



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

September 4, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Saturday, September 3

- Eucharist, 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 4

- Eucharist, 9 am

Tuesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 8

- Eucharist/Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, September 10

- Eucharist, 4 pm

Sunday, September 11

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday school Registration and lunch
- Ministries Fair Meeting 11:30 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.



The Annual Blessing of Backpacks will be on September 18 during the 10:15 service after the Peace.

Prayer for returning to school

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. May they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday school. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen. *Wendy Claire Barrie*

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Update in the Bishop's Committee's search for an interim priest

The Bishop's Committee (BC) is scheduled to meet with two candidates in September in our search for an interim priest. Tentatively the BC will meet as a group to discuss our individual perceptions of each the candidates in October. The committee will decide if we agree on a candidate or if we desire a second interview. An additional option is to ask the Diocese for additional candidates to interview. We expect to notify Bishop Rob in early November with our consensus choice for St Christopher's interim priest. Respectively, Wayne Trombly Senior Warden

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.

A Ten Talents Update: It's Never Too Late!

This is just a reminder that if your idea for a Ten Talents project was more suited for the fall or winter, by all means go ahead with it! And if you need help, let the Fundraising Team know and we will offer whatever we can. We continue to receive donations of Ten Talents money and are happy to have parishioners use their God given gifts throughout the year to benefit all of the work that we do here. Just be sure to write Ten Talents on your check or envelope. Again, many thanks to all who have joined this effort! [Kathy Trombly](#)

Photos Needed!

If anyone took photographs during the Spring Festival/Yard Sale would you be willing to share them? I am trying to gather as many photos of the day as possible. You can email them to me at katrombly@comcast.net or if they are on your smart phone you can text them to me if it is easier. 603-867-3886. Thanks! [Kathy Trombly](#)

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.

Stewardship/2017 Pledge Drive Update

The theme of our pledge campaign is “*Stepping Forward in Faith—Commitment*,” On October 2 we will have a Ministries Fair with a special coffee hour after 8 and a potluck lunch after the 10:15. The official kick off of the campaign is October 9 and the 2017 campaign will end on November 20. Terri McDermot has graciously accepted the position of chair of the Stewardship Committee.
Miriam

This is My Church Moments Update

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 involvement in the church and why they pledge. This year our theme is *Stepping Forward in Faith—Commitment*, and I will ask our speakers to talk about how their faith informs their commitment to the church or outside ministries. I may be calling on you to ask if you will speak, and I will begin making those contacts this week. Please keep an open heart and mind should I call. *Miriam*

Isaiah 58

Their 3rd Annual Charity Benefit will be on September 10, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club. Tickets are \$50 and the evening will include dinner, cash bar, music, outstanding speakers, raffles, silent auction. The event will be . For tickets, call 603-952-8000 or online at www.isaiah58nh.myevent.com. *Miriam*

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](mailto: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](mailto:Michele.Christian).**



Christian Travel Opportunities with [Educational Opportunities Tours \(EO\)](#).

EO is pleased to partner with clergy, leaders, parishes, schools, and ministries of the Episcopal Church to provide a wide range of Christian travel opportunities. Whether it is pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other Bible lands, Canterbury Cathedral and the UK, Bible Land cruises, or sites in Europe, EO can provide high quality, life-changing experiences that will be a great value. Thinking of visiting the Holy Land? Make it a pilgrimage – more than a trip. EO has been dedicated to changing the church, ministry, and individual lives through Christian travel for over 43 years.



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Prayers of the People

Thanks everyone for their prayers and caring thoughts for **Del Dooling**. Pray for a speedy recovery. 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: Pam Vazquez; Emily Vinton; Jeff and Katie Waymouth; Scott, Jamison, and Jackson Webster.

Attendance

Saturday, August 27, 10

Sunday, August 28, 65

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

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.

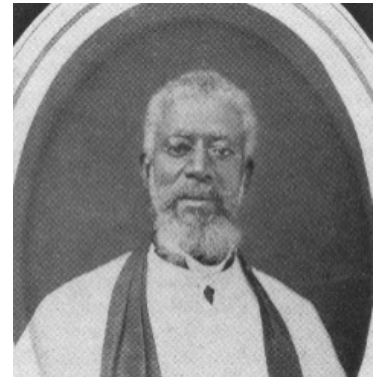
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SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C): REV. ALEXANDER CRUMMELL AND UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

On Sunday, September 4, the Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of notable saint, the Reverend Alexander Crummell. This day is also designated as Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Sunday to commemorate the racial justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth of Crummell's advocacy.

The Rev. Alexander Crummell was born March 3, 1819 in New York City to Charity Hicks, a free woman of color, and Boston Crummell, a former slave. Both parents were active abolitionists. The first African-American newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, was published out of their home.



As a young man, Crummell was driven out of an academy in New Hampshire, dismissed as a candidate for Holy Orders in New York, and rejected for admittance to General Seminary because of his race. He was eventually ordained in 1844 as a priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts, but left for England after being excluded from participating in diocesan convention.

Ever determined, Crummell studied at Queens' College, Cambridge and was the first officially black student recorded as graduating. Soon after, he traveled to Liberia as a missionary to convert native Africans to Christianity and educate them, as well as to persuade American black community of their duty to go to Africa to spread Christianity across the continent. Crummell lived and worked for 20 years in Liberia. Finally, political opposition, lack of funding, and the potential for life-threatening violence forced him to return to the United States.

Upon return to the U.S., he was first called to St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in the Foggy Bottom area of Washington, DC. In 1875 he and his congregation founded St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the first independent black Episcopal church in the city. When in 1882 southern bishops proposed that a separate missionary district be created for black congregations, Crummell was a founding leader in establishing national black convocation to fight the proposal. That organization became known as Conference of Church Workers Among Colored People and is a predecessor body to Union of Black Episcopalians.

After retiring from St. Luke's in 1894, Crummell taught at Howard University until 1897. He died September 10, 1898 at the age of 79. Crummell was an important voice within the abolition movement and a leader of Pan-African ideology, influencing other black nationalists. In fact, W.E.B. Du Bois paid tribute to Crummell with a memorable essay entitled "Of Alexander Crummell" collected in his 1903 book, *The Souls of Black Folk*. His feast day in the Episcopal Church is September 10.

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) is a national faith-based advocacy organization whose goal is to address racial and social injustices and disparities within and outside our church. Visit UBE's website, www.ube.org, to support their ministry of justice and racial reconciliation.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to teach the Gospel to those who were far off and those who were near. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.