



The Signpost Weekly

August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Hannah P. Anderson, Interim Vicar
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Calendar

Sunday, August 20

- 9 a.m., Eucharist celebrated by Canon Hannah
- Coffee and Conversation, following Eucharist

Monday, August 21

- 9-10 a.m., Monday Morning Yoga
- 7 p.m., Bishop's Committee

Tuesday, August 22

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

Tuesday's Women's Bible Study will be starting back up on Tuesdays Sept 12, from 9 to 10 a.m. It used to be 9:30-10:30...so the time is a change. Everyone is welcome! [Kara Maslowski](#)

Dear friends and members of St. Christopher's,

My husband and I will be returning to NH on Saturday after two weeks of vacation (sabbath time) in the Adirondacks. We created this pattern of rest and renewal fifteen years ago, renting a cabin that is nestled along a lake where we can swim, kayak, hike and enjoy a different rhythm of life together.

One of the ten commandments is to honor the Sabbath and keep it holy but, oh, how difficult it is to do this! In a culture that affirms and perpetuates the need to be 'on' twenty-four seven, it requires discipline to do otherwise: to unplug the cellphone, to turn off the television, to choose a background of silence rather than noise.

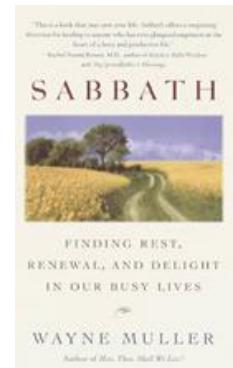
While the quiet and time off on a Sabbath is renewing, the theology underlining Sabbath is equally important to consider. Even when we are not striving to accomplish something or keep up with the pace of life around us, God is at work. On the Sabbath, we are reminded once again about the important distinction that we are not God. We are God's hands, feet, ears and words in the world—but we can rest assured that God can handle things as we step aside to be human, to rest. If you have not read [Sabbath by Wayne Mueller](#), I heartily

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recommend it. It is a personal reflection on the importance of Sabbath in his own life, wisdom earned the hard way by becoming seriously ill from overworking. One of the quotes he cites is:

The world is in need of the generosity of well-rested people.' I have been reflecting on this one sentence during my time away, wondering what I might change in my life pattern to be truly rested so that perhaps I can become a more generous person. Something to think about! Looking forward to worshipping with you on Sunday, Hannah+



Sunday, September 3rd – Don't Miss It!

Canon Hannah and Fr. Zac will celebrate a joint Eucharist service on September 3rd as a way of ending Hannah's time with St Christopher's and the start of Fr. Zac's ministry with us.



Sunday, September 10 There will be a formal welcome for Fr. Zac. What a joyous occasion for the congregation and Fr. Zac.

Where do we go from here: chaos or community (Video)

"In this moment – when the stain of bigotry has once again covered our land, and when hope, frankly, sometimes seems



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry,
August 17, 2017

far away, when we must now remember new martyrs of the way of love like young Heather Heyer – it may help to remember the deep wisdom of the martyrs who have gone before.” [MORE](#)

An interesting link posted as a resource on the Episcopal Church [website](#):

[Map of Hate Groups by State and Localities](#)
[Racial Reconciliation](#)



[A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hirschfeld: The Call of the Beloved Community in the Present Crisis](#)

EVIL. Aug. 17, 2017 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As Episcopalianians, we are noted for

Almighty God,
you have given your
only Son to be for us a
sacrifice for sin,

And also an example
of godly life:

Give us grace to
receive thankfully the
fruits of his redeeming
work,

And to follow daily in
the blessed steps of his
most holy life;

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

Amen.

plicated. Humility and modesty are powerful attitudes in an age of demagoguery and ...” [MORE](#)

Jean Lofthouse from the Ecumenical Food Pantry at St. Anne’s Church writes, “Thank you so much for continuing to collect food products and miscellaneous items needed at [Saint Anne Food](#)

Pantry. Some of the items that we are in desperate need of are Boost and Ensure in all flavors, vanilla chocolate and strawberry. We can always use canned soup and crackers. We also are in need of non-food items for which our clients cannot use food stamps, such as laundry detergent, toilet paper and Kleenex tissues. We are grateful for any contributions from the parishioners of Saint Christopher’s. We are so thankful for all of your help and we thank you with all our hearts and prayers.” Jean Lofthouse 603 498-4444

Prayers of the People

Please pray for a speedy recovery for **Tom Baker**. 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 Supranuclear 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**.

Attendance - 47 Sunday 8/13

Parish cycle of prayer: Kym, Rob and Connor Schuler; Jean Seeler-Gifford; Noelle, Michael, Jordyn, and Kyle Schreiber

Pledge Gifts/Intents as of Sunday, August 13, 2017,

expected and received.

Expected weekly pledge gifts	\$ 2,347.35
Actual pledge gifts last week	\$ 1,870.65
Expected pledge gifts cumulative (28/52)	\$77,462.42
Actual cumulative pledge gifts for 2017	\$69,468.58
Cumulative shortfall **	\$ 7,993.85

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August 20, 2017 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost (A): The Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Bartholomew on August 24.

One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, Bartholomew is known to us only by his being listed among them in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His name means “Son of Tolmai, and according to *Holy Women, Holy Men*, “He is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip, the ‘Israelite without guile’ in John’s Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man” (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, 538).

Unfortunately, this is the only information recorded about Bartholomew across the Gospels; few other historically reliable sources are available. Despite this lack of a reliable historical record, tradition has filled in several details around his travels, ministry, and martyrdom.

This *hagiography*, or writing of the life of a saint, has come to diverse conclusions. Some sources hold that church historians Jerome and Bede knew of a Gospel of Bartholomew, though such a text is lost to us today. Eusebius of Caesarea writes in the third century that a Hebrew text of Matthew’s Gospel was found in India by a traveling philosopher-theologian, attributed by locals to “Bartholomew, one of the Apostles.”

There is also a tradition that Bartholomew, along with the Apostle Jude Thaddeus, brought the gospel to Armenia. While there, they are reputed to have converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity, thus enraging the king’s brother, who ordered Bartholomew’s execution. The story holds that the apostle was flayed alive and crucified at Albanopolis, leading to a common (and sometimes grotesque) depiction of the saint as a man or skeleton holding his own skin.

There are at least 18 Episcopal churches named in honor of the saint, from California and the Dominican Republic to Michigan and Georgia. Perhaps the most famous example is St. Bart’s on Park Avenue in New York City, a rare example of Byzantine Revival architecture from 1916 and a National Historic Landmark.



Detail of St. Bartholomew the Apostle from Michelangelo's The Last Judgment

Collect for St. Bartholomew

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.