



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Calendar

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

- Monday morning Yoga, 9 am
- Stewardship, Pam.
- Bishop's Committee, 7

Tuesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 12

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, May 14

- Bread Making with kids, 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 Pentecost Sunday!!

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10 am
- CROP Walk, 12:30 p.m.



Communion Bread Making With Children

This event is on Saturday, May 14 at 2:30. The children will be taught how to make Communion bread by Brooke LaMonica and Michele Christian. I will talk with the children about the tradition of bread in scripture and in the church. The Communion bread the children make will be used for

the first time at the 4 pm service that day. Weather permitting the children will have a chance to play games outside. *Miriam*

Ten Talents

Final Yard Sale Donation Opportunity!

Sat. May 7, 11 am to 2 pm at the Hampstead Self Storage on Gigante Dr. in Hampstead. Look for the sign! Call Kathy 603-867-3886 or Dianne 813-486-7917 with any questions. This is our last scheduled donation date!

Please Pray

Yes! Please pray for good weather on Saturday May 21 for our Spring Festival and Yard Sale. The Ten Talents Challenge was initiated as a way for all parishioners to take part in some way, large or small, in helping to raise funds for St. Christopher's and the work that we know is important. Please take a few minutes to see if there is some way you can do your part if you haven't already! And help us spread the word by sharing our flyer anywhere you can, bulletin boards, social media, etc!

Our sincere thanks to all who have committed to the challenge! The Fundraising Team: Kathy, Dianne, Del, Terri, Karen, Laura, Peggy, Marcia

Walking the Walk With Miriam

I am looking for youth and MSG children to walk with me during the CROP Walk on May 15. We will meet at St. Christopher's registration

table at the Atkinson Congregational Church. Registration is at 12:30 with the walk starting at 1. Pizza and other tasty things to eat will be available after the walk. *Miriam*



House Blessing and Pocket Prayer Cloths—Ten Talents Challenge

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-Br. David will have the maple syrup available after both services this Sunday. If you reserved pint(s) you can pick them up then. He will have extra pints available to buy if you didn't reserve a pint. The cost is \$15 a pint. You can pay with cash or by check. Make the check out to "St. Christopher's church." Thank you for your support. – Brother David

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.php?video=bb8e92eac68c877f156f79ee9c375fd2> Miriam Acevedo and Ed Koonz sit down with Carlos Paz to discuss the Missionary Air Group.

Upcoming Safe Church Training

There will be a safe church training on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at St. John's Church in Portsmouth. All online modules should be completed prior to the 14th and Certificates of Completion should be brought to the training. Register [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Lynn Eaton](#).

From Crop Walk Coordinator, Barbara Hughes

Thank you to all those who have signed up early for the 23rd Annual Crop Hunger Walk. As you know 25% goes to local food pantries. the other 75% goes to Church World Service, where the money is used both in the U.S. and around the world for disaster Relief and Development funding. Several reminders: Get the money up-front if you can. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP. Do not have checks made out in your name if at all possible. Church World Service is considered a four star charitable organization and the web site is a secure site to donate through with a credit card. *The St. Christopher's Team link is [HERE](#). Barbara*

Prayers of the People

We continue to give thanks and praise to God that **Joan Fettes** is now cancer free; 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: **Maureen**, **Alton** and **Ara Dadekian**; **David** and **Anne Darrah**; **Violet** and **James DeMarco**; **Joe**, **Susan** and **Nicole DiFraia**.

Attendance

4/28, Thursday, 5

4/30, Saturday, 10

5/1, Sunday, 8:00am, 22

10:15am, 42

*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.*

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Spring Festival & Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21

8 am - 3 pm

Food * Music

Bake Sale

Kids' Games * Face Painting

Huge Yard Sale!

LEGO
Contest!
see website
for
details

Just south of Rt. 111

187 East Rd. Hampstead

More details at www.saintcs.org

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



MAY 8, 2016 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

CELEBRATE WORLD REFUGEE DAY

In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly established June 20 as World Refugee Day to recognize and celebrate the contribution of refugees throughout the world and to raise awareness about the growing refugee crisis.

- There are nearly 60 million refugees, internally displaced people and asylum seekers worldwide - the largest number since World War II.
- In just the past four years, more than 4 million Syrians have fled the violence in their country.
- More than 50% of refugees are under 18 years old.



This year, the Episcopal Church, in partnership our network of 30 local affiliate offices, will welcome more than 5,000 refugees to the United States from countries across the globe – places like Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma, Afghanistan, and Syria. To make this happen, Episcopalians work together with community leaders, local businesses, and organizations to make sure every refugee has the warm welcome, food, housing, and support they need to make a new start.

You have an important role in this Gospel ministry of welcome. Here are just a few of the ideas for celebrating World Refugee Day in your congregation. Be sure to join Episcopal Migration Ministries and Episcopal Public Policy Network on May 12 at 7 pm Eastern for a #RefugeesWelcome World Refugee Day planning webinar: <http://bit.ly/WRDMay2016>.

- Find a local World Refugee Day event on our interactive events map: www.episcopalchurch.org/WorldRefugeeDay
- Host a #RefugeesWelcome dinner to support new Americans living in your community: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/WorldRefugeeDay>.
- Lift up prayers for refugees in your congregation. Worship materials are here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/WorldRefugeeDay>.
- Join our educational webinar on June 20, 7 pm, to learn more about the refugee crisis, U.S. resettlement, and how you can be involved in creating a welcoming community for new Americans. Register using this link: <http://bit.ly/WRDJune2016>
- Start a conversation in your church about how you can be involved in this life-saving work. Use our World Refugee Day bulletin insert and planning materials found here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/WorldRefugeeDay>. Volunteer for this life-saving ministry by working with one of our local partners. Our affiliate network map is here: <http://bit.ly/EMMpartners>.
- Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network to learn more about how you can work with local and elected leaders to support refugees: www.advocacy.episcopalchurch.org.

For more information, visit episcopalchurch.org/emm or contact Allison Duvall, Manager for Church Relations and Engagement, aduvall@episcopalchurch.org, 212-716-6027.

Prayer for World Refugee Day

Written by #ShareTheJourney pilgrim Alyssa Stebbing, Outreach Ministry Director and Contemporary Music Director at Trinity Episcopal Church, The Woodlands, Texas

Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors, that those families who have sought refuge from the ravages of war and violence may find not only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity. Amen.