



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, October 18

- Sunday School Classes 10 am
- Eucharist Service, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Monday, October 19

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.

Tuesday, October 20

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study at 10 am
- Yoga with Miriam at 6:30

Thursday, October 21

- Thursday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

Saturday, October 23

- Children's Service, 4 pm

Stewardship Heads Up

Our annual pledge drive began last Sunday with a celebration of gratitude and distribution of 2016 pledge materials. Whatever was not distributed was sent via US Postal Service, and should have been received by now. If for some reason you did not receive the pledge mailing, please let me know. There are also a few blank 2016 pledge packets available in the foyer. The campaign runs for six weeks until November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Consider this: if you feel you cannot pledge, you can! How about a pledge of \$5 per month, \$10 or \$15 per month? The amount of your pledge is not as important as the fact that you will be participating. Our goal is **100% participation** for the work we do in God's name in this part of His kingdom. *Miriam*



2015 Pledges

A number of folks are behind with their pledges. We need you to make an effort to complete the pledge you made. If for whatever reason you cannot complete the pledge, please let me know [no need to be embarrassed and no questions asked] so we will have a clearer picture of our 2015 income. With much gratitude to you for your pledges. *Miriam*

Nominations

Nominations for the following various governance positions at St. Christopher's are open: Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting in January, 2016.

- Treasurer: 1 year term
- Bishop's Committee: 3 year term
- Finance Committee: 2 year term
- 2 Delegate positions: 2 year term each
- Alternate Delegate: 2 year term
- 2 Assessor positions: 1 year term each

Please contact me if you have an interest in helping run our church. There are job descriptions available to provide to interested people. Thank you. [Karen Groves](mailto:karen.groves@stchristophers.org)

Two Benefits for God-filled Causes

First, there will be a Halloween benefit on October 24 for a nonprofit called S.T.A.R.S that offers support to families who have lost a child to SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.) For more information and to reserve your tickets please contact Tone Crossman's daughter Heather (who lost a child to SIDS). For tickets, contact Heather at 603-312-2398, email starsnewengland@yahoo.com, or mail check or money order made out to the Kaden Lafontaine Memorial Fund to S.T.A.R.S. New England, PO Box 142 Plaistow, NH 03865. They will reserve your tickets at the door or mail

Sunday Schedule for Team Healing

Nov. 1, 8 a.m. service; Dec. 6 service, 10:15 a.m. service; January 3, 8 a.m. service; February 7, 10:15 a.m. service; March 6, 8 a.m. service

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

them to you per your request. The second is a benefit for Family Promise, Nov. 13 You're invited to our 3rd annual Evening of Thanks and Giving on

November 13, 2015. This year a graduated guest will speak and Miss New Hampshire will again appear. Enjoy dinner and browse our great silent auction items, such as 4 tickets to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race of your choice in 2016, or a 2-night stay at Attitash Mountain Village, just to name a few. Your presence will make a better life for homeless children. Visit www.familypromisegrc.org for information and for tickets.
Miriam

New Worship Service for Families

I am adding to our worship schedule a new service for families who cannot make church on Sunday for whatever reasons. The weekly service will be on **Saturdays at 4 pm**. The

service will take about 30 minutes. I am looking for families to commit to attending this service as often as they can--I realize that every week might not be possible given the busy schedules of most families. Currently I have several families who are interested. Please note that this service does not take the place of Sunday school on Sundays. If your children are enrolled in Sunday school, it is important for them to attend on Sunday. *Miriam*

Peggy Baker's Call for Painters

Last summer a few members of the parish cleaned and painted the "Blue Room." Now, we'd like to make our kitchen more bright and welcoming. I have brushes and primer to cover the wallpaper to prepare the walls and trim for a final coat of colored paint. Is there someone or a group of people to take on the kitchen painting project? We still need to decide what color to paint the walls and trim. It would be a very quick and easy project for a couple

of people to do and it would make our kitchen more welcoming. Please contact me if you can help and get involved in upgrading our kitchen with a fresh coat of paint. Thank you, *Peggy Baker*.

"ChIPs"

Christmas Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (**ChIPs**) is one of the most important outreach programs of the [Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire](http://www.episcopal-diocese-of-new-hampshire.org) because it touches the lives of the people society would prefer to forget: incarcerated parents and their children. This is the thirty-eighth year that parishes in the Diocese of NH have supplied gifts and new books for the children of incarcerated parents. As announced earlier, we are participating again this year. Look for all the details in the flyer in the foyer. If you have any questions or would like to help further, please see, call (382-8423) or [e-mail](mailto:Barbara.Hughes@episcopal-diocese-of-new-hampshire.org) Barbara Hughes. Thanks for being Christ's hands and feet in the world. *Barbara Hughes*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Kelsey**, Cameron Martineau's girlfriend who is in school in England and was hit by a car. She has a concussion and cuts and bruises. Please pray for **Quinton Collins**, Robin Flynn's father, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** recently diagnosed with a brain tumor; **Arthur Kearley** recovering from surgery; **Diane Kolbe**; **Dick Groves**; **Carmen Acevedo**; **Jess**; **Kate**; **Joan and Ron Ruggiero**, and **Josephine Herbert**; 2 year old **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; **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 **Brenda**; for strength and peace; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo**, may he rest in peace; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands.

Serving in the Military: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel**, **Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Joe, Susan and Nicole DiFraia; James and Violet Demarco; Marcia Devine; Jennifer, Jeffrey and Max Diener.

Attendance

Tuesday, 10/6, 6; Thursday, 10/8, 6
Sunday, 10/11, 8:00 am, 36, 10:15 am, 57

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



OCTOBER 18, 2015 - TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)

UNITED NATIONS DAY

The United Nations celebrates its seventieth anniversary on this United Nations Day. On October 24th, 1945, the United Nations charter was ratified. This founding was the birth of a new hope for peace, just as World War II was ending. At its best, the UN has remained the world's most broadly representative forum for peacemaking and dialogue on diverse global issues. Today it gathers 193 member states and specialized agencies focused on peace and security, arms reduction, sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, human rights, environmental protection, and more.

As Episcopalians – and as Anglicans – we have been part of the UN from the beginning. Fellow Episcopalian Eleanor Roosevelt was the only woman on the first United States delegation to the United Nations (1945-1952), the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We continue this legacy because our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has called us to care for our world, heal the sick, welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, serve the poor and proclaim good news to the captives and the oppressed. We do this to respond to our Baptismal Covenant and engage with the Five Marks of Mission.



Delegate Eleanor Roosevelt at a meeting of the United Nations, 1947

Photo: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library

Our relationship with the UN is built on that strong legacy and a mutual dependence. The Episcopal Church has expertise to offer, stories to share, voices in our midst that need to be heard, and resources and services at our disposal. We offer this through participating in events such as the UN Commission on the Status of Women and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, or Episcopal Migration Ministries' participation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Episcopal Relief & Development's fine work with a number of UN agencies.



Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2012.

Photo: Lynnaia Main

The Episcopal Church is in turn enriched by its relationship with the United Nations. Among many benefits, the Church is connected to a global dialogue on peace building, justice and reconciliation, supporting sustainable development through the new Sustainable Development Goals, reversing climate change and protecting the environment, ensuring food security, protecting human rights, empowering women and girls, supporting the rights and dignity of indigenous peoples, and more.

To celebrate its 70 years, the UN has identified “70 Ways the UN Makes a Difference” (<http://www.un.org/un70/en/content/70ways>). Have a look and ask yourself: How does my or my community's ministry connect with these 70 ways? Do we have a concern to bring to the attention of the UN? A ministry to celebrate? A voice to uplift? A need for information, connection, and community on a global issue? A contribution to share? Let us know so that we can bring this to the UN's attention. Help us identify “70 Ways – and more – The Episcopal Church Makes a Difference at the UN.”

Contact Lynnaia Main, Global Relations Officer at lmain@episcopalchurch.org.