



# The Signpost Weekly

August 14, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Sunday, August 14,**

- Eucharist, Rev David Plank, 9 am

**Tuesday, August 16**

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

**Sunday, August 21**

- Fund Raising Committee

**Sunday, August 28**

- Sunday School Planning Meeting

**Joining us this Sunday as “Supply Priest” is  
Rev. David Plank.**

We are so pleased that David and his wife joined us for Sunday service these past four weeks. He is a very much welcomed celebrant.. He brings with him his wonderful sense of humor, and his knack for engaging us in his sermon. Thank you, David.

**A Sunday School Meeting will take place after  
the 9 o'clock service on Sunday, August 28.**

We'd like to be thinking about innovative new ideas and approaches to Sunday School. If this is something of interest to you, or if you have some ideas to share, please plan to attend. We would welcome the input and involvement of newer members of our parish – even if you do not have children in Sunday School. An area of particular interest is the addition of some seasonal activities to our Advent Project. Sunday, September 11 is Sunday School registration day. [Danielle Leclair, Sunday School Coordinator.](#)

**Isaiah 58 New Hampshire, Third Annual  
Charity Benefit, September 10, 6:30 - 10:30 PM,  
Atkinson Country Club** Two years ago Isaiah 58 NH was launched with a mission to provide housing, support services, and life skills training to homeless and housing insecure clients in western Rockingham County. By supporting our Third Annual Charity Benefit, you will be joining with

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## News from Family Promise

**Family Homelessness:** The issue of family homelessness is a growing problem. We have been running at full capacity for the past several months and currently have five families on our waiting list.

**Recruiting Board Members:** If you would like to be involved in helping homeless children and their parents, and feel you have leadership skills you would like to apply to this incredible cause please let us know.

**Upcoming Event:** An Evening of Thanks and Giving, November 4, 6:30-10 pm at Atkinson Country Club.

**Craig Everett has joined Family Promise** as Executive Director. With a background in pastoral ministry, Craig began working with homeless individuals 14 years ago while in a similar role at a transitional shelter serving men in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse.

**A**lmighty God,  
**Y**ou have given  
 your only Son to be  
 for us a sacrifice for  
 sin, and also an  
 example of godly  
 life:  
**G**ive us grace to  
 receive thankfully  
 the fruits of his  
 redeeming work,  
**A**nd to follow daily  
 in the blessed steps  
 of his most holy life;  
**T**hrough Jesus  
 Christ your Son our  
 Lord, who lives and  
 reigns with you and  
 the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, now and for  
 ever.  
**A**men.

**Knitters Needed**

Looking for more people who like to knit or crochet, and who would be interested in helping out with our Baptismal Blanket Ministry. For the past 2 years every family who has had their baby baptized at St Chris' receives a white, hand-knit or crochet receiving blanket with a St. Christopher's label sewed onto it. We would like to continue this ministry, as Miriam reports that the families are very pleased with our welcoming gesture. In order to continue with this tradition however, we need more people to help out. If interested call **Corinne Dodge** 432-5759

*your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Pat Wright, 22 William Pond Road, Atkinson, NH 03811 wripatcat1@aol.com 603 362-4022

For **David Darrah**, who had surgery recently: 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:** Kim, Rob and Connor Schuler; Jean Seeler-Gifford; Eleanor Simmons; Bill and Leslie Steinhoff.

**Attendance**

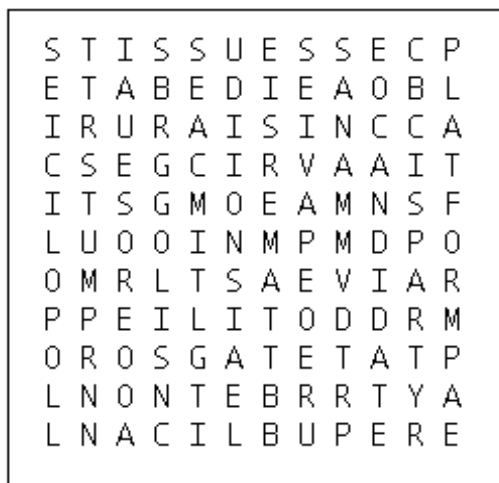
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**Prayers of the People**

Let us all hold our sister in Christ, **Patricia Wright**, in our prayers today. Her niece, the niece's husband, and their three children were tragically killed in a car accident on July 31. May they rest in peace with the Lord. *"Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their cares on you, they may know the consolation of*

**Elections**



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| BALLOT     | ISSUES    | PROMISES   |
| CAMPAIGN   | PARTY     | REGISTER   |
| CANDIDATES | PLATFORM  | REPUBLICAN |
| CONVENTION | POLICIES  | SPEECHES   |
| DEBATE     | POLLS     | STUMP      |
| DEMOCRAT   | PRIMARIES | VOTE       |

*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.*



# Isaiah 58 New Hampshire Third Annual Charity Benefit

When: September 10, 2016 6:30 - 10:30 PM  
Where: Atkinson Resort and Country Club Legacy Ball Room  
85 Country Club Drive  
Atkinson, NH 03811

Two years ago Isaiah 58 NH was launched with a mission to provide housing, support services, and life skills training to homeless and housing insecure clients in western Rockingham County.

Here are some of our accomplishments thanks solely to contributions from private sponsors, local organizations and individual donors like you.

- We acquired and renovated our first housing unit which began housing our first family in June of 2015.
- We provide three other families and two individuals with on going rental assistance in non-Isaiah housing.
- We assist dozens of clients with food, fuel assistance, rental assistance, and other support services as needed.
- We provide casework for individuals and families assisting them to secure affordable housing, maintain their current housing and secure supportive services.
- This year we opened "Isaiah's Place" our drop-in center, office, emergency food pantry, and furniture and clothing donation center in Hampstead, NH.
- We continue to receive favorable media coverage and an expanding reputation among local and state human service agencies for our mission of housing assistance and training in life skills that facilitates the achievement of a sustainable lifestyle for our clients.
- We are on track to acquire our second housing unit by year's end.

We want to be able to do more. The affordable housing inventory in western Rockingham County is woefully behind the needs of the community. Every housing unit we add offers another family an escape from the devastating cycle of hopelessness and despair caused by housing and lifestyle instability. Your support is essential to reaching our goal to add one or more housing units each year.

This year's event will focus on "Health and Human Services". The newly appointed **Commissioner of The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Jeff Meyers, is our main speaker. Governor Hassan is scheduled to bring a message** from the state and other local, state and federal legislators will be in attendance. Video and live appearances of people you have helped will be a special part of the night.

Last year's recognition of the work done by the late High Sheriff of Rockingham County and founding board member Michael Downing, led to the establishment of a humanitarian community service award in his honor. **Senate President Chuck Morse will present Ed Callahan with this year's award.** Ed's personal service to the community and his professional work which provided donations of millions of dollars to local nonprofits makes him a worthy recipient of the award.

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Providing Shelter  
Doing Justice*

Assisting the homeless  
and the housing insecure  
obtain adequate housing  
and supportive services

