



The Signpost Weekly!

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Saturday, October 13

- 2 p.m. - Rhythms of Grace

Sunday, October 14

- 8 a.m. Worship Service – Healing Sunday
- 9:15 a.m. Inquirer's Class: Are we Protestant or Catholic?
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, October 15

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 18

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

Sunday, October 21

☆ **Pledge Drive Opens**

☆ **Bishop's Visit and Confirmation**

- 8 a.m., Worship Service, followed by a light brunch
- 10:15 Worship Service and Confirmation, followed by luncheon buffet

Bishop's Visit

Good News! Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will be with us on Sunday 10/21, and there is much to celebrate. We will have 10 people being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church - which is very exciting. The confirmands have been working hard since August studying, serving our community with Isaiah 58 and with the Hampstead Conservation lands, asking deep and profound questions about God, theology, good/evil and justice and carefully deciding to take this next step in faith that is Confirmation. Please mark the calendar and turn out to support the confirmands and people being Received to spread the sense of welcome.

As of this point, it appears that everyone wants to be confirmed as a big group at the 10:15 service. Bishop Rob will be with us for the 8 a.m. service as well, so no need to change routines if the 8 a.m. is your preferred service..

The Bishop's visit also reminds us that he is the chief pastor of St. Christopher's. Thus, he presides, preaches and teaches at the services. In the Episcopal Church, parish priests serve only because the Bishop cannot be in 50 churches at once on a Sunday. Bishop Rob says he always looks forward to coming to St. Christopher's. Hope you can be here for a big day! -Fr. Zac

Bishop's Visit Oct 21st

We are looking forward to two wonderful receptions for Bishop Rob when he visits on Oct. 21st (next week). You are an important part of that reception. Please plan to attend. Our best delicacies come from our parishioners so please sign up to bring something for the reception that you will attend. After the 8 a.m. service we will have a light brunch and after the 10:15 a.m. service we will have a luncheon menu. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the foyer/vestibule. So, come one, come all for a wonderful day of togetherness and celebration! *Parish Life Committee*

Healing Sunday, Oct. 14 at 8 a.m. service (2nd Sunday each month, alternating between the 8 am & 10:15 am services). Healing Prayer is offered during Eucharist, and Chair Reiki is available after the service at the beginning of Coffee Hour. Chair Reiki is given in our new front parlor, next to the front door. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Healing Team: Barbara Hughes, Jane Roth, Edie Swenson, Joyce Ryan, Corinne Dodge, Deb Carpenter, Ann Gerns, Lynn Allen.

Next week, St. Christopher's is beginning its customary stewardship pledge period. It is often a period when we think about how we view and manage our time, money, relationships, abilities, skills, and experiences. In the life of the church, it's about how we as a community pool, manage, and celebrate the gifts God has given us. In the end, it's all about living into and extending the ministry of Jesus—becoming human beings drawn together in community to be a people fully alive. From October 21 through December 2, we'll explore together in testimonies from parishioners, sermons, prayers, and fellowship events how God might be calling us to be a parish and individual members to be more fully alive than ever.

What is Messy Church?

After seeing the note about Messy Church on Halloween in the last Signpost, some people have asked - what is Messy Church? Messy Church is both a program and idea rooted in Trinitarian belief and coming from the Anglican Church in the UK and in Ireland. It posits that worship with children and busy families can look different and even be a bit on the messy side. It's an idea that worship, games, stories, snacks and activities can all be part of one cohesive family service. We will be having a first experiment with this form of worship on Halloween (Wednesday, October 31st) at 4PM -which should get it in before trick or treating. Costumes are certainly welcome, though there will be face printing to look like a saint, Bible character or Bible creature as well (thank you Emily Bacall!). When this works and comes together, it can be an amazing, near magical experience of worship.

Go ahead! Take a bow!

We had a good time last Saturday making a go of running a yard sale, even though it was on somewhat short notice.



Thank you to all the wonderful people who contributed, from donating items for sale, to people who showed up that day to help. If you're like me, you are kinda proud of our church, so it felt good to welcome the many shoppers who stepped onto our campus to check out all the bargains. It was such a nice fellowship activity, which had the added benefit of raising \$607 for outreach and youth ministry activities. When he reported the monies raised, John Svitak said, "Our thanks to Lyn Rockwell for vision, persistence, and organization; and our thanks to all hands and contributions making it successful and fun." Nice going, you all! *Lyn Rockwell*

Small Parish Dinners are happening this Fall!

Would you be willing to host? The Parish Life committee is looking for volunteers to host a small dinner in their homes before the holiday season begins. Because time is short, we are hoping a few of you will step forward in the next few weeks. Small Parish Dinners are generally made up of 6 to 8 participants -- but that can depend on the size of your home. They are a great way to get to know fellow parishioners in an informal and cozy environment. Talk to others who have hosted! Its great fun for all. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer, or feel free to contact Emily Bacall (ebvinton@gmail.com) with any questions.



Thank you, from the **Sonshine Soup Kitchen!**

They are very grateful for all the clothing I brought to them from the past Sundays' collections at the church. They've had such a good response to their appeal, they have run out of storage space. **So the only clothing they can now accept is men's winter clothing.** "Clothing Donations" collection bins are still in the foyer. *Corinne Dodge*

Need help with early Christmas shopping (for family, stocking stuffers, teacher & hostess)? Check out the link to find candles, snacks, wrapping paper & stocking stuffers - link: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, and proceeds will help St. Christopher's. If you open the link and do not find yourself on St Christopher's page then click on "Start Shopping" box in the middle of the page and enter group# 999984255, this will take you to St. Christopher's. We encourage you to share the online link with all your friends and family. The more orders received the more it benefits our church. For additional information, contact Robin Flynn at r.j.flynn@comcast.net or Maggi Heyer at mhey121@hotmail.com.

Prayers of the People

Prayers for the **Collins family**, for the extended **Lawrence family**, and for the repose of **Eva Lawrence** (Christine's grandmother); special prayers for **Tom Baker**; 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**, for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Emily Bacall; Tom and Peggy Baker; Paul, Jennifer and Helen Barkworth; Fred and Mikki Black.

Attendance: Tuesday, 10/2, 9 a.m., 4; Thursday, 10/4, 7 p.m., 8; Sunday, 10/7, 8 a.m., 15; 10:15 a.m., 38