

September 2026 Parish Newsletter

I want to begin by expressing gratitude for all members of the parish who have stepped forward to care for all the dealings of the parish while Carolyn is on sabbatical. One priest alone can't do all the work of a parish without the help of its members. I know this through my 42 years of parish work. You have been a great help to me during August when I had the privilege of preaching and celebrating Eucharist with you. I am so grateful! In September Michele will continue the work while also teaching us about the Book of Common Prayer; a critical part of our Episcopal heritage. I will still be available for pastoral care.

Here are news.

The Vestry met on August 17 led by Elaine Cark our senior warden. Among the things we discussed were Stewardship, Finances, Property, Care and Prayer team. George Ogin reviewed the financial numbers for June and July stating that we are currently behind in our budget due to the loss of a few parishioners and loose offering being low. George however is optimistic that we will catch up once income from student parking starts up and income from the Craft Fair comes in.

Continuing the theme of finances, in October we will introduce our new Stewardship Program with the theme of "Setting the Table for our Future." You will receive a stewardship letter and pledge card and the actual campaign will start on October 11 through November 1 (All Saints Day.)

St. Davids now have access to Venmo@stdavidssalemnh. Please keep in mind that St. David's will pay a fee for the service but cash and checks are still acceptable. When using Venmo please indicate what the donation is for (pledge, outreach, craft fair raffles/food/ etc.) so it can be properly recorded in our accounting system.

Property Committee is in the process of making repairs to the back parking lot. This work will not interfere with student parking or parking on Sunday morning.

Craft Fair

The craft fair is on Saturday September 19. Please note that set up is on Friday September 18 from 5 - 7 pm. We need your help to set up tents and unload early bird crafters and café set up! On the morning of the fair from 6 -8 am help is also needed to set up additional tents and to help remaining crafters unload their products. We need your help again from 4-6 pm to take down tents, load crafter's cars and clean up.

In addition:

Raffle tickets are available for sale. They are \$5 for a book of 6 tickets. Invite your friends and neighbor to buy tickets.

Gift boxes, please sign up to create a gift box. There is a sign-up sheet with ideas for the boxes. The list is on the bulletin board in the coffee room. Not crafty you say, no worry, there are those among us who can pretty up any boxes.

Bakers please! Make cookies for the cookies walk. Start bringing them in; we will freeze them until the fair.

Finally, signs for the fair are available for those of you who want to display a sign on your property.

Bishop Candidates Meet and Greets schedule:

Thursday, October 8, 3 pm at Holderness School, Holderness

Friday, October 9, 6 pm at Christ Church, Exeter

Saturday, October 10, 3 pm at St. Paul's School, Concord

Please RSVP. To register visit <http://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org>

Kids Day!

Saturday, September 26, 9:30 am-2 pm. This will be another fun day. The theme is “In the Beginning,” We will look at the stories of creation, the flood, early people of God and Moses. Please let Michele know if your kids or grandkids are attending and if you are able to help.

Book Group

September 24, 10 am, The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.

September Outreach focus

Lazarus House Ministries. Their “Walk of Hope” will be on September 19. To donate for the walk please make your checks out to St. David’s with walk for hope in the memo. Be generous Lazarus House does amazing work for people in need!

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Please keep the donations coming every week. This is such an important ministry during this tough time in our nation.

With much gratitude. Remember you are a blessing. God bless you!

Miriam