



THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY!

September 23, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Calendar

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| Sunday, September 23 | Tuesday, September 25 |
| • 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service | • 9 a.m., Morning Prayer |
| • 9:15 a.m. Inquirer's Class II, the Bible | • 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study |
| • 10 a.m. Sunday School | Thursday, September 27 |
| Monday, Sept. 24 | • 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study |
| • 9 a.m. Yoga | Saturday, Oct. 6 |
| | • YARD SALE |
| | Sunday, Oct. 7 |
| | • St. Francis Day, Blessing of the Animals |



Last Sunday's Blessing of the Backpacks.

deeply. Then there is a time where something happens (a crisis, a movement of the spirit) and we dive deeper into difficult questions and come through it with a deeper knowledge of God and a deeper, claimed faith.

Where are you in your faith journey? What has your faith journey been like? Have there been times of searching, times of just steady commitment, times of

deepening faith? The questions and faith of people preparing for confirmation invite us to examine our own faith journey as well.

St. Francis Day is Coming Up!

We'll be doing blessing of the animals after the 8 & 10:15 services on October 7. Dogs, Cats, chinchillas, donkeys, chickens and more are all welcome at the blessing. (Really? Donkeys?! Chickens?)

Christmas Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs)

Now through Sunday, October 28, we will be starting our annual collection of Christmas gifts and books (\$25-\$30 range) for kids - children, teens and young adults -who have a parent in Concord Prison. Cash donations are used by the Prison Ministries Committee of the Diocese to purchase as many gifts and/or books as needed to make sure that no kids of parents in prison are left out. Gift guidelines and additional information will be included in next week's Signpost. Containers will be in the vestibule for gifts and books. We will also be collecting all occasion cards and envelopes as well as blank cards and envelopes for prisoners to use in order to stay in touch with their families. If you have cards you cannot use, please place them in the box in the vestibule. [Barbara Hughes](#), Delegate to Convention

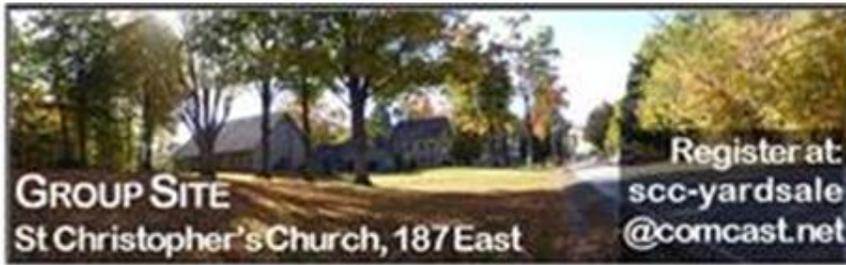
Questions in the Confirmation Class & Journeys of Faith

It is remarkable to hear questions we all share raised in new ways by the St. Christopher's confirmands, and also to hear them tie in their own questions now with the stories they learned in Sunday school and with the prayers we say in church.

"What is God? Does God control everything? Is everything in the Bible real? What are the themes and outline of the Bible? Does prayer make a difference? How do you put faith in God and the facts of science together?"

In the class we discuss these questions and what it means to be confirmed and to live out faith in the church. These are teens discussing their faith as they prepare for Confirmation. Each question is tough, sometimes without an easy answer. There are libraries of books about these foundational questions.

Perhaps their questions resonate for you as well? The theologian John Westerhoff III wrote about how faith is a story of growth no matter what age we are at or how many years we have been a Christian. Sometimes we are on the edge of what he calls affiliative faith- where we go to church or church events from time to time, where we claim Christ at a significant level but also where we don't delve too



Hello, Everyone!

September 23, 2018



We're looking forward to our participation in the Third Annual Hampstead Community Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lot people coming to town that day because this is a really big event with over 70 registered sites all over town and is being heavily publicized by Community Caregivers of Greater Nashua.

The Bishop's Committee is running our church table/booth and would welcome your donations of yard sale items (excluding large home furnishings and appliances.) Bishop's Committee member Pam Vazquez (pamelavazquez14@gmail.com) is coordinating that effort.

We've registered as a Group Site and can invite as many people as possible to set up on our front lawn. This is kind of important. While a yard sale is primarily a fundraising event, it's also an opportunity to get new people onto our campus where we can begin to tell them about St. Christopher's, sort of an "Open House" type thing. Please consider being a part of this fun effort to both raise funds and raise friends in the wider community. Details about the yard sale can be found in the attached flyer which also would be great to share with your friends and neighbors. Who knows? They might even want to get a table to sell some items themselves or team up with you.

Your help is needed the day of the sale. While yard sales can be a lot of work, we've carefully broken the needed duties down into bite size pieces that are easily manageable here. The old saying is true: many hands make light work.

St. Christopher's has an amazing spirit of welcome as a parish, and this is a great chance to share that spirit. **Go to SignUpGenius to see how you can help.**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aaeaf23a2fe3-yard>

Joyfully, Fr. Zac

**Questions? Need more info?
Want to help "day of?"**

**Email:
scc-yardsale@comcast.net**

**or Contact
Lyn Rockwell**

October 6 YARD SALE (continued)

One Thing Leads to Another ...

We've been putting out the word for donations to the Bishop's Committee church yard sale table. We've also asked parishioners to consider setting up their own table, and perhaps inviting a neighbor or friend to go in on it with them as a way to introduce them to St. Christopher's.

And as we've gone along, some people have told us that they have things they would like to donate to the church, but they hesitate because they suspect these things are somewhat valuable, and are concerned that as a yard sale item, they would probably sell for much less than they are worth. And if the item is a family heirloom, that makes it more important to handle it respectfully. Well, we think that we have come up with a solution to this dilemma.

We know of a number of parishioners, and there may be others, who possess a wealth of knowledge gained from years and years of collecting antiques and going to yard sales. They are willing to work behind the scenes to do the research needed to come up with a fair appraisal. Other resources may also be used to zero in more precisely on a fair sales price, which will then be shared with you. Then if you agree, they will be offered at the upcoming yard sale from a special table where it's indicated they are unique, special, unusual and distinct items, priced accordingly, AND will only be sold at the price indicated. Then for items that don't sell at the Yard Sale, we'll take care of locating another sales venue. So perhaps you're one of those people who has, for example, old family things that no one in the family wants, and you've been holding on to them, storing them in your cellar and attic. If you see any of yourself in this, why not just check it out; it's completely confidential; you're under no obligation to go forward with the actual sale. Begin by contacting Lyn Rockwell at (cell) 603 560-3640, or via email at: scc-yardsale@comcast.net to learn more and to ask questions.



Episcopal Evangelism Thought for the Week: Inviting someone to church-

Have you ever invited someone to church? A relative? A friend? A neighbor? A co-worker? It can be a little scary-particularly if you are a little shy - but it can be easy

to do. Sometimes you can invite someone to church naturally and sometimes you can invite someone to an event like a yard sale or a choral concert like Lessons & Carols. Inviting someone to an event is easy, makes a point of contact and takes the church from a place one drives by to a place where they might know someone. You could try it out sometime this autumn and just see where God leads and what happens.

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**, who is currently in Army Ranger School, a grueling 61-day combat special operations course, "...one of the toughest training courses for which a Soldier can volunteer." About 50% of those entering the course fail to complete it. Our prayers are with you. Nick, and his mother, Pam, too! Prayers for Del's cousins, **Daniel**, **Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.



Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pam Vazquez; Mary Vincent; Jeff and Katie Waymouth.

Attendance:

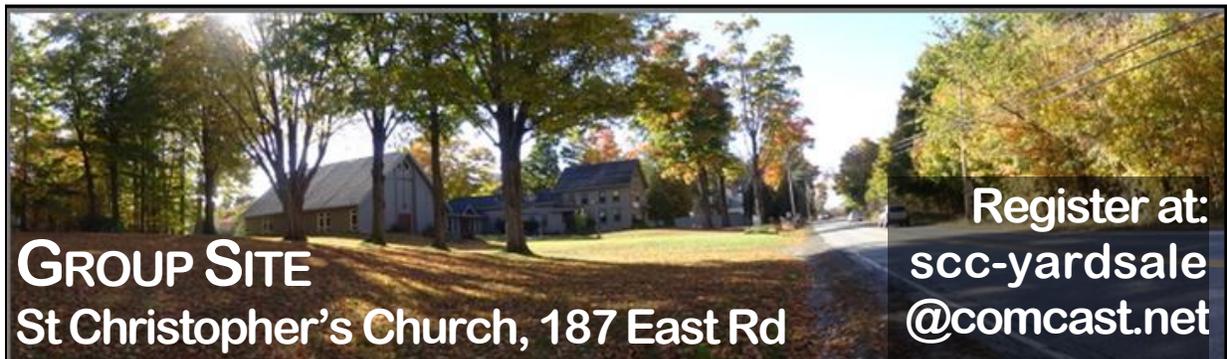
Tuesday, 9/11, 9 a.m., 7
Thursday, 9/13, 7 p.m., 5
Sunday, 9/16, 8 a.m., 13; 10:15 a.m., 38



"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."

Hampstead, NH
TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sell from the GROUP SITE
at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church



**To have us hold
a site for you,
please send
name, address and
contact info to:**
SCC-YARDSALE
@COMCAST.NET

A donation of \$20 or a
percentage of sales would be
greatly appreciated.

Funds raised support
St. Christopher's Youth, Teen
and Outreach Ministries.

*Questions? Need more info?
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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.

“The [Merrimack Valley Philharmonic](#) and Uno’s Pizzeria and Café in Plaistow, are having a “dough raiser”

ALL DAY TOMORROW, MONDAY, 9/24

for both “dine in’s” and “take out’s.” Twenty percent of your order goes to the [Merrimack Valley Philharmonic](#). As coupons are not available in the restaurant, you need to print them out (below) and take with you. I will also have some with me in church. Any questions let me know.” [Brooke LaMonica](#), *Violin II*, and *Personnel Manager*

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