



# The Signpost Weekly

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Calendar

### Sunday, July 10

- Eucharist, 9 am The Rev. Jane Van Zandt

### Tuesday, July 12

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, July 17

- Eucharist, 9 am Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson  
Coffee Hour to follow.

### Video: Presiding Bishop asks for prayers following shootings



*Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry has issued the following [video](#) asking every Episcopalian to share in deep prayer following the shootings in the United States.*

### Joining us this summer as "Supply Priests."

Rev. Jane Van Zandt who will join us on July 10. Jane and her husband, Allen, served as frequent overnight hosts for St. Christopher's Family Promise.



And we look forward to the return of Rev David Plank who joins us July 24 and 31, and August 7 and 14. He brings with him his wonderful sense of humor, and his knack for engaging us in his sermon.

### Miriam's Vacation

My vacation begins Sunday July 10 through August 16. The 4 pm services resume Saturday, August 20 and I will of course be here Sunday, August 21.

*Miriam*

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson



from the diocese will be here on **July 17** to both celebrate the Eucharist and meet with you to talk about the transition period after my retirement. The "Canon to the Ordinary" is an assistant to the bishop. Hannah served in four other dioceses before coming to New Hampshire at the request of Bishop Hirschfeld in January of 2013. She has a doctorate degree in Congregational Ministries, is an

artist, a "Life Coach", was a Canon for Congregational Development, and here in New Hampshire, has led vestry retreats, a Servant Leader training, oversees those in the ordination process and parishes having a transition in clergy – and much more. I know it's in the middle of the summer and many take the summer off from church but this is an important meeting. Hannah will go over what you can expect to happen after January 8, 2017 and will answer your questions. Your presence is important so please mark your calendars for July 17 at 9 am. Thank you. *Miriam*

### A simplified coffee hour for the summer months-

After some discussion with some members of our church and with the Bishops Committee it has been decided to simplify coffee hour for the summer as follows: No one person will be in charge. I will make sure that a selection of coffees and teas are

available to be used with the Keurig machine. I will also have a snack and cream available. If someone would like to make something, that would be nice also, just let me know [via e-mail](#). This will be for the Sundays that have the 9:00 am service only-July 3rd to September 4th. Thank you again to everyone who contributes so generously to the coffee hour. This is to give everyone a break without eliminating the opportunity for fellowship after church. With gratitude for the St. Christopher's community, [Ingrid Chapman](#)

### Try to Keep Pledge Payments Up-to-Date over the Summer

With the summer months coming cash flow tends to get tight. Please take this as a friendly reminder to bring or keep your pledges up-to-date, especially if you plan to be away for the summer. Thank you,

### A Summertime Learning Opportunity - Take a free online Harvard course about world religions

The course is offered through the Religious Literacy Project of the Harvard Divinity School. This course is called World Religions Through Their Scriptures. Diane Moore\* is director of the Religious Literacy Project.



Dr Moore believes that misconceptions about religion affect us all. "The misunderstanding and misrepresentation of religion, in my view, have tremendous civic consequences in that they fuel bigotry and prejudice and hinder cooperative opportunities in both local, national and international arenas. A better understanding of religion, the ways religions function, won't completely eradicate the terrible challenges we're facing globally, but I do believe they would be minimized—especially those related to religious representation...if people had a more sophisticated understanding of how religions function."

Students of the course will have the opportunity to discuss the course work through online forums. The courses may be taken for free. A certificate of completion is also available for \$50 per unit/module. To learn more about the course and to sign up please [visit course website](#).

"Through the lens of scriptures, this Religion XSeries will explore how religions are internally diverse, and how they evolve and change as living



traditions that impact, and are impacted, by the cultural, historical, and political contexts of adherents. We

will explore issues of interpretation through themes such as gender and sexuality, the arts, violence and peace, science, and power and authority. In addition to learning with and from world-renowned scholars, learners will have the opportunity to interact with peers from around the world representing diverse backgrounds, affiliations, and perspectives."

<http://www.episcopalcafe.com/take-a-free-harvard-course-about-world-religions-online/>

### Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe** as she continues to recover from heart surgery; for Cheryl Poussard for her loss; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; for **Zach; Bill Steinhoff** going through cancer treatment; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam's daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan; Kate; Joan and Ron Ruggiero, and Josephine Herbert; Brayden; Matty; Ian;** 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:** Greta, James and Rebecca McElvanna and Emily Peterson; Joe, Michelle, Logan, and Matthew O'Leary; Terri McDermot; Carolyn Mueller.

### Attendance

Tuesday, 6/28, WBS, 4

Thursday, 6/30, 5

Saturday, 7/2, ROG, 6; 4:00pm, 9

Sunday, 7/3, 9:00am, 28

### Summer Wish List Ecumenical Food Pantry

*Juice, Spaghetti Sauce, Microwave Popcorn, Jelly/Fluff, Pudding, Tissues, Paper Towels, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant (M & F), Shampoo, Razors*

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*Ask much of us. Expect much of us. Enable much by us. Encourage many through us.*

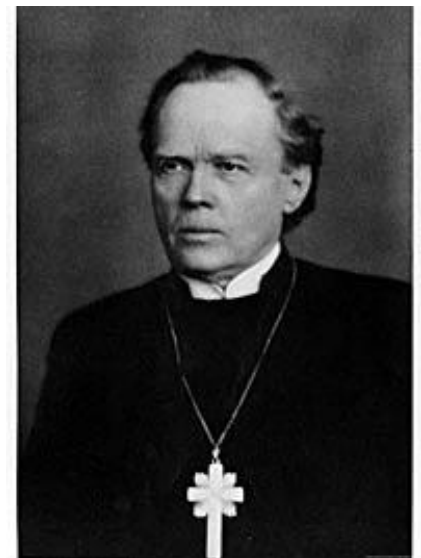
*May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.*



JULY 10, 2016 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C): NATHAN SÖDERBLOM

Swedish bishop Nathan Söderblom was the first member of the clergy to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Born Lars Olof Jonathan Söderblom, on January 15, he graduated from Uppsala University in 1883 and was ordained a priest in the Church of Sweden (Lutheran) in 1893. He earned his doctorate in theology at the Sorbonne and taught theology at the University of Uppsala until his appointment as Archbishop of Uppsala in 1914.

During the First World War, Archbishop Söderblom called on Christian leaders to work for peace and justice. He believed that all Christian church communities were called to fight unhealthy nationalism, racism, militarism and the oppression of minorities. At the same time, he proposed that Jesus' message of love disseminated from pulpits, in newspapers, and in schools to create a powerful body of Christian opinion across national borders in favor of peace.



He famously wrote in his work, 'The Content of Christian Faith':

"For me everything is absorbed by the one big question – the question of reconciliation and healing [restoration.] Do we see God's way in the terrible chaos of this world; the way which for the human reason is a source of offense, but remains the only possible way? This way does not avoid the tragedy of human life but goes through the very middle of it."

Archbishop Söderblom took great interest in the early liturgical renewal movement among Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans. He saw a profound connection between liturgical worship, personal prayer, and social justice. In 1925 he invited Anglican, Reformed, Lutheran, and Orthodox leaders to Stockholm and together they formed the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work. His ecumenical work led eventually to the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Söderblom's advocacy for Church unity as a means toward to accomplishing world peace earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930. After his death in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1931 his body was interred in Uppsala Cathedral. He is commemorated in the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church on July 12.

*Almighty God, we bless your Name for the life and work of Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, who helped to inspire the modern liturgical revival and worked tirelessly for cooperation among Christians. Inspire us by his example, that we may ever strive for the renewal of your Church in life and worship, for the glory of your Name; who with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Sources: *Holy Women, Holy Men, Wikipedia, Nobel Media, The Content of Christian Faith.*