



The Signpost Weekly

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Saturday, August 3

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Family Fun Day and Corn Hole Tournament.

Sunday, August 4

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:15 Summer Adult Formation,

Sunday, August 11

- 9 a.m. Worship Service and Celebration of the Music Ministry of Nick Pothier, followed by potluck

August 3
Come play with us!

Family Friendly Cornhole Tournament Saturday August 3rd, 10AM-2PM

The anticipated Cornhole tournament is upon us. We've advertised on Facebook, sent out press releases, posted flyers and announced. It will be a fun day with some good food. We'll have fun kids games and a coveted trophy to strive for!



**One important piece:
Share, Share, Share;
Invite, Invite, Invite!**

Please share this event on Facebook and invite your friends. This is an easy way to connect with church and make new friends and have a great time too. Invites in person or on Facebook are one of the most effective ways of getting the word out too.

Not sure what Cornhole is? It's like beanbag toss, and it is an up and coming yard game. Requires minimal athleticism, but a highly deft touch and a bit of luck help a lot!

To participate in the Cornhole Tournament, just show up.



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

as part of our worship service is a celebration of the music ministry of Nick Pothier, our Music Director and Choir Master. An appreciation ministry party potluck to follow. Come help show him our gratitude for his work with us, and to wish him well.



Reading Scripture Workshop 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.

Music Search Update- We have received some good applicants for our music minister position. Interviews will be in mid-August. The hope and goal is to have a music minister able to start by the end of September. There is still time to apply if you know of someone who might be interested and qualified for this position as well. You can let Fr. Zac or any of the music committee members know (Maureen Dadekian, Natalie Gallo or Katie Waymouth)

Parables- The Green Season in the church means its time for growth in learning about God and the wider body of Scripture. In particular we get to have some of the tough parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel of Luke. I would liken parables to experiencing a summer lake. If you get up at 5AM to take in the lake at sunrise, it will seem peaceful and calm. Go back to that lake in the heat of the day, and it might be humid, buggy and maybe filled with boats. Go back in the evening and it looks another way again.

Parables are like this ever shifting experience. To study a parable from one character's

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perspective will make it seem like the lesson is one thing. However, when we consider the parable from a second character's perspective it might look entirely differently.

Likewise, to focus on one word in a parable vs. another can change the way the parable reads. From one view the parable might seem difficult and challenging but look at it through the lens of another character or another focus word, and that same parable could seem reassuring. Some theologians even think Jesus had to tell parables in this way so that authorities, guards and censors wouldn't be alarmed, but that the common people Jesus spoke to would hear the message of God's love for them. This quote from Nadia Bolz-Weber (Lutheran pastor and writer) enriches the discussion of parables:

"Parables are metaphoric speech, part riddle, part joke, part fable and totally unsolvable. And they can be maddening which is why throughout Christian history people have tried to define what each one means and neatly allegorize them, so they are less mysterious -- Yet what makes Jesus' parables so powerful is that they are endless sources of meaning." The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lutheran Pastor & Writer.

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.

Be in the know about things happening at the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of NH.

E-News

A bimonthly newsletter is sent out via email to all church leaders, clergy and lay leaders, delegates, wardens, and retired clergy. Anyone who is interested may join the mailing list by emailing their interest to jquinn@nhepiscopal.org!

News from the Vine

News from the Vine is their seasonal printed newsletter. To join the mailing list please email your interest to jquinn@nhepiscopal.org.

Facebook and Twitter

For more frequent news updates, and information on things happening in the congregations around the

diocese, check us out on Facebook and Twitter. Find us on Facebook as Episcopal Church of NH and on Twitter as @NHEpiscopal (join the conversation using #NHEpiscopal and #tendingthevine). If you have things you would like to share, please send information to Lynn Eaton at leaton@nhepiscopal.org.

Tending the Vine

Tending the Vine is Bishop Rob's blog for sharing insight and inspiration. Check it out [HERE](#).

The Bulletin

The Bulletin is their online daily news feed. Great for real time news updates especially for those not so into Facebook and Twitter. Check it out [HERE!](#)

Prayers of the people

Prayers for **Mark Chapman**. Prayers for little **Whitley McArthur** who had surgery on the 16th. 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 **Greta**; 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: Andy, Christine, Brady, Colby, and Addison Mason; Roger and Mary Lou Mason; Jessica McCabe; Jim and Greta McElvanna.

Attendance: 7/28, 9 a.m., 39.



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