



The Signpost Weekly

September 7, 2014

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Miriam Acevedo, D.Min, M.Div., Vicar

Visit us at <http://www.saintcs.org>

Calendar

Sunday, September 7

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School Kick-off Celebration and Luncheon; Registration, 10 a.m.



Monday, September 8

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Bishop's Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9

- Women's Bible Study, 10 am; babysitting.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 11

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

- Group Spiritual Direction Workshop, 11-12

Sunday, September 14

- First Day of Sunday School Classes, 10 a.m.
- Blessing of the Backpacks

Reminder: Group Spiritual Direction Orientation – Saturday, Sept. 13, 11-12 noon

The orientation is primarily for those who have signed up to be part of a Spiritual Direction Group, but it is also open to all who are interested in finding out more about this new program at St. Christopher's. The actual Spiritual Direction groups begin the following week, days and times to be announced. For questions, please contact me, Ken Swenson, Wayne Trombly or Barbara Hughes.

Music Survey, Back by Popular Demand - – Last Call to Participate

Many parishioners have said they would like to add a mix of music to our Sunday worship services. We NEED you to tell us what kinds of music you feel would bring you additional energy and celebration. It would save us a lot of time if we could hone on what you want, rather than to try to guess and experiment with various formats. So PLEASE, take a minute or so to send us your thoughts. The survey may be

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

187 East Road Hampstead, NH 03841

Tel. (603) 329-4674

News or Info: signpostweekly@comcast.net completed online.

[LINK](#) to the 8 a.m. survey.

[LINK](#) to the 10:15 a.m. survey

... or by completing the attached form. Thank you. *Brooke LaMonica* and the Music Task Force.

Prayer Request from Michelle and Joe O'Leary, and their son, Matthew

Matthew O'Leary and his family are asking for your prayers at this time. He was recently diagnosed with Late Infantile NCL, a form of Batten's Disease. It is a rare, neurodegenerative disorder with a poor prognosis for children. Although there is currently no cure, there are some clinical trials the O'Learys are seeking out in hopes of slowing the progression, or even stopping the disease. They are praying that Matty is able to get into one of these trials, and they are praying for some success. They are also praying for the miracle that Matty's body has found a way to manage this disease on its own. They are grateful to be a part of the St. Christopher's family and thank you for your prayers.

Miriam

Dear God,

Lift the O'Leary Family high on eagles wings, fill their minds with your truth and cover their hearts with hope.

Protect them always, may they feel safe and secure beside you.

Walk with them through each moment.

Come be strength when they feel weak, be counsel when they need comfort.

Help them to rest, to lay down when they need to, and allow others to take the strain.

We pray that throughout this hard time they may know our love for them, and Your love for them.

Amen.

From the Ecumenical Food Pantry

Good morning all, and Happy Labor Day, the official end of summer. Thanks to the generosity of the community, 63 students went back to school with backpacks filled with grade appropriate supplies. August was a busy month with the numbers of clients and families at a 9% increase over last year. Walgreens is again providing flu shots to our uninsured clients. They started last Thursday and will finish this Thursday. Plans are already under way for Thanksgiving & Christmas. The volunteer schedules are being completed and registration forms will be distributed to our clients starting October 2. The expected number for Thanksgiving is 120, and for Christmas about 144. With MarketBasket back to full service, hopefully donations from Hannaford's will also be back to normal. The NH Food Bank summer slump is over, and we have been shopping there weekly. The last government shipment was a large one and had plenty of juice and canned fruit. The next pick up is in October. Food drives will be starting by mid October. Please let me know if you hear of any food drives so I can plan accordingly. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. *Fran Rosenau*, Food Pantry Coordinator.

Love to walk or run? Do it for a good cause on September 20, 2014. The SalemFest 5K Walk/Run benefits Family Promise and homeless children. Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Woodbury School in Salem, NH; race is across the street at 2 Centerville Dr. \$15 per person in advance online, or \$20 on race day. Race starts at 9 a.m. See <http://www.salem5k.com> for registration and more details. Have fun and benefit homeless children!

An Evening of Thanks and Giving: Gala & Silent Auction to benefit Family Promise is on Friday, November 7, at the Atkinson Country Club, 6-10 p.m. Highly talented children ages 5-18 will take the stage with terrific musical acts. Dinner features bistro sirloin steak au jus with roasted button mushrooms and chicken, broccoli, and Penne Alfredo. Silent Auction examples: coffee with NH Governor Maggie Hassan, a trip to Bermuda, and 2 two-some golf games. Tickets are \$45 per person. Event sponsorships are available and include promotion for your business. Promotion details are on the downloadable sponsorship form; see <http://www.familypromisegr.org>. Deadline for

sponsorships is Oct. 1. (\$18 of ticket price is your tax-deductible gift to the charity.) See you there!

Please pray for Iraq's Christians, and for the Anglican vicar of St George's Church in Baghdad, Canon Andrew White. "As regards prayer," Canon White said, "I have three 'P's that I always mention: Protection, Provision and Perseverance. We need protection, we need to provide for those people and we need to keep going."

Madeleine's Sister-in-law Joanne

Joanne is being released from the hospital and going home. Her address for cards and notes is 2 Natick Street, Nashua.

Prayers of the People.

Please pray for Arthur Mueller, who is now undergoing chemotherapy, with the support of his wife Carolyn and their children; prayers for Nancy Hollinrake; for Linda, who has been diagnosed with cancer; Madeleine Dionne-Svitak's sister in law, Joanne and for her step mother Shirley who is now in hospice care; for Ryan; for Kelly, the daughter of Tom and Peggy Baker; for Corinne Dodge's friend, Mariellen; for William Friel; 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 Rosalie 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.

Serving in the Military: Please pray for Michael Carr; for Del Dooling's cousins, Daniel Canfield, Matthew and Sandra Maloy, and for Paul Gagne.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Joe, Susan and Nicole DiFraia; Jennifer, Jeffrey and Max Diener; Marcia Devine; Violet and James DeMarco.

Attendance: August 31, 9 a.m.: 40

September Wish List 2014

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Canned vegetables, Ramen, Crackers, Pancake syrup, Pudding (instant or cook), Snacks (school lunches), Tuna, Tissues, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Dish soap.