



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

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Calendar

Sunday, April 3

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 a.m.,(Healing Team)
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10 am

Monday, April 4

- Monday morning Yoga, 9 am.

Tuesday, April 5

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- Group Spiritual Direction, 3:30
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

- Crop Walk Pizza Party, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

- Group Spiritual Direction, 11 a.m.
- Eucharist and Adult Ed., 7 pm

Saturday, April 9

- Yard Sale Drop Off, 1-3
- Eucharist, 4 pm, All Welcome

Sunday, April 10

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

The Ten Talents Challenge begins today!

We are all called to use our God given gifts to advance God's kingdom on earth. We bring joy to the broken hearted, hope to the hopeless, we serve our neighbors in times of need, we share our good fortune. Please take some time to pray about how you can use your gifts, your energy, your enthusiasm for all God has blessed you with in this parish wide fundraising event. This is the perfect way to tap into something you love, something you are great at, something that is fun, and share it with our church family and the community around us! Look over the packet of information you receive at church today and think about how you would like to participate. **There are two parts to the challenge: 1)The Spring Festival-Yard Sale and 2) Do Your Own Thing.** There are sign up posters in the

vestibule for you to look over, and you can add your name to the project or event of your choice. Please fill out the orange Participation Form and return it as soon as possible. The committee members' contact information is listed in the instruction packet, and you can find us in the church directory. Information is also on the church website at www.st-christophers-nh.org/ten-talents.



The Festival - Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, but your own project can be done at any time. This was a joyous and successful event last year raising \$6,934, and we intend to make this year even better! As a reminder, this is intended to be our only fundraising event of the year so we have to think big, and we need your help to make it happen! **The first Yard Sale Donation Drop Off is this Saturday April 9 from 1 to 3 pm** at Hampstead Self Storage on 45 Gigante Dr. Hampstead. It is just off Rt 121, just a short drive from St. Christopher's, and committee members will be there to assist you. Your Ten Talents Committee: Kathy Trombly, Dianne Copeland, Terri McDermot, Peggy Baker, Del Dooling, Karen Groves, Laura Madison, Marcia Tapley.

“Estate Planning for Everyone” Save the Date Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting an evening focused on estate planning, so save **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm** on your calendars. In addition to a very well qualified presenter in Dave Caruso: we will also offer dessert for all. The thought of estate planning can be intimidating but it is important for everyone to consider. Come to the

event and learn the basics that everyone should understand. Some questions that will be addressed include: Who needs a trust? What do trusts do? Do I need a will? Are your assets in the right name? Do you really know who your beneficiary & contingent beneficiaries? How do I protect my assets if I become incapacitated? The 2015 tax season will have just finished (thankfully!) and you will have the opportunity to start thinking about the future. *Terry Copeland*

Southern Convocation Meeting

Our diocese is divided up into regions called "convocations". There are six convocations and we belong to the Southern Convocation which meets on the last Tuesday of the month. **We are hosting the next meeting which will be on April 26 at 7** for refreshments and 7:30 for the meeting. Our Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will be the guest speaker. Typically the parish hosting the meeting provides refreshments and we need your help with that. I am placing on the round table in the vestibule a signup sheet for those of you who could kindly provide some food--we're asking for things like cookies, cakes, or even cheese and crackers or a veggie platter. Anyone in the parish is invited to attend. Our delegates to the convocation are Barbara Hughes, Ann Gerns, Jean Sanders, Tone Crossman, and Julia Nye. Thank you for your help. *Miriam*

Pizza Party Invitation

You are all invited to a Pizza Party **Wednesday evening, April 6, at Atkinson Congregational Church, at 6:30 pm.** The Pizza Party is an opportunity to meet the new Church World Service regional director and to hear about all the good things our **Crop Walk** money does in the world. Families are welcome. If you and/or your family decide to go, please contact Barbara Hughes at bearhugs222@msn.com with a head count. We hope to generate interest and enthusiasm for the **2016 CROP HUNGER WALK** which will be held at Atkinson Congregational Church on **Sunday, May 15, 2016.** Barbara will be at the Party and will get Sponsor sheets for St. Christopher's walkers, who can sign up starting next Sunday

Prayers of the People

We give thanks and praise to God that **Joan Fettes** is now cancer free. Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; prayers for the repose of the soul of

Laura Lee Meehan, Deb Pothier's mother and grandmother of **Nick Pothier** and **Jess McCabe**; 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 chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam's daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Joan and Ron Ruggiero**, and **Josephine Herbert**; **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: Theresa and Justine Altsher; David, Kim, Brianna, David, and Julia Marie Angelini; Tom and Peggy Baker; Muriel Andernacht

Attendance

Maunday Thursday, 3/24, 49
Good Friday, 3/25, 4:30, 6; 7:30, 36
Easter Vigil, 3/26, 38
Easter Sunday, 3/27, 8:00, 32; 10:15, 91

Mark Your Calendars!



Yard Sale Donation Dates

We are counting on another great yard sale on Sat. May 21, so please save your unwanted items for us! We will be

accepting donations at the **Hampstead Self Storage** on 45 Gigante Dr. Hampstead, just off Rt. 121, on the following dates:

Sat. April 9	1 pm to 3 pm
Sat. April 23	8 am to 11 am
Sun. April <u>24</u>	9 am to 1 pm
Sat. May 7	11 am to 2 pm

Please note that we are unable to take large appliances, mattresses, computer monitors, older electronics like large televisions, etc.

**Also note that we can not accept donations the day before or the day of the yard sale. If you are unable to coordinate with us on one of the dates listed above, please contact us and we will try to work something out. *Kathy Trombly and Dianne Copland*

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A WORD TO THE CHURCH FROM EPISCOPAL BISHOPS

The Episcopal Church House of Bishops met in retreat March 11 – 15 at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, TX. While meeting in retreat, they unanimously approved the following Word To The Church on civil discourse and our current political climate.

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

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In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.