



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

August 23, 2015
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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August 13 · 🌐

Happy Summer!!! Wanted to share this beautiful geranium my wonderful Sunday School families gave to me in June... Isn't it gorgeous! Thank you!!!

Calendar

Sunday, August 23

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School Meeting, 10-11

Monday, August 24,

- Stewardship Meeting, 6-7

Tuesday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 30

- Eucharist Service, 9 a.m.

Other Dates to Note

Tuesday, September 8:

- Women's Bible Study at 10 am resumes
- Yoga with Miriam at 6:30 resumes

Thursday, September 10:

- Thursday Evening Bible Study resumes.

Sunday, September 13:

- Two services resume at 8 and 10:15.
- Sunday School Registration Sunday
- Blessing of Backpacks!
- A fun activity is planned for all the children after the 10:15 service.

Monday September 14:

- Monday morning Yoga resumes at 9 am;
- Bishop Committee Meeting begins with a potluck at 6, meeting at 7.
- **Sept 20: Sunday School Classes begin** and there will be a cookout following the 10:15 service.

Does your favorite charity include children or homelessness? A program at St. Christopher's may be able to help. Keep checking here for more details.
Outreach Committee

Thursday Evening Bible Study

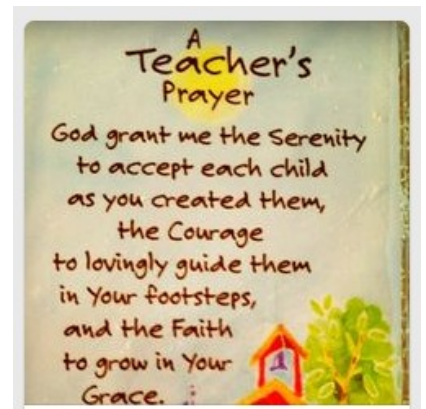
We begin our year with the study of the book, The Bible and the Land by Gary M. Burge. "This book reopens the ancient stories of the Bible and urges us to look at them through new lenses. Beautiful color pictures, maps and artwork enhance Burge's presentation as he explores the biblical landscape—geography, water, rock, bread, etc. and applies this to both the Bible and a spirituality we might recover from antiquity." The book is available through Amazon. *Miriam*

The Spirited Life

The next episode of the Spirited Life will feature an interview with Roclyn Porter [Jean Porter's daughter in law] who is director of the Family Mediation and Juvenile Services located in Atkinson. The show will be taped on September 1 and will air as soon as the editing is done. The show will be available to watch through our website. *Miriam*

Sunday School Meeting Today

Are you interested in teaching Sunday School? (We have an easy to follow curriculum no teaching degree required) Maybe you would like to help out just a couple of Sundays? (safe church requires we have 2 adults you could just assist) Do you have a talent, special project or interest you would like to share with the children? We are also looking for someone to play music and sing with the children each Sunday before church starts. We will be having a planning meeting on Sunday, August 23, following the 9 a.m. service. Please join us. If you are not able to make this



meeting but would like to help out please get in touch with me. titzlefriz@aol.com Danielle LeClair, Sunday School Coordinator

10 REASONS

to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. Age Targeted Teaching: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?

2. Friends: In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.

3. It's Fun: Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.

4. Spiritual Mentors: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.

5. Systematic Bible Learning: Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.

6. Praying Teachers: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.

7. Big Reward for a Small Investment: If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.

8. Send the Right Message: Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.

9. Adult Bible Fellowship: While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other



This is a place where our children make lifelong friendships, a place with space to learn about peace, love, faith and belonging.

adults in your own Bible study group.

10. You'll Be On Time: Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

Isaiah 58 Benefit to Support Homeless Families - September 11

The 2nd Annual Isaiah 58 Charity Benefit will be held on September 11, 2015. Special guests include Governor Maggie Hassan and State Senate President Chuck Morse. Please contact [Andy Weir](#) or [Wayne Trombly](#) to purchase tickets, or visit the www.gofundme.com/Isaiah58nh2015

First Annual Closest to the Pin Challenge

On Sunday September 20th at 2pm Calvary Bible Church will sponsor a "Closest to the Pin" challenge to benefit Family Promise. Golfers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. See attached flyer.

Also for Family Promise

Please come to 5 Guys in Derry NH on September 14, 2015 for lunch or dinner. 15 % of the proceeds will go to support Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County. This will include eat in or take out! **You must bring in the flyer attached to this Signpost** in order for us to receive the donations.

Prayers of the People

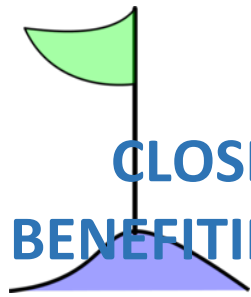
Please pray for 2 year old **Brayden; Matty; Ian; George Gallo; Joan Fettes;** for Christine's friend **Christine;** for **Cheryl;** for **Linda,** mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan;** for **Jacqueline,** for strength and peace; for Jean's grand-nephew **Tyler;** for Natalie's brother, **Lorin;** for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands. For Marcia's relative **Joyce.**

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: Marilyn and Phil Towne; Wayne and Kathy Trombly; Pam Vazquez; Emily Vinton

Attendance

Sunday, 8/16, 9 a.m., 66



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145 HAMPSTEAD ROAD, DERRY NH

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25.00

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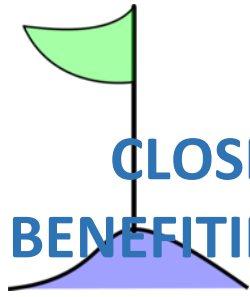
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**OR MAIL CHECK: FPGRC
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AUGUST 23, 2015 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B) HURRICANE KATRINA TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the US Gulf Coast as a Category 3 storm. Over 1,800 people lost their lives, and one million were displaced from their homes, some for years following the storm and others permanently.

In the aftermath, Episcopal churches organized food and volunteers, providing pastoral care as well as links to relief and recovery services. Regionally, churches hosted and cared for evacuees, aiding them in finding temporary housing and employment. Long-term program partnerships in Louisiana and Mississippi helped people rebuild their lives and revitalize their neighborhoods through case management, gutting and rebuilding homes and making mortgages accessible and manageable. Hurricane Katrina also marked the beginning of what is now Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program, which equips and inspires Episcopal congregations to increase their resilience and care for their vulnerable neighbors.



Photo: Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Episcopal Relief & Development presents its #Katrina10 story series, offering in-depth perspectives from area residents as well as the organization's partners and staff. These stories unfold through the month of August on Episcopal Relief & Development's 75th Anniversary story section: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/75stories>.



Photo: Christ Church Cathedral,
Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

Hurricane Katrina transformed The Episcopal Church's understanding of its potential role after emergencies, and it also transformed how congregations view mission, outreach and membership. A new initiative, Called to Transformation, helps congregations identify and utilize their gifts to enhance local ministry and mission. Churches are celebrating these ministries on the Episcopal Asset Map, a searchable online tool that shows the locations and strengths of thousands of Episcopal institutions.

"There is a growing awareness in The Episcopal Church of how an asset-based approach can unlock potential and inspire action, not only in a disaster response context but in responding to everyday challenges and creating thriving communities," said Katie Mears, Director of Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program. "Hurricane Katrina put a spotlight on problems that we continue to struggle with, but it also showed us how to create solutions. I think we honor those whose lives were impacted by Katrina when we build strong, diverse communities that care for those most vulnerable."

Please continue to pray for and support communities affected by disaster, especially on this tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Visit Called to Transformation to discover tools for building resilience in your congregation, and share your successes on the Episcopal Asset Map:

- #Katrina10 Stories: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/75stories>
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