



The Signpost Weekly!

October 21, 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, October 21

Bishop Robert

Hirschfeld Visit and Confirmation

- 8 a.m. Worship Service –
- Followed by light brunch
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- Followed by Lunch
- 11:30 +- Bishop meets with the Bishop's Committee

Monday, October 22

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Bishop's Visit Today

We are looking forward to two wonderful receptions for Bishop Robert Hirschfeld when he visits on Sunday. You are an important part of that reception. Please plan to attend. We'll have lots of delicacies from our parishioners. 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. So, come one, come all for a wonderful day of togetherness and celebration! *Parish Life Committee*

What happens when a bishop visits?

Have you ever wondered what our name means? The word "Episcopal"? It means 'bishop' or the church with 'bishops.' Back in the 1700's, this word was used to denote churches in our tradition which kept bishops (as compared to Puritans, Baptists and Presbyterians which did not). Episcopal itself derives from the Greek word "Episkopos" in the New Testament, which is the word for 'one who watches over or oversees.' This Sunday, we get a visit from our own Bishop Robert Hirschfeld (Episkopos). There is often a flurry of holy activity when the Bishop shows up. Confirmations, Receptions into the

Tuesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 25

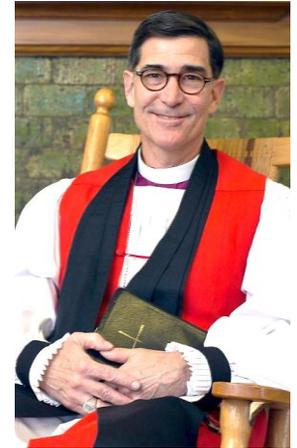
- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

Sunday, October 28

☆ Pledge Drive Opens

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 4 p.m. "It's Criminal" Documentary, Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry.

Episcopal Church, baptisms and reaffirmations of faith are all sacramental actions which can happen with a bishop (and indeed for many of these, the bishop is essential). We also get to hear from the Bishop about ministries happening across New Hampshire with which we are connected, and we get to hear what else is happening in the wider Episcopal Church. A collection is taken up in the Sunday services with all undesignated money that Sunday going to the ministry of the Bishop and Diocese for the wider church in New Hampshire. The Bishop also meets with our Bishop's Committee to review, oversee, exhort and encourage the ministry of Christ lived out at St. Christopher's.



It is a joyful thing to announce that we have several people deciding this Sunday to reaffirm their baptism in Confirmation or take the step in faith to publicly be received into the Episcopal Church at the 10:15 service. The 8 a.m. will feature a Renewal of our Baptismal vows and be a part of this special day as well. There will be much to enjoy and celebrate as well with a fantastic reception after both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. Thanks as well to the Parish Life Committee, the Mason's, the Chapman's and the Darrah's for putting these important hospitality efforts together. You don't want to miss out on worship this Sunday. Please come be a part of the day.

MESSY CHURCH Halloween, Weds., October 31, 4-5:30 p.m.

This is our very first Messy Church Event: Halloween and All Saints worship and celebration. It will include stories, treats, fun games and even really fun activities! Kids, parents and parishioners of ALL



ages are welcome. (We really want parents to join in on the fun with their kids as a family activity!) Costumes are also welcome and encouraged! 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. If you have any questions, please contact **Brooke LaMonica** 603-275-6249

Stewardship Ahead!

That word “Stewardship” can be one of those words that causes us to run for the hills, like the long pledge drive talks of PBS, NPR or one of your favorite radio stations. *What if Stewardship got you excited instead?* A time for visioning, making decisions about the future, *spiritual growth* and learning more in depth about what is happening at your church? Well, all these things will be goals of our stewardship efforts for 2019. We start with a small feature this Sunday and launch the full effort next Sunday 10/28.

During the stewardship pledge period, 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. *Ultimately, 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.

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.

Don't forget the Yankee Candle fundraiser for your Christmas shopping 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. Info: Robin Flynn at r.j.flynn@comcast.net or Maggi Heyer at mhey121@hotmail.com.

See the Award-Winning Documentary “IT'S CRIMINAL,” Sunday, October 28, at 4 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry (see attached) The 80-minute documentary will be followed by a discussion led by the film's director, Signe Taylor. The documentary has been screened at film festivals across the country and has won many awards. <https://www.itiscriminal.com/about/>

Prayers of the People

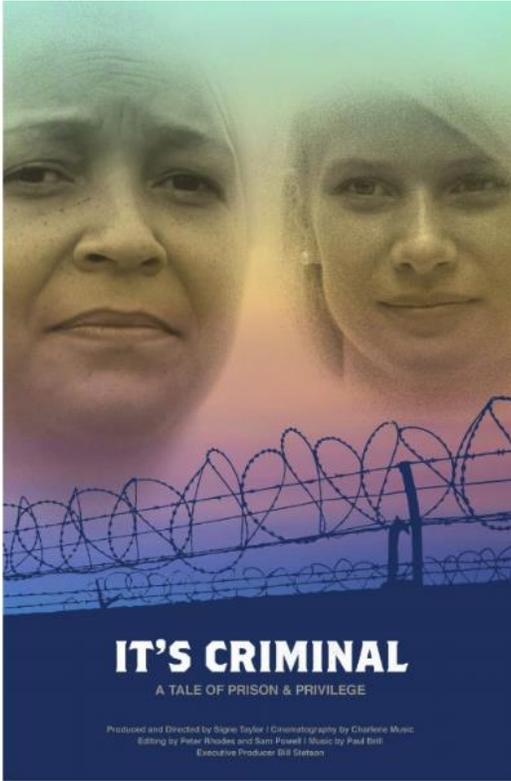
Prayers for the **Collins family**, for the extended **Lawrence family**, and for the repose of **Eva Lawrence** (Christine's grandmother); special prayers for **Tom Baker**; Ingrid and Mark Chapman ask for your prayers for their daughter **Lisa**. Please pray for **Nick**, Anne Darrah's cousin's husband; 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: Ashley, Matt and Draken Buscanera; Andrew, Ashley and Emma Budelman; Rebecca, Lyle, Megan, and Nathaniel Carnahan; Deb Carpenter

Attendance: Tuesday, 10/9, 9 a.m., 8; Thursday, 10/11, 7 p.m., 8; Sunday, 10/14, 8 a.m., 17; 10:15 a.m., 36

Join Us for a Free Showing of the Award-Winning Documentary ...



“IT’S CRIMINAL”

... including a discussion with the Director, Signe Taylor

**Sunday, October 28, at 4 p.m.
Etz Hayim Synagogue,
1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH**

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On October 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., the award-winning documentary of *It's Criminal* will be shown at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, NH, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, New Hampshire.



The 80-minute documentary will be followed by a discussion led by the film's director, Signe Taylor. The documentary shares the life-changing journeys of incarcerated women and Dartmouth College students working together to write and perform an original play that explores the often painful and troubled paths that landed the women behind bars, and shares some of their fragile visions for the future.

The movie delves into privilege, poverty, and injustice, and asks viewers to think about who is in prison and why. In addition to exploring disparities, *It's Criminal* also captures how the students and prisoners struggled and ultimately succeeded in overcoming their fears and prejudices to form hard-won bonds of friendship, showing that empathy is a powerful force that can help bridge the divide.

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