



The Signpost Weekly

Walking
the Way

October 19, 2014
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, October 19

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Meeting with Choir Members, 11:30

Monday, October 20

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Stewardship Committee Meeting, 6-7 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 23

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 26

- **Make a Difference Day Food Drive**

Saturday, November 1

- Crafters Fair and Luncheon, 9-3



Sunday, Nov. 2 All Saints Sunday

It is our custom on All Saints Sunday to display pictures of our loved ones who have passed away. There will be a table set up, so remember to bring your pictures at both 8 and 10:15. *Miriam*

Choir

I will meet with the choir today at 11:30. *Miriam*

The Annual Pledge Drive for 2015 Is On. Last Sunday we celebrated the beginning of the 2015 Annual Pledge Campaign. If you did not receive the packet of pledge material last Sunday, or by mail (most likely last Wednesday), additional packets are available on the table in the foyer. Please remember that what you pledge makes our ministries possible and is your own personal way of doing God's work in this community. The *Stewardship Ministry Team*

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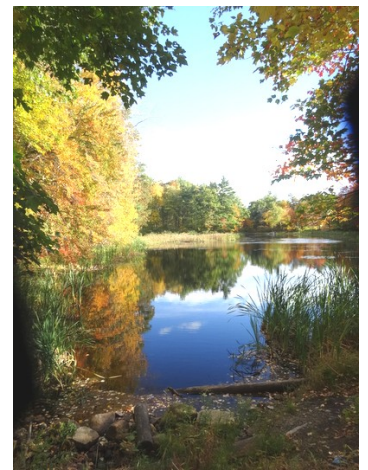
A REMINDER

Next Sunday, October 26, 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. The food items requested are itemized on a handy shopping list, which we've inserted on Page 2. Simply cut it out and take it along with you to the supermarket. "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.



Family Promise Host Week is November 9 – 16.

A message from Peggy Baker. "Hello to all you volunteers. Fall is here and just driving around Hampstead is beautiful. Our next week is upon us, Nov. 9th to the 16th. I have not been told about the families so I do not know ages of children etc. Thank you all for your support. I cannot believe that our commitment to Family Promise is coming onto 2 years. The families are always grateful for your help. As a reminder for those volunteering for food. There are funds available if money is a problem and you can also pair up with a friend. You



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.

may help serve or you can leave the food and we will serve it. I also want to remind you of the "Evening of Thanks and Giving," a benefit event for Family Promise of Rockingham County. It takes place on Friday Nov. 7th at 6 p.m. at the Atkinson Country Club. Tickets are \$45/person, and that includes a full meal and entertainment. To reserve your seat please mail a check, your name, and # of tickets to Family Promise of GRC, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry, NH 03038. And finally, the last bit of news is that the Board is in the process of filling the position of Director because Vickie has left. We do not expect that this transition time at the Family Promise main office and Day Center should affect us at this time. Thanks again." Peggy Baker

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*

You'll notice that the ChIPs Collection Box is set up in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who has brought in items already. The last day to bring in gifts or donate cash will be Sunday, Nov. 2. Info? See, [e-mail](#) or call Barbara Hughes at 382-8423.

"Five of us from St C's are planning a trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston for the [Fiber Art Exhibit](#) on Fri., Nov 14. We will be taking the train in from Haverhill to Boston and making a day of it. Cost of exhibit is \$13 for seniors and \$15 for adults. Interested in joining us? The More the Merrier! If interested email [Corinne Dodge](#) or call 432-5759.



Join Us for Our Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 1, 9-3, where everything is hand and homemade. Lunch is available (\$) too. 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. Homemade soups, sandwiches, drinks, chips & a sweet treat to top it all off! See you on the 1st. [Christine Mason](#)

Prayers of the People.

Please pray for **Arthur Mueller, Matty O'Leary; Greta and Jim; 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: Alison, Robert, Thaddeus, Katrina, Braden, and Kyle Golas; Lynne, Jim, Erin, and Garrett Horigan; Barbara and Jack Hughes; Roy Jeffrey.

Attendance

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Women's Bible Study, 4
 Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m., 8
 Rhythms of Grace, Saturday, October 11, 11
 Sunday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m., 30; 10:15, 6

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Shopping List

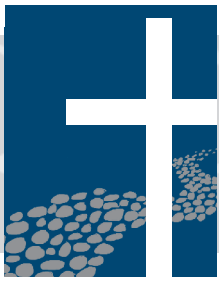
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Granola
<input type="checkbox"/> Juice boxes, drinks	<input type="checkbox"/> Protein bars
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Delight	<input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa mix	<input type="checkbox"/> Soup
<input type="checkbox"/> Instant oatmeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Ramen noodles
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
 NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

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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



Walking the Way

Stewardship Narrative Series

Proper 24, Matthew 22: 15-22
October 19, 2014

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.

To many, taxes are simply an instrument of oppression.

The founding narrative of the United States centers on tax burdens the British placed on the American colonies. In the nineteenth century, a foreign miners' license tax was levied on gold miners in California, requiring a monthly payment of every foreign miner who did not desire to become a citizen. The burden of the tax fell mainly on Chinese miners, as a federal law of 1790 restricted naturalization to white persons.



But taxes can also pool the resources of the many to address common problems too big for the charitable giving of individuals. They can express our shared participation in society, in a community where we look out for one another. So it is with our stewardship of giving.

Jesus' response to his opponents carried religious implications. Roman coins were stamped with the emperor's likeness and inscribed "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest." So the coins constituted blasphemy both to Jews and to the Christians in Matthew's church — the blasphemy of idolatry in the form of money.

But what if we followed the logic that we owe back to someone a thing that bears that someone's image? What is Jesus telling us that we owe to God? Quite simply, everything that bears God's image — that is, everything given to us in creation. God's greatness is stamped everywhere in the created world: air, water, and sunlight, our food, our very existence, and our hope. Because God's image is everywhere, we owe to God our thanks for the earth's abundance, and we owe to God the right and just stewardship of this abundance. And the image of God, made flesh in Jesus Christ, is also stamped on the face of every human being with whom we share God's creation, every other child of God, especially our brothers and sisters in need.

In rendering back to God what was God's own to begin with, we are stepping away from idolizing and hoarding the things that God has given us and directing our worship to where it belongs: to God. We are simply walking the disciple's way with the gratitude for life that we owe as God's children.



*The Rev. Thomas Eoyang
Rector, Grace Epiphany Church
The Episcopal Diocese
of Pennsylvania*

Reflection Questions

- Do you agree that God designed you for generosity?
- What does it mean to you to bear God's image?
- Do you believe that all is given by God as a gift?

