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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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CALENDAR

Monday, 01/30

Yoga Class, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, 01/31

Yoga Class, 6:30 p.m.

Family Promise Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thurs. 02/02

EFM, 6:30; Eucharist, 7 p.m., followed by Centering Prayer instruction and practice.

"It's Your Church! Own a piece of it," said Sr. Warden, Christine Collins, ...



... during her remarks at the last week's 2012 Annual Meeting. "You have given us so many wonderful ideas for the future of

St. Christopher's. As the leadership meets with Charles LaFond in February to discuss the next steps in the goal setting and planning process, I challenge each of you to reflect on the many facets of St. Christopher's ministries, and take action. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, we urge everyone to own a piece of it. Join one of our many committees. Don't have time on a monthly basis, approach a committee to offer your help in one project. Still too big? Offer one day. One day to help in Sunday School. One day to help at Emmaus House. One Sunday to help with coffee hour. Every bit helps," she said.

Leadership Changes

Christine recognized and thanked Oliver Ford III and Chris Cooper who completed their service to the church as members of the Bishop's Committee. She thanked Oliver for the time and effort he had contributed as Jr. Warden and Chairman of the Property Committee. She thanked Chris for his willingness to share his expertise while guiding the

church's long range planning, growth, strategic marketing and communication activities. Officers elected were: Ann Holland, Jr. Warden, 3-year term; John Svitak, Treasurer, 1-year term; and Lyn Rockwell, Clerk, 1 year term. Elected to the Bishop's Committee were: Dave Cosio, 3-year term; Tom Baker, 3-year term; and Patricia Wright, 3 year term.

The Vestry, 1994 *Recognize anyone(s)?*



(l-r, first row: Karen Groves,, Dan Williamson, Rev. Kent Johnson, Nancy Hollinrake, Barbara Hughes. Second row: Joe DiFraia, Cindy Malynn, Don Hunt, Mikki Black, Owen Allen)

Elected Delegates to Convention

Bro. David Gerns for delegate, 2-year term; and, Carolyn Timbie, 2-year term as Alternate Delegate. They join: Ann Gerns, Barbara Hughes, and Kara Maslowski. "Our delegates have an especially important job to do this year," said Ann Gerns. "Because we are an integral part of the election of the new Bishop. We will cast our votes as your representatives at the May 19th Election Convention in Concord." She urged us to become involved in the process by familiarizing ourselves with whatever information is available about the candidates once they've been announced, and in early May, attending one of the "Meet and Greet" sessions, one of which takes place May 1, 6:30-8:30 at Exeter High School. She concluded by urging us to make our opinions known to our Delegates so their votes could reflect our views.

Healing Ministry Update

We are looking for one or two new parishioners to join the Healing Ministry Team. We as Healing Ministry Team Members find personal comfort in being a part of this process. If you are interested in finding out more about how this ministry works, and whether or not it would be a good fit for you, please join us the first Sunday of the month during the regular Sunday morning services to observe quietly the Team in action without having to make a commitment. Healing Team members: [Deb Carpenter](#), [Corinne Dodge](#), [Barbara Hughes](#) or [Jane Roth](#).

Sunday School News - "Souper" Bowl Sunday

On Super Bowl Sunday, next week, the kids and teachers are asking you to bring it any change you get back when you go out to buy beer, chips, dip, peanuts, pizza, or whatever for your Super Bowl festivities. They will have collection boxes in which to deposit your change, all of which will go to Family Promise to support the work they do with local families. *Sunday School Teachers & students and [Danielle LeClair](#), Sunday School Coordinator*

Celebrating our fabulous community with music!

Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m.

Won't you please join the other talented musicians at "Come One, Come All," a concert to celebrate with music our 'Golden Anniversary' as the community of St. Christopher's. A number of our artists have stepped forward, mainly singers

and pianists, who are looking for accompaniment from other musicians. If you can back up a singer or would enjoy doing a duo with a pianist, please contact me. (978-771-9783) [Jane Roth](#)



Pastoral Card Group Ministry Looking for Help

Would you like to be involved in an outreach activity that wouldn't involve much time? The pastoral card group sends greeting cards to parishioners for weddings, births, baptisms, illnesses and deaths. We also send cards to three parishioners who are elderly/infirm and are unable to attend church. For these parishioners, we send them a card once a month to let them know they are still in our thoughts and prayers. If this sounds like the right



outreach activity for you, please call me at 329-5928, or [send an e-mail to me](#) by Sunday, 1/29. Thank you, *Heike Martineau*

Parish Prayer List

Prayers for Sue Hale and family whose mother, **Barbara Hancock**, passed away on January 22. "Her daughters Sue and Amy were at her bedside at her quiet passage," wrote Sue's husband, Ed. Barbara was well known for her contributions to the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. "Last week in a waking lucid moment," wrote Ed, "She dreamt she was in a large beautiful train station, but her train had not yet arrived. Thankfully the heavenly train arrived and the beautiful lady that she was, proudly stepped aboard." Prayers for Greta McElvanna's dear **Uncle Vahey** who passed away January 16. Jim and Greta would like the church family to pray for his friends and relatives who loved him so much and to celebrate with them his wonderful 92 years on earth. Please pray for my grandson's, **Jim Bonovich's**, new sister-in-law, **Ashley Herberg**, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma. *Jean Porter*. Please pray for **Cheri** who has an aggressive form of breast cancer, and her husband **Walt**, they are friends of Jennifer and Robert Aiken; for **Rosallie Papoutsy**, recovering from recent cancer surgery; please pray for **Cody Gleason**, who is back in school. Prayers for **Diana**, a dear friend of Lyn Rockwell, for a return to good health; **The Rev. Tom and Joyce Kershaw**; for **Jesse and Skyla**; for Natalie Gallo's brother, **Lorin Bielski**, who was newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. For Mark and Ingrid Chapman's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands; for Lori Parrillo's father-in-law, **Ben**, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer; for **Joan Anderson**, her daughter **Hope**; for Joan's son **Dean** who is doing well after cardiac rehab, and who continues to experience MD; and **all** who are experiencing difficult changes and transitions.

Serving in the Military: for **Michael Carr**; for Del Dooling's cousins, **Matthew and Sandra Maloy**, and for **Jonathan Mason** and friend **Paul Gagne**; for **Jeff Colby** currently serving in Afghanistan who is the son of a good friend of Corrine Dodge.

In our **Parish Cycle of Prayer**, please pray for: **Jeff, Katie, Christopher, and Megan Pierson; Jean Porter; Martha Poloian; Kyle, Glen, Jack, and Jeff Potvin.**

Attendance

Thursday, 1/19 - 9

Sunday, 1/22 Annual Meeting - 105.

Serving the families of:

Hampstead, E. Hampstead, Fremont, Kingston, Danville, Sandown, Atkinson, Plaistow, Salem, Pelham, Derry, Chester, Windham, Brentwood



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Holy Eucharist with Annual Meeting
 Sunday, January 22, 2012