



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, October 23

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Bible Study, 9:30
- Sunday school, 10

Monday, October 24

- Yoga, 9 am

Tuesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 27

- Eucharist/Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, October 29

- Eucharist, 4 pm

Sunday, October 30

- Eucharist, 8 and 10:15 am
- Sunday school 10 am,
- Bible Study, 9:30

Ministry Moments

Our ministry moment today comes from Bob Leonard who will share how he steps forward in faith. Bob says, "It's taken most of my life to realize that God is inside me -all I needed to do was to ask His help." *Miriam*

Heads Up

The Diocesan Convention is coming up on Saturday, November 5. ***There will be no Saturday service that day.*** *Miriam*

Outreach Committee Grant Program

Do you have a favorite charity or cause? The Outreach Committee will be happy to donate to your charity through our grant program. All you need to do is fill out an application, available in the vestibule. You can give your application to me, Michele Christian, Lyn Rockwell or Karen Groves. Once collected the Outreach Committee will review the applications and make a decision as to who will get the grant money. This is an easy way to

contribute to your charity or cause, or pick up your application today. *Miriam*

Thank you!

... to Michele Christian and Brooke LaMonica for teaching the children how to make Communion bread last Sunday. Thanks to all the children and parents who participated. *Miriam*



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.

Bishop’s Committee Announcement:

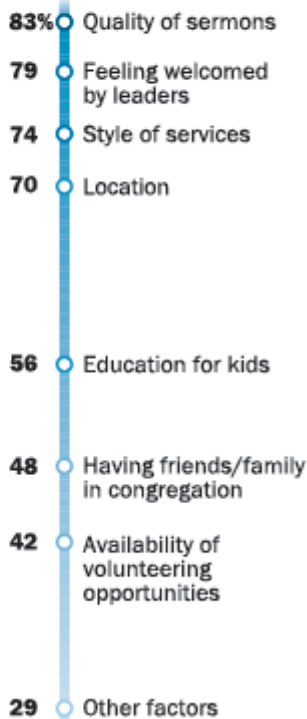
On behalf of the Bishop's Committee, I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Richard Matthews will be joining us as Interim Priest in January 2017. Dick has recently completed an interim call at St. Peter's in Londonderry. Dick and his wife Jackie have been married for 47 years and reside in Londonderry. Wayne Trombly, Sr. Warden

Volunteers Needed to Help Sort Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs)

Two or three volunteers are needed to help sort gifts on Monday, November 7, in Concord, for the ChIPs Program.. If you can help, please let **Barbara Hughes** know as soon as possible. She is volunteering as well and is willing to car pool leaving from St. Christopher's at 9:00 on the 7th. *Delegates to Convention.*

When searching for a new congregation, Americans value quality of sermons and feeling welcomed

Among U.S. adults who have looked for a new congregation or house of worship, % who say each factor played an important role in their choice

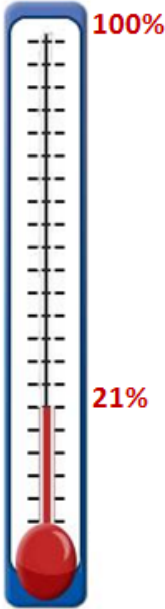


Note: Based on those who have searched for a new house of worship. Source: 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study recontact survey conducted March 17-May 6, 2015. QC5a-h. "Choosing a New Church or House of Worship"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Stewardship Heads Up

Our 2017 Pledge Drive is in its second week. Already 22 pledges have been gratefully received. The six-week campaign ends the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our goal is 100% participation. We really mean it when we say the amount of your pledge is not as important as the fact that you make a commitment to sustain the work of the parish. Consider a pledge of \$5/ month, \$10 or \$15/per month. Heartfelt thanks to the 22 parishioners who have already come forward with a pledge. *Miriam*



2016 Pledges

A number of folks are behind with their 2016 pledge. We need you to make an effort to complete the pledge you made. If for whatever reason you cannot complete the pledge, please let me know [no need to be embarrassed and no questions asked] so we will have a clearer picture of our 2016 income. With much gratitude to you for your pledges. *Miriam*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for Tone Crossman’s brother **Robert Dame** who is battling stage 4 Colon Cancer and is having a really hard time with the chemo treatments; for **Allan**, Karen Groves brother who has been diagnosed with colon cancer; for Anne Darrah’s cousin, **Eva Brown** who is in a nursing home; 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**, recovering from rotator cuff surgery; **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier’s granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; for **Zach**; for **Ann Gerns**; **Bill Steinhoff** going through cancer treatment; **Liz Naters-Gamarra and Carmen**, Miriam’s daughter and mother; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **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: David and Anne Darrah; Violet and James DeMarco; Susan, Joe and Nicole DiFraia; Maureen, Alton and Ara Dadekian

Attendance

Tues., 10/11, 4; WBS; Thurs., 10/13, 6
Sat., 10/15, 8; Sun., 10/16, 8 am, 25; 10 am, 66

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OCTOBER 23, 2016 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (C): THE JESUS MOVEMENT

Last month, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry released a video inviting everyone to be a part of The Jesus Movement. You can watch the full video here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/jesus-movement>. Below is a transcript of the video.

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?"

When the Gospel is about to be read, the congregation stands up. Something is going on. And then more than that, as the Gospel moment is approaching, a deacon, if there is a deacon in the particular church, a person who has been ordained to be at the intersection of the church and the world, is asked to read or chant the Gospel. And they come down sometimes with the Gospel book held high. And there's music and the congregation is singing as the Gospel of Jesus, the teachings, the life and the spirit of Jesus enter, in a sense, the room, through the reading of the Gospel. And then, on top of that, everyone in the room turns and reorients from wherever they are, they turn, they reorient themselves, facing the place of the Gospel, and stand for the reading of the Gospel. For hearing the teachings of Jesus. That Gospel moment, the Church has become The Jesus Movement. With life reoriented around the teachings of Jesus and around his very spirit. Teachings and a spirit that embody the love of God in our lives and in this world.



A way of love that seeks the good and the well-being of the other before the self's own unenlightened interest. A way of love that is not self-centered, but other-directed. A way of love grounded in compassion and goodness and justice and forgiveness. It is that way of love that is the way of Jesus. And that way of love that can set us all free.

Someone once said, "When you look at Jesus, you see one who is loving, one who is liberating, and one who is life-giving." And that is what the way of Jesus is about. And that is the Movement of Jesus. A community of people committed to living the way of Jesus, loving, liberating, and life-giving, and committed to going into the world to help this world become one that is loving, liberating, and life-giving.

Jesus once said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria . . ."¹ 42nd Street and 3rd Avenue, you will be my witnesses, witnesses to a way that is loving, liberating, and life-giving. And that my friends, can change this world.

¹ Acts 1:8