

THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

November 15, 2015

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, November 15

- Sunday School Classes 10 am
- Eucharist Service, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Monday, November 16

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.

Tuesday, November 17

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am
- Yoga with Miriam at 6:30

Thursday, November 19

- Thursday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

Saturday, November 21

- Family Service, 4 pm

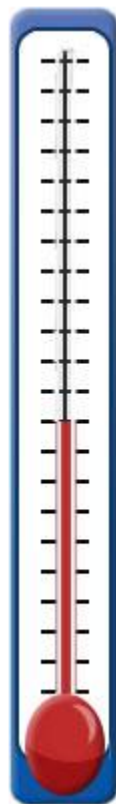
St. Christopher's Sunday School Spin on an Advent Calendar



This is really cool! A **Random Act of Kindness paper chain**, a fun way you can celebrate **Advent** with your family. The

Sunday school teachers will be distributing Advent packets (one per Sunday School family), and inside you will find **slips of paper** containing many different 'random act of kindness.' Have your children select a random act to complete and leave the slip of green paper celebrating the random act with the person you choose for your good deed. There are enough random acts to do throughout **Advent** (25) and also corresponding green slips to leave to explain. Once the random act is completed, make a paper chain at home with the slips of paper to visually memorialize your kindness, aka. (creating a

Number of pledges received to-date.



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reverse advent calendar by adding to the good deeds in the chain each day instead of taking away...) We will have a sample set up in the downstairs



Sunday School room and are hoping that each Sunday the children will be able to come in and share what random acts of kindness they performed with their families throughout the week and we will have a chain in the classroom as well. We have included everything you need to complete this fun **Advent** Random Act of Kindness Activity. Any questions, please ask. **Danielle LeClair**, Sunday School Coordinator

In Appreciation of AA Groups

AA groups that meet in this church have very often helped us in a variety of ways, most recently they are painting our kitchen. To show our appreciation for the contributions that AA/Alanon meetings make to our church we are asking our parishioners to bring in **baked treats for each AA/Alanon group during the week of Thanksgiving**. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule that lists the days and times of each meeting as well as the approximate number of attendees. Please let us reach out to these brothers and sisters in Christ's name. *The Bishop's Committee*

Christmas Concert at St. Christopher's Church, Saturday, December 5th at 7:30PM.

The Rockingham Choral Society will perform two works by the British composer Gerald Finzi: In Terra Pax and Magnificat, as well as the Christmas Cantata by Geoffrey Bush and a setting of Edwardian Carols. The RCS, directed by Andrew Gaydos, is now in its 57th year with members from

the Seacoast area. For more information see the RCS website www.rockinghamchoralsociety.org. A performance will also be presented on **Sunday December 6th at 3:00 PM.** at Christ Church, 43 Pine St., Exeter.

Behind on Your 2015 Pledge? Our 2015 pledge income is currently behind by \$16,249. Please, if you are behind make every effort to pay all or as much as you can on your pledge. If you cannot please let me know, no questions asked and no need to be embarrassed. Thank you. *Miriam*

A Request from the Hampstead Library

Rosemary Krol, Library Director at the public library in Hampstead contacted me asking for our help. They are offering a new service to the community that is the *delivery of library materials to home bound residents of the town.* Do you know any homebound persons that can benefit from such a wonderful service? If you do, you can either contact me or go directly to **Ms. Krol via email.** Thank you. *Miriam*

Advent Series

Advent begins two weeks from today. This short season is a good one for some sort of study in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's incarnation. The theme of the Advent series is "Love Revealed." This short series will consist of a variety of readings from the Bible followed with a Bible chat. This will take place on Thursdays, 7 p.m. for Holy Communion followed by the study.

Taking Action

To be a Christian means loving God and our neighbor. Jesus set an example by acting on this commandment through service to others. To be a Christian is to act on God's behalf. Family Promise provides you with an opportunity to do just that! Our week to have the families with us is December 13-20. It is a tough week, the week before Christmas but all the more reason to stop and do something for someone else. We need your help. Please speak to **Peggy Baker**, about volunteering. Thank you. *Miriam*

The Children of Incarcerated Parents Thank You (ChIPs)

The gifts, books and all occasion cards were taken to the 213 Annual Diocesan Convention this past Saturday. We used large trash bags for ease in

transporting everything and filled one large trash bag with the 20 donated gifts, one with the 59 donated books, and one with the many cards and envelopes donated. We also brought two checks totaling \$882.70 to purchase gifts. The Diocesan ChIPs Committee was very, very appreciative. With many thanks from the Delegates to Convention for your generosity. Barbara Hughes

Stewardship Update

If you have not pledged for 2016 please do. Remember that if your circumstances change during the year you can always let us know, again no questions asked. Our goal is 100 percent participation for the work we do in God's name in this part of His kingdom. This includes all our ministries—housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, pastoral care, worship and more. *Some pledge is better than no pledge.* The amount of your pledge is not as important as the fact that you are participating. Heartfelt thanks to the 47 parishioners who have already shown their willingness to support the work God would have us do at St. Christopher's. *Miriam*

Prayers of the People

Pray for **Joan H. (Brownell) Bacall** who died this week, she is the mother of our member Emily Vinton; for **Diane Foley**, who is in hospice, she is the mother of Morgan LaMonica's boyfriend; **Quinton Collins**, Robin Flynn's father, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** recovering from brain surgery; **April Bergeron** who has gone into premature labor, pray for a healthy baby boy; **Diane Kolbe; Dick Groves; Ann Donovan; Carmen Acevedo; Jess; Kate; Joan and Ron Ruggiero, and Josephine Herbert;** 2 year old **Brayden; Matty; Ian; Joan Fettes;** for Christine's friend **Christine;** for **Cheryl;** for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan;** for **Jacqueline,** for **Natalie Gallo;** for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler;** for Natalie's brother **Lorin;** for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands. **Serving in the Military:** Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra,** for **Paul.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Tina, Patrick, Gavin, and Graydon Goyetch; Karen and Dick Groves; Ed and Sue Hale; Lynne Greenhow-Allen.

Attendance

Tuesday, 11/3, WBS, 5; Thursday, 11/5, 8
Saturday, 11/7, 9; Sunday, 11/8, 8:00am, 25
10:15am, 53

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Forma is a grassroots association of dues-paying members, mostly Episcopalians and some kindred individuals and Episcopal institutions, that *supports, networks, advocates for, resources, and celebrates* Christian formation leaders in their Christian formation ministries.

SUPPORTS

Invites and encourages Christian formation leaders to pursue spiritual disciplines, theological studies, and other practices that ensure vocational excellence.

- offers thorough and professional quality certificate programs for Christian formation ministers
- hosts an annual conference at which members develop supportive relationships

NETWORKS

Creates a forum for Christian formation leaders to network and explore issues of lifelong formation ministry.

- maintains a digital communication forum and interactive social networking presence for Christian educators using methods that meet the needs of membership
- hosts an annual conference at which members meet ministry colleagues and engage opportunities for new learning in the field through keynote presentations and workshops

ADVOCATES

Focuses the larger Church on the lifelong Christian formation process, including advocating for robust and adequate resources for formation ministry.

- sponsors a presence on behalf of Forma membership at the triennial General Convention of The Episcopal Church
- shapes and endorses legislation that supports lifelong formation ministry, including the church-wide triennial budget and other General Convention resolutions
- promotes equity in the workplace for Christian formation leaders through education and church-wide legislation

RESOURCES

Uses available means to share resources and best practices for Christian formation ministry.

- catalogs, create, and share resources, strategies, and tools
- models effective practices
- participates in the development of an online formation resource hub
- hosts an annual conference that offers ministry development

CELEBRATES

Affirms and joyously lifts up our personal and communal formation ministries at church-wide and local events, on the internet, and one-on-one.

- dreams the present and future of Christian formation
- celebrates milestones and promotions of members
- consoles members at times of loss and difficulty

Annual Conference 2016

January 27-29, 2016

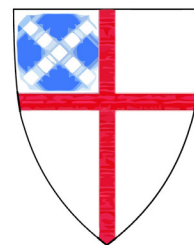
Philadelphia, PA

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Andy Doyle

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