



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Calendar

Sunday, January 17

- Eucharist Service, 8, 10:15
- Vestry Handbook Discussion, 9 a.m.

Monday, January 18

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

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

Thursday, January 21

- Eucharist & Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 23

- Family Service, 4 pm

Sunday, January 24

- Congregation Annual Meeting, Eucharist Service, 10 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Our Parish Annual Meeting is Next Week

The Annual Meeting will be on January 24 with a snow date of January 31. As is our custom, we will have one service on that day at 10 am. New members of the Bishop's Committee, Delegates to Convention and Assessors will be voted in. Last week you were emailed a PDF of the 2015 Parish Annual Report. "Hard copies" of the report will also be available at church (for those of you who don't have email.) Please save the date and join us for this important parish-wide event. [Miriam](#)

Help Plan This Year's Ten Talents Challenge

The Fundraising Committee has begun planning this year's Ten Talents Challenge. Our meeting last Sunday resulted in lots of new ideas to make this another great event for St. Christopher's! We will have detailed information for the parish shortly, but for now please **save the date of Saturday, May 21** for an event day. It will be a little different than last year, and your participation will make it fantastic!

We still can use some additional help on the planning committee, so if you are interested, contact Karen Groves or Kathy Trombly. Our next planning meeting is Sunday February 14 between services. *Karen Groves and Kathy Trombly*

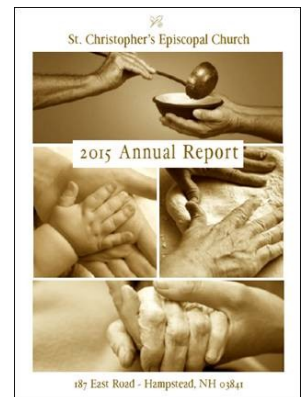


Pastoral Card Group

Would you like to be involved in an outreach activity that wouldn't involve much time? The pastoral card group sends greeting cards to parishioners for weddings, births, baptisms, illnesses and deaths. We also send cards to five parishioners who are elderly/infirm and are unable to attend church. For these parishioners, we send a card once a month to let them know they are still in our thoughts and prayers. If this sounds like the right outreach activity for you, please call me at 329-5928, or send an e-mail to me at sh944s at comcast.net by Sunday, 1/24. [Heike Martineau](#)

The 2015 Annual Report

You should have received via email the annual report for 2015. Thank you for reading all the reports prepared by your fellow parishioners. If for some reason you did not receive the email, please let me know. Also, a few paper copies of the report will be available this Sunday for those of you who do not have email. [Wayne Trombly](#), Senior Warden.

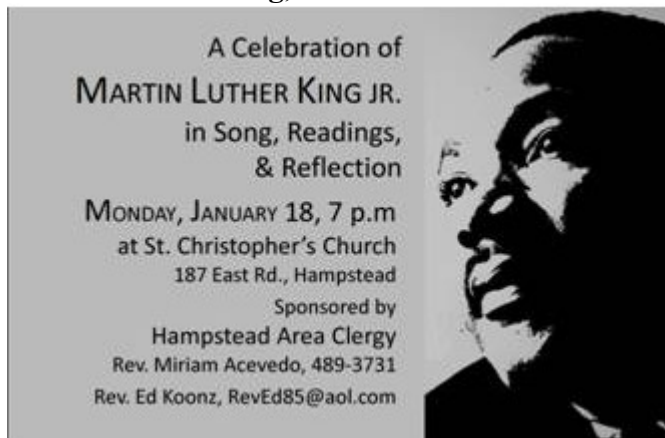


Birthday Cards for Our Adult Parishioners (18 years of age and over)

One of St. Christopher's ministries is to send birthday cards to our adult parishioners. If you

would like to receive a card on your birthday, please print your name and birthday information (month/day only) on the list in the folder on the round table in the vestibule. Folder will remain on the table through Sunday, 1/17. If you prefer, you may send your information to my email address - denmattnh@comcast.net. If you are already receiving a birthday card, it is not necessary for you to add your name again. [Denise Stevenson](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration



Nomination for Election of Bishop's Committee Officers and Members to be VOTED on at the Annual Meeting

The Nomination Task Force would like to introduce the following candidates for positions within St. Christopher's offices. Please note that this year we have three candidates for two positions on the Bishop's Committee. Their biographical paragraphs are included for your perusal. Please read them and get to know the candidates. We will vote on all the positions at our Annual Meeting on January 24th Eucharist with a snow date of the 31st.

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| Junior Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph O'Leary | VOTE FOR TWO |
| Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Trombly | |
| Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Groves | |
| Bishop Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Marcia Devine | |
| Bishop Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Vinton | |
| Bishop Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Br. David Gems | |
| Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Gallo | |
| Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Gems | |
| Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Julia Nye | |
| Alternate | <input type="checkbox"/> Tone Crossman, | |
| Assessor | <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Waymouth | |
| Assessor | <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Towne | |

Faith Symposium on Money in Politics

Please see the attached flyer about an upcoming Faith Symposium on Money in Politics, brought to us by the Franciscan Action Network, January 20 at 6pm at Manchester City Hall, Manchester NH. There is now a Facebook event page for the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/337948336329311/> [Corrine Dodge](#)

SNOW STORM, BLIZZARD, VERY INCLEMENT WEATHER AND/OR POWER OUTAGE Of course, days like these are a struggle, and, yes, some of them even occur on the Lord's Day, Sunday. So what happens then? Please call the office and see if I have left a message regarding worship that day; check Channel 9 for church closings; check the website for an announcement. If you can't get to any of these, then call me directly at 603-489-3731.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law, **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer. Pray for the repose of **Diane Berger Foley**, who died on December 21 and is the mother of Morgan LaMonica's boyfriend, **Quinton Collins**; pray for Robin Flynn's **father**, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** going through radiation and chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra**, Miriam's daughter; for **Jane Roth**; **Jabula Butler**; **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: Joe, Michelle, Logan, and Matthew O'Leary; Karen, Don and Patrick Olmstead; Jessica, Matthew, and Ellie Laura McCabe; Laura Madison and Paul Nowick

Saturday, 1/9, 4
 Sunday, 1/10, 8:00am, 30
 10:15am,

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY WEEKEND

Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest American civil rights leaders, was born on January 15, 1929 and was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Since 1986, the United States has celebrated King's birthday as a national holiday on the third Monday of January. The Episcopal Church also commemorates the day of his death on the liturgical calendar each year.

Holy Women, Holy Men (Church Publishing, 2010) explains that "King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, 'Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice,' and promising never to leave him alone – 'No, never alone.' King refers to his vision as his 'Mountain-top Experience.'"

On April 3, 1968, the day before he was murdered, King delivered a speech in Memphis, Tennessee, popularly referred to as "I've Been to the Mountaintop." The following are excerpts from that speech:

"We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity. ...

"We're going to march again, and we've got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be – and force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God's children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That's the issue. And we've got to say to the nation: We know how it's coming out. For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory. ...

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't really matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life; longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."



*Martin Luther King, Jr., at a freedom rally,
Washington Temple Church,
1962, World Telegram & Sun photo by O.
Fernandez*