



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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First Sunday after Christmas

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Calendar

Sunday, December 28 – Christmas 1

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

Monday, December 29

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, December 30

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

Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day

- NO Eucharist or Adult Ed at 7

Saturday, January 3

- Rhythms of Grace

Sunday, January 4 – Christmas 2

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

Happy New Year

I wish you all a blessed new year of hope, love and service to the Lord. God bless you all. *Miriam*

Thank you!

Many hands, too many to name them all, went into the preparation for Christmas services. Danielle LeClair and her crew of adults and children did a wonderful job with the pageant. Brother David and his crew of sacristans did a great job cleaning and prepping the church for services. John Svitak and Denise Stevenson also did a wonderful job pulling together bulletins for all services. The music team did a great job selecting and playing music for all services and special thanks to Brooke LaMonica for lining up all the music for the pageant and late service on Christmas Eve and finally thanks to new member Bob Leonard for providing the music for the Christmas Day service. Thank you all. We can't do it without you. As they say, "It takes a village." Miriam

A Heads Up—The Annual Meeting, January 18

The annual meeting will be January 18, with a snow date of January 25. As is our custom, we will have one service on that day at 10 am. New members of the Bishop's Committee, Delegates to

Convention and Assessors will be voted in. A week before the meeting you will receive a PDF of the 2014 Annual Report via email. "Hard copies" of the report will also be available at church (for the three of you who don't have email.) Please save the date and join us for this important parish-wide event.

Miriam

Bishop Rob's Next Visit, February 22

Our Bishop will visit us on February 22, 2015. In reality, we don't have much time to plan for this during this Christmas season, but once January comes, I'll be in full planning mode. I need to hear from you if you need to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church. If you are not sure what this means please let me know. *Miriam*

The next Rhythms of Grace service, "Feeding the 5000," is Saturday, January 3 at 2 p.m. Join us to hear Miriam's story, try to catch some fish, make some bread and toss a roll or two. We hope you can join us. Check out last month's pictures on Facebook "nhrrhythmsofgrace." Please email Lori Parrillo with any questions. *Lori*

From the Stewardship Ministry Team

As of December 21, 2014, 66 pledges, from 61% of the parish have been received, as compared to last year's total of 82 "pledging units" from 80% of the parish. Currently \$141,114 in pledges have been received to support the 2015 budget. Our most heartfelt thanks to people who have already stepped forward with a pledge commitment. *The Stewardship Ministry Team.*

Spiritual Direction Enrollment

You are invited to consider signing up for Group Spiritual Direction. Some of those who have already participated tell me that the experience has been fulfilling indeed. The sessions last exactly one hour! Surely you have one hour for a rewarding experience that will open you up to how God is working in your life. Please see Miriam, Wayne Trombly, Barbara Hughes or Ken Swenson, with any questions.

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Almighty God,
you have poured upon
us the new light of
your incarnate Word:

Grant that this
light, enkindled in
our hearts, may
shine forth in our
lives; through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now
and for ever. Amen.

Musician Search

Do you have any contacts in the local music community? If you do please pass along the job description below for our next musician. "St. Christopher's Episcopal Church is seeking a dynamic Church Musician whose passion is to help people encounter and express their faith through music in weekly worship. We desire to cultivate an integrated worship experience on Sunday

mornings with a balance of upbeat and inspiring worship music that includes traditional hymns and contemporary influences such as Integrity, Chris Tomlin, etc.). The Church Musician will be responsible for assisting in the planning and leading of Sunday morning worship, leading the volunteer Choir and the younger children in age appropriate songs. We have an organ and a new Kawai piano. He/She must be flexible, sensitive to the spiritual aspects of music, and able to work with non-professional singers and other parish instrumentalists. This is a salaried, permanent part-time position. Send resume and cover letter to the [Rev. Miriam Acevedo](mailto:macevedo2@comcast.net) at macevedo2@comcast.net or visit the [church website](http://www.saintcs.org), www.saintcs.org"

Grace Church, Manchester Request

For over a decade the Reverend John Yen has been a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester, NH. He and his family fled the Sudan many years ago during a period of massive unrest. It took the Yen family nine years, mostly by foot, to traverse from the Sudan (by way of Egypt) to arrive as refugees in New Hampshire. Father John Yen is the only Anglican, Sudanese priest in the three state region of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. He travels far and wide, presiding at the baptisms, weddings, and funerals of Sudanese refugees his native tongue of Dinka all over New England. Father John Yen is seeking a donation of a used car to help him both in his vocation as priest and also as a parent of eight children. If you have a used car you are willing to donate, please contact The Reverend Dr. Marjorie Ann Gerbracht-Stagnaro, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church.



The NH Diocese is now known as the Episcopal Church of NH. Visit the newly redesigned website at: www.nhepiscopal.org



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**, for **Paul Gagne**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: **Alfred Sette, and Judith, Charles, and William Putnam-Sette; Kym and Connor Schuler; Noelle, Michael, Jordyn, and Kyle Schreiber; Jean Seeler-Gifford.**

Attendance
1 Sunday 8 am – 34; 10:15 - 73
Woman's Bible Study 12/23—5
Christmas Pageant—115
Christmas Eve later service—29
Christmas Day--18

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