



The Signpost Weekly

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

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Calendar

Sunday, March 24

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 Adult Formation – Entering the Passion of Jesus
- 10:15 a.m. Worship

- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, March 25

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, March 26

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

Thursday, March 28

*** Building Closed for Major Plumbing Repair**
***No services; Lenten Dinner cancelled.**

Friday, March 30,

- 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 6

- **VENDOR BINGO**

Sunday, April 7

Sunday, April 14

➤ **PALM SUNDAY**

****IMPORTANT** Building Closed Thursday for Major Plumbing Repair**

You might recall that we have had some plumbing issues of late with clogged drains and non-functioning toilets. This has happened three times in the last four months. The problem is that over time there has been significant rust buildup in our septic line reducing a four-inch pipe down to two inches in one spot, which eventually causes backup. We've arranged to make the repair on Thursday, which means we need to close the building for the day. Thursday services are cancelled, along with the Lenten Supper. AA meetings are not affected as they do not meet Thursday nights. E-mail Senior Warden Bob Leonard at bobdranoel@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

A Note About the Beginning of Services in Lent The first Sunday of Lent, we began with the Great Litany. Last Sunday you might have noticed we started a little differently with confession at the very beginning rather than in the middle of the service. This is a traditional Episcopal custom in Lent. Starting with the confession, reminds us that in the season of

Lent we examine ourselves and ready ourselves for returning to the Story of the Cross and the Way of the Resurrection. In Easter we will return to the usual opening for the liturgy.

Revival: Reimagined - Finding Meaning, Purpose & Community, May 4th- To Register, follow [this link](#):



This is going to be an incredible event you don't want to miss. It will be held at Windham Middle School. We received confirmation from **Bishop Rob** that he is excited to be part of the Revival and will give one of the key talks in the afternoon session along with **Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons.**

Carolyn Timbie will also be bringing her bluegrass band members to celebrate and worship as part of the Revival.

This day of renewal and evangelism just keeps getting better and better, and it comes in two parts.

The afternoon portion from one to five p.m. will be focused on us Episcopalians, and getting us to think about good evangelism as well as engaging the skeptical and time deficit world we live in. Free dinner will be from 5-6. And then, at 6 p.m. we'll start a celebration Eucharist with lively worship and dynamic speaking, sharing and engagement.

The 'Way of Love' approach to faith has many faith and gifts when it comes to connecting faith and pop culture. ***This event will nourish your faith and inspire your imagination.*** Hope you can be part of it.

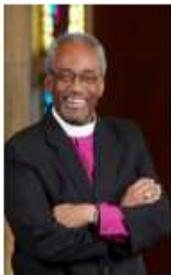


- Palm Sunday April 14**
8 a.m. & 10:15 Services
Palm Procession both Services
- Holy Monday, April 15,**
7 p.m. service
- Holy Tuesday, April 16,**
7 p.m. Service
- Tenebrae, Weds., April 17,**
7 p.m. Service
- Maundy Thursday, April 18,**
6:30 p.m., Supper
7:30 p.m., Service
- Good Friday, April 19**
12 noon, Stations of the Cross;
7:30 p.m. Service
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20,**
9 p.m. Service
- Easter Sunday**
8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Services
Easter Egg Hunt follows
10:15 Service)

Bishop's Committee Calling

Over the next few weeks the Bishop's Committee (BC) will be doing something new. A member of the BC will be giving you a call for input and to share a little about the exciting things happening at St. Christopher's. In 2018 the BC in concert with the parish in Stewardship season developed a Vision. Part of that Vision is improving communication between parish leadership and the congregation. We hope that this will be a step in building connections for our parish community.

PB+J*



* **Presiding Bishop's
Jamboree
with Youth**

**Saturday,
April 27,
1:30-3 p.m.,**

Cathedral Church of St.
Paul, 138 Tremont
Street, Boston

**A special
conversation
program with
middle and high
school youth
and their
mentors, with
the PB.**

Presiding Bishop's Jamboree with Youth in Boston- High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers from across New England are gathering for a youth jamboree with Michael Curry Saturday, April 27. We just received invitations for youth of the Diocese of New Hampshire and are letting you know as soon as we heard about it. Exact times for our youth group trip there are still a little subject to change, but we can plan for departing the church at around 11AM and returning between 5 & 6PM. Let us know if your teen can make it! Contact Fr. Zac Harmon to register: vicar-stchristophers@gmail.com

St. C's Sunday School staff recently did a clean out of our supplies. Some of our "no-longer-needed", new and gently used items for children were donated to the Easter Seals program which meets weekly here at St. C's. On Sunday, March 31 and April 7 we will be placing the rest of these children's items in the vestibule so that families can look them over and take them home. Please feel free to take whatever you want. The more you take, the

less I have to cart off to the thrift store. *Corinne Dodge*



Episcopal Relief & Development

(ERD) is the Church's compassionate response to human suffering both here in the United States, and the rest of the world. ERD brings together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

ERD Gifts for Life

Gifts for Life is one of the ERD programs which gives us a chance to share with our brethren abroad practical and substantial gifts, such as animals (like chickens, a pig, etc.), seeds or fruit trees (like sugar beans, mango or banana), health care (like nutrition,



basic medicine), or disaster relief (like from floods, hurricanes, earthquakes). As part of outreach activities, the Outreach Committee has set aside \$200 from this year's outreach funds to match gifts members of the parish give to Gifts for Life. Go online and check them out.Want to help? Contribute and have your gift amount matched? Just send in a check to St. Christopher's Church with ERD GFL in the memo line and we will match any gift up to \$200 Let's make it something special to do during Lent and Holy Week, April 14 - 21! Are you in? Questions? Go to the Gifts for Life website for more information about their gift ideas.

Choir- Have you ever thought you would like to sing in the choir or be a part of our lively & melodic choral group at church? The St, Christopher's Choir would be delighted to have a few more members. If singing is something you've always loved to do or if you're looking for a way to get involved, just let our choir director, Nicholas Pothier, know you could be interested: Nicholas.pothier@gmail.com

Easter Flowers – Some members of the parish like to remembering or honor someone with Easter Flowers for the altar. If you would like to make a donation, complete and return a "Flower" envelope in the foyer and put it in the plate (or mail to St. Christopher's) by Palm Sunday, April 14th. Please

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put "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Names of those so honored as well as the donors are published in the Sunday Bulletin.



SAT, APR 6 AT 6 PM - 9 PM
Vendor Bingo

It's time for Vendor Bingo!

Bring your good luck charms because it's time for Vendor BINGO!!! Vendor Bingo is when vendors like (Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Lu La Roe, Lipsense, Rodan and Fields, Tupperware, etc) donate a prize for BINGO. Each vendor calls a game of bingo & the winner gets the donated item from the vendor as the prize. There will be an adult winner/child winner. The child winners will have prizes that are age appropriate. There will be 10 games of Bingo for \$15/person. And there will be snacks for purchase. It's a super family friendly event. Come play BINGO! You won't be sorry ... wicked fun!!!! Doors open at 6, and games begin at 6:30.

To sign up to help during the event, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548a4a82ea20-vendor>

Southern Convocation Minutes

February 26, 2019

Host: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

From St. Christopher's, Fr. Zac Harmon and delegates Barbara Hughes, Tone Crossman, Pam Vazquez

Opening Prayer: Rev. Nancy Vogel's

Election of Co-convenor: Colin Chapman, St. Peter's Londonderry was unanimously re-elected.

St. Matthew's shared that it is the 10th anniversary of their Community Clothing Center which provides people of the community and various agencies with donated clothing. The center has been highly successful, and a percentage of funds contributes to St. Matthew's Operating Budget. Congratulations!

St. Christopher's, Fr. Zachary Harmon, announced an exciting event, "Revival Reimagined." It will take place on Saturday, May 4, at Windham Middle School, Windham, NH. St. Christopher's and St. Peter's are working together to put on this event. Fr. Zac showed a video, "Stirring the Spirit," which introduced what a Revival is. The purpose of this evangelical event is to open people up to find meaning and purpose within our communities. The essence is, to find a deeper commitment to Jesus, love God, Share God's Love with others, make change through Love,

and "A Jesus Movement." Fr. Zac handed out posters to all promoting the Revival.

Delegates broke into partners to share "What are you most excited about in your parish?" "How would you tell someone outside of your church about that?"

The meeting closed with prayer. The next Convocation is March 26, 2019 7 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church Manchester. *Pam Vazquez, Delegate*

Prayers of the people

Doug & Maggi Heyer just lost a very dear friend to ALS. Please keep **Lawrie Taylor** and his family in your prayers. Condolences to Scott Webster, and prayers for the repose of his mother, **Harriette**. Prayers for Pam Vazquez niece's husband, **Ryan Turner**, who is having open heart surgery Monday, March 18; for Ginette's grandson, **Chase**, and his parents in the face of long-term medical disabilities; for **Peggy Baker**. 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 **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason**, **Lucille Gigeure**. 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**, and their daughter, **Lisa**. Pray for the repose of **Anita Pauley**, and prayers for her son **Brian Shankey**. **Serving in the Military**: For Pam Vazquez's son Army Ranger 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez, for Del's cousins, Daniel, Matthew and Sandra.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Ken and Edie Swenson, Sarah, Michael, Genevieve, and Alexander Taglieri, Penny, Anthony, and Kyle Tomasi..

Attendance

Tuesday, 3/12, 5; Thursday, 3/14, 15;
Sunday, March 17, 8 a.m., 17

2019 Pledge Donations

Status Report YTD

Pledge Donations Received w/e 03/10/2019	\$ 2,354
Weekly Pledge donation budgeted (\$117,000/yr	\$ 2,250
Yr. to Date donations received to 03/03/2019	\$24,709
Budgeted to be received by 03/03/2019	\$22,500

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