



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

June 28, 2015

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, June 28

- Eucharist Service, 8 & 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. **TEN TALENTS POT LUCK CELEBRATION**

Monday, June 29

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m. [last of the season]

Tuesday, June 30

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. [last of the season]
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m. [last of the season]

Thursday, July 2

- Eucharist, Adult Ed., 7 pm [last of the season]

Summer Schedule

We begin our summer schedule of one service at 9 am on July 5. This will run through September 6 [Labor Day weekend]. We resume two services on September 13. *Miriam*

Summer time is a great opportunity for the 8 am and 10:15 congregations to worship and have fellowship together at the 9 am service that we offer from July 5 through September 6. I hope that you will take advantage of this time to meet those you don't know and to reacquaint yourselves with those you do know. I encourage all to remember that worship does happen here during the summer. God it seems does not take a vacation from us so take the time to praise and worship the Lord together.

Miriam

Spiritual Direction in the fall

We will be beginning our second year of Spiritual Direction in September of this year. So before you head off to vacations and summer fun, please consider if you would like to sign up. As before, there will be either three or four groups to accommodate everyone who wishes to sign-up. The sessions are held **every other week for a total of six weeks**, beginning in mid September and ending the first week of December. The Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for **Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 11 a.m., or**

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enter a day and time most convenient for you, and we will see what we can work out. As Henri Nouwen has written: "When we dare to fully trust in the power of God's Spirit listening in us, we will see true healing (*and spiritual growth*) occur."

Spiritual Direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the divine and with each other.

For more information about Spiritual Direction, contact [me](#), [Miriam](#), [Ken Swenson](#) or [Wayne Trombly](#). *Barbara Hughes*

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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.



Celebration of our Many Talents!

Be sure to attend the potluck celebration now that our Ten Talents Challenge is complete.

CELEBRATE

There are still a few projects that will continue for a bit longer but we want to take this time to recognize what we have accomplished so far! This is for **EVERYONE**, so please join us after the 10:15 service and find out how much we raised to help continue St. Christopher's work here in our community and beyond!

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PRAYER FOR
EMANUEL AME

Gracious and loving
God,

May we recognize
that you bind us
together in common
life. Help us, in the
midst of our struggles
for justice, truth, and
healing to confront the
evils of hate, racism,
and violence that
pervade the United
States and the world.

Hold us as we
remember lives of the
mothers, fathers, sons,
daughters and
grandchildren of those
who were killed.
Comfort those whose
hearts and souls are
broken.

Grant, O God that the
hearts of those who
remain may be moved
through your life-
giving Spirit to
remove the barriers
that divide us so that
hatreds may cease,
and divisions being
healed, we may live in
justice and peace."

Amen

cope with hungry children at home. The kinds of things that are important include peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned stew and fruit. Other items include cereal, pancake mix and spaghetti sauce and cooking oil. Toilet paper and personal care items are also high on the list because food stamps cannot be used to buy these types of things. Late summer gets especially hard, as families must pay fees to enroll their children in school, a drain on tight finances, as well as lack of a job, the costs of food and gas. The beginning of the

Piano for Sale

We are selling our Suzuki VG-17 Digital piano 2007 for \$1000 [we will negotiate within reason]. The piano is like brand new and comes with a bench. If you are interested please let Miriam know. This piano has also been listed on Craig's List. *Miriam*

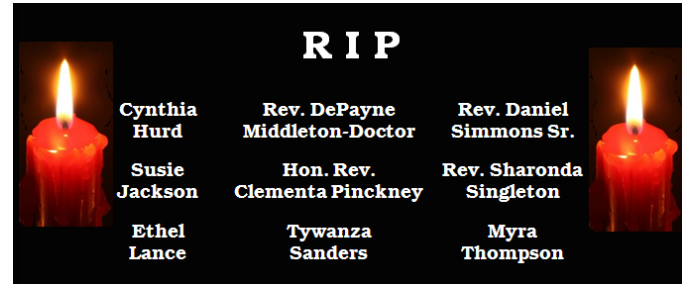
Room Needed

Do you know someone who has an extra bedroom and bath on the first floor that could be rented for up to 6 months? Deb Carpenter, a non-smoker, who has been living at Ridgewood rehabilitative facilities, will be completing her rehabilitation in 6 weeks. She is on a limited budget and will be looking for a first floor apartment to rent. In the meantime she needs transitional accommodations Can you help? Please call Deb at 603-222-0962.

Summer is always a high-need time for the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry, ... as low-income families who rely on free and reduced lunches at school must

month is easier, with food stamps, disability checks and Link cards coming in. By the end of the month, numbers jump drastically. St. Christopher's is a member of the Food Pantry, which serves as a "hunger safety net" for the residents of Atkinson, Danville, East Hampstead, Hampstead and Sandown NH. St. Christopher's members donate food to the Food Pantry throughout the year. In summer months, produce from our garden is donated as well.

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**; 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

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: Carolyn Mueller; Eric, Susan, Christopher, Brian, and Kevin Nyberg; Joe, Michelle, Logan, and Matthew O'Leary; Evelyn Oliver.

Attendance

**Tuesday, 6/16, WBS, 4; Thursday, 6/18, 4
Sunday, 6/21, 8 a.m., 25; 10:15 a.m. 65**

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



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INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4, The Episcopal Church will join the nation in celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence marking the separation of the United States of America from the Kingdom of Great Britain in 1776. May God continue to bless our nation and its people.

Collect for Independence Day:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 242)

Collect 17: For the Nation:

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 258)

Prayer 18: For Our Country:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 820)



“Declaration of Independence” John Trumbull. Rotunda, U.S.