



# THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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## Calendar

### Sunday, October 25

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

### Monday, October 26

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.

### Tuesday, October 27

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

### Thursday, October 29

- Thursday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

### Saturday, October 31

- Family Service, 4 pm

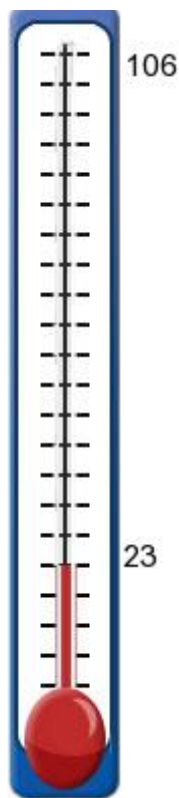
## Stewardship Heads Up

Our annual pledge drive is in its second week. Already 23 pledges have been gratefully received. The campaign runs for six weeks until November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our goal is 100 percent participation for the work we do in God's name in this part of His kingdom. Consider that 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 are participating. Heartfelt thanks to the 23 parishioners who have already come forward with a pledge. *Miriam*

## 2015 Pledges

A number of folks are behind with their 2015 pledge. 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*

Number of pledges received to-date.



## Outreach Grant Applications

Are you involved in a charity that fights hunger or works with children or the homeless? Could it use some additional funding? Time is running out to apply for a grant from the Outreach Grant Program. We will be accepting applications until the end of October for cash disbursements in mid November. Applications are available in the vestibule (and via this link) and can be dropped in the collection plate or sent to Michele Christian at [belle61@msn.com](mailto:belle61@msn.com). St Christopher's wants to support the ministries of all our members.. Outreach Committee

## Halloween Trick or Treat and Costumes

October 31 is a Saturday and there will be a Family service at 4 as usual. I plan to have trick or treat candy, and I encourage everyone to wear a costume. I might wear one myself. *Miriam*

## Adopt a Family

I've written the names of all our families [38 in all] on pieces of paper for parish members to adopt a family by keeping them in your daily prayers. Today I will ask for members to pick up their family's name. *Miriam*

## Painting the Kitchen

For a couple of weeks Peggy Baker put out a request for volunteers from the parish to paint the kitchen. One person from the parish signed up, and AA members have volunteered to do the job. My heartfelt thanks. I am very grateful that we are able to keep our doors open for this life-giving program. *Miriam*

## Family Promise

Family Promise is a ministry that God has called our parish into. I strongly believe that, though I know not everyone agrees but if you could only see the faces of the mostly women and children that come through you might see the gratitude they

feel towards our parish specifically. Our next week to have the families is the week before Christmas—not the best timing I know. We are going to be in need of all kinds of volunteers. I know that many people like to do something for others for the holidays—it feels good to serve. Why not volunteer and do your part to help these families in need. You don't even have to go far. They'll be right here under our roof. Believe me God will bless your service. *Miriam*

### A Way to Pray for Our Church

Why not use the Signpost as a prayer guide? Treat this as more than a list of announcements and more like a call to pray. For example pray for the Thursday evening bible study and all its members, or for the Saturday Family service or for any of the announcements that appears on these pages. *Miriam*

### Ministries Outside The Church

We would like to add to our website a list of all the ministries that our members engage in outside the church. We won't publish your name and just list the organization. I've put out a signup sheet in the vestibule for you to write down your cause or organization. Thank you, *Miriam*

### Gift Cards

As a church, we would like to donate a children's basket for the raffle at the Family Promise Gala on Nov. 13th. We are looking for gift cards to put in the basket. We should have them for Nov. 1st. Thanks, Peggy Baker

### 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 us if you have an interest in helping run our church. There are job descriptions available to provide to interested people. Thank you. *Karen Groves, Marcia Devine, Joe O'Leary*

### Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Quinton Collins**, Robin Flynn's father, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** recovering from brain surgery; **April Bergeron** who has gone into premature labor, pray for a healthy baby boy; **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:** Robin and Stephen Flynn; Corinne Dodge; Dolores Dooling and Joan Fettes; Wendy and Emilie Evans.

### Attendance

Saturday, 10/17, 4:00pm, 16

Sunday, 10/18, 8:00am, 28

10:15am, 49



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

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## Ministry Minute from Christine Mason



I was asked to speak to the parish about why my family gives money to the church. For those who know me, it will come as a surprise that I am literally petrified to speak publicly and Miriam agreed that I could write this down for all of you. I don't even know if I can handle having it read in front of me....so maybe I'm here, maybe I'm not.

So here goes.....

To me, we don't give a ton of money and often, I always wish we were able to give more. I am so nosy that I sometimes want to know what other families give and I know that all of that information is private and I can't know....but I am curious. It's one of my character defects.

As a child, I remember seeing my grandfather with church envelopes. He would give to the church every week. I remember asking him why he did that. Why did he have to give money to the Church? I was confused and asked, "didn't God love him without his money?" His answer was, "Of course God loves me with or without my money, but this church means something to me and my family. It's a place where we can go to worship and seek fellowship. But, he said, "the church is also a building, built by man. Therefore, things need to be maintained by us too and that is why I give money. Someone has to pay for the lights, someone has to pay for the heat and if we don't all share that burden, the building crumbles." Old people always make sense, don't they? I've held on to that conversation I had with him over the years and I was finally able to put that idea to use when we came to St. Christopher's.

Andy and I have been with St. Christopher's since 2000 when Miriam started her journey with our church. I loved Miriam from the moment I met her. Like really love her. Like love her so much I will be devastated when she retires. (I am adding this for effect....is it working.) Remember, I might not be here! I hope my funny translates on paper because I am somewhat funny.

Miriam married Andy and me. We were her first wedding after she transferred to St. Christopher's.

My children have been baptized here, they receive Communion here, and they are part of a community here. My boys sometimes dress alike to try and trick Miriam during Communion. I can see her looking at them and probably asking God for some help as she says, "Brady?" and hopes that she got it right. My boys LOVE to torture her and it makes me laugh inside because they see her as person and not just for her profession. Believe it or not, I know that regardless of who my children become, they will be accepted here and

for all of these reasons and more, my family gives money to St. Christopher's.

In a time when Church and God seem to be going out of fashion, I try really hard to bring my children to church on Sunday's so they may learn the skill of, Faith. I was initially reluctant to do the whole Sunday School thing because life is already so busy with three children, full time jobs, sports, etc. but after expressing this to Miriam one day, she responded with, "You can teach them to make goals and baskets, but when the going gets tough, will they know to fall to their knees?" Arrrrggghhhh, in that moment, the guilt came rushing back like I was in my former church again. I even said to her, "you can't do that to me." She replied, "I do what I have to do to get people to hear me." Believe it or not, I give money because of that too. She's right! Our children need to learn how to fall to their knees and what kind of mother would I be if I didn't support and encourage that?

This church isn't just a church for us. It's part of who we are. My children have been fortunate enough to be part of the Sunday School program with Miss. Danielle. I give money for that reason too. I pay for their art classes, football, cub scouts, boy scouts, baseball, softball and girl scouts and I consider Sunday school to be an activity for them; but this one is a big deal because what they get from Sunday school and Church doesn't just last for a season.

So I have sung Miriam's praises enough here, but we also come to St Christopher's for all of you. You're all somehow part of our lives even if we just see each other for a couple hours on a Sunday. I love seeing the older people that we've gotten close to, I have loved seeing the new couples come through the door and families starting. I love holding people's babies and as creepy as "The Peace" was for me at the beginning, I love the hugs and kisses from all of you now. I give money for all of these reasons too. I've also spent a good amount of time being "of service" to St. Christopher's. The truth is, the dollar amount might never be what I wish, so I give my time. I've been on the Bishop's Committee, I've been on the Fundraising Committee, I've done coffee hour, I've organized the craft fair, I've sold ads for the International Dinner placemat. I've tried to be "of service" here and all of that counts because it's not only money that makes this place run, it's all of us.

I love so many things about St. Christopher's Church and if I want my family to keep benefiting from it all, I have to keep giving.

Christine Mason

# THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



OCTOBER 25, 2015 - TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (B)  
**INSTALLATION OF PRESIDING BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL CURRY**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed as the Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention on June 27. According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, he becomes Presiding Bishop on November 1. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Bishop Curry will be the 27th Presiding Bishop, the Primate, and the Chief Pastor of The Episcopal Church. He will also serve as President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.



Presiding Bishop-Elect Michael Curry  
Photo: Janet Kawamoto/ENS

All are invited to join a Vigil Celebration and Eucharist, sponsored by the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) in honor of the 27th Presiding Bishop on Saturday, October 31 at 11 am Eastern at the Armory, 2001 E. Capital St.

SE in Washington, DC. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will sponsor a live webcast of the Vigil Celebration at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org). More information on tickets for the event can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/UBEcelebration>



Washington National Cathedral

The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, will occur on Sunday, November 1 at noon Eastern at Washington National Cathedral. The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop will be live webcast available here: <http://www.cathedral.org/>

Follow along on social media with the hashtag #MichaelCurry

### **Prayer for Presiding Bishop-Elect Michael Curry:**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon Presiding Bishop-Elect Michael Curry and upon the congregations committed to his charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that he may truly please thee, pour upon him the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Organization requesting funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to use additional paper to answer questions.

1. Describe the program idea, service project, activity, or event. How will it benefit the community?

2. Identify the members of our congregation who are involved in your project. In addition, identify any community people participating in the implementation, if applicable.

3. Outline your plan to implement your idea.

4. Time frame Check one:

One time event. When will it be held? \_\_\_\_\_

Ongoing project. When will it start and end? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How much money are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Describe the expenses you anticipate for your project.

7. How will you measure the success of your program?