



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

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Calendar

Sunday, February 21

- 8 and 10:15
- 9:15 Bible Study
- Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Monday, February 22

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.

Tuesday, February 23

- Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- NO Yoga with Miriam at 6:30

Thursday, February 25

- Eucharist & Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 26

- Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

- Family Service, 4 pm

Sunday, February 28

- 8 am, 10:15 am Eucharist
- Bible study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10 a.m.
- Holy Week Planning Meeting 11:30

Guest Preacher This Sunday, the 21st

My friend Pete Baldwin will preach today. Pete has taught middle-school Sunday school over twenty years. He leads a visual arts ministry at Christ Church in Exeter (if you've driven by and seen the 12-foot murals you've seen his 4-through-8th graders' work). And he provides a



little stand-up relief on third-Sundays at Christ Church with a children's homily that engages the youngest of parishioners. An EFM graduate now in early discernment, Pete is always trying to discover ways to spread God's love and message with his particular gifts. On the secular side, Pete is a technologist in the CIO's office at Santander Bank. While he works long hours at the bank, he's always

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looking for opportunities to spread his personal ministry.

EMM Seeks Comments for Sharing with NH Congressional Delegation

Allison Duvall, Church Engagement Manager for Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), is asking Episcopalians to offer short reflections for her to take to share with Congress when she and her EMM colleagues visit Washington, DC next week. Would you - and friends and colleagues, anyone you'd like to invite - be willing to write 3-5 sentence reflections on one or more of the following:

- What has been your experience welcoming refugees to your communities?
- What has moved/called you to be part of this work?
- (Other topics/reflections are welcome, too).

Reflections from NH will be shared with our Congressional Delegation. Send responses to aduvall@episcopalchurch.org by Feb. 17th.

Safe Church Trainings Continue

The next Safe Church Training will be on Saturday, March 12 at 9am at Church of Our Saviour, Milford. You can learn more about ongoing training opportunities at the Diocese [website](#). Or, go [HERE](#) to register for the March 12 training.

Potluck—Calling all cooks!

On March 6, in addition to our Taize service, the Bishop's and Stewardship Committees are sponsoring a potluck lunch. It is the fourth Sunday in Lent sometimes called Laetare [means Rejoice] Sunday or "Mothering Sunday," traditionally viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. There is a signup sheet for food in the vestibule. Please note that there will be **only one service that day at 10 am.** *Miriam*

Practice gratitude . Encounter the Lord each day. Be present to others. Resist overwork. Nurture friendships. Give more. Make a difference in your parish community. Consider living more simply. Get healthy. Don't give up. Turn to the Lord.

Stations of the Cross

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

Three Temptations—Three Lies

Lenten Reflection from Bishop Hirschfeld

The First Sunday in Lent we read the passage from the fourth chapter of Luke where Jesus withstands three trials from Satan. The temptations come to Jesus as Three Big Lies. Here they are: You do not have enough. You are worthless in the eyes of anyone and everyone. Your faith won't save you or help you. It might take some explaining to show how we get from the story in Scripture to these Three Big Lies—it's taken me over fifty years of striving to walk with Jesus through these Lenten Wildernesses to get here-- but I can assure you, these are lies we seem always to contend against. The lies are vain attempts to divide us (the word devil means "the divider") from a God who, in Jesus, tells us three Truths. Here they are: God gives us plenty enough. So much that there's plenty for everybody. Everybody. God sees us, made in God's image, as already full of beauty and glory. Worldly fame, power, glory are counterfeit. God, in the Resurrected Jesus, will pluck us from even death.

Jesus, filled with the Spirit, refuses to accept any of the lies and chooses to hold fast to the truths. During his life and ministry he will himself become bread for the life of the world, he will display a power and a glory that make puny the powers of this world, and he will do that by utterly trusting in the protection of God's love, that is even stronger than death. This Lent, let's walk together in the light of God's truth, encouraging each other when we are tempted to see ourselves as less than God's children, and abiding in the Spirit that empowers us to walk with Jesus and serve boldly and fearlessly in his name. Let's stay close to Jesus this Lent, friends! +Rob The Right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop, Episcopal Church of NH

Update from the Fundraising Committee

If you would like to help out on the committee, let us know, we'd love to have you! We are in the planning stages of our next Ten Talents Challenge and hope to have even more parishioners involved than last year! You will soon see a sign up poster in the vestibule to make it easy to commit to a task or

project. If you have an idea or suggestion please pass it along to a member of the committee. Committee members are Karen Groves, Dianne Cope-land, Del Dooling, Terri Mc-Dermot, Peggy Baker, Marcia Devine, and Kathy Trombly.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermot; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe** who is now home; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law, **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's father, diagnosed with cancer, for **Zach; Bill Steinhoff** going through radiation and chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra**, Miriam's daughter; **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: Jean Seeler-Gifford; Eleanor Simmons; Kym, Rob and Connor Schuler; Bill and Leslie Steinhoff; Ryan and Jessica Steinhoff.

Attendance

Wednesday, 2/10, 9-11 a.m., 4 ; 4:30 p.m., 15;
7:30 p.m., 28

Thursday, 2/11, 12; Saturday, 2/13, 3
Sunday, 2/14, 8 a.m., 22; 10:15 a.m., 66

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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FEBRUARY 21, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (C)

EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES AMERICORPS OPPORTUNITY

Are you feeling a call toward humanitarian service but unable to commit to a year abroad?

Are you passionate about welcoming and integrating new Americans in your community?

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and make a difference in an organization, a community, and the world?

Through an innovative new partnership, Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement service of The Episcopal Church, is now enlisting AmeriCorps members to engage in the life-saving work of refugee resettlement.



This is an opportunity to explore your passion for service as a volunteer manager at one of 10 community-based refugee resettlement organizations in the following locations:

- Refugee Focus, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona <http://www.refugeefocus.org>
- Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Services of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles <http://iris.ladiocese.org/>
- Episcopal Migration Ministries–Miami, Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida, <http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/miami.aspx>
- Agency for New Americans, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho <http://www.anaidaho.org/>
- Episcopal Migration Ministries – Wichita, Episcopal Diocese of Kansas <http://www.ewarm.org/>
- Interfaith Refugee Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, New Bern and Wilmington offices <http://www.helpingrefugees.org/>
- Bridge Refugee Services, Chattanooga and Knoxville offices, Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee <http://www.bridgerefugees.org/>
- Episcopal Diocese of Olympia Refugee Resettlement Office <http://www.diocesseroseattle.org/>

If selected to serve, you will build programs and networks that will raise essential volunteer support for new refugee arrivals.

This is exciting, energizing, and creative work.

You will receive a living allowance plus benefits for full time service (1,700 service hours over the course of 11 months). At the completion of service, you will receive Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay educational costs at eligible post-secondary educational institutions or to repay qualified student loans. If you are over age 55, the education award is transferable to your child, stepchild, foster child, grandchild, or step-grandchild.



The Service Opportunity is available here: <http://bit.ly/EMMAmeriCorps>

The program is made possible through a partnership grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the Administration for Children and Families (US Department of Health and Human Services).

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Allison Duvall, Episcopal Migration Ministries Manager for Church Relations and Engagement, at aduvall@episcopalchurch.org, (212) 716-6027.