



The Signpost Weekly

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Calendar

Sunday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 12

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 17

- Eucharist, Rev David Plank 9 am

AN Important Visit Today by



Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson from the diocese to both celebrate the Eucharist and meet with you to talk about the transition period after Miriam's 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. We 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 plan to attend.

Video: Presiding Bishop asks for prayers for Nice, France

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry has issued

the video asking every Episcopalian to share in deep prayer for Nice, France, following a deadly



attack on July 14 that killed 84 people and injured more than 200. Select this [LINK](#)

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, cereal, pancake mix and spaghetti sauce.

Joining us next Sunday as "Supply Priest" is Rev. David Plank. We look forward to his return for 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.



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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.

live lives of separateness and isolation from God and disconnected from each other. As parts of the vine we are, to borrow the image of the 12 century mystic and abbess St. Hildegard von Bingen, ever-greening, and growing to the extent that we see ourselves abiding, hanging in there, remaining in the almost vascular presence of God.

We who listen deeply to friends who are "spiritual but not religious" have heard that, regardless of our different attitudes to organized religion, we share an awareness of the essential life-giving importance of community and connection.

Human beings are supplied with not only the capacity but the intrinsic need for relationships that are holy, healthy, and creative. To see oneself as part of the vine could perhaps be more attractive than being part of a church or a denomination within the church because it is more organic than

Tending the Vine,

It's all about relationship.

That's what the Bishop's Blog is all about on the Diocesan website. "Once again, I've discovered the obvious," he writes. "When Jesus identifies himself with a grapevine and God the Father as the vine-dresser, he's not talking about making grapes. He's talking about the resilient, relentlessly out-stretching, and healthy life that God longs for all of us. The reason the vine seems to be such a compelling image is that it provides us with so many ways of thinking about God and how God wants to be involved in our lives. We are more than molecular or cellular accidents that

institutional, more about freedom and health than it is about bricks and mortar and politics. *A. Robert Hirschfeld a husband, father, painter, writer/poet, sculler and the Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire.*

<http://www.tendingthevine.org/welcome/>



Prayers of the People

For **David Darrah**, who is having surgery on July 19th. 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: Melissa Paquette; Lori, Dean and Jenna Parrillo; Karen and Don Olmstead; Kim and Chelsea Peters, Julia Nye, and Michaela Bilodeau.

Attendance

Tuesday, 6/28, WBS, 4

Thursday, 6/30, 5

Saturday, 7/9, 10

Sunday, 7/10, 9:00am, 31

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



This summer, bring good habits to life.

GIVE BLOOD. GIVE LIFE.

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.