

THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Calendar

Sunday, September 18

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Blessing of Children and Backpacks
- Sunday school 10 am
- BC meeting with Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson

Monday, September 19

- Yoga, 9 am

Tuesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 22

- Eucharist/Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, September 24

- Eucharist, 4 pm

Sunday, September 25

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday school 10 am
- Outreach Committee meeting
- Stewardship Committee meeting

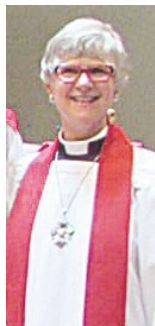
The Annual Blessing of Children and their Backpacks will be today during the 10:15 service after the Peace.

Communion Bread Baking

The children will be baking Communion bread on October 16. Parents please take your children directly to the kitchen at 10 am. *Miriam*

The Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson will be with us again on September 18.

She will preach and then meet with the Bishop's Committee afterwards about the transition period after Miriam retires.



Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry presents **a video on the Jesus Movement**: Loving, liberating, and life-giving.



Loving, liberating, and life-giving

We've been talking for a little over a year now about being the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and somebody recently said to me, "As a bishop, why don't you paint us a picture, give us a picture of the Jesus Movement so that we can see it?" ... **MORE**

Potluck Lunch

There will be a potluck lunch on October 2. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the round table in the vestibule. This is also the day when we will hold our Ministries Fair. *Miriam*

This is My Church Moments Update

Bob Leonard, Natalie Gallo, Laura Madison, Pamela Vazquez have all graciously accepted my invitation to present a "My Church Moment." They will be responding to the question "How does your faith inform your commitment to the church and ministry?" *Miriam*

Legacy Gifts

Perhaps you've been thinking about including St. Christopher's Church in your estate or financial plans as you plan a legacy gift to help sustain our mission for generations to come. Here are some of

the ways you can make a legacy gift: bequests and wills; charitable gift annuities; retirement plans; charitable trusts; pooled income fund; bank accounts, securities, and certificates of deposit; life insurance policies. Literature is available to help you learn about these legacy-giving methods. Once you have explored the various options available to you, talk with your family, and consult with your advisors, and with your financial planner, CPA and/or accountant. Your attorney will help you to further explore your options and assist you in setting up the legal instruments necessary.

The Role and Responsibilities of Bishop's Committee Members

Members of the Bishop's Committee participate in the governance and direction of St. Christopher's and its overall ministry. Bishop's Committee members meet on a monthly basis to uphold the mission of St. Christopher's, oversee the ministry direction of the church and its members, and ensure the provision of resources to carry out the church's work. The Bishop's Committee nominates prospective Bishop's Committee members from the parish, who are presented for election at the Annual Meeting in January, and voted on by the parish.

The Bishop's Committee has five key areas of responsibility:

1. Compliance with doctrinal and denominational standards, and legal and tax compliance with federal, state and local requirements as a corporation in the state of New Hampshire.
2. Development of long-term ministry strategies and relevant outcomes as the strategies are implemented.
3. Provision of financial oversight on church income and expense, development of an annual fiscal year budget, reduction of the church's risk and liability, support of financial giving programs, and oversight of an annual certified independent audit for the church.
4. Oversight of the work of the Vicar, and annual review of the Vicar's financial package. The Bishop's Committee also provides direction for the church in an interim period should the Vicar position be open.
5. General development of the church's marketing program, community outreach priorities, and missions efforts.

The Bishop's Committee provides an ongoing presence of leadership in ministry.

From the Episcopal Cafe: Bridging the Political Divide, an Online Class with Parker Palmer



In this class, author Parker Palmer



discusses the sources of today's antipathies and talks about ways for us to engage in productive political discourse. He suggests that while healthy divisions strengthen American politics, unhealthy divisions bring us down socially and politically. He offers guidance in how to re-frame our approach to political thinking and conversation to produce better discussions, better politics, and better relationships. It is being offered through [Church-Next](#), the online learning site. It takes about 45 minutes to complete and is free through September 19. After that date, it will remain available to ChurchNext subscribers and for purchase. [Follow this link to register](#)

Prayers of the People

Please pray for Terry and Joan Stevens daughter-in-law **Theresa** who passed away this week after a long battle with breast cancer; Danielle LeClair's friend, **Sandi**, a 45 year old mother of four and a dear friend who has breast cancer; 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 **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: Keith, Tracy, Julia, Peyton, Kirsten, and Reed Ackerman; Jeremy, Candace and McKenna Jane Allen; Theresa and Justine Altsher; Muriel Andernacht.

Attendance

Tuesday, 9/6, 4 WBS

Saturday, 9/10, 11

Sunday, 9/11, 8:00am, 20; 10:15am, 53

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**SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C):
WELCOMING WEEK AND EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES**

On any given day, in a number of American communities, in local non-profit organizations large and small, smiles and laughter can be heard in classrooms where newcomers practice English conversation.

“Good morning, how are you?” I am fine, and you?” “I am well. It is a nice day.”

Down another hall, you might visit an office, where a case worker meets with a young family as they balance their monthly budget. There is cause for celebration: the father and mother have not only found work and good childcare, but their monthly income exceeds their expenses.

Outside in the parking lot, colors and shapes and textures fly about amid a gathering of women, who sit, talking and laughing, as they weave. American weavers alongside Bhutanese weavers. Volunteers join in the fun, ‘ooo-ing’ and ‘ah-ing’ at the creations of hats, and gloves, and scarves. As each piece is finished, the volunteers tag it with a price. This colorful effort is a microenterprise, providing the Bhutanese women a source of income and a community of friends.



This is the work of welcome, the ministry of refugee resettlement. Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement service of The Episcopal Church, works in partnership with 30 local affiliate organizations, who in turn work with countless community partners, volunteers, and congregations, to welcome refugees to their communities as neighbors and new Americans.

September 16-25 is national Welcoming Week, a time for all Americans to celebrate with our immigrant and refugee neighbors the spirit, determination, grit, and the contributions they bring to our communities. Join in one of hundreds of Welcoming Week events being hosted across the country, or reach out to your nearest refugee resettlement office to ask how you can be part of the work of welcome.

See yourself in that English classroom, encouraging students as they improve their conversation skills. See yourself teaching a financial literacy class, assisting your new neighbors as they learn to open a bank account, balance their checkbook, and pay their bills. Or, find yourself outdoors in the crisp fall air, joining in the celebration of a weaving circle.

Welcoming Week is a time for all of us to celebrate how each of us, born in this country or new immigrants pursuing the American dream, contributes to weaving the beautiful tapestry that is America.

Happy Welcoming Week!

For more information about Episcopal Migration Ministries, contact Allison Duvall, Manager for Church Relations and Engagement, aduvall@episcopalchurch.org, 212-716-6027.