



# THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY!

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## Calendar

### Sunday, September 16 Monday, September 17

- 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 9 a.m. Yoga
- 9:15 a.m. Inquirer's Class, the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer
- 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
- 10 a.m. First Day of Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee
- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

### Tuesday, September 18

- 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study

### Thursday, September 20

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

We have an exciting year ahead! Thank you to the many leaders who have committed to serving our children and families this year on Sunday School. Also, we welcome any family looking for a friendly, nurturing church school program for their kids. Please invite them to come and take a look. Have them register and come along with you this Sunday, or some Sunday after that. If you haven't registered your kids yet for Sunday School, you can do so here: **Here is the Sunday School Sign-up Link** Questions and/or Suggestions? Email [Brooke LaMonica](mailto:Brooke LaMonica),



### Sunday School Begins this Sunday at 10 a.m.!

The program year is here, and Brooke LaMonica has stepped forward to lead our Sunday School team this year after a leading a great year last year. This year we have one group for kindergarten through third grade with Corinne Dodge and another group for 4th-8th grade. The Littles with Corinne will be following

an age appropriate set of lessons which also includes songs and sign language prayer.

The older group will be mixing the

**TeenText** curriculum which encourages questions and discussion with the **Spark House** **Re:form curriculum** which features fun cartoons and activities of pivotal New Testament and Old Testament characters. High

Schoolers meet after church for youth group from 11:30-1:30 and for the next few weeks until Confirmation will feature relevant life questions and Confirmation prep.

Sunday school gives children foundational stories about faith, God's love, overcoming adversity and hope which will stick with them going forward in life. It's an opportunity that sports and busy schedules can't replace.

### The Book of Common Prayer

This Sunday, we will be delving into the wealth of spirituality and faith which is in our prayer book. These books, often tucked away- slightly dog-eared and beat-up- in pews or left to gather dust on many home shelves is probably one our most neglected in many Episcopal churches. The move to accommodate newcomers (which is a good thing) by printing most of the words in the bulletin does have the cost of us losing familiarity with the depth of wisdom in this book.

This Sunday in the Inquirer's Class, we will walk through the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer as well as walk through examples from a couple other prayer books- from Ireland and New Zealand. Within the pages of this book are rhythms to root our life in with prayers of morning, noon, evening and night. The prayers surrounding the holy moments of baptism, Eucharist, weddings, healing, funerals and more are all found here along with how over the centuries our church has taken Scripture to form the basis of our liturgy, prayers and actions. The artistry, rhythm and movement of our liturgy are here in this book. The language of our prayers have influenced writers and



poets from Jane Austen to Charles Dickens to John Donne and T.S. Elliot. A veritable treasure of thought, spirit, theology and prayer lies in those black books in our church chairs.

Also, on a fun note of trivia- while some might feel that 1979 (the most recent update of our prayer book) is a little outdated- we must remember that England hasn't updated their prayer book since 1662 since it requires a vote of parliament there to do so. Thankfully our prayer book is more flexible than that. Bring your questions about why we do what we do in liturgy and worship too, as almost all of it connects with what is in our prayer book. Also, if you don't have a Book of Common Prayer at home, please let me know! We will find a way to get one.

### Episcopal Evangelism Thought for the Week



With a revival on the horizon and with our presiding bishop urging us to take brave new steps in evangelism, you can

expect to find a small section on evangelism regularly in the Signpost. Here's a thought for this week:

*One of the best ways to strengthen community at church and welcoming newcomers into church is that precious 5-10 minutes after the church service has finished and while people are gathering for coffee. We all have our comfort zones and groups with whom we like to talk. For many of us, there are people who we really look forward to connecting with every Sunday. However, equally important is to reach out in conversation to someone you don't know or don't know well. So, from now on, every Sunday after the service, find someone you don't know and strike up a conversation. It doesn't have to be long, even two to three minutes will do. If we all do this regularly, you'll be pleased at how effective this is making people feel welcome. And, Oh yes!, Wearing your name tag also has the same effect on people.*

**St. Christopher's to Host GROUP SITE at the HAMPSTEAD TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

#### CHECK LIST FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Plan to arrive from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to set up. You may drive in on the circle in front of the church to set up your area.
- Vendor spaces will be marked on the lawn, and available on a first come, first served basis.

- You may select a space of your choice
- Vehicles are not allowed in the vendor area during the yard sale.
- Parking is provided for you next to the sales area.
- Please refrain from sales of large household furnishings, electronics, appliances.
- Sales begin at 9 a.m. (not before,) and sales should be completed by 2 p.m.
- Please bring your own tables, chairs and display cases.
- Please plan to remove any unsold items and trash when the yard sale is over.
- While there is no fee to participate, we will ask: (1) that you make a free will offering at the end of the sale; or, (2) that you support the church with a percentage of your sales.

*Funds raised will provide vital support to St. Christopher's Youth, Teen & Outreach Ministries.*

### Prayers of the People

Ingrid and Mark Chapman ask for your prayers for their daughter **Lisa**. Please pray for **Nick**, Anne Darrah's cousin's husband; please pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Pat Williams**; for **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; prayers for **Noelle Schreiber**; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason, Lucille Gigeure**. For Dave Darrah's brother, **Tom**; for **Deb**; for **Roy Jeffrey**; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; prayers for **Howie**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric**.

**Serving in the Military:** Pray for Pam Vazquez's son, **Army 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez**. Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**, for **Paul**.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Roland Seckendorf ; Penny, Anthony, and Kyle Tomasi; Carolyn Timbie and Dusty Clampitt; Marilyn and Phil Towne.

#### Attendance:

9/8, 2:00pm, 6; 9/9, 8:00am, 16  
9/9, 10:15am, 42



*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*