



# The Signpost Weekly

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Calendar

### Sunday, January 27

- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation - Good Book Club: Romans
- 8 and 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
- 10 a.m., Sunday School

### Monday, January 28

- 9 a.m. Yoga
- 7:30 p.m. – Opioid Family Support Group

### Tuesday, January 29

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

### Thursday, January 31

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

### Sunday, February 3

- 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

### Opioid Family Support Group this Monday @

**7:30PM** Fr. Zac continues to meet with church leaders through New Hampshire Council of Churches and community leaders in seeking positive ministries to address opioid addiction in our area. Needs

which continue in New Hampshire include more widespread Narcan trainings, family support, first responders support, more rehab beds and support for addicted persons after leaving treatment facilities or prison. While this list is overwhelming, **churches together** can take on different facets of this need to help address this difficult situation in our state. This is something that continues to develop, but please keep the opioid crisis in your prayers and also please hold church leaders in prayer as we consider what kinds of ministries or roles can be taken in response.

### Pastoral Visits & Support

This is a reminder that if you would like a pastoral visit or have a difficult situation with which you would like pastoral counsel and prayer, you can set up a visit with me.

While I try to keep in touch with what is happening in parishioners' lives and with the needs of the parish, you don't have to wait for me to call or e-mail. All you must do is e-mail me at [vicarstchristophers@gmail.com](mailto:vicarstchristophers@gmail.com) or call the church office to set-up a time. This isn't something where

you have to wait for dire circumstances, but can set-up anytime. Pastoral visits and counsel are important parts of the Episcopal and Anglican tradition.

### Moving, Inspirational Service for Martin Luther King Jr. Day last Monday Evening

A beautiful and inspiring service happened Monday night as we gathered in an interfaith service to carry forward the message and witness of Martin Luther King Jr. One of the overriding messages of the evening was that **King's life and witness is not a completed story** confined to a history book, but **rather a call for us to continue to strive for love, peace and justice to overcome poverty and racism.**

While passages of King's "I have a Dream Speech" started and ended the service, the service shared more facets of King's life and ministry. Kari Allard from Hampstead Congregational and our own Natalie Gallo offered beautifully sung pieces which encouraged reflection on the long struggle for freedom and justice of African-Americans. Nick Pothier provided versatile musical accompaniment throughout the service. Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim Synagogue chanted Psalm 121 and then led us in a reflection on our worlds continuous need for prophets. Rev. David Yasenka of Isaiah 58 New Hampshire connected King's concern for addressing poverty with the need to address housing insecurity in Hampstead and surrounding towns. Rev. Jim Thomas of Atkinson Congregational Church called us to consider the last 24 hours of King's life and how he worked for peace, justice and an end to poverty. Parish Life (with Pam Vazquez and Karen Groves) also put together a wonderful reception to welcome all after the service. This was a truly wonderful service and we hope to offer more of these community religious services in the future.

**Weather Reminder- It's worth repeating. Just in Case!** What do we do when a winter storm rolls in? Do we have church? Do we cancel? This is just a reminder that we do very occasionally cancel church



and/or church activities when the weather is bad or dangerous. When church is cancelled, you can find the information on [WMUR tv station's](#) weather closings list on both their [online site](#) and

on TV, or on our Facebook page, here is the [LINK](#). We may try to communicate the information a couple other ways too, but those two ([WMUR](#) & Facebook) are the two methods we will always use.

### Pastoral Card Group

You can participate in this group from the comforts of your home. I'm looking for people to join the group that sends cards to parishioners when certain family events occur; and to those that are housebound. The group enjoys sending cards to parishioners in need of congratulations or cheering up. In 2018 we sent a total of 18 cards for family events; and 5-6 "Thinking of You" cards to those that are housebound. If you are interested, please send an email to me at [sh944s@comcast.net](mailto:sh944s@comcast.net) or call me at 603-560-4446. Heike Martineau



**The Annual Report – We have extra printed copies in the foyer, a good document to pass along to anyone who might be interested in learning more about us.** The Annual Report provides excellent details of all the ministries at our church, so it can be a good document to pass along to anyone who might be interested in learning more about us. Then you can invite them to "come and see" in person to experience our family in worship. Thank you to Robin Flynn for preparation of the Report.

### Rabbi Peter Levy visits us on February 10th

Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim synagogue in Derry will be at St. Christopher's on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and will lead us in a study of rabbinic midrash surrounding the first 5 chapters of Exodus at the 9:15 formation hour. At our 10:15 service he will speak to the readings of the day as part of the service-which will look a little different and follow more of a Morning Prayer structure. I sincerely hope you can be here for this occasion. -Fr. Zac

**The Good Book Club** will go through the book of Romans, and will be the focus at this Sunday's Adult Formation time. There are a whole list of resources online which will be accompanying this study through Epiphany season, and you can find them at <http://www.goodbookclub.org/resources/>



### Information for tax purposes about your 2018 Contributions to St. Christopher's

"You should be receiving a letter, with all of your 2018 donations to St. Christopher's, in the next few days," says John Svitak. "As a convenience, we've also noted your 'pledge intention' for 2019. Please notify Nancy Hickey, Pledge Secretary, at [nancy@howielegal.com](mailto:nancy@howielegal.com), or (603) 329-7840 with any concerns."

### Prayers of the People

David's brother, **Tom Darrah**, passed away on 1/31/18 after a long battle with Parkinson. Please pray for his family as they grieve his loss. Also, Anne's cousin, **Gregory Beskalo III**, passed away unexpectedly on December 21, 2018. May he rest in peace. Please pray for his family also. Prayers for the repose of **Marguerite Hopkins**. Prayers for **Peggy Baker** who is recovering from a broken shoulder. 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 the repose of **Gordon Price**, and prayers of support for his family as they mourn his passing. Prayers 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, for Del's cousins, Daniel, Matthew and Sandra.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jessica, Ellie and Laura McCabe; Judy McCabe; Roger and Mary Lou Mason; Andy, Christine, Brady, Colby, and Addison Mason.