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Calendar

Sunday, November 8

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

Monday, November 9

- Monday morning Yoga at 9 am.
- Stewardship Committee meeting, 1pm
- Bishop's Committee meeting, 7pm

Tuesday, November 10

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am
- Yoga with Miriam at 6:30

Thursday, November 12

- Thursday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

Saturday, November 14

- Family Service, 4 pm

Number of pledges received to-date.

From the Outreach Committee

A check for \$300 will be distributed on behalf of our new grant program to the Missionary Air Group (MAG). Thanks to Julia Forbes for submitting their name.

MAG utilizes AIRCRAFT to deliver MEDICAL care, relief, and ministry services to REMOTE groups of people in Honduras and Guatemala, showing genuine COMPASSION, after the example of JESUS. In early May, Hampstead resident and MAG's Director of Pastoral Ministries, Rev. Carlos Paz, led a team of five to Rus Rus, Honduras to complete some much-needed work on the hospital and adjacent housing there.

Additional grants from St. Christopher's were awarded by the Outreach Committee to each of the following programs: Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County,

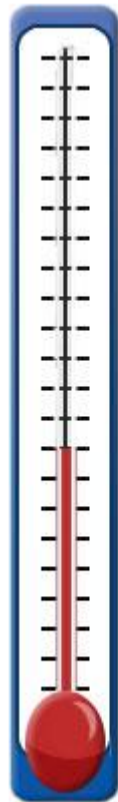
the Timberlane Student Food closet; Emmaus House to provide homeless shelters and services in Haverhill; Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry, serving a free meal daily, Monday through Friday; St. Ann's Ecumenical Food Pantry, in Hampstead; and the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund, an international relief and development agency providing a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church throughout the world. Any member of St. Christopher's is welcome to join the Outreach Committee when we meet again on February 7th, and we hope that next year more parishioners will submit the names of other charities to whom we can reach out. *Karen Groves*

Stewardship Heads Up

The campaign is half way through and runs 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. This includes all our ministries—housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, pastoral care and more. *Some pledge is better than no pledge.* The amount of your pledge is not as important as the fact that you are participating. Consider a pledge of \$5 per month, \$10 or \$15 per month. Heartfelt thanks to the 40 parishioners who have already shown their willingness to support the work God would have us do at St. Christopher's. *Miriam*

Veterans' Day 2015

The uneasy relationship between the faith communities and members of the armed forces has changed since the idea of compulsory military service was suspended, especially about whether or not we think our members should engage in military service. With so few active social and cultural connections with men and women in uniform, we are increasingly disconnected from them and from their experiences. It is time for us to reconnect. On this Veterans Day 2015, instead of



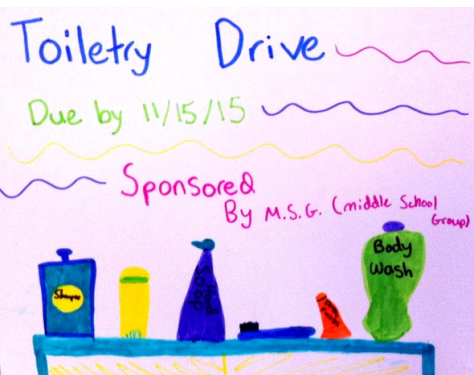
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asking what we can do for service members and veterans, learn what these people can do for our faith community. Learn what they can teach us about the spiritual value of personal and community sacrifice. In an age dominated by the values of personal achievement and material acquisition, it will do us well to learn what they can teach us. Perhaps the next time you see a member or veteran of our Armed Services, instead of thanking them for their service, commend them for their sacrifice. *Bishop Jay Magness, Suffragan for Federal Ministries,*

Middle School Group (MSG) Toiletry Drive

The MSG is organizing a toiletries drive for the local food pantries as a service project. They made signs to collect toiletries. A collection box is in the



foyer and signs are hung. We are asking the parish to help us by donating toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste,

soap, shampoo, disposable razors, etc. Your help is crucial to our success. Thanks, *Christine Collins*

Family Promise

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 during the holidays—it feels good to serve. Why not volunteer and do your part to help these families in need. Believe me God will bless your service. Miriam

From L.S., Family Promise Volunteer

“I’ve participated in all of the ‘jobs’ at one time or another, from setting up the cots to cooking a meal, to sleeping over. Each job in itself is such a small commitment; to cook a meal for a handful of people once every three months, to play games with or read to children, cuddle an insecure toddler, or easiest of all, sleep for eight hours. I feel so much joy knowing that in some small way I personally have helped make life better for someone else” L.S.

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

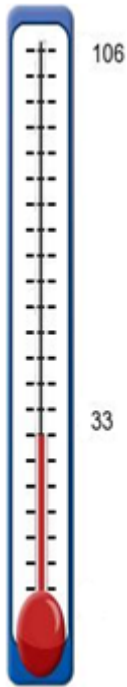
Please pray for **Elinore Despina**, Marcia Divine’s mother who passed away last week; **Quinton Collins**, Robin Flynn’s father, diagnosed with cancer; **Bill Steinhoff** recovering from brain surgery; **April Bergeron** who has gone into premature labor, pray for a healthy baby boy; **Diane Kolbe**; **Dick Groves**; **Ann Donovan**; **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 **Natalie Gallo**; for Jean Porter’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.

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Br. David and Ann Gerns; Brian and Sue Gleason; Alison, Robert, Thaddeus, Katrina, Braden, and Kyle Golas.

Attendance

Tuesday, 10/27, WBS, 4
 Thursday, 10/29, 6
 Saturday, 10/31, 12
 Sunday, 11/1, 8:00am, 33; 10:15am, 57



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Helping homeless families is not just about a place to sleep; it is holding the child, listening to the mother, smiling and connecting with people.

Hiba Nasser, Volunteer, Columbus, OH