

October 5, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, October 5

Blessing of the Animals, 11:30 a.m.

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

Monday, October 6

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Finance and Executive Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 9

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 11

- Rhythms of Grace, 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

- 2015 Annual Pledge Campaign Kick-Off
- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Today, Oct. 5, the Annual Blessing of Animals ...



Blessing of the Animals takes place during our regular worship service, and also we continue, weather permitting, in our parking lot at 11:30 am. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will meet in the church. For the first time ever we are giving people the option of bringing donations of

Purina Dog Chow, Purina Pro Plan Puppy Food, and Friskies canned cat food or dog and cat toys or clean towels or blankets that will be given to the **All Better Pets Shelter in Manchester, NH**. Donations are optional. Invite your pet loving neighbors and friends and let's do a little good for those cats and dogs at the shelter. *Miriam*



Today, Finance Committee Chairman, Oliver Ford, to introduce our 2015 Pledge Campaign: "Walking 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. *Stewardship Ministry Team*

Heads Up...

On October 26, the Young Adult Group and the Outreach Committee are joining forces for a food drive to benefit the Timberlane Regional High School food pantry. This pantry makes it possible for students from low-income families to have food for the weekends. More details to come...*Miriam*

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*

New Digital Piano

Julia Forbes has purchased a new digital piano that she will house in our Sanctuary, and we'll be able to use on Sundays. The piano does all sorts of things that I am just beginning to learn about. It has, for example, prerecorded hymns that include some of the classics in church music. Thank you Julia. *Miriam*

Can't Make Church On Sunday?

You can always join us mid-week on Thursday nights at 7 pm when we do a Rite 2 (contemporary) service at the small worship table in the Sanctuary. It lasts about half an hour. It's a nice break in the workweek. Bible Study follows, although there is no obligation to stay, but you are very welcome to stay. Children are also welcome to attend. *Miriam*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve:

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You'll notice that the ChIPs Collection Box is set up in the foyer. ChIPs (Children of Incarcerated Parents) 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 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.

events and your opportunity to support some local talent! A true head start to your Holiday Shopping! Have you been good this year? We certainly hope so & we hope to see you! [Christine Mason](#)

October 12-19 is Family Promise Week, and to celebrate, [Let's Play Music](#) is preparing a Faculty Concert for October 17, at Calvary Bible Church, 7 p.m., Derry. The Music Director of Let's Play Music, Jay Latulippe, is a good friend of St. Christopher's, who participated in last spring's Sweet Sounds Program. Just an hour long, the concert includes a broad spectrum of musical selections ranging from classical to jazz with something for everyone. Refreshments will be served. Free will donations are gratefully accepted at the door. All gifts benefit homeless children.

Prayers of the People.

Please pray for **Arthur Mueller, Matty O'Leary; Nancy Hollinrake;** for **Linda,** who has been diagnosed with cancer; 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 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.**

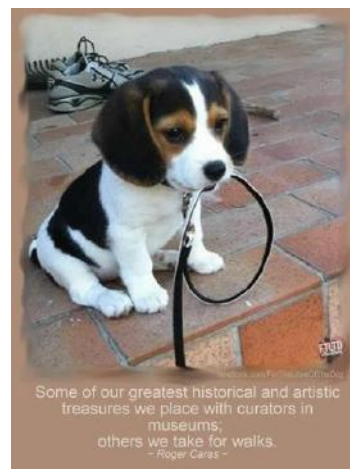
Parish Cycle of Prayer: Richard, Karen, Dorothy, and Charlie Haycook; Ed and Sue Hale; Karen and Dick Groves.

Join Us for Our Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 1, where everything is hand and homemade. Some of the crafts include

Graft sewn items, jewelry, crochet, wood items (birch candleholders), ornaments, photography, custom tablet covers/cases, lighted baskets, hats, mittens, scarves and MORE!

Fair Admission is free. Plenty of parking too! Lunch available (\$)

Li Some of our in-house cooks are preparing a great and inexpensive lunch. If you're hopping from fair to fair, STOP HERE FOR LUNCH and recharge and then keep shopping. There will be homemade soups, sandwiches, drinks, chips & a sweet treat to top it all off! There are a number of fairs in the area that day, including the very popular Hampstead Mothers' Club Fair @ the Hampstead Middle School. Don't miss these great



Attendance: -
 Tuesday, Sept. 23 -
 Women's Bible Study,
 5.
 Thursday,
 September 25, 9
 Sunday, Sept. 28
 8 a.m., 24; 10:15, 80.

Some of our greatest historical and artistic treasures we place with curators in museums; others we take for walks. —Roger Caras—

*The Light of God surrounds me. The Love of God enfolds me. The Power of God protects me.
The Presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is. James Dillet Freeman*