



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Pentecost Sunday

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Calendar

Sunday, May 15

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 am
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10
- CROP Walk, 1 pm

Monday, May 16

- Monday morning Yoga, 9
- Group Spiritual Direction, 11
- Stewardship, 1 pm.

Tuesday, May 17

- 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.

Thursday, May 19

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, May 21

- 10 Talents Yard Sale.. 8-3
- Saturday Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

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

Ten Talents Updates!

Our Spring Festival & Yard Sale is THIS COMING WEEKEND! Sat. May 21 from 8 to 3. Festivals are time for Family Fun! Please come and bring your family for some food, some yummy baked goods, kids activities including face painting, balloon animals and the LEGO contest, awesome Bluegrass music, and an abundance of yard sale treasures! We are also looking for a few amateur photographers to snap some pictures of the activities during the Festival. Let Kathy or Dianne know if you can do this. LEGO Contest registration ends Saturday May 14! Email us if you want to take part!

Yard Sale

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Festival Yard Sale! We have completely packed the



"Pentecost in Two Minutes"

storage unit! Remember, we cannot take items the day of the sale. Some of you have arranged ahead of time with us to bring your large items on Friday afternoon, that is still fine. If you need to contact us about any last minute items, please do so A.S.A.P as the team has a lot to do on Friday to prepare the grounds for the Festival on Saturday.

More Ten Talent Services!

Does your pet need a pal? Then call **Jean Sanders Pet Pal service!** She can stop by to visit and feed your pet, go for walks, give treats and attention when your furry friend is alone during the day. She even will feed your fish! She has very reasonable rates, so call her to see if a Pet Pal is what your pup, kitty, or guppy is looking for!

Don't forget these services!

Lyn Rockwell will transfer your old photos to digital format for fun and preservation. Miriam will once again do **house blessings**. Sign up on the round table.

More on House Blessing and Pocket Prayer Cloths

In some traditions house blessings are done annually during certain times of the year. I am offering to bless your house for \$10 as part of my Ten Talents Challenge. ALSO, in a collaborative effort Katie Waymouth, Ann Gerns, Tone Crossman and Corinne Dodge are making Pocket Prayer Cloths. Each will be blessed and will come with a prayer. The cost of these is \$2 each. There are signup sheets to reserve your house blessing and Pocket Prayer Cloths. *Miriam*

Maple Syrup:

First of all, I want to say thank you to who have reserved maple syrup that supports of my 10 Talents effort. I began distributing syrup last Sunday. I will not be at church this Sunday May 15, so I can't

distribute the syrup then. I will have your syrup set aside during the Fair Saturday May 21 from 8 AM-3 PM and after each service Sunday May 22. Please try and pick up your syrup during one of these times, since the 10 Talents program winds down after that and I will be away from May 26-June 8. The cost is \$15/pint cash or a check made out to "St. Christopher's Church" and write 'syrup' on the memo line—Br. David

The Most Rev. Michael Curry Coming to NH

The diocese is delighted to invite lay leaders from all parishes to join a Conversation with The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and The Rev. Canon Michael B. Hunn, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry within the Episcopal Church. This event will be held at St. Paul's Church in Concord on Monday, June 6, 2016, from 10 am - 12 noon.

Register [HERE](#).

Spirited Life Today - Episode Nine



the link to the latest episode of the Spirit Life Today, Episode 9 is now available to watch on Channel 17 and here online at: <http://hampsteadcabletv.pegcentral.com/player.hp?video=bb8e92eac68c877f156f79ee9c375fd2> Miriam Acevedo and Ed Koonz sit down with Carlos Paz to discuss the Missionary Air Group.

Summer Camp Scholarships Available for NH Youth Thanks to a generous donation from St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, a seasonal chapel in Rye Beach NH, Camperships (camp scholarships) are available to send twelve New Hampshire children to Barbara C. Harris Camp this summer. BCH Episcopal Camp is a wonderful experience with varied programming for children entering 4th grade

through 12th grade. Camperships are always available for New Hampshire children and they are typically shared as 1/3 from BCH, 1/3 from the church, 1/3 from the family, but thanks to generous support from St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, there is additional help available for the church or family portion of the fee.

Read [MORE](#).

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Neil Troutman and family**—Neil died this past week, he was a close friend of Miriam; for **Denise**; pray for **Greta McElvanna** who is suffering with severe depression—she asks for your prayers; pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe** who is due to have a second surgery soon; 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; for **Dale**; **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 **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo, Jr.**; 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: Corinne Dodge; Dolores Dooling and Joan Fettes; Stephen and Robin Flynn; and Julia Forbes

Attendance

Thurs. 5/5 10

Sunday 5/8 at 8 a.m., 33; 10:15, 38.



*Ask much of us. Expect much of us. Enable much by us. Encourage many through us.
May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.*

Ideas for Celebrating Pentecost at home:

The color for Pentecost is **RED** to "recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives."

Celebrating at home:

- Decorate with roses and red candles! We will have a white table cloth the children will decorate with rose petals from a bush in our yard and votive candles to represent the tongues of flame.
- Hang a Dove cut out
- Serve a cake with vanilla icing and strawberries to represent the flames or even a 12 fruit salad, to represent the 12 Fruits of the Spirit

Family Prayers:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Blessing to Share: "May God pour out his Spirit upon you, so that you live boldly as his child and do great things in his name. Amen." (Acts 2:17; Romans 8:15; John 14:12)

Scripture to read together:

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

or [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

[Psalm 104: 25-35,37](#)

[Romans 8:22-27](#)

or [Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15](#)

Activities:

- Cut out 12 small from a piece of construction paper or cardstock and write one of the following fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Place the doves in a nice dish and before each meal ask a family member to draw one out. Discuss its meaning, how you've seen it in each other's lives, ask for the Holy Spirit to fill each of you with this fruit.
- [Coloring Pages](#)
- For little ones, play with bubbles or fly kites to remind you of the Holy Spirit presence.
- Take time to learn about and pray for your church's missionaries and sister churches around the world.