



The Signpost Weekly

June 9, 2019

DAY OF PENTECOST

Fr. Zac Harmon, Vicar

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Calendar

Sunday, June 9

- 8 and 10:15 Services
- 9:15 Adult Formation, Pentecost Possibilities: Rich theological ideas from other languages
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, June 10

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, June 11

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

Thursday, June 13

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

Sunday, June 16

GRADUATE SUNDAY Part 2

- 8 and 10:15 Services
- 9:15 Adult Formation – After 10:15 Service
- END OF SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR PARTY, Supersoaker Fest

The Many Tongues of Pentecost

We have parishioners offering their gifts at both services to share reading Scripture in another language. Come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit this Sunday- wear red for the holy fire which glowed brightly on Pentecost Day.

WOW! Thank You! The 5K Challenge Over the Top!

We've met the 5K challenge, ... and then some!! **Thank you.** Lots of people have been asking and the news is very, very good so far. Currently we've received \$6,300 to match the \$5,000 anonymous donation. *That means in total we've raised \$11,329 to help cover needed repairs for the building and grounds of the church and God's transformative work which happens here.* This is all fantastic news in meeting the 5K match. Thank you again to all who have given and to all who have kept the 5K challenge in their prayers.

Graduate Sunday this Sunday Part I

This Sunday we will be celebrating some of our graduates with a blessing to recognize their accomplishment and send them on their next steps in life. This Sunday we will be recognizing **Emma**

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Lanseigne's graduation from Sanborn High School and **Bradley LaMonica's** graduation from University of New Hampshire. Congratulations! Parish Life is also putting on a reception with cake too. More graduations, (Part 2) will be recognized the following Sunday too on Sunday June 16

Please note change: End of Year Sunday School Party-will be next Sunday, June 16.

It turns out this Sunday wasn't the best for kids and families and so we've moved the celebration to Sunday June 16 and now know there will be many squirt gun and water -balloon filled festivities on that day! Thanks for bearing with the change. Special thanks to Brooke LaMonica and Corinne Dodge for coordinating Sunday school this year. Thanks as well to Jean Sanders, Jane Roth, Michelle Christian, Brady Mason, Kym Schuler, Chrissy Mason and Noelle Schreiber for their help this year in Sunday School.

Church Leadership Initiative and St. Christopher's

One more great opportunity and development happened at St. C's. Bishop Rob Hirschfeld and Canon Benge Ambrogi nominated St. Christopher's



to participate in the Episcopal Church Foundation's (ECF) **Church Leadership Initiative**, "From Economic Challenges to Transformational Opportunities," and we have been accepted into their ongoing development program as well, providing us additional support..

This week to start the leadership development

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program, a team of clergy and lay leaders went to the conference for a few days at the Episcopal Camp Kanuga in North Carolina. For the lay team,

the program specified a senior leader and a new leader along with the priest. Bob Leonard went as Senior Warden and Julia Nye went as a new BC member. The program paid for food and lodging. Each participant paid their own travel expenses, thus there was no cost to St. Christopher's. Fr. Zac went utilizing his continuing education time. The team worked hard with training sessions which went from dawn till dark, and a tremendous amount has been learned and gained about how parishes can adapt to the new challenges we face - from family ministries to Stewardship to adaptive skills. Please ask **Bob** or **Julia** if you would like to know more. Stay tuned for more!

St Christopher's Spring/-Summer Clothing Drive to benefit Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Derry

Do you or your family have any Children's, Women's, or Men's summer clothing in good condition that are no longer being used? *Bring them to St C's on Sunday June 9, place them in a box marked "Clothing Drive", and I will see that they are put to good use by the Soup Kitchen guests in Derry. Our winter drive for Sonshine was such a success, and we thank you very much. Corinne Dodge*

we can borrow for the day, Saturday, August 3. Typical board dimensions are 48" x 24", with back of platform sitting 12" off the ground. Contact Doug or Maggie Heyer at dhever821@gmail.com.

Of course, if you don't happen to have a corn hole set to lend us, perhaps you would consider building one, ... or two. Here's how ... **[How to Build a Cornhole Set from DIY Network](#)**. They say, building a set is a fairly easy woodworking project that you can tackle in a day. Here's a video on YouTube: **["How to Build Cornhole Toss Boards - A Fun and Easy DIY Project."](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41tZPYkAFvE)** **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41tZPYkAFvE>** *We appreciate your help making this a fun and successful event. More information on the tournament to follow.*

Prayers of the people

Prayers for Ginette's grandson, **Chase**, and his parents in the face of long-term medical disabilities. 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**. **Prayers for Alex Handel**.

Serving in the Military: For Pam Vazquez's son, First Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez, an Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; for Del's cousins, Daniel, Matthew and Sandra.

Parish cycle of prayer: Oliver and Mary Ford; Natalie Gallo; Br. David and Ann Gerns



August 3

HELP WANTED!
Something new ... Sounds Like Fun!! Cornhole

Tourney Coming to St. Christopher's. What's that? It's when we are having a cornhole tournament on Saturday, August 3rd. **WE NEED YOUR HELP. To run a successful event, we will need **cornhole boards and bags**. And here's where you come in. Ask your family, your neighbors, your friends if they have a corn hold set**

Attendance

6/2, 8:00am, 20; 10:15am, 40

ST ANNE'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY is in dire need of canned pastas with meat , soups, juice boxes, canned chicken, cereal. saltines. Ritz crackers and baking goods.

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BULLETIN INSERTS

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Day of Pentecost

Today we mark Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each” (Acts 2:1-6).

We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the Book of Common Prayer as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost.

Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 227).



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