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Calendar

Sunday, July 26

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28

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

Sunday, August 2

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.

Summer Wish List Ecumenical Food Pantry

*Juice, Spaghetti Sauce, Microwave Popcorn,
Jelly/Fluff, Pudding, Tissues, Paper Towels,
Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant (M & F),
Shampoo, Razors*

Summer Schedule

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

Miriam's Vacation

Miriam is on vacation until August 12. For clergy coverage in case there is an emergency, call Wayne Trombly or Karen Groves. *Miriam*

Thank you to Rev. Allen Knight ...

... who joined us last Sunday. He shared with us his path to the Episcopal Church from his roots in Canada, a very interesting account of his ministry as it unfolded. Allen and his wife, Rev. Jane Van Zandt, are frequent overnight hosts at St. Christopher's for Family Promise.



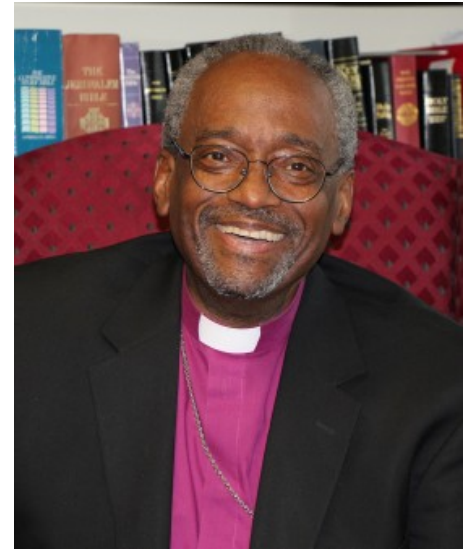
Rev. David Plank returns to join us this Sunday, and happily for us, the following two Sundays. He brings with him his wonderful sense of humor, and his knack for engaging us in his presentation of the day's lesson.

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*

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church ...

...was held in Salt Lake City June 25- July 3. On June 27, Bishop Michael B. Curry of the Diocese of North Carolina was elected as the 27th Presiding Bishop.



Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry, 62, was elected by the House of Bishops from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 121 votes of a total 174 cast. The election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies, as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

He will serve a nine-year term that officially begins Nov. 1. On that date, Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry will succeed current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and he will become the first person of color to hold that position. The election also made history by being the first time a presiding bishop was chosen on the first ballot.

A liturgy marking the beginning of Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry's ministry as presiding bishop and primate will be celebrated Nov. 1, All Saints Day at Washington National Cathedral.

Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry defines his priorities as formation, evangelism, and witnessing in the public square. In an interview with Episcopal News Service after his election, Curry said:

*Overheard. First impression of the Episcopal Church.:
"Questions encouraged. Doubts expected. Is this really Church?"*

“There’s a lot of suffering in this world. There’s a lot of heartache, there’s a lot of nightmare. We are people who believe that God has a dream and a vision for this world, and that Jesus has shown us how to follow him in the direction of that and how to help this world live into God’s dream and vision for us now.”

At the General Convention’s closing Eucharist, Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori read a letter of congratulations from President Barack Obama written to Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry.

In part, it reads “Your leadership over the years has reflected your powerful vision for a more inclusive tomorrow.” Read the full letter from President Obama on Episcopal News Service here:

<http://tinyurl.com/or55gum>

Additional Links:

Episcopal News Service full length interview with Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry: <http://tinyurl.com/currvinterview>

Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry’s sermon delivered at General Convention’s closing Eucharist: <http://tinyurl.com/currysermonGC>

Spiritual Direction in the Fall – A Reminder

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*



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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 Sanders and daughters Heather and Elizabeth; Bob and Cynthia Salois; Joyce Ryan and Bob Leonard, Sr.; Jane Roth and children Lily and Andrew.

Attendance
Sunday, 7/19, 9 a.m., 48