



The Signpost Weekly

July 21, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, July 21

- 9 a.m. Eucharist, Canon Gail Avery, Diocese staff

Sunday, July 28

- St. Christopher's Saints Day
- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- Fr. Zac returns

Saturday, August 3

- Family Fun Day and Corn Hole Tournament.

Summer Schedule

Fr. Zac returns from vacation July 27. Senior Warden Bob Leonard can be contacted if emergency pastoral contact is needed (603-505-6188).

The committee planning our August 3 Family Fun Day and Cornhole

August 3

Tournament is hard at work to ensure the success of our summer outing and games. To participate in the Cornhole Tournament, you may register here at the [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cornhole-family-fun-day-st-christophers-tickets-63537978805) site:

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Please see the attached registration

and information flyer. You can provide much needed help and support by going to our [SignUp Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DABA728ABFC1-family) site and check off the things you can help us do to make the day a success,

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Summer is a great time to start reflecting on your call to church ministry, how God is calling you to serve in his little corner of the world at St. Christopher's. Many are well aware of their calling, they serve faithfully, whether it be in the choir, in Sunday School, in the church office, setting God's table as Sacristans, as a member of the Bishop's Committee, or delivering food to the food pantry, or sending out greeting cards. Many of these ministries are ongoing, some are not. But it's fair to say that for

the most part, everything you see and hear at the church is the work of another parishioner. So if you can take the time this summer to reflect on ministering at St. Christopher's, you'll be glad you did, and so will our parish!



Our church really does need you.

The truth is, every church everywhere can always use volunteers! So jump in! You never know who will be encouraged by your faithfulness. Even your church's leaders might feel discouraged if no one steps forward, so be a blessing and get involved!

God calls you to serve.

The Bible is full of instances where God calls us to serve others. In fact, Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) tells us God has designed us for good works: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We're also called to be like Jesus: to live like He lived (1 John 2:6), love like He loved (John 15:12), and serve like He served (Mark 10: 44-45). The Bible calls all of us to serve and minister across our communities. That's the essence of a church. It's not a building or a structure, it's a group of people joined together, growing in the Lord and bringing Christ to those who don't know Him. By actively serving, you're joining that mission!

You'll actually enjoy it.

There's a reason Proverbs 11:25 (NIV) tells us, "Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." It's because helping others doesn't just benefit them. It's good for us too. When we sacrifice our own time and give of ourselves to others, we become more like Jesus. We become humble, compassionate, and tender-hearted. We've sacrificed something to give to others, but in turn, we feel richer, like we have a purpose. It also opens doors to deeper relationships and stronger community.

<https://www.stewardship.com/articles/>

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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:

Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask;

Through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Ministry vs Job

Some people have a job in the church. Others invite themselves into a ministry. What's the difference you ask?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you quit because someone criticized you, it's a job. If you keep on serving, it's a ministry.

If you'll do it as long as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a job. If you are committed to staying even if it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

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It's hard to get excited about a job. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

If your concern is success, it's a job. If your concern is faithfulness and service, it's a ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job!

http://www.appleseeds.org/Ministry_Job.htm

SAVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

for a celebration of the music ministry of Nick Pothier, our Music Director and Choir Master.

Many thanks from Barbara Hughes

The final tally for the 2019 Crop Hunger Walk has finally come in and the Grand Total is \$13,504.05. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this year's walk a success. Next year's walk will be hosted by the Atkinson Congregational Church.

Our Pledge payments over the summer – As we vacation and enjoy the summer weather, we tend to delay our giving or making pledge payments. Needless to say, it's important for our finances to stay on an even keel. Whatever you can do to stay

current is appreciated.

Calling all musicians of the parish..... as you know, our wonderful musician, Nick Pothier, is leaving us to pursue his musical career in the Baltimore area. This means there is an opportunity for YOU to offer your musical gifts on a Sunday in August, at the 9 a.m. summer service. If you play an instrument or sing, or have friends you play with, please consider joining us on one of those Sundays and add music to our service. Please contact Maureen Dadekian asap at: meleneh@gmail.com or 603-770-7751

Searching for a New Music Minister

If you know of any musicians who can play piano/organ and lead a choir, you can contact Fr. Zac at vicarstchristophers@gmail.com to find out more.

Prayers of the people

Prayers for **Mark Chapman** for an unexpected trip to the hospital this week, now recuperating at home. Prayers for little **Whitley McArthur** who had surgery on the 16th. We are hoping she will be feeling better and cleared to come back to church for children's mass 7/28! Thank you!" **Nicole and Kyle McArthur**. 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: Bob Leonard, Sr. and Joyce Ryan; Mariana LeSage; Brooke and Bradley LaMonica

Attendance

Sunday, 7/14, 9 a.m., 44.

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Lord, strengthen your servants and
move us to a true sense of ministry and service,
through your grace and mercy. Amen.