



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY



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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
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Calendar

Sunday, November 16

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Music Team, after the 10:15
- Family Promise Guests Depart

Monday, November 17

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

- Eucharist and Bible Study, 7 p.m..

Music Today

Thank you to Carolyn Timbie and Dusty Clampitt for providing us with music today at the 10:15. They will be playing traditional, blue grass and gospel. *Miriam*

The Bible

The Bible is our basic text! I invite you to read it and learn the beauty that is contained in those pages. Reading the Bible however can be overwhelming on your own but it begins to make more sense when read in a group. We offer you opportunities to learn about scripture in a non-threatening, warm and friendly environment. Join us for one of our Bible Studies—Sunday mornings between services, Tuesday mornings for women at 10 am and Thursday evening beginning at 7 with the Eucharist. *Miriam*

Families in church

I understand that it is difficult for families to get to church due to sports and other activities on Sunday morning. Yet exposing your children to the faith is also very important. May I suggest a compromise—when your children have morning sports consider attending the 8 am service, no problem if they come



For Our Veterans

Dear Lord, November 11 we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

wearing their sports gear. Or, consider attending part of a service—no rule says you can't leave at the peace or immediately after receiving Communion. I'd be happy to see you no matter what service or part of a service you attend. *Miriam*

Sunday School News – Christmas Pageant

This week we will not have a 9:30 pageant practice, but instead I will meet up with the children with lines either before Sunday school or after the 10:15 to provide them with scripts. First practice, Sunday, November 23 at 9:30. If your child would still like a part, there are a lot left to choose from, so get in touch! *Danielle LeClair*, Sunday School Coordinator

....to **Christine Mason**, who has been the driving force behind St.

Christopher's annual Craft Fair for the past eight years. She has dedicated her time and energy organizing, marketing, and overseeing



this late fall all day Saturday event, reaching out to dozens of area crafters, and inviting them to display their talents and sell their wares at our pre-Christmas craft fair. As she steps down from her leadership post, it is with our greatest admiration and appreciation for her dedication to our parish Craft Fair outreach and ministry. *The Fundraising Committee*

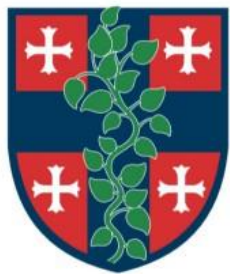


THANKSGIVING 2014

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Juice, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Soup, Pasta, Cranberry Sauce, Pudding, Stuffing, Gravy, Tuna, Cereal, Toilet Paper, Soap, Paper Towels, Tissues

It is easy to think of the annual parish stewardship campaign as simply a matter of budgets, dues and talk about money. However, there is the opportunity for so much more to happen during this time of specific reflection on the place of money, faith and God in our lives. I do hope you will seize the opportunity to more deeply explore the place of God in your life and how you might Flourish in Faith. Miriam



Restore us,
O God of hosts; *
show the light of
your countenance,
and we shall be
saved.

Turn now,
O God of hosts,
look down from
heaven;
behold and tend
this vine; *
preserve what
your right hand
has planted.

Convention Address 2014,
A. Robert Hirschfeld,
Bishop, Episcopal Church
of New Hampshire

The **212th Annual Diocesan Convention** - *Tending the Vine Together* was held last weekend. Our Delegates attending were Ann Gerns, Barbara Hughes, and Brooke LaMonica, along with our Vicar, Miriam. After an opening prayer and hymn, we split up and sat at assigned seating with people from other congregations to discuss the Bishop's new initiative and theme of his Episcopate "Tending the Vine" based on a passage from St. John's Gospel. He outlined five practices for Tending the Vine. These are: We show up, We tell the story, We splash water [Baptism], We share food [Eucharist] and God surprises. We had some lively discussions and an opportunity was given for each table to report on what was discussed. It was a very energizing discussion time for all concerned. After a

sandwich boxed lunch, we re-convened to a visit from three of the members of the 'Kids for Peace' Program which is in NH for the first time. Kids for Peace is a camping program that brings together children and teens from around the world of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith. The three teens each spoke of what the program meant to them and then sang a simple song together, once in English, once in Hebrew and once in Arabic. We then got into the business part of the Convention and passed several administrative type resolutions. There were two non-administrative resolutions also passed these were—a resolution against the death penalty and a resolution to changing the status of Trinity Church in Tilton from a parish to a mission congregation as first steps towards closing it. In addition the diocesan budget and the clergy compensation resolution were passed. The Convention was concluded with prayers, a blessing and a rousing hymn. **Barbara Hughes**

ChIPs Thanks You

This past Saturday, our Delegates to Convention, bagged up all the gifts and books given for the Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs) and brought them to the Prison Ministry's gift collection point in Concord. We brought a large shopping bag filled with Christmas and all occasion cards for the prisoners to use in order to stay in touch with family. As part of the ChIPs program we also brought 12 gifts, 44 books, and a check to be used by the ChIPs ministry for \$470 Many thanks to all of you who donated to such a wonderful ministry. You truly are Jesus' hands and feet in this world.

Barbara Hughes

Prayers of the People.

Please pray for **Arthur Mueller, Matty O'Leary; Greta and Jim; Nancy Hollinrake; Bijoux R.;** 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: **Kara, Rob, Emma, and Matthew Maslowski; Heike, Scott, Cameron, and Danielle Martineau; Mike, Joseph, Haley, and Nick Margareci; Carol, David, Julia, Courtney, and Blake MacLeod.**

Attendance

Tuesday, 11/4, 6, WBS

Sunday, 11/9, 8 a.m., 35; 10:15 a.m., 80

**ADVENT
IN
MINUTES**

November 30 –
First Sunday
of **Advent**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

- ★ Christmas Eve Family Service and Children's Pageant - 4:30 p.m.
- ★ Christmas Eve Late Service - Traditional Carol Sing at 9 p.m. Eucharist Celebration at 9:30 p.m.
- ★ Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec, 25, one service at 9 a.m.

*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*