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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, June 26

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 am
- Fundraising Meeting, 9 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Stewardship, 11:30.

Monday, June 27

- Yoga, 9 am

Tuesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 30

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, July 2

- Saturday Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 3

- Eucharist, 9 am

Summer hours

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, July 3 and goes through Sunday, September 4. This means one service at 9 a.m. We resume our two services of 8 and 10:15 on September 11, which is also Sunday school registration day. Saturday service will continue until July 9 when I go on vacation. They will resume when I return from vacation on August 20. *Miriam*

Taking a Summer Break

The following programs are taking a summer break as of the end of June: Yoga on Monday and Tuesday, Thursday evening Eucharist and Adult Education, Sunday morning Bible Study. The Women's Bible Study will meet June 28 and July 5 and then break for the summer.

Fundraising Team Meeting Sunday, 9 a.m.

The fundraising team will be meeting to review our Ten Talents Challenge and the Spring Festival and Yard Sale on Sunday June 26 between services. If you have a suggestion or a comment that you would

like to pass along, please do! We are going to be discussing what worked, what needs to be done differently, what could be added, etc. to continue to improve the experience for

all. Thank you to all who continue to send in Ten Talents money! Your generosity is a testament to the community that is St. Christopher's, to all who make it so, and to our Father who has blessed us so richly with special gifts to share!



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 (arkinchapman@comcast.net). 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*

Miriam to Retire

Last Saturday and Sunday I announced that I will retire effective January 8, 2017. This was not an easy decision but I need more time to care for my mother's needs. It has been a privilege and pleasure to be your Vicar for sixteen years. You are very much a part of my life and I will miss **all** of you. I am excited about the future of St. Christopher's. New clergy leadership will walk with you as I have

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.

done but they will take you into a new future of faithful service in the name of Christ. You will have your challenges but you will also flourish. This may be a small parish but you are healthy and vital. You have excellent lay leadership in Wayne Trombly and Karen Groves who will be calling on you to step up to serve the parish during the period of transition. Miriam

Mark Your Calendars

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. 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*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,

You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:

Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask;

Through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

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,

Remembering Seafarers

On June 25, people around the world reflect on the mariners who are responsible for transporting over 90 per cent of the world's trade – goods and resources that keep us clothed and fed. Many of these mariners are men and women who come from labor-supplying countries such as the Philippines, China and Eastern Europe. But in the United States, more than 11,000 Americans crew the Merchant Marine, each one spending up to a year away from family and sacrificing important life events, including the birth of their children, anniversaries, graduations, and the day-to-day joy of family life.

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: Danielle, Kaitlyn and Nathan LeClair; Laura and Paul Nowick; Heike, Scott, Cameron, and Danielle Martineau; Marlana LeSage.

Attendance

Saturday, 6/18, 4 pm, 8

Sunday, 6/19, 8 am, 23; 10:15 am, 44

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

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.

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It is to the world's seafarers that the Episcopal Church reaches out with a message of love and hope. Since the early 1800s, people of faith have visited ships. For the last 160 years, The Mission to Seafarers (MtS) has had a central place in the life and mission of the Anglican Communion. MtS is the world's largest port-based provider of maritime ministry, working in over 200 ports in more than 50 countries. In 2015, our network of chaplains and ship visitors met over 550,000 seafarers on board their ships, and transported over 327,000 crews to our mariner communication facilities, city centres, and places of worship. We also provided

professional and pastoral support in over 2,400 welfare cases where crews faced non-payment of wages, overseas abandonment, piracy, and armed robbery at sea.

In Seattle Washington, being ready to meet the needs of visiting crews is at the heart of this ministry. Recently, a tanker arrived in port after a long voyage from East Africa. During a routine ship visit by Assistant Port Chaplain Jake Pass, a seafarer told him that the crew didn't have enough water. Each of the 20 men was rationed to less than a gallon a day, and if they needed any more they had to pay. The welfare team moved in and provided nearly 2,000 bottles of water until the crew could get supplies at their next destination.



“A mariner's working life isolates them from the people they love,” says Jake, “So when difficulty arises, in many ports chaplains are the only people they can turn to for help. The United Nation's Day of the Seafarer, along with Sea Sunday in July when the Episcopal Church celebrates maritime ministry, gives each of us the chance to say thank you to the men and women who silently support our way of life.”

There are currently two Young Adult Service Corps members working with the Mission to Seafarers in Hong Kong and Kobe, Japan.

For more information, visit www.missiontoseafarers.org and www.seasunday.org.