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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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gave out 75 envelopes each containing \$10 on March 22. Over 50 parishioners took part in some way, either by providing a service or product, participating in the Spring Festival Day, or by working on or donating to the yard sale.

We are excited to share that the result of our collective creative talents returned over \$6,150 net, (after expenses) to St. Christopher's as of Sunday June 28.

Thanks for all you did to make this happen! *Kathy Trombly, Dianne Copeland, Terri McDermot.*

Calendar

Sunday, July 5

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 11

- Rhythms of Grace, 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 12

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

Summer Schedule

Today we begin our summer schedule of one service at 9 am. This 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.

Ten Talents Wrap Up

Just over three months ago, we began the Ten Talents Challenge, a parish-wide fundraising project based on the parable of the talents in Matthew's gospel. We had a few goals in mind aside from the obvious goal of raising money for our work here at St. Christopher's. We wanted this project to be fun and we wanted everyone to be encouraged to explore his or her God-given talents. Your energy, creativity, hard work and enthusiasm during these fourteen weeks have been fruitful. We



Episcopal News Service – Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Episcopal Church's General Convention chose Diocese of North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry to be its 27th presiding bishop. He will serve a nine-year term that officially begins Nov. 1. Curry succeeds Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and he will become the first person of color to hold that position. "It really is a blessing and privilege to serve our church and to serve our Lord in this way," he said. "I treasure this church, this house, the House of Bishops, all of us. We are God's children. This is a good and wonderful church and we are good and wonderful people and I thank God to be one of the baptized among you," Curry said. "My heart is really full." Curry has been North Carolina's 11th diocesan bishop since 2000. "Our work is actually work which seeks to realize God's dream and seeks to accomplish God's mission in this world," Curry said.



Bishop Rob and our new Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



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

Congratulations to Danielle Martineau, ...

... who just graduated from Hampstead Middle School, and was recipient of a VFW award. She enters Pinkerton in the fall. "And she's excited about it," says her Mother, Danielle. Cameron Martineau is entering his Junior Year at Alfred University this fall.

Family Promise Guests Arrive Sunday, July 12.

Hi all, I want to thank all who have volunteered. If you are not comfortable using the online scheduling system and you want to volunteer, please let me know and I will sign you up. There are still two dinner slots open, and only about half the overnight slots have been filled, I know some of you are on vacation. I hope you all will enjoy your summer and if you can help us that would be great. Thank you again for your continued support. Can you believe we are at 2 1/2 years? Time has gone so fast. [Peggy Baker](#)

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 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*

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 let me know. This piano has also been listed on Craig's List. *Miriam*

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: Melissa, Colissa, Christopher, and Chelsea Paquette; Lori, Dean and Jenna Parrillo; Kim Peters, Julia Nye, Chelsea Peters, and Michaela Bilodeau; Martha Poloian.

Attendance
Thursday, 6/25, 9
Sunday, 6/28, 8 a.m.,
25; 10:15 a.m. 23

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SUMMER MEAL PROGRAMS

It's finally summertime, a season that brings the promise of new experiences and friendships as children continue to learn and explore outside of the classroom. Summer is an important period of growth, yet many children do not experience a fulfilling summer because they're too hungry to enjoy it.

“When we think about food insecurity, the first thing that comes to mind is often the immediate physical suffering that a young child experiences when they are hungry,” says Jayce Hafner, Domestic Policy Analyst for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. “Unfortunately, this is just one of many potential repercussions of child hunger. Children in food-insecure households are more likely to experience poor physical health and academic challenges. Addressing child hunger now is an investment in our children’s future.”

Approximately 15.8 million children live in food-insecure households,* and many of these youth depend upon regular meals provided by their schools for their daily nutrition. School lunch and breakfast programs end with the academic year and summer feeding programs are essential to ensuring that vulnerable children continue to receive regular meals so that they can develop healthy brains and bodies.

Episcopalians across the United States are addressing summer food insecurity through offering summer meal programs. The Diocese of Spokane sponsors a Simplified Summer Food Program (a federally-funded initiative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) and successfully launched its pilot program, the Stone Soup Café, last year. As Tracey Waring, Co-Director of the Stone Soup Café, explains: “We realized the need is out there and we have the capacity to do something about it...No matter if it is the Eucharist or a potluck, there is always enough for one more at the table.”



Photo: Tracey Waring

Equipped by our mission to serve Christ in all persons, Episcopal parishes and dioceses can offer a comfortable space, eager volunteers, and a warm community to welcome participants of summer feeding programs. “The magnitude of taking on the challenge should not dissuade any congregation from becoming a food site,” says Waring. “This is an exciting opportunity to develop partnerships with other faith communities and/or community groups to make it happen.”

Learn how to sponsor a federally-funded summer feeding program here:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/how-become-sponsor>

To learn more about nutrition and other crucial human needs programs, join the Episcopal Public Policy Network at:
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/app/register?5&m=29629>

For more information, contact Jayce Hafner at jhafner@episcopalchurch.org.

*<http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger/child-hunger/child-hunger-fact-sheet.html>