



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, June 12

- Children's Sunday
- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 am
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Stewardship Committee, 11:30

Monday, June 13

- Yoga, 9 am
- Bishop's Committee, 7 pm

Tuesday, June 14

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

Thursday, June 16

- Spiritual Direction, 11 am
- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, June 18

- Saturday Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 19

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

Children's Sunday is my opportunity to thank ALL of the folks that make our Sunday School possible. Our wonderful teachers: The Little's ~ Corinne Dodge and Rebecca Carnahan. The 1st and 2nd grades ~ Jean Sanders and Tracy Acker, The 3rd/4th/5th grades ~ Christine Collins (and MSG), Michele Christian and Noelle Schreiber and MSG ~ Kym Schuler, Brooke LaMonica and Jane Roth. Thank you to all of these fabulous women who make our Sunday School program possible. Your dedication to our children is appreciated. We

We gather this morning
in celebration and appreciation. We rejoice in those true treasures and gifts of life that are beyond any price. We rejoice especially in the children of our church, for their music and their words, for their laughter and their song, and for the bright joy of their very creation. We give thanks for our teachers and leaders. May they be refreshed and renewed in your spirit.

Help us as parents, as teachers,
and as church members to give our children love, encouragement, and guidance that is steadfast, sure, and true. May we guide them and teach them in the ways of knowledge, justice, and compassion that they may grow in stature and wisdom. May we inspire our children in their hopes and aspirations, and may we listen to them in their fears and concerns. Restore us from those moments when we know we fail.

Rededicating us in our resolve to
deliver to our children a world of greater peace, justice, harmony, and beauty, a world that is more full of life. We rejoice in our fellowship as a community of faith. Keep us steadfast in our covenant that by the testimony of our lives we may declare the saving power of our faith. May the communion of our church remain forever in your spirit, Eternal God.
Sheldon W. Bennett

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hope everyone will join us Sunday to celebrate and enjoy lunch following the service. Danielle LeClair, Sunday School Coordinator



The Most Rev. Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop

It was an absolute delight to be present for the visit by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. I am personally thrilled that I got to speak with him one on one. Also present for this event were Karen Groves, Del Dooling and Corinne Dodge. Here is the way that Karen described the experience. "It was an absolute WOW factor! He is a dynamic speaker who is funny, concise, diplomatic but forthright at the same time. The PB's direction will be scary and difficult to follow just as Christ's Way is. It will direct us

toward reevaluating our current outlook, realistically see how we Christians are now a minority and walking in the Way of the Truth will allow the more abundant spiritually involved but not religiously attached can follow Jesus. It may not flood our pews but we will be acting more like the disciples that Jesus called 'to go out and spread the Word to all people'. We are being asked to be a Jesus Follower in all areas of our lives and express our way of looking at everything as having come from our belief and love of God. I'm so glad that I had such an experience" I echo Karen's remarks that it may not be easy but still we are the Anglican branch of the Jesus Movement and that is our saving grace. *Miriam*

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*

Summer is always a high-need time for food pantries. as low-income families who rely on free and reduced lunches at school must cope with hungry children at home. Late summer gets especially hard, as families must pay fees to enroll their children in school, a drain on tight finances. Part of it too is lack of jobs, part of it is the cost of food and the cost of gas. St. Christopher's is a member of the Ecumenical Food Pantry at St. Anne's in Hampstead, which serves as a "hunger safety net" for the residents of Hampstead, E. Hampstead, Fremont, Kingston, Danville, Sandown, Atkinson, Plaistow, Salem, Pelham, Derry, Chester, Windham, Brentwood, Atkinson, Danville. The kinds of things that are really important include peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned stew and fruit. Other items include cereal, pancake mix and spaghetti sauce. Toilet paper and personal care items are also high on the list because food stamps cannot be used to buy these types of things. Interestingly enough, cooking oil is very seldom donated and when it does come in, it goes right out the door."

Food for Thought ...Meaning of Faith

What is the meaning of 'faith' to you? "For many people, faith means 'believing in the existence of God'. In earlier times, it didn't take faith to believe that God existed - everyone took that for granted. Rather, faith had to do with one's relationship to God - whether one trusts in God. The difference is enormous. The first is a matter of the head, the second is a matter of the heart. The first can leave one unchanged, the second intrinsically brings change." Marcus Borg in 'Jesus, a New Vision'.

Name Tags

Just a friendly reminder to wear your name tag. Not only is it helpful to those of us who have the darndest time remembering names(!), but also is a very welcoming gesture to newcomers who visit our parish. Thank you to **Barbara Hughes** who has taken on the job of preparing name tags. To request a new or change of name tag, note it on the Name Tag Request Sheet posted in the foyer.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's father who passed away this past week, **Denise**; 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; 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: , Jim, Erin, and Garrett Horigan; Nancy, Michael, Sarah, and Meghan Hickey; Roy Jeffrey; Barbara Hughes

Attendance

Tuesday, 5/31, WBS, 4

Thursday, 6/2, 7

Saturday, ROG, 8; 4:00pm, 9

Sunday, 6/5, 8:00am, 21; 10:15am, 43

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.

The following are excerpts of the opening remarks of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry presented June 8 at the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

I really believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ matters, and that its presentation by the Episcopal Church matters, profoundly and critically, in these times in which we're living.

The Jesus Movement language is a metaphor, an image. Images, metaphors, Marilou's forms of symbolic speech are a way of helping you get at some more deep and sometimes complex things in accessible and memorable ways. This Jesus Movement isn't a 21st-Century invention or a Michael Curry rhetorical concoction. We're really talking about going forward as a church by going back to our deepest roots as disciples of Jesus Christ. And in the run we will find our true strength, vitality, and integrity for faithful, authentic and effective witness to the way of Jesus in our time.

The Jesus Movement, we're actually pointing back to the earliest days of Jesus' teaching and his followers following in his way and footsteps in the power of the spirit. And in our context this image reflects a call to return to our deepest and most authentic roots as the Jesus Movement in the 21st century. We're really talking about reclaiming the heritage of the Acts of the Apostles. The heritage of the movement of people who were profoundly convicted by this Jesus of Nazareth because this dude really did have something to say and really did help folks get closer to God and each other. That this Jesus of Nazareth really mattered and matters. The first followers of the way of Jesus really believed, often in spite of themselves.

I was with the folks in the Diocese of New Hampshire earlier this week. At one point in our conversation I said that the first council of the Church, the Council of Jerusalem (Acts of the Apostles 15) that's what we call it, was indeed the first council of the Church, but it was also, if we want to be real, a church fight!

A church fight! But the result of that church fight was that the community found a way to identify

what was really essential in the Christian faith and matters that are important but not core essential.

For us as The Episcopal Church, the Way of Jesus of Nazareth really is who we are, it's who our baptism calls us to be anyway. The final bow of holy Baptism is the promise to follow and obey Jesus Lord. The core of the baptismal covenant is pointing both to our belief in the Triune God and how we live out our relationship with God by following the way of Jesus in our lives. That's the core. We are followers of Jesus of Nazareth, people who seek to love and serve in His spirit and in His way.

I think Christian witness is particularly needed in our time. We are living in the midst of some real and deep polarizations. And so we need a witness that is a Christian counter-narrative because very often Christianity is seen as being complicit in that voice. We need a witness by a church like The Episcopal Church to a way of being Christian that is not complicit in the culture, but committed to following Jesus, and looking like Jesus of Nazareth, loving and caring, and serving in the way that we see Jesus doing it in the New Testament.

I believe that this Church and people in this Church can bear that witness. Episcopalians who are Republicans and Episcopalians who are Democrats. The via media. The sensible center. That's who we are. And so, the Jesus Movement embodied in The Episcopal Church and in Episcopalians in our time has profound cultural significance and may well have global significance as well.

Opening Remarks (excerpts from a transcription)



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry speaking with Miriam during his recent visit to the NH Diocese.

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—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry