lived a remarkable life and left a legacy that continues to have great influence today. He was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Wyoming and Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He died in 1949 at the age of 96, and the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho peoples honor his legacy to this day. Wyoming's state flag is flown at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in his honor.

Greetings to St. Christopher's

This is Nancy Oakes, writing on behalf of my mom, Elizabeth. We want you to know of the big change in living arrangements that happened in mid June. Mom decided she needed closer attention and care and was ready to move to Pointe Frontier Assisted Living. She has a nice one bedroom spot there and has adapted well. The family is working on selling the house. Mom often says that she is perfectly fine, happy, and "lazy". My brother, sister, and I are so grateful that she has made the new spot home. We are also grateful for all the friends that can visit, phone, or send a note occasionally. She still has her phone # and will generally answer in 3 rings.



Here are the details: *Elizabeth Oakes, 1406 Prairie Ave., Apt. 9, Cheyenne, WY 82009*

We hope all is well with you and yours, signed Nancy E. Oakes

St. Christopher's Committees

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| <i>LITURGICS</i> | The Rev. Kristin Lee, The Rev. Paul Crips |
| <i>ALTAR MINISTRY</i> | Ruth Ferguson |
| <i>DOK</i> | Karen Bohner & Judy Cuthbertson |
| <i>BIBLE STUDY</i> | Dolores Dionne |
| <i>ST. ELIZABETH'S</i> | Lynda Hardgrave |
| <i>GIFTS AND BEQUESTS</i> | Ruth Ferguson |
| <i>FINANCE/BUDGET/AUDIT</i> | Alex Bowler |
| <i>GARDEN</i> | Gene Williams |
| <i>BUILDING AND GROUNDS</i> | Lynda Hardgrave & Gene Williams |



The Ministries

VESTRY

Gary Hartman—Senior Warden
 Gene Williams—Junior Warden
 Marla Norman—Treasurer
 Mary Beth Crips—Clerk
 Louisa Vigil
 Dick Cuthbertson
 Janet Osborn
 Alex Bowler
 The Rev. Paul Crips and the Rev. Kristin Lee



STAFF, CLERGY, AND CONTRACT WORKERS

Organist/Music Director—Alaina Neiman
 Treasurer—Marla Norman
 Administrative Assistant—Trudy Soland
 Priests—The Rev. Kristin Lee, The Rev. Paul Crips,
 The Rev. Roger Rapp
 Bishop—The Right Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler

DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Janet Osborn

Treasurer's Report for St. Christopher's Church September 2023



Monthly Totals

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| Checking | \$46,829.51 |
| Savings | \$1,011.59 |
| Money Market | \$116,657.78 |
| SSGA | \$27,833.22 |
| Total | \$192,332.10 |

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| Feral Dog Grant | \$59,185.90 |
| Pizza, Prayers and Priest | \$8,361.49 |
| Total Funds | \$124,784.71 |



Pizza and Prayer with a Priest

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 28th for an hour of fellowship and a bit of ministry instruction! Father Paul invites everyone



to join this lively group of youth, however all ages are welcome. The time is from 5:30 till 6:30 pm.

Come hungry and ready for fun!

(Note that this month's gathering is on a Tuesday)

This Year's Annual Convention in Casper, WY

"The Community of Creator, Embracing Indigenous Wisdom to Live well into the future".



The 57th annual Episcopal Church Convention was held October 6-8 in Casper, and this year's theme was centered around the Episcopal Church in Wyoming and the Indigenous population. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley who is a farmer, author, activist, and scholar.

Convention delegates and others were also involved in passing a resolution that offered support from the church for help in Wyoming with the alarming high suicide rate. Delegates also voted for new members on various committees such as the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and filling vacancies on the Episcopal Church Foundation. The convention ended with a service at Saint Marks Episcopal Church in Casper. Delegates from Saint Christopher's for this year's convention were The Reverend Paul Crips, Janet Osborn, and Luisa Vigil. John Sullivan also attended the convention but was representing the Diocesan Council, region IV.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries : May each Celebrant have a Blessed Day!

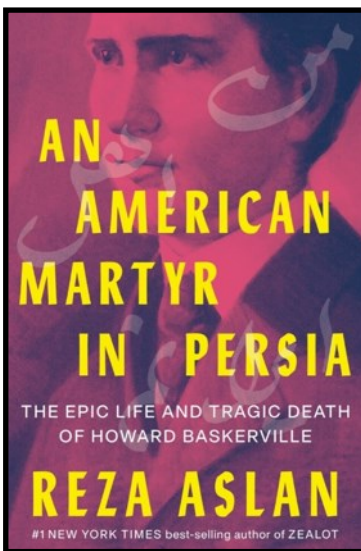


November 1 Martin Hardscog, Jr.
November 5 Dick Cuthbertson
November 6 Barb Williams
November 9 Karen Boehner
November 15 Sherell Jones
November 18 Sarah Jernigan
November 19 Luis Vigil



November 12 Tom and Eryn
Satterfield

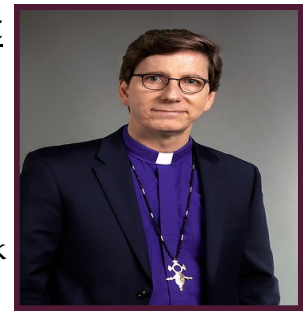
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Bishop's Epiphany 2023 Booklist

By Bishop Paul-Gordan Chandler

[An American Martyr in Persia: The Epic Life and Tragic Death of Howard Baskerville](#) – Reza Aslan



This new book by the Iranian born New York Times best-selling author Reza Aslan, reads

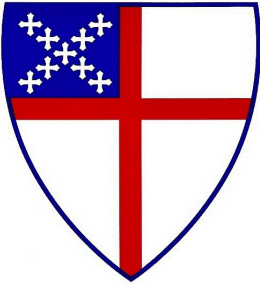
like evocative fiction. It tells the fascinating true story of Howard Baskerville, a young American Presbyterian missionary from South Dakota to Persia in the early 1900s. Baskerville was the best possible example of an American missionary, as he allows himself to be educated by the local people, leading him to identify with the struggle for democracy of the Persian students to whom he was teaching

English. Baskerville declares, "The only difference between me and these people is the place of my birth, and that is not a big difference." He ends up being killed, fighting alongside his students in their quest to transform their country. Today Baskerville remains venerated in Iran, where thousands of Iranians visit his grave each year. This book is beautifully written and completely engrossing, with great contemporary relevance.

An Important Message for Parishioners;

Your Vestry is aware of occurrences where members of our Congregation have been solicited for money/donations. While we wish to follow our Christian faith, we would suggest that if you are approached for money, you refer that person to the 211-phone number which is a resource bank to assist individuals in Laramie County for help with food, shelter and other necessities. While "giving" is a personal matter, we wish to discourage the practice of soliciting. The Cheyenne Police warn of that. Frequently when you give to someone in need, they share that information with others wanting donations. We are a small congregation and are not in a position to help several individuals who might come to the church asking for money. If you have any questions, please contact Paul, Kristin, or Gary.

St. Christopher's Vestry



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*Footnote Articles are due by the 3rd Monday of the month. Please email them to:
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