



# The Signpost Weekly

August 28, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Calendar

### Saturday, August 27

- Eucharist, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, August 28

- Eucharist, 9 am
- Sunday school teachers and helpers meeting

### Tuesday, August 30

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

### Saturday, September 3

- Eucharist, 4 pm

### Sunday, September 4

- Eucharist, 9 am

**Please Note—we go back to two services, 8 and 10:15 on September 11. Parents 9/11 is also the Sunday school kick off. Please come and register your children.**

### Dear Friends,

Again thank you all for the gift cards and school supplies for the family in our parish. They asked me to convey how grateful they are for your kindness. Love God and love neighbor—that is what it is all about. Sincerest thank you! *Miriam*

### **Please help us provide relief right away to flood victims in the Gulf Coast.**

I want to call your attention to the work that Episcopal Relief and Development is doing for the people of the Gulf Coast who have lost their homes due to the extreme flooding. Please see the links below, and please do pray for these folk during this devastating time. *Miriam*

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<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/donate-now/individual-donation#sthash.kGhYs1j4.dpuf>

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**A Sunday School Meeting will take place after the 9 o'clock service next 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. *Danielle Leclair, Sunday school Coordinator.*

### **Stewardship Committee/2017 Pledge Drive Update**

The Stewardship Committee met last week and after much discussion we agreed to alter our plans for the Pledge Campaign. The campaign theme is now "Stepping Forward in Faith--Commitment." The kick-off will now be on October 2 and will include a special coffee hour for the 8 o'clock group and a potluck lunch for the 10:15 group along with a Ministries Fair. The 2017 campaign will end on November 20. My prayer is for full participation from all parish members—no matter how small the pledge. On another note—Terri McDermot has graciously accepted the position of chair of the Stewardship Committee. *Miriam*

### **This is My Church Moments**

In past years during our annual pledge campaigns I've asked a variety of members to present a Ministry Minute where they have a chance to talk about their connection to the church and why they pledge. This year we are asking folk to tell us why they feel this parish is their community. I may be calling on you to make this presentation. Please keep an open heart and mind should I call. *Miriam*

### **Program Year**

All our programs will resume in September beginning with the Sunday school kick off on September 11 with classes resuming on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Here is when other programs begin—Sunday morning Bible Study between services—9/11;

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*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.*

Women's Bible Study—9/6; Tuesday evening Yoga—9/6; Thursday evening Bible Study—9/8; Monday morning Yoga—9/12.

### Roy Jeffrey

I visited with Roy this week and brought him communion. He is very lonely and unable to get out without help. You may recall that Roy is one of the two remaining founders of our church. He is listed in the church directory [if you don't have a current one please let me know] and he does appreciate visits, cards and letters. One of our parishioners writes him every week and he loves that. I particularly encourage veterans in the parish to give him a call and perhaps visit. Roy served our country during World War II. *Miriam*



*These Are Our Bodies: Talking Faith and Sex at Church and Home*, (a book from Church Publishing by Leslie A. Choplin, Jenny Beaumont, Abbi Long) ...

**NOW that I have your attention, St Christopher's is once again offering grants from the Outreach Grant Program for our parishioners and the causes they support. We will be accepting Grant Request applications until the end of October for cash disbursements in mid-November. Applications are available in the vestibule (and via the church website), and once completed, can be dropped in the collection plate or emailed to [Michele Christian](#). St Christopher's wants to support the ministries of all our members. Perhaps you are involved in a **charity that fights hunger or works with children or the homeless? Could it use some additional funding?** Submit a grant request so St. Christopher's can help support commitments outside the church that are important to you. [Michele Christian](#).**



PewResearchCenter August 23, 2016

**[What do Americans look for in a church, and how do they find one? It depends in part on their age](#)** About half of all Americans have looked for a new congregation at some point in their lives. But how they search, and what they are seeking, depends to some degree on their age. Younger

adults are more likely than older Americans to turn to the web or to other people when looking for a new house of worship, a new Pew Research Center study has found. They also are less likely to prioritize religious education for children. Young adults are more likely to look online for information about a congregation. At least three-quarters of adults under 30 talked to a congregation member or a friend as part of their search, compared with just over half of people 65 or older. There are also similarities among the age groups. Eight-in-ten say they attended a worship service as part of their search, and slightly more half talked to a clergyperson. Age-related similarities exist in factors in their choice of a new congregation. More than three-quarters of adults say the quality of sermons is important, although younger adults are slightly more likely to say this than older people. Other decision factors include the style of worship, a sense of feeling welcome and the physical location of the church. At the same time, younger adults are more likely to say that having friends and family in a congregation is an important factor. Additional Pew research of relevance: [Why America's 'nones' left religion behind](#); [Pew: Americans giving up on God, miracles](#)

### Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Ken Swenson** as he continues to recover from rotator cuff surgery; **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; 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:** Marilyn and Phil Towne; Carolyn Timbie and Dusty Clampitt; Marcia Tapley; Wayne and Kathy Trombly.

### Attendance

Saturday, August 20, 12

Sunday, August 21, 49

*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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**AUGUST 28, 2016 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C): EPISCOPAL DELEGATES TO MARCH 2017 UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Applications are now being accepted for a provincial delegate and up to 20 churchwide delegates to represent the Episcopal Church at the 61st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York City, NY, March 13-24, 2017.

The provincial delegate and the churchwide delegates will be able to attend the official UNCSW proceedings at the United Nations and will represent the Episcopal Church/Anglican Communion in their advocacy at the UN, including joint advocacy with the group Ecumenical Women.

The 2017 UNCSW Priority Theme is “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work” and the Review Theme is “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls, agreed conclusions of the 58th session: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw61-2017>.

Applications are open to an adult or youth (ages 14-19), woman or man, who can speak to the Priority or Review Theme and are willing to participate in advocacy at UNCSW. Youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Applicants should have a relevant role at the parish, diocesan and/or provincial level, be accountable to a diocesan or provincial authority, and have a process for reporting back to the local community after participating in UNCSW.



Delegates will be expected to be present in New York City for the UNCSW meeting between March 10 and 24 or as close to the entire stay as possible. Delegates will be responsible for their own travel, housing and program expenses.

Following a review of the applications, the delegates will be chosen by Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. All applicants will be notified by mid-October.

**Application is available here: <http://bit.ly/EpiscopalUNCSW>. Deadline is September 16.**

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