



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Eighth 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.

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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*

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

Rev. Allen Knight will join us this Sunday, 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*

Try to Keep Pledge Payments Up-to-Date over the Summer

With the summer months coming cash flow tends to get tight. Please take this as a friendly reminder to bring or keep your pledges up-to-date, especially if you plan to be away for the summer. Thank you,



St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea
AN EPISCOPAL SUMMER CHAPEL

Rye Beach, New Hampshire
Serving the Seacoast since 1876



St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Rye, NH, is one of nine summer chapels of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. From mid-June through early September, Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 (Holy Eucharist, Rite I), and 10 am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music), followed by refreshments served in the churchyard after both services. A number of St. Christopher's parishioners attend one or more services there each summer. Episcopal services actually began in Rye Beach in 1864 in the then nearby Farragut Hotel. This chapel was not built until 1876. Even though construction was not quite finished, the first service was held on August 4th of that year.

St. Andrew's is a unique example ... of a small rural stone chapel embellished by wooden trim, which owes much to both the Stick Style and late Gothic Revival style. Country English parish churches inspired the design of St. Andrew's. The interior is meant to look like a boat built upside down to incorporate the decorative wooden trusses, which support the heavy slate roof. Thirty-six long metal bolts hole each beam together. The walls are constructed of stones that may have been dragged from the shore. Each wall has five protruding round stones to form a cross. It was completed in 1877. The chapel is located at 30 Church Road, Rye Beach.

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,

You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:

Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask;

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

Amen.

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: Cheryl Poussard; Lyn Rockwell; Laurie, Andrew, Katherine, and Elizabeth; Judith Putnam-Sette, Alfred, Charles, and William Sette.

Attendance

Saturday, 7/11 – ROG 6

Sunday, 7/12, 9 a.m., 46

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



JULY 19, 2015 - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)

UNITED THANK OFFERING

125 years ago, the United Thank Offering was founded to help individuals pay more attention to the spiritual blessing in their lives and by making small thank offerings, support innovative ministries in the Church for which the church budget had not yet expanded to fund.

In 2015, the United Thank Offering annual grants and the special young adult grants are working towards God's vision for His people and are seeking to change lives in a new way by a variety of actions. The United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church awarded 55 grants for a total of \$1,558,006.85 for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The 2015 grants were awarded to projects in 46 domestic and overseas dioceses, which included 34 Episcopal Church Dioceses, 5 Companion Dioceses, 5 International Dioceses and 2 grants to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society mission offices for Overseas Missions and Young Adult Service Corp (YASC). To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the United Thank Offering, 9 Special Young Adults (21 to 30) were awarded, one for each Province.

The focus for the 2015 annual awarded grants was the Fourth Mark of Mission—to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. The focus of the young adult grant was to provide seed money for a new project that was based on any one of the Five Marks of Mission.

One of the Young Adult Grants, awarded to the Diocese of Virginia, will provide seed money for a new intentional community. Grace Aheron shares: “Beginning in September of 2015, the Charis Community—Greek for “grace”— in North Garden, VA, will establish a semi-monastic intentional community of young adult

Christians who seek the way of Jesus. The Charis Residents—initially four young people—will attempt to integrate their faith into their lives by establishing a rule of life, a rhythm of prayer, a mission of hospitality, and a commitment to enacting justice together. The community will be rooted in radical discipleship which will translate into a permaculture-based farming project, invitational, creative liturgy, and social action. Through the hospitality of the Diocese of Virginia and Grace Church, Red Hill, the residents will occupy Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and vicarage, a previously unused rural church property and will invite Albemarle County residents, especially young adults, into their ministry. Imagine if, instead of closing their doors, ‘dying’ churches in America opened their doors in hospitality to communities of young seekers and believers who desire the rhythm of a rural life— a connection to the land and a slower, more intentional way of being together. This project is, in short, a dream of what Christ’s church will be and can be in this new day.”



Photo: The Charis Community

The United Thank Offering Grants are awarded from the ingathering from the United Thank Offering Blue Boxes—all coins and bills placed in United Thank for the many blessings that each of us receive. If you would like information on how to start the United Thank Offering, or for information on how to share the story with children, youth and adults, be sure to visit www.UnitedThankOffering.org.

The complete list of 2015 Grants is available here: www.episcopalchurch.org/UTO

For additional information, contact Heather Melton, United Thank Offering Missioner: hmelton@episcopalchurch.org.