



The Signpost Weekly



March 8, 2015

Third Sunday in **Lent**

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Calendar

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Bishop's Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 12

- Eucharist & Adult Ed., 7 p.m.

Friday, March 13

- Stations of the Cross, 5:30

Saturday, March 7

- Celebrating the Golden Wedding Anniversary of David and Ann Gerns, 1 p.m., Sanctuary.
- Light reception follows

Friday, Saturday, May 8-9

- **Lay Leadership Institute**, Concord. (Wardens and Bishop's Committee members encouraged to attend.)

Good Friday

Good Friday is on April 3. This year we are asking all our members to observe Good Friday as a *Day of Prayer Against Violence*. We will provide a prayer for you to say on your own and we will observe the day with special prayers at the 7:30 p.m. liturgy. Thank you Karen Groves for suggesting this! *Miriam*



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Loosen their shackles and our complacency. And in silence, let us pray for your mercy.

[Silence] Amen."

You are INVITED!

Join the Celebration! David and Ann Gerns are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, **Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m.** here at St. Christopher's at a special Eucharist, where they will renew their vows. The St. Christopher's family is counted among the many dear friends and relatives who have enriched their lives since they exchanged their marriage vows on January 16, 1965, and they would be honored to have you participate in their celebration of this milestone. A light reception will follow.



Ten Talents

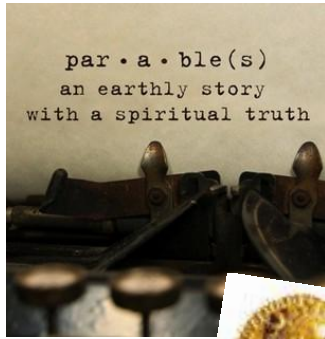
Has God given you a special gift or talent? Can you sing? Are you a musician? How about cooking or baking for shut ins? Maybe God has blessed you with a gift for numbers to be used for accounting purposes? He might have given you artistic talent!!! Intrigued? Well stay tuned, because we're going to give you a chance to showcase your gifts and talents!!!!



Almighty God,
you know that we
have no power in
ourselves to help
ourselves:

Keep us both
outwardly in our
bodies and inwardly
in our souls, that we
may be defended
from all adversities
which may happen
to the body, and
from all evil
thoughts which may
assault and hurt the
soul;

Through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the
Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and
ever. Amen.



We'll be hearing a lot about the "Parable of the Ten Talents" in the weeks and months to come, stay tuned and you will find out why! This parable is often interpreted as having to do with how we use our gifts, talents and abilities that God has given us to help others. From Matthew 25:14-30: A very wealthy man who was going on a long journey gathered his three servants and entrusted



with both natural abilities and spiritual gifts, and encourages us to be the best possible steward of these talents to benefit our own lives and the lives of others. Ask yourself, what are the talents I've been given, and how well do I use them to help others? Am I using all the talents I've been given for the common good? *Miriam*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for the **Mueller** family and the repose of **Arthur**; for **Les Hollinrake** as he adjusts to life without Nancy; 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 **Matty O'Leary**; **Greta and Jim**; for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann Cooper who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for Corinne Dodge's friend, **Mariellen**; 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 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**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Mikki and Fred Black; Eliot, Nicole and Charlotte Bless; Donna, Travis, Melinda, and TJ Briggs.

Attendance

Tuesday, 2/2, Women's Bible Study, 6

Thursday, 2/26 Eucharist and Adult Ed, 7 pm, 8

Sunday, 3/1, 8 am, 31; 10:15, 52.

his property to them. He gave one five talents, another two talents, and the third, one talent, each according to his ability. The men who were given the five talents and two talents both invested the money and came back to the master having doubled the money. But the man who received one talent, not wanting to put at risk his master's money, hid his money in a hole in the ground. When the master came home, he settled accounts with his servants. 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' The one who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' To both of them he replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servants. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' The third servant who did nothing with his talent was scolded and rejected. The master sent him away, took his one talent and split it between the two others. God has entrusted us

VISITORS WELCOME!

Holy Week

at St. Christopher's

Palm Sunday, March 29
8 and 10:15 a.m., Eucharist with distribution of Palms

Maunder Thursday, April 2
6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. worship

Good Friday, April 3
4:30 p.m., Children's Family Service
7:30 p.m., Later Service

Easter Eve Eucharist, Sat., April 4
followed by **Easter Vigil**
9 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 5
10 a.m. Service



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