



The Signpost Weekly

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, August 13

- 9 a.m., Eucharist celebrated by Rev. David Plank
- Coffee and Conversation, following Eucharist

Monday, August 14

- 9-10 a.m., Monday Morning Yoga

Tuesday, August 15

- 5:30 p.m., Al-Anon

Our Faith inside the Boat

Sometimes today's gospel lesson is interpreted along the lines of the title of a book by John Ortberg, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get out of the Boat." The interpretation goes like this: Peter had the right idea when he got out of the boat, quite literally stepping out in faith. Peter, like all of us, is invited to step out into the storms of life where Jesus calls us to take courage, leave the safety of the boat, and



come to him. If we have enough faith in Jesus and keep our focus firmly on him, we will not sink, despite the wind and the waves. If only Peter had not become distracted. When he kept his eyes on Jesus, he could walk on water. When he got anxious and sidetracked from keeping his focus on Jesus, Peter, whose name means "rock," went down like a stone. Jesus wants us to be bold in our faith. Jesus wants us to walk on water, dream big, take risks in our lives. And if we can just be faithful enough, we will succeed.

Our Mission is ...

"St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, a welcoming spiritual community, living, acting and witnessing

our love for God." This is our Mission Statement as developed by a task force of the Bishop's Committee. A mission statement is an important aspect of strategic planning, for it defines who we are, what is distinctive about our place of worship, and what we aim to achieve. It gives direction to planning, sets parameters around our ministry, and helps to build on strengths and focus the use of resources.

Summer is always a high-need time for the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry, ... as low income families who rely on free and reduced lunches at school must cope with hungry children at home. The kinds of things that are important include peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned stew and fruit. Other items include cereal, pancake mix and spaghetti sauce and cooking oil. Toilet paper and personal care items are also high on the list because food stamps cannot be used to buy these types of things. Late summer gets especially hard, as families must pay fees to enroll their children in school, a drain on tight finances, as well as lack of a job, the costs of food and gas. The beginning of the month is easier, with food stamps, disability checks and Link cards coming in. By the end of the month, numbers jump drastically. St. Christopher's is a member of the Food Pantry, which serves as a "hunger safety net" for the residents of Atkinson, Danville, East Hampstead, Hampstead and Sandown NH. We members donate food to the Food Pantry throughout the year. In summer months, produce from our garden is donated as well.

Please remember that in August there will be only one worship service: Sunday at 9:00 am.

Joining us today as "Supply" Priest

Rev David Plank joins us today. He brings with him a wonderful sense of humor, and a knack for engaging us in his sermon.

Prayer for St. Christopher's

Good and gracious God, we come before you in a time of transition as we prepare to welcome a new priest at St. Christopher's Church. Jesus taught us to "seek first the Kingdom of God" and we need your grace to place the wishes and desires of our congregation in your hands. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us to follow your divine will and lead us as we await our new shepherd. Please help us to appreciate your wisdom in giving this time to us. Help us to practice patience. Give us the strength to listen openly with our hearts to you, each other and ourselves. Help us to practice listening. Show us your will and help us to let go of our egos so that we may work together as a community of Christ. Help us to practice humility. Please be with us, Lord, as we pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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was not built until 1876. Even though construction was not quite finished, the first service was held on August 4th of that year.

St. Andrew's is a unique example ... of a small rural stone chapel embellished by wooden trim, which owes much to both the Stick Style and late Gothic Revival style. Country English parish churches inspired the design of St. Andrew's. The interior is meant to look like a boat built upside down to incorporate the decorative wooden trusses, which support the heavy slate roof. Thirty-six long metal bolts hole each beam together. The walls are constructed of stones that may have been dragged from the shore. Each wall has five protruding round stones to form a cross. It was completed in 1877. The chapel is located at 30 Church Road, Rye Beach.

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Dave Darrah's nephew **Peter** who has been diagnosed with cancer and will be going through various treatments for the foreseeable future. Also, Dave asks for prayers for his brother, **Tom**, who suffers from Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsy (PSP) an aggressive form of Parkinson disease. Pray for the repose of the soul of Lyn Rockwell's friend **Dale**, and for her family in mourning; please pray for **Elaine**, a friend of Danielle LeClair; for Deb; for the soul of Anne

Darrah's cousin, for the **Steinhoff Family**; for **Zach**; for **Judy McCabe**; for **Roy Jeffrey**; **Liz Naters-Gamarra** and **Carmen, Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin** and for **George Gallo, Jr.**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace has been found and getting medical care, nourishment, and help in the many ways that he needs. **Serving in the Military**: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel**, **Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Summer Wish List Ecumenical Food Pantry

Juice, Spaghetti Sauce, Microwave Popcorn, Jelly/Fluff, Pudding, Tissues, Paper Towels, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant (M & F), Shampoo, Razors

 **St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea**
AN EPISCOPAL SUMMER CHAPEL

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St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Rye, NH, is one of nine summer chapels of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. From mid-June through early September, Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 (Holy Eucharist, Rite I), and 10 am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music), followed by refreshments served in the churchyard after both services. A number of St. Christopher's parishioners attend one or more services there each summer. Episcopal services actually began in Rye Beach in 1864 in the then nearby Farragut Hotel. This chapel

Practice gratitude. Encounter the Lord each day. Be present to others. Resist overwork. Nurture friendships. Give more. Make a difference in your parish community. Consider living more simply. Get healthy. Don't give up. Turn to the Lord.