



July 6, 2014

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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During July and August, Sunday worship takes place at a single service at 9 a.m.

## Calendar

Sunday, July 6

- Worship Service, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8

- Womens' Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 12

- Rhythms of Grace, 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 13

- Worship Service, 9 a.m.

## A Friendly Reminder

Summer is a time for rest and relaxation! Many of you also take a break from church. Please remember that the church continues to receive and pay its bills. We appreciate your pledges and hope that you continue to send them in during the summer months. Thank you so much.

## Calling all cooks!

Though the cool days of October seem far off as we enjoy the sun & fun of summer, we are beginning the steps toward organizing our Annual International Dinner for Oct 4th. The first step is to survey whether we have a sufficient number of people willing to cook. Ideally, we would like to have 8 tables of varying countries to provide a variety of food. This year we are open to splitting the cooking responsibilities between the two dinner seating's. For instance, someone has offered to cook for the Italian table for the 4:30 seating, so we need someone else to cook for the Italian table for the 6:30 seating. This lightens the load for the cook. We currently have a kid friendly table and a Canadian table. Ideas for other tables: Mexican, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese. If you are interested in cooking for a table for the whole event or just 1/2, please let us know ASAP. If we don't have enough interest to

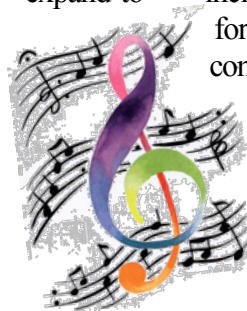
## Summer Wish List Ecumenical Food Pantry

Juice, Spaghetti Sauce, Microwave Popcorn, Jelly/Fluff, Pudding, Tissues, Paper Towels, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant (M & F), Shampoo, Razors

cook, we will be unable to move forward with the event. You can contact me, [Christine Collins](#), via email, or [Wayne Trombly](#), also via email. We can't stress enough how important it is that you get in touch with us very, very soon. Even if you're not sure right now, please let us know that you are considering it, it is something you would like to do. We especially welcome newcomers. It's a nice way to participate in an important and festive church social evening where we transform the Sanctuary into an international food festival. As the International Dinner is our major fundraiser for the year, it is important that we all pull together and make it a huge success! Thanks, [Christine](#) and [Wayne](#), International Dinner Co-Chairs

## Music at St. Christopher's

In the survey that was distributed several months ago, some members expressed a desire for "different" and/or "contemporary" music. In addition, members have shared verbally similar desires. In response to these comments, I have called for a task force to be formed that will explore what is meant by "different" and "contemporary" music and how these may fit our parish. However, it is very important to understand that this does not mean that we will stop having traditional church music, only that we will expand to include a greater mix of music. The task force is charged, over the summer, to come up with a simple survey by which parishioners have an opportunity to define what they mean by the terms "different" and "contemporary." The task force is currently at work producing the survey. Please expect it sometime this summer. Your responses



*Have you invited a friend to come to church with you? If not, what are you waiting for?  
A personal invitation is the best way, bar none, to grow a congregation and bless a friend's life.*

*Dear Lord,*

*On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted.*

*May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.*

*Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord.*

*Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

are very important for this process. While it is exciting to explore new possibilities, unfortunately this will mean a change in musician. Anne Darrah has served us beyond anything I could have expected for several years. She has given us the opportunity to explore the traditional music of the Episcopal Church; she has worked with our children and our choir. I could always rely on Anne's steady devotion to music in the church and her advice and leadership, however, contemporary music is not an area she is interested in exploring. Anne will play through September when we will all have a chance to celebrate Anne's ministry among us. I come at this of course with mixed feelings and also a deep appreciation for Anne's work. Please address any questions concerning this to me or while I am away to [Christine Collins](#) and [Karen Groves](#).  
*Miriam*

Rhythms of Grace: St. Christopher's Rhythms of Grace (ROG) service runs throughout the year, including July and August. Originally developed in 2003 for children with Autism spectrum disorders, ROG now serves participants with various learning challenges including sensory, learning, visual and mobility disorders. Bible stories are told with creative activities that develop sensory integration, fine motor and communication skills and many opportunities for movement! The Eucharist is offered at all services. Siblings, friends and caretakers are welcome. Join us on [July 12th at 2:00 p.m.](#) or on [August 2 at 2:00 p.m.](#) For more information contact [Lori Parrillo](#), [Jean Sanders](#), [Carolyn Weir](#) or go to our "[Nhrhythmsofgrace](#), [Facebook page](#)"

Back to School Backpacks from the Food Pantry  
As I mentioned in last week's Signpost, we will be starting to register for back-to-school backpacks beginning the middle of July. They will be distributed August 14 and 21st so that families have them in time for the start of school. We expect to prepare and distribute backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies to 46 students this year. [Fran Rosenau](#)

#### Wish List -

Backpacks (no cartoon/action/pop characters), pens, pencils & erasers, colored pencils & markers, crayons, glue & glue sticks, notebooks, 3 ring binders & filler paper, construction paper, rulers, paper clips, scissors, calculators, and any other related school supplies. Donations may be placed in the food basket on Sunday. Food Pantry volunteers will be assembling the backpacks with grade appropriate supplies on August 10th.

#### Prayers of the People.

Please pray for Arthur Mueller, his wife Carolyn and their children, Arthur received a difficult diagnosis last week and is now undergoing radiation; for JoAnne, Madeleine Dionne-Svitak's sister in law; for Anne Darrah's aunt, Sophie Payne, who is in rehab now and recovering from a lengthy illness; prayers for Joan Anderson; for Ryan; for friends of Marcia Devine, Anita and Gene Sibley; for Kelly, the daughter of Tom and Peggy Baker; for Corinne Dodge's friend, Mariellen; for William Friel; for healing for Maristopher Webber; for Marcia Devine's landlady, Carol Sienkiewicz; for Jeff and Katie Waymouth's daughter, Ginny and family; for Jacqueline Parent, for strength and peace; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew Tyler, for Cheri and her husband Walt, friends of Jennifer and Robert Aiken; for Rosallie Papoutsy; for Geoffery Richardson son of Dave Darrah's co-worker; for Natalie Gallo's brother, Lorin Bielski; for Mark and Ingrid Chapman's son Eric who with God's grace is in safe hands; for Hope; and all who face difficult changes and transitions.

Serving in the Military: Please pray Michael Carr, for Del Dooling's cousins, Daniel Canfield, Matthew and Sandra Maloy, and for Paul Gagne. Our most heartfelt gratitude to Jonathan Mason who just completed his tour of duty.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Andrew and Carolyn Weir; Patricia Wright; Ruth, Madeline and Trevor Woodworth; Jeff and Katie Waymouth.

#### Attendance:

Tuesday, 6/24, Women's Bible Study, 3  
Sunday, 6/29, 8 a.m., 24; 10:15, 31

# Original artwork invited for 2014 Episcopal Church Christmas card

The Episcopal Church  
Office of Public Affairs  
Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Submissions are invited for original artwork that will be used for the 2014 Episcopal Church Christmas card.

The original artwork should express a local understanding of God's incarnation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

*"The deep significance of God's presence among us in human flesh can only be understood in particular human contexts," noted Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. "We are not generic human beings, and because each human being is unique, we can't make sense of this reality in a generic human image of the divine. This is an invitation to share your understanding with the wider Church, so that all of us might have our own local image expanded and deepened. Do you see Jesus born in a stable, a cave, or under mid-winter stars? What did his earthly parents look like? What kind of plants fed the animals that gathered round? What did the celebration of their human herders look like? From what foreign cultures did the wise ones (Magi) come to learn and pay their respects? We all want to see Jesus – show us the birth of God in human flesh."*

Deadline for submitting original artwork is August 15. Voting will occur September 1 to September 15 with the winner announced on October 1.

A printable PDF of the card with the winning artwork will be made available online to all congregations. The greeting inside the card will appear in English, Spanish, French, Creole and Navajo.

## Submitting images

Images must be no larger than 256 MB for submission.

Final HI-Res images should be available upon determination of winner.

[Images may be submitted here](#)

For information about submitting images, contact [Ana Arias](#), or [Barry Merer](#).

For information on the Christmas Card Image Contest, contact Neva Rae Fox,  
[publicaffairs@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:publicaffairs@episcopalchurch.org)

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