



The Signpost Weekly

August 18, 2019
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Fr. Zac Harmon, Vicar

<http://www.stchristophersnh.org>

Calendar

Sunday, August 18

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 Followed by reading Scripture workshop.,

Monday, August 19

7:30 Opioid Support Group:
Sunday, August 25

- 9 a.m. Worship Service

Music this Sunday provided by Brooke LaMonica on Violin and Terry Derricco on Flute

Music Committee (Maureen Dadekian, Natalie Gallo & Katie Waymouth) is in the search process and anticipates holding initial interviews with applicants this week for our new Music Minister position. Please hold all who are involved in this process in prayer that God may guide our selection of a new music minister.

Reading Scripture Workshop This Sunday, August 18th We'll be holding a workshop on reading Scripture aloud in the service Sunday August 18th after the 9AM service. If you are part of this great ministry at St. Christopher's or if you would like to read or consider reading, please come to this workshop. It will be fun, enlivening and also likely deepen faith. Each reader embodies and interprets God's word by how they read. Reading scripture is an awesome opportunity to share God's word.

Reminder: We return to two services on Sunday September 8th, one service at 8AM and the other at 10:15 AM.

October Yard Sale Update – Don't Forget

Yes, we're still doing it! The Hampstead Community Yard Sale. So, don't forget to keep us in mind with any yard sale items you come across as you do summer cleaning and general clean outs. Summer is such a good time for that. There is a little bit of storage at the church if you want some place to

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bring your items to between now and then. Yard Sale coordinators are Maggie Heyer and Lyn Rockwell.

Nursery Summer Clean-up

In this time of summer and break from our Sunday school program, we could use a couple people to step up and sort through toys and clean the nursery. We put this in last week's Signpost and announced it on Sunday, but no one has yet stepped up to help with this. The nursery is getting a little cluttered with too many toys and could use general straightening and some more intensive cleaning. We are gifted with this space and between Sundays and Recovery meetings at church our nursery gets a fair amount of use. A room for small children and families is of utmost importance and a holy ministry to care for. If you have any extra time in August or early September and could help with this important need, it would be much appreciated. Please let Brenda Getchell or Lyn Rockwell (Property Co-Chairs) know if you could help with this.

What is at the heart of St. Christopher's?

This last week the Bishop's Committee began to develop our church's Core Values as a follow-up to the Episcopal Church Foundation Conference that Bob, Julia and Fr. Zac attended in June. Defining Core Values helps our church see the good work God has been doing in our church community over the years and the good work God continues to do. It is also to help us see what kind of church community God is calling us to be.

What are the values which have been true of St. Christopher's for years and years and years? What are the values that a newcomer senses right away when they walk into the sanctuary on a Sunday morning?

Welcome/Hospitality is one which comes up often. What do you think?

Your input is important. We'll be giving a formal process for input, but if you have some ideas

you would like to share, you can talk to a BC member to share your thoughts and hopes.

Why Church?

In today's world, spirituality is often thought of as something done on our own. Do we need others on our spiritual journey though? Here's a thought:

"Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people... try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church." -Rachel Held Evans, Episcopal author.



What a send-off! Godspeed Nick-

We had a moving going away party for our Organist and Choir Director Nick Pothier last Sunday. The parish presented him with a gift certificate for Metropolitan Opera tickets and some extra money to help with the move from the

generosity of parishioners. A lovely prayer written by Joyce Ryan was also framed with a St. Christopher's medal by Ann Gerns. Parish Life Committee put together a wonderful brunch. Thanks to Karen Groves, Peggy Baker, Joyce Ryan, Tone Crossman, Natalie Gallo and Glen Gallo for helping with brunch preparations.

May the road rise to meet you and the wind be ever at your back, Nick.



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.

Prayers of the people

Prayers for **Mark Chapman**. Prayers for **Hannah Collins**. Prayers for Ginette's grandson, **Chase**, and his parents in the face of long-term medical disabilities. Pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; for **Gretta**; 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.

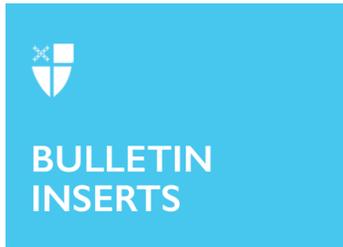
Parish cycle of prayer: Joe, Michelle, Logan, and Matthew O'Leary; Lori, Dean and Jenna Parrillo; Laura Posey and Chris Penta; Julia Nye, Kim and Chelsea Peters, and Michaela Bilodeau

Attendance: 8/11, 9 a.m., 52.



Thanks to Brenda Getchell for the lovely flower boxes, and for weeding the gardens in the front of the church.

"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."



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Episcopal Evangelism Grants

Episcopal institutions can now apply for the next round of the Episcopal Evangelism Grants Program, designed to fund local and regional evangelism efforts in the Episcopal Church. **The application deadline is October 1.**

“At its best, evangelism is a response to the deepest needs of our neighbors and communities,” said the Rev. Devon Anderson, chair of Executive Council’s Episcopal Evangelism Grants Committee. “We aim to catalyze initiatives and experiments that can teach us more about how to spread the gospel in all of The Episcopal Church’s diverse contexts.”

The grant program, which began in 2017 as a result of the 2015 General Convention’s increased investment in evangelism galvanized by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, awards up to \$2,000 for an individual congregation and up to \$8,000 for multi-church, diocesan and regional collaborations.

The grants committee, said Anderson, is seeking proposals that will:

- Create and spread resources that equip Episcopalians and churches to become evangelists and to share and receive faith stories in daily life.
- Create opportunities for people who are not part of a faith community to build their own loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with God in Christ.
- Aim for lasting, broad impact.
- Employ innovation and creativity.
- Promote churchwide learning, understanding and practical application.

“Recently, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry challenged the staff of The Episcopal Church and the members of Executive Council when he exhorted us to remember that our job is to ‘equip the Church to be the Jesus Movement in the world.’ That equipping is what this program aims to do,” said Jerusalem Greer, staff officer for evangelism for The Episcopal Church, who serves on the Episcopal Church’s Evangelism Initiatives Team.



Congregations, dioceses, provinces, schools, monastic communities, and other Episcopal organizations are eligible to apply. Regional collaborative partnerships with non-Episcopal entities are welcome as long as an Episcopal entity is the project leader, active manager, and reporting agent. Groups receiving grants are expected to make significant financial contributions toward their projects, and to report what they have learned to the wider church. Projects associated with seminaries and formation programs are encouraged to explore funding through the Episcopal Evangelism Society.

The Episcopal Evangelism Grants program is coordinated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church in collaboration with the staff team. The Grants Committee will make its recommendations to Executive Council in December, and funds will be distributed in early 2020. The grant application, criteria, and additional information is available at episcopalchurch.org/evangelism-grants. **The application deadline is October 1, 2019 at 11 pm Eastern.**