



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

November 22, 2015

Last Sunday after **Pentecost**, Christ the King

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Calendar

Sunday, November 22

- Sunday School Classes 10 am
- Eucharist Service, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Children's pizza party & sorting of toiletries 6 p.m.

Monday, November 23

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.

Tuesday, November 24

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

Thursday, November 26

- Thursday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

Saturday, November 28

- Family Service, 4 pm

Sunday School Gathering Tonight

The children are meeting tonight, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. for pizza and sorting the toiletries they collected from members of the parish. These toiletries will be given to the food pantry. Thank you all who participated.

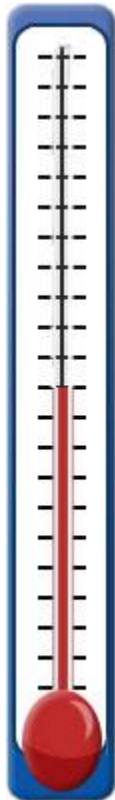
In Appreciation of AA Groups

All the slots on our signup sheet were filled. Thank you all for being so generous. *Miriam*

Advent Series

The theme for the Advent series is "Love Revealed." In the first session we will explore Isaiah 42:1-9. So do something special during this season of waiting for love to be revealed in the person of Jesus. We begin on Dec. 3 and we meet on Thursdays at 7 for Eucharist followed by our bible chat which starts around 7:30. If you don't have time to attend the Eucharist then simply join us for the study. *Miriam*

Number of pledges received to-date.



106

53

A Little Bragging – from Deb Carpenter

Miriam has said that if we have something to "brag" about our kids &/or grandkids to send it to you. My granddaughter Kaitlin has been cheering with the Merrimack Cardinals award winning team for ten years. They have won the state championship for the last five years, but have just missed out on first place at the New England Regionals for the last three years. This year, in their final year of eligibility, they won both State & New England Regional's which awards them a trip to Disney World!

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*



Our kids today are exposed to drugs, sex, violence, stress, family problems.

Why not fill out the play card with peace, love, faith and belonging?

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 is not as important as the fact that you are participating. Heartfelt thanks to the 53 parishioners who have already shown their willingness to support the work God would have us do at St. Christopher's. *Miriam*

Taking Action Because We Are Christians!

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. Also during Christmas, we gather a giving tree filled with \$10 gift cards for our families from area retailers. If you can volunteer or if you wish to contribute to the giving tree, please speak to **Peggy Baker**. Thank you. *Miriam*

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 distributed Advent packets (one per Sunday school family), and inside are **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. 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



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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. *Any amount is better than no amount*; and the size that you are giving is not as important as the fact that you are participating. Thank you. *Miriam*



**ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING
ECUMENICAL SERVICE**
*at the Old Meetinghouse
Sunday, November 22
4 p.m.
Traditional interfaith service
of music, readings
and prayers of thanksgiving.*

*Sponsored by the
Historic District Commission*

Prayers of the People

Pray for **Joan H. (Brownell) Bacall** who died this week, she is the mother of our member Emily Vinton; for Lori Parrillo's father, **James B. Eaton**, who passed away in late October; for **Diane Foley**, who is in hospice, and 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**; **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: Nancy, Michael, Sarah, and Meghan Hickey; Richard, Karen, Dorothy, and Charlie Haycock; Alexandra and Ian Handel; Ann Holland.

Attendance

Tuesday, 11/10, WBS, 3; Thursday, 11/12, 8
Saturday, 11/14, ROG, 5; Family Service, 11
Sunday, 11/15, 8 a.m., 31; 10:15 a.m., 54

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



NOVEMBER 22, 2015 -LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)

A WORD TO THE CHURCH FROM PRESIDING BISHOP CURRY

God came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us the Way. He came to show us the Way to life, the Way to love. He came to show us the Way beyond what often can be the nightmares of our own devisings and into the dream of God's intending. That's why, when Jesus called his first followers he did it with the simple words "Follow me."

"Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fish for people."

Follow me and love will show you how to become more than you ever dreamed you could be. Follow me and I will help you change the world from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends. Jesus came and started a movement and we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

Near the end of Matthew's Gospel story of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, Mary Magdalene and some of the women go to the tomb to anoint his body. When they get there they find that the tomb is empty, the stone has been rolled away and there is no body there. Then they see and hear an angel who says to them, "This Jesus of Nazareth whom you seek, he is not here, he has been raised as he said he would be and he has now gone ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him. It is in Galilee that the Risen Lord will be found and seen for he has gone ahead of us."

Galilee.
Which is a way of talking about the world.
Galilee.
In the streets of the city.
Galilee.
In our rural communities.
Galilee in our hospitals.
Galilee in our office places.
Galilee where God's children live and dwell there.
In Galilee you will meet the living Christ for He has already gone ahead of you.



Photo: Danielle Thomas

A few years ago I was in a coffee shop in Raleigh, North Carolina, just a few blocks away from our Diocesan House there. While in line I started a conversation with a gentleman who turned out to be a Mennonite pastor. He had been sent to Raleigh to organize a church in the community on the streets without walls. As we were talking over our coffee, he said something to me that I have not forgotten. He said the Mennonite community asked him to do this because they believed that in this environment in which we live, the church can no longer wait for its congregation to come to it, the church must go where the congregation is.

Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free.

This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world.

God bless you, and keep the faith.

Watch the video here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/word-church-bishop-curry>



Rockingham Choral Society

Andrew Gaydos, Director

A Holiday Concert

Christmas Cantata by Geoffrey Bush
Gerald Finzi's In Terra Pax and Magnificat

Saturday, December 5th 7:30PM
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
187 East Rd., Hampstead NH

Sunday, December 6th 3:00PM
Christ Church
43 Pine St., Exeter, NH

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ORDERS DUE BY: Monday, December 14th