



# The Signpost Weekly

October 12, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Walking  
the Way

**The Annual Pledge Drive for 2015 Begins Today.** The Stewardship Ministry Team has prepared a set of helpful material for each parishioner/family, which includes the 2015 Pledge Form. Please remember that what you pledge makes our ministries possible and is your own personal way of doing God's work in this community.  
*Stewardship Ministry Team*

## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 12**

#### **2015 Pledge Campaign Kickoff**

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Music Team meeting, 11:30

### **Monday, October 13**

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Group Spiritual Direction, 11 am
- Bishop's Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 14**

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

### **Wednesday, October 15**

- Group Spiritual Direction, 7pm

### **Thursday, October 16**

- NO Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 19**

- Meeting with choir members, 11:30

## **Make A Difference Day**

In conjunction with "Make A Difference Day," St. Christopher's Outreach Group and Young Adult Group is holding a food drive on October 26, to benefit the Owl's Pantry, a food pantry providing support to students in the Timberlane Regional School District on weekends when school is not in session. Foods needed include packaged fruit items, like applesauce, peaches, pears, dried fruit; breakfast items, such as instant oatmeal cereal, granola or breakfast bars. Lunch/dinner foods, like



## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

### **NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD**

soup, ramen noodles, microwave macaroni and cheese, Chef Boyardee pasta w/meat, peanut butter. Drinks, such as juice boxes or juice drinks like Sunny Delight, Capri Sun, cocoa mix. For snacks, peanut butter & crackers, cheese & crackers, Snack Pack Pudding, Pop Tarts, any type of granola, protein bars, popcorn, Sun chips. "Make A Difference Day" is the nation's largest day of community service. Millions of volunteers from across the nation will unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others. "Make A Difference Day" shows that anyone – regardless of age, location or resources – can accomplish *amazing* things when they take on the problems they see in their community. *Miriam*

## **A Reminder about Sunday School, 10 a.m.**

Sunday School classes begin right at 10 a.m. If students are late, they miss part of the story or lesson. Not to mention that they are disruptive to the children who are already there. We have such a small amount of time with our students as it is, so we like to make the best and fullest use of it possible. We realize everyone has "those mornings," but we'd really appreciate it if you could plan to get in on time. Thank you for your support. Danielle LeClair, Sunday School Coordinator

## **Do You Want to Learn More About Your Faith?**

If you want to learn more about your faith but do not have the time to come to study sessions in the church, there is a way of doing this. Our online school allows you to take a variety of courses that you can do at your own pace and time. Right now 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*. If these don't interest you then tell me

*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.*

what areas you are interested in and I bet there will be a course for you. Let me know. Let me emphasize that 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*

### **Bible Studies at St. Christopher's**

Please remember that we offer Bible Studies on Sunday morning for an hour between services, beginning at 9 a.m., a Women's session on Tuesday at 10, and Thursday evening immediately after the 7 p.m. Eucharist. *Miriam*

### **Many Thanks**

Thank you to all of you who brought food, toys, towels and blankets for the All Better Pets shelter. They were absolutely thrilled with what we collected. *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*

**You'll notice that the ChIPs Collection Box is set up in the foyer.** 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.

### **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: Nancy, Michael, Sarah and Meghan Hickey; Ann Holland; Leslie and Nancy Hollinrake; Marguerite Hopkins.**

### **Attendance**

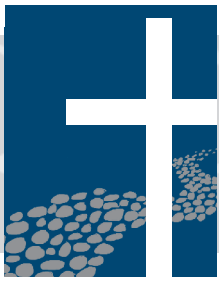
Tuesday, Sept. 30 - Women's Bible Study, 5.  
Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m., 9  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 a.m., 24; 10:15, 80.

### **Again Many Thanks**

Thank you for your participation in the International Dinner as guests, cooks, servers, and ticket sellers. Our guests all seemed to be satisfied and happy with what we had to offer. Thanks also to those who donated tickets for the raffles and items for the silent auction. I know that not all the money is in but so far it looks like we made \$3,068.23.. *Miriam*



*Thank you, Ingrid Chapman, for the photos!*



# Walking the Way

Stewardship Narrative Series

Proper 23, Matthew 22: 1-14  
Sunday, October 12, 2014

***Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.***



When I was growing up in Barbados, one of my favorite holidays was Christmas. We didn't make a big deal about a tree (this was the tropics after all) or presents, but we made a big deal about food. For months before Christmas my mother and grandmother would make preparations for Christmas Day; black cake had to be made, drinks had to be ordered, and chickens had to be fattened (we raised our own).

In my house, no detail for planning Christmas Day was left unattended. When Christmas finally came we all donned our Christmas best and off to church we went. We were fed at Christ's table so that we could go home and feed others. All the preparation, all the planning, all the food was for unknown guests.

The tradition in my family was that we put out the most amazing food and drinks for whomever showed up at our door. The roasted chicken, the baked pork, and the endless supply of drinks were for the random people, both known and unknown, who would make their way to our door. The Christmas hospitality that my family offered to family, friends and strangers alike was about sharing not just what we had but about giving out of the abundance of blessings we had received throughout the year.

Our family's Christmas table is how I imagine the church. We offer a table that has been set with the finest we have to offer, not to showcase ourselves but to offer welcome and refreshment to everyone and anyone who stands in need. Like the king who threw a rich banquet, we can get caught up in inviting the "right" people to the table; but God is in the business of drawing circles wider and wider. God sends us out into the highways and street corners to call everyone to the lavishly prepared feast. Our generosity is about inviting others to richly appointed banquet. As people who follow Jesus our concern isn't about the kind of feast prepared but about the invitation to the scrumptious meal.

We are a people of hospitality, generosity, and welcome. The greatest gift we can offer others is a place at a table that has been set by the One who loves us infinitely and cares for us eternally. Our calling isn't just to say good things about Jesus but to live lives that declares to others the transformative presence of God. The wedding banquet is ready...



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### *Reflection Questions*

- How do you experience the generosity of hospitality in your congregation?
- How do you find joy in being generous?
- Do you give from a sense of God's abundance in your life?

