



The Signpost Weekly

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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Calendar

Sunday, February 1

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Annual "Soupah Bowl" Collection
- Family Promise Guests Arrive, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 2

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, February 3

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. with babysitting.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- No Yoga

Thursday, February 5

- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30

Saturday, February 7

- Rhythms of Grace, 2 pm

Sunday, February 8

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

Bishop's Visitation

The Bishop will be with us February 22, the First Sunday in Lent, for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. Reaffirmation is when a person is ready to publically recommit themselves to Christ; this assumes the person has already been Confirmed or Received. If you are interested or have any questions, please let me know right away as I've begun to get the paperwork ready. *Miriam*

Lent is Around the Corner!

First we hope to have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper [Feb. 17] sponsored by the youth group, details to come. Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 18. There will be two services—



Snow is a reminder to take pause, with others or even just with ourselves. The presence of snow can be a great spiritual exercise for us, inviting us to quiet down and be with ourselves.

Children's Service at 4:30 pm, and later service at 7:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both services.
Miriam

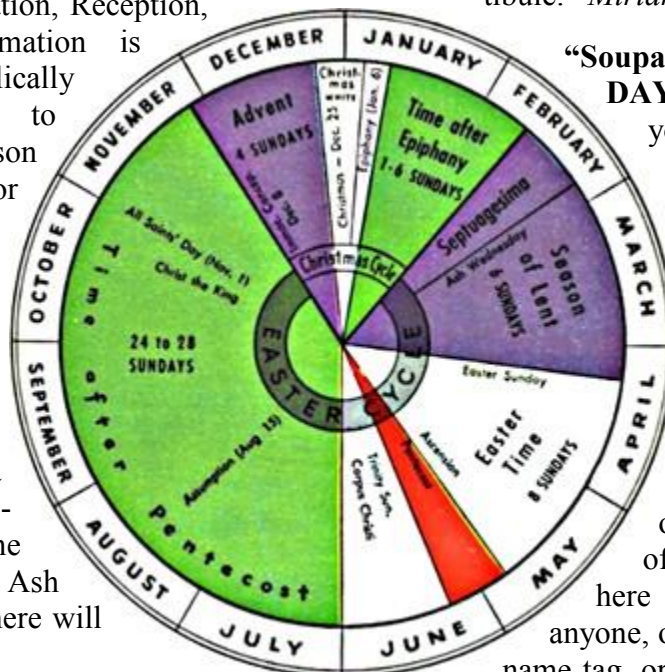
Lenten Prayer Challenge!

Last year's challenge was a success; this year we hope to make it even better. The challenge is to use the prayers we will provide you and commit yourself to pray them every day. In addition this year we are asking that folks keep a simple daily journal of thoughts, ideas, and reflections that will come up as you pray. We also hope to include in your prayer packet a set of Anglican Prayer Beads with instructions of how to use them. Please sign up for the challenge—sign-up is on the round table in the vestibule. *Miriam*

"Soupah Bowl" Collection TODAY!

Please be generous with your change, dollars or checks. Step up to the Team Matty challenge!

Just a friendly reminder regarding nametags - WEAR ONE. It just got easier because of a donation of lanyards to hold our name badge. We hope this new, easy to slip on and off lanyard will inspire more of us to wear a name badge here at church. If we've missed anyone, or you'd like to request a new name tag, or make a change, please indi-



Bishop Rob invites us all to "... reflect on how we might wish to create, restore or renew the sense of our church as 'a movement,' a Way to live, rather than an institution to be maintained."

cate it on the Request for Name Tag form posted in the foyer.

The Senior Warden of the Parish

is responsible for overseeing four main areas in the church. **First**, she is responsible for all legal aspects of properties and legal contracts. **Second**, she ensures the financial standing of all accounts is maintained accurately. **Third**, she is responsible for ensuring that the parish functions with regular services, and she acts on behalf of the vicar when necessary. **Fourth**, the senior warden assists the vicar and support her in her other roles and responsibilities.

Our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Christine Collins and her family for her service as our Senior Warden. This is an OMG moment! Since 2010, she has held the top lay leadership position in the parish, requiring a formidable commitment of time and energy, and an intense devotion to her ministry. Under her leadership we have made a difference in the lives of our parishioners, and a strengthening of our ability to reach out to those to whom Christ would have us minister. Leaving us on solid ground, she has given us the confidence to maintain current and plan future pastoral initiatives, and advance God's vision through the community of faithful of St.

Christopher's. "Often serving on the Bishop's Committee with her, I've asked myself, *how does she do it?*" says Lyn Rockwell. "To watch her in action is proof of the power of God within her." It's not unusual to see her being pulled in different directions, having to make difficult choices involving her own personal needs, the needs of her family, or the needs of her parishioners. She has been a powerful, consistent and positive role model whose influence will be felt in our parish for many years to come. Wayne Trombly, newly-elected Senior Warden, paid tribute to Christine at the Annual Meeting. "After reading your Senior Warden's comments in the last few years' annual reports and having the pleasure of serving with you on the Bishop's Committee, the constant for me is: you always appreciated, admired, encouraged and thanked everyone for the time and energy they expended on behalf of the family that is St Christopher's. Now it is our honor to thank you! As a number's guy, I attempted to calculate

the number of hours you spent at meetings, on the phone, reading and answering emails, putting out fires, etc, etc over the last 5 years as our Senior Warden, and my final analysis is, **WOW!** WOW, you must be exhausted!! Today I speak for the entire congregation in extending our admiration and heartfelt thanks for your leadership. St Christopher's has grown spiritually, ministries have flourished, fellowship is thriving and divergent opinions were encouraged during your watch. The impact of your service to Our Lord, Jesus Christ will always be with us. Thank You ! Thank You!"



The Collins Family

Prayers of the People.

Please pray for Christine Collins' stepbrother, **Capt. Justin Knox** who is in the Army and has been deployed to Kosovo on special assignment, and for her friend **Christine**; for **Arthur Mueller, Matty O'Leary; Greta and Jim; Nancy Hollinrake**; for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann Cooper 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 **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 Del Dooling's cousins, **Daniel Canfield, Matthew** and **Sandra Maloy**, for **Paul Gagne**.

Give us grace,
O Lord, to answer readily
the call of our Savior Jesus
Christ,
And proclaim
to all people
the Good News of his
salvation,
That we and
the whole
world may
perceive the
glory of his
marvelous
works;
Who lives and
reigns with
you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, forever. Amen.