



# THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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## Calendar

### Sunday, July 12

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.
- Family Promise Guests Arrive, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 14

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, July 12

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.

### Summer Schedule

Our summer schedule will run through September 6 [Labor Day weekend]. We resume two services on September 13. *Miriam*

### Miriam's Vacation

I will be on vacation from July 12 through August 12. I am arranging for clergy coverage in case there is an emergency. Call Wayne Trombly or Karen Groves for their numbers. *Miriam*

### Joining us this summer as "Supply Priests."

Rev. Allen Knight will join us on July 19, and we look forward to the return of Rev David Plank who joins us July 26, and August 2 and 9. Allen and his wife, Rev. Jane Van Zandt, are frequent overnight hosts at St. Christopher's for Family Promise.

### Bible Challenge

Several members of the parish and I have taken on the challenge of reading the full Bible in one year. Our journey together started on July 1 and goes through July 1, 2016. *Miriam*

### A Summary

Episcopal Church of New Hampshire  
Lay Leadership Institute 2015  
May 15, 2015  
at Rundlett Middle School, Concord



Attending from St. Christopher's: Miriam Acevedo, Ingrid Chapman, Marcia Devine, Robin Flynn, Karen Groves, Barbara Hughes, and Wayne Trombly

To be in the company of devoted Christians, sharing common struggles and amazing success stories is truly uplifting. The seminars encourage a free flowing exchange of ideas, challenges, frustrations and potential solutions to the daily life of all churches. Through this sharing, we soon discover we are not alone in our challenges and our focus shifts to what is working!

### Basic Course: Church Structure and Governance, Congregation Resources, Roles and Relationships, and Spiritual Formation:

The session began with communication among the participants and a questionnaire which revealed how much or how little each person understood of our church structure followed by discussion and a better understanding of how things work, what is available and how to keep everyone safe. Participants learned how individual churches differ in needs, how communication helps, and just how much the diocese has to offer.

**Communication:** Sharing our websites, enews, twitter and Facebook will reach a wider community because it is all part of the wider community in which we live. It is through this medium that the diocese communicates the process of applying for Fair Share Adjustments, Mission Resource Grants, UTO Grants. Networking through the church communities encourages group strength,

*"St. Christopher's Church, a welcoming spiritual community, living, acting and witnessing our love for God."*

comradeship, insight and togetherness that helps individual churches gain ideas and problem solve issues.

*O* Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,

*And* grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do,

*And* also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;

*Through* Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen*

**Agile Church:** We are in a new apostolic age where the church needs to talk about and participate in the culture of a religious climate change as fewer people enter church structures. People are finding other means of community and involvement and no longer form their identity with a religious affiliation as was done in past generations.

When the question asked is “How will this make my life more meaningful,” we have to have an answer and meet people where they are. We need to find ways of telling what is important in the Gospel but not necessarily in the usual manner of Sunday morning worship.

If people without a church background see the church as a restaurant where you

participate when you want and pay when or if you attend where do we reach these people? We can begin by realizing how important it is for each member to be an ambassador (or disciple) of Christ and connect more deeply with our neighbors, provide learning experiences outside church, where we can give hope in Christ, where we can do God’s work in the community and translate worship into a vernacular that “un-churched” people will understand. Allow for trial and error, small practices and experiments and listen closely to what our neighbors say. In other words, we need to learn to utilize more adaptive methods and become

learners beyond the level of the organization to that of the culture around us and learn from what is working in this world around us.

*Karen Groves*

### Prayers of the People



Please pray for 2 year old **Brayden** who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; for **Gib Carey**, father of Jean Porter’s daughter-in-law **Roclyn**, he died this past week; for **Ruth Seeler** sister of Jean Seeler-Gifford; for 12 year old **Ian** who is very ill; for Christine’s friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Matty**; for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for **Carol**; for Jeff and Katie’s daughter, **Ginny** and family; for **Jacqueline**, for strength and peace; for Jean’s grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie’s brother, **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid’s son **Eric** who with God’s grace is in safe hands. For Marcia’s relative **Joyce**, who has just been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for **Henry Hokans** who passed away June 5 and was a friend of Patricia Laurie-Hermes. Also please pray for **Gianna Aarons**, a toddler who had major surgery last week Prayers of celebration for Corrine Dodge for success with her new website, <http://www.corinnedodgefineart.com>

**Serving in the Military:** Prayers for **Bradley LaMonica** who is at Basic Training for 10 weeks for NH Army National Guard. Please pray for Del’s cousins, **Daniel, Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jean Porter; Karen, Don and Patrick Olmstead; Roland, Deborah and Nicholas Pothier; Kyle, Glen, Jack, and Jeff Potvin

**Attendance**  
**Tuesday, WBS, 2**  
**Thursday, 7/2, 7**  
**Sunday, 7/5, 9 a.m., 46**

# THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



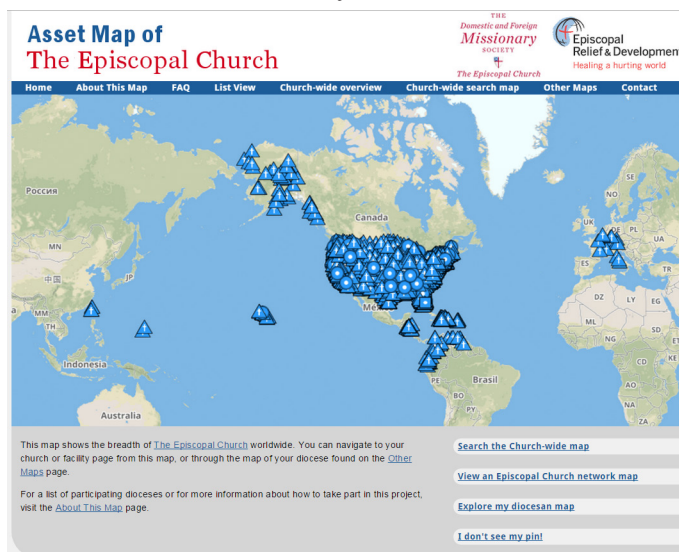
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## EPISCOPAL ASSET MAP

The Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project between the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and Episcopal Relief & Development, invites dioceses across The Episcopal Church to establish and expand their digital presence through the new online platform. Available at no fee, the Map shows the location, contact information, and ministry offerings provided by Episcopal congregations, schools, and institutions across the Church.

“The Asset Map will help tell the stories of some of the truly inspiring Gospel ministry being done in local contexts across the country,” explained the Rev’d Canon E. Mark Stevenson, Domestic Poverty Missioner for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. “Episcopalians on the front line of mission will be the driving force behind this resource as it continues to develop for many years to come.”

A simple web-based survey, which can be filled out by anyone with knowledge of the programs, collects information about each location plotted on the map. Images and videos can also be uploaded to provide a detailed description of activities. When a diocesan bishop chooses to participate in the mapping process, he or she appoints up to three map administrators, who in turn review all information submitted to the map and publish it.



The Episcopal Asset Map can be particularly useful in disaster preparedness and response. The map is able to show churches and other locations that may be at risk of flooding or near where a tornado has touched down, and what nearby ministries or facilities could be mobilized to help. According to Katie Mears, Director of Episcopal Relief & Development’s US Disaster Program, “Coordinating a response is much easier when you can instantly see on a map where the nearest food pantry or shelter ministry is. Adding this information to the map can be an important part of disaster preparedness for any congregation or diocese.”

You can see the full Episcopal Asset Map and link to diocesan and network maps at [www.episcopalassetmap.org](http://www.episcopalassetmap.org). Find your church on the map and click “Take the Survey!” to update your congregation’s information.

A short video explaining the map can be found at <http://www.episcopalassetmap.org/about-map>.

For more information about The Episcopal Asset Map, contact the Rev’d Canon E. Mark Stevenson at [mstevenson@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:mstevenson@episcopalchurch.org) or Katie Mears at [kmears@episcopalrelief.org](mailto:kmears@episcopalrelief.org).