



# The Signpost Weekly

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Calendar

Sunday, September 28

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Monday, September 29

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, September 30

- Women's Bible Study, 10 am; babysitting.
- Group Spiritual Direction, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1

- Group Spiritual Direction, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, October 3

- Group Spiritual Direction, 11-12 noon
- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 4

- Set-up for International Dinner, 3-6 p.m.

Saturday, October 4 **International Dinner**

- First Seating, 4:30 p.m.
- Second Seating, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 5 **Blessing of the Animals**

- Introducing the 2015 Annual Pledge Campaign,  
Oliver Ford, Finance Committee Chairman

Next Sunday, Oct. 5, The Annual Blessing of Animals ... and Something New

Next Sunday, bring with you to church your dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, lizards, fish, parrots, chickens, ferrets, hedgehogs and snakes for the Blessing of the



Animals as we commemorate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. We also meet after church at 11:30 am in our parking lot, weather permitting. If the weather doesn't cooperate we will meet in the church. For the first time ever, although optional, we're asking people to bring donations of dried and

canned dog and cat food, puppy food, toys, clean towels and blankets which we will donate to the All Better Pets Shelter in Manchester, NH. Invite your pet loving neighbors and friends to church, or to join us after church, and let's do a little good for those cats and dogs at the shelter. *Miriam*

Help! Your **HOMEMADE** cake, pie or other specialty will be most welcome at the **DESSERT TABLE** for the upcoming International Dinner on Saturday, October 5. A signup sheet is available on the round table in the vestibule to let us know how you can help with our largest fund raiser of the year. Drop off time 11 to 3 on Saturday. Thank you.

Ticket sales to the International Dinner have been brisk, so we are told, but not brisk enough! Well, this is it folks! If you have still not purchased your tickets, you need to now. This is a wonderful occasion to get together with friends, neighbors and relatives for a family dinner ... and leave the cooking to us! All you can eat buffet. Invite someone who does not get out much.

Can't Attend the International Dinner?

*... but you wish you could. Here's the perfect solution where everyone "wins!" You buy tickets and we'll see they are distributed to people who pick up their food at the Food Pantry at St. Anne's next Thursday,*

people who otherwise could not attend, but for whom a family dinner buffet like this, all you can eat, is really a nice gift! Tickets may be purchased after services this Sunday, or reserved by phone by emailing or calling Karen Groves at 887-3834.

Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? That means it's time to begin gathering Christmas Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPS). This is the 37th year that parishes in the Diocese of NH have supplied gifts and new books for the children of (continued on Page 2)

*Have you invited a friend to come to church with you?*

*A personal invitation is the best way, bar none, to grow a congregation and bless a friend's life.*

## Online School Challenge

I'm looking for people to take an online course with me. There are several options we can take. One course option is *How to Pray* and another is *How to Forgive*. Let me know. The courses are designed to be taken whenever you have the time and at your own pace. It might be fun to work together so I invite you to join me. *Miriam*

## From the Stewardship Committee

Next Sunday, Finance Committee Chairman, Oliver Ford, will be introducing our annual pledge campaign for 2015: "Walking the Way." The spiritual undertaking of pilgrimage helps us gain insight, clarity and purpose of what it means to be a "People of the Way." Over the course of the next six Sundays, you will hear from fellow parishioners about the ministry they've chosen that deepens their walk with Christ in new and deeper ways. Let us join together to do God's work through St. Christopher's. It is the way God calls us all to an ever-deepening understanding of His purposes for our lives. *Members of the Stewardship Ministry Team: Erik Young, Marcia Devine, Br. David Gerns, Miriam Acevedo, and Lyn Rockwell.*

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incarcerated parents. ChIPs is one of the most important outreach programs of the Episcopal Diocese of NH because it touches the lives of the people society would prefer to forget: incarcerated parents and their children. Prisoners who maintain a strong bond with their families

have a much better chance of reintegrating back into society after their release and break the revolving-door cycle of re-offending again. The gifts and books we donate are taken to each of the prisons in the state of NH, where the incarcerated parent is allowed to 'shop' for a gift and a book for his or her child or children. Since the parent can select only one gift, each gift donated must be new and should be in the \$20 to \$25 range. Gifts and books for older children are in high demand, especially games, electronics and sports equipment. Both the gifts and the books must be new. Books can be hard cover, soft cover, or paperback. We are asked to NOT donate gift cards, Play Dough, jewelry, crayons, glue, make-up, long stick, knitting needles,

crochet hooks, paint brushes, glass items, clothing, sharp tools or toy weapons of any kind. If you are not sure what to give, cash and checks made out to St. Christopher's with ChIPs on the memo line are always acceptable and can be placed in the Collection Plates during the service. The Diocesan Prison Committee will then use that money to shop for appropriate age and gender gifts. Totes for the gifts and books will be in the vestibule. The last day to bring in gifts or donate cash will be Sunday, Nov. 2. If you have any questions or would like to help further, please see, [e-mail](#) or call Barbara Hughes at 382-8423. "Thanks for being Christ's hands and feet in the world," says Barbara.

## Prayers of the People.

Please pray for Arthur Mueller, **Matty O'Leary**; Nancy Hollinrake; for Linda, who has been diagnosed with cancer; pray for Madeleine Dionne-Svitak's sister-in-law, JoAnn, who died Sept. 11, after a difficult battle with cancer, and for her family and friends. Madeleine adds, "Thanks to all who held JoAnn in their thoughts and prayers. Information about bone marrow donations, a cure for this type of cancer, is found at [BeTheMatch.org](#); for Ryan; for Corinne Dodge's friend, Mariellen; for William Friel; for 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: Dennis Giangregorio and Casey Pelletier; Brian and Sue Gleason; Tina, Patrick, Gavin, and Graydon Goyetch; Brenda Getchell.

Attendance: Thursday, September 18, 7

Sunday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m., 23; 10:15, 89.

## GOT GRAPES!

What a bountiful harvest I have this year, lots and lots of them, and you're invited to come and pick as many as you'd like. [Lyn Rockwell](#), East Hampstead.





St. Christopher's Annual

ALL YOU CAN  
EAT

# International Dinner

Saturday, October 4

Come and enjoy a variety  
of international dishes, soups,  
and homemade desserts  
prepared by a crew  
of St. C's talented cooks!

Two seatings: 4:30 and 6:30

Tickets available after Sunday services or by  
contacting Karen Groves at 603-887-3834

~ Adults \$15 ~ Seniors \$12 ~ Children (12 and under) \$5  
~ Family Ticket for 4:30 seating \$35 (2 adults and children)

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