



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

February 7, 2016

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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Calendar

Sunday, February 7

- 8 and 10:15
- 9:15 Bible Study
- Sunday school, 10 a.m.
- Outreach Committee, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 8

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.
- Stewardship, 1 pm
- Bishop's Committee, 6 pm

Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday

- Ashes to Go – 9-11 a.m.
- Children's Service, 4:30 p.m.
- Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11

- Eucharist & Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

- Family Service, 4 pm

Sunday, February 14

- 8 am, 10:15 am Eucharist
- Bible study, 9:15
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10.

I will be available to give ashes from 9-11 am for those who cannot attend the later service. We will have two services—4:30 Children's service and 7:30 full Ash Wednesday liturgy. *Miriam*

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent [except for Good Friday] at 5:30. *Miriam*

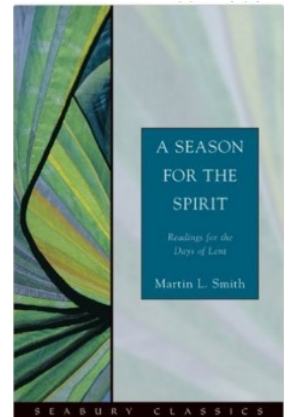
Taize

Taize is a monastic community located in Taize, France founded in the 1940's by a Swiss monk known as Brother Roger. The [community](#) has an

ecumenical focus that "wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated people." [Quoted from their website] A Taize worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and readings. This style of worship has attracted people from all over the world and different denominations. Taize comes to St. Christopher's on March 6, the fourth Sunday in Lent. **That day there will be one service at 10 am with a potluck following.** Working to make this possible are Nicholas Pothier, Julia Forbes, Bob Leonard and Katie Waymouth. *Miriam*

Thursday Evening Adult Ed Lenten Series

This year the Thursday Evening Adult Ed. group will read [A Season For The Spirit: Readings for the Days of Lent](#) by Martin Smith. Father Smith is an Episcopal priest and well-known preacher, chaplain and retreat leader. He was formerly a monk at [the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA.](#) *Miriam*



Diocesan Lay Leadership Institute, May 6 and 7

The Lay Leadership Institute is our annual opportunity to learn the basics of vestry life, how the Episcopal Church works in New Hampshire, or to explore our call to Lay Ministry. Training will be held at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH. For more information, contact Miriam.

Forum with All Our Children and Bishop Hirschfeld, February 19 & 20

"Thinking about how to address the "opportunity gap?" Want to explore a church-school partnership? Time is short to sign up for the All Our Children

Regional Forum at Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield on February 19-20. Click [HERE](#) to register. The Episcopal Church of New Hampshire has limited scholarship money available to pay for you to attend this forum. Please let us know if you are interested in attending (even just for one day) and we may be able to cover the cost. Contact Tina Pickering at tpickering@nhepiscopal.org.



[Featured Video: A statement on the Primates Meeting](#), Bishop Curry, January 15, 2016

Bishop Hirschfeld's Statement on the 2016 Primates Meeting

"Though the news from Canterbury exposes wounds within the Body of Christ, the Church is alive and we are very much a part of it. We can draw courage and increased boldness in our witness from two things: First, from the unanimous sentiment expressed by the Primates to stay in relationship with The Episcopal Church and the choice of those who disagree with our actions at our General Convention this past summer to uphold fully the dignity of our LGBT sisters and brothers to remain around the Altar of Communion. Second, and more importantly, we can take strength from the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount who urges us to rejoice and be glad, for we share in the blessing of those who have thirsted for justice and righteousness in the generations before us, even when they suffered rebuke." Read the Bishop's Full Statement [HERE](#).

Watch on Television, courtesy of Hampstead Community Cable TV the latest episode of the Spirited Life.

<http://hampsteadcabletv.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=068a0223867661da895def2ee4e8abad>

Special Prayers for a Special Baby

The youngest member of our parish, Ellie Laura McCabe, is only five weeks old. She was born with a serious heart condition and is still at Boston's Children's Hospital. Please pray for Ellie and her family. She is the granddaughter of Deb Pothier and niece of Nick our music minister. *Miriam*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe** who is in serious condition; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law, **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's father, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** going through radiation and chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra**, Miriam's daughter; for **Georgia** on her birthday; **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 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: Lyn Rockwell; Jane Roth and Lily and Andrew Roth-Heinlein; Joyce Ryan and Bob Leonard; Judith Putnam-Sette and Alfred, Charles and William Sette

Attendance

Tuesday, 1/26, WBS, 5

Thursday, 1/28, 7

Saturday, 1/30, 4

Sunday, 1/31, 8:00am, 29; 10:15am, 59

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

March 20, Palm Sunday, 8 and 10:15

March 24 Maundy Thursday, 6:30 soup and bread meal followed by 7:30 liturgy

March 25 Good Friday, 4:30 children, 7:30 liturgy

March 26, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 9 pm

March 27, Easter, 8 and 10:15

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LENTEN RESOURCES

February 10 is Ash Wednesday, the first day in the season of Lent, which is the 40 day period before Easter Sunday. Although Lent is traditionally considered a time of fasting, self-denial, and repentance, we are also encouraged to use it as a time of prayerfulness, self-reflection, and service. To guide individuals and congregations through their Lenten journeys this year, the church is offering a variety of Episcopal and ecumenical online resources.

The Episcopal Church is also encouraging congregations and individuals to share photos of Lent and Ash Wednesday events such as “Ashes to Go” here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/form/photo-submissions>

Lenten Resources:

Journey to the Cross at d365
<http://d365.org/>

Episcopal Public Policy Network Lenten Series on Beloved Community and racial reconciliation
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/blog>
or sign up to receive the EPPN Lenten reflections to your inbox here
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/app/register?l&m=16835>

Episcopal Relief & Development Lenten Meditations
<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2016-press-releases/walk-the-path-of-lent-with-episcopal-relief-and-developments-2016-lenten-meditations>

Episcopal Church Lenten series featuring reflections on scriptural mentions of “Go!”
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/LentenReflections>
<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian/?fref=ts>

Society of Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Series
<http://ssje.org/ssje/growrule/>

Young Adult and Campus Ministry Lenten reflections on racial reconciliation
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/yacm/>

