



The Signpost Weekly!

November 11, 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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Calendar

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| Sunday, November 11 | Wednesday, November 14 |
| ☆ Ministry Minute – John Svitak | • Property Committee – 1 or 2 p.m. |
| • 8 a.m. Worship Service | Thursday, November 15 |
| • 9:15 a.m. – Adult Formation – Coffee and Conversations | • 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study |
| • 10 a.m. Sunday School | Sunday, November 18 |
| • 10:15 a.m. Worship Service | • 8 a.m. Worship Service |
| Monday, November 12 | • 9:15 Adult Formation: |
| • 9 a.m. Yoga | • 10 a.m. Sunday School |
| • 6:30 p.m. Bishop's Committee | • 10:15 a.m. Worship Service |
| Tuesday, November 13 | • 4 p.m. Hampstead Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service |
| • 9 a.m., Morning Prayer | |
| • 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study | |

Adult Formation- "Coffee and Conversation."
Bring your questions!

A Food and Clothing Drive for Liberty House

 ... a sign that WINTER is really here. One of the founding members of St C's, Roy Jeffery, is a Navy VET who was an unarmed MEDIC supporting Marines in the Pacific during WW2. As a tribute to Roy, this year St C's will be supporting Liberty House in Manchester. There are 8 veterans in residence. They are also a support network for other homeless VETS in the area. Protein rich food & WARM clothes are needed and listed on the attached flyer. There will be collection boxes in the foyer for donations. We will be delivering the collected items the week after Thanksgiving.

Reflections for Remembrance After 100 Years

For many of our Anglican cousins in the UK, New Zealand, Canada and Australia, this Sunday marks a bittersweet commemoration, the end of World War I on the 'eleventh day at the eleventh

hour of 1918.' When visiting churches in Scotland, I have sometimes been struck and moved by the massive list of people there who are commemorated for sacrificing their lives in that war. I have found the memories expressed from these churches' difficult mixes of pride, loss, sadness and hope - it was supposed to be the war that ended all wars. In these memorials, the churches seek to hold the tension between God's inexorable desire for us to love our neighbors as ourselves regardless of nationality and honoring the real-life losses and sacrifices of people in wars.



While the US entered the World War I later on, this experience includes us as well with many important stories worth remembering. Some parishioners have heard about the 'Hello Girls' – a book which includes the inspirational and heroic story of our own Carolyn Timbie's grandmother as one of the first woman veterans in the US Signal Corps in World War I. It tells the story of women going to risk their lives to try and restore peace and freedom to Europe. Our own national holiday of Veterans Day falls at the same day as Remembrance Day and is a part of remembering this event 100 years ago which still impacts us today.

The book "Sula" by Toni Morrison opens with the story of an African-American veteran of World War I returned home injured spiritually, emotionally and mentally by the war and left finding ways to cope on the edge of homelessness. This experience of veterans left without the support they should have has sadly not been limited just to veterans returning from the trenches of World War I. For example, St. Francis in his younger days was a POW himself, left traumatized from his experiences. And, while services have improved over time, veterans facing homelessness or food insecurity continue. A recent study in 2015 by Cambridge University found that one in four veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan experiences food insecurity.

Thank you!

PARISHIONERS HAVE BEEN DOING REALLY WELL KEEPING UP WITH THEIR 2018 PLEDGE PAYMENTS.

Pledge payments received		
w/e Nov. 4	\$	3,255
Pledge payment receipts budgeted w/e Nov. 4	\$	2,308
To reach our annual goal of	\$120,000:	
We budgeted total Pledge		
Payment receipts to-date:	\$101,539	
Actual receipts to-date:	\$103,120	

Oh NO! Do we really have to talk about snow?!

a team, and Fr. Zac will be preaching as one of the newest of the area clergy. These celebrations are wonderful times to gather and meet people from the faith community and town. It is a special occasion that you don't want to miss. If you want to come and have time, bring a plate of finger food to share, a wonderful contribution to the small reception held afterwards.

Upcoming Events

- ☆ **Saturday, Dec. 1**, Rockingham Choral Concert to be held here @ 7:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Sunday December 16**, St. Christopher's Lessons & Carols, (time TBA, but hold early p.m. open)

Snow Shoveling weather is coming soon

Please consider helping with this essential snow removal ministry to keep our church open and accessible during winter. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer on which you can indicate which week(s) you can be responsible for maintaining the entrance walkway, and on the front of the church, keeping all exit doors clear, and opening a walkway back to front of the parish house and the fuel oil fill up, and then on to the main parking lot. We have a new snow blower which handles snow removal quite effectively. Bob Leonard, Senior Warden, is heading up this ministry if you are interested or have questions.

Prayers of the People

Prayers for **Jeff Waymouth**; 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: Dave and Anne Darrah; Violet and James Demarco; Monica Dean and Kevin Sicard; Heather, Nathaniel, Emma, and Jacob Dias.

Attendance: Tuesday, 10/30, 9 a.m., 6; Wednesday, 10/31, 4 p.m., 12; Sunday, 11/4, 8 a.m., 22; 10:15 a.m., 45.

Ministry Minute - Easter Seals

Dear St. Christopher's, I want to take a minute and share with you all how thankful we are for St. Christopher's, and how much coming here helps my group of handicapped and disabled adults. My group has goals that need to be met, such as cooking, baking and crafts. This church helps them complete their goals during our weekly gatherings here. At other times, too, when the weather is scary, we come to the church, a safe place to be. We are lucky, because most ES groups don't even have a safe place. This group is very thankful for this in many ways.



Meeting and greeting members of this church is wonderful. People are so nice and welcoming to us - They make us feel good about ourselves and make us feel part of the church family. Sometimes it's hard with being out in the community where people can be harsh at times. This group loves to come here - a safe place. So please know that we are thankful for the church opening their doors and showing kindness to our group. Thank you all. Signed in hand by each member of the ES group.

Hampstead Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service, Sun., Nov. 18, 4 p.m.

On Sunday, November 18th at 4 p.m. at the Old Meeting House, many from area churches and



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE at the Old Meetinghouse Sunday, November 18 4 p.m. Traditional interfaith service of music, readings and prayers of thanksgiving. Sponsored by the Historic District Commission

synagogues will gather for the annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service, a tradition which harkens back to colonial times in our town. Area clergy will be leading the service as

"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."



<http://libertyhousenh.org/>

LIBERTY
HOUSE



ROY JEFFERY VETERANS' LIBERTY HOUSE SUPPLY DRIVE NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S IS LAUNCHING A
SUPPLY DRIVE FOR LIBERTY HOUSE,
SUNDAY, Nov. 11, THRU FRIDAY, Nov. 30.**

**Would you like to be a part of this effort? Collection boxes
are in the church foyer, just inside the main entrance.**



LIBERTY
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Needs Wishlist

FOOD

**(Note: If canned, use cans with
pop or pull tops.)**

- Tuna Fish, Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Ravioli & Chef Boyardee
type products
- Soup

CLOTHING

- Jackets, Rain Coats
- Winter Coats, New Underwear
- Gloves/Mittens, Winter Hats

OTHER

- Tents, Tarps
- Backpacks, Can Openers



**Liberty House, 75 W. Baker
Street, Manchester, NH 03103
(603) 669-0761**

<http://libertyhousenh.org/>

Since 2004, for 300 American veterans, transitioning out of homelessness, Liberty House has provided substance-free, safe, and supportive housing.

At Liberty House, veterans work together to rebuild confidence, enhance skills, and lead fulfilling, substance-free lives. Liberty House has provided support thanks to the generosity of our donors, the VFW, the community at large, and Annette (Paczosa) Nelson.

Residents stay for 90 days to one year. During their time, they follow Our Four Step Model, which is: Recovery, Health and Wellness, Employment, Housing.

Liberty House walks alongside each resident and collaboratively creates individual goals. Then they are connected to community resources that will help them achieve their goals.

Additionally, the veteran community provides support, such as: food, furniture, limited financial support, sleeping bags, clothing, bus passes, help obtaining dd-214's, tents, housewares, gas cards, resources/referrals, and backpacks.

Rockingham Choral Society

Alex Favazza ~ Director

You're Invited...

to

Shout for Joy!

a piece by Robert DeCormier , also featuring
Fantasia on Christmas Carols by R. Vaughan Williams

**Saturday December 1st 7:30PM
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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**Sunday, December 2nd 7:30PM
Exeter Congregational Church
Exeter, NH**

**General Admission: \$15.00 at the door - \$12.00 in advance
Seniors and Students: \$12.00 at the door - \$10.00 in advance**

Children under 12 free

**advance tickets available online at
www.rockinghamchoralsociety.org**

Group rates available

Call: 603-988-9676

