

Rhythms of Grace

“Worship and Faith Formation for Children and Families with Special Needs.”

First Saturday of Every Month at 2:00 p.m.
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church
187 East Road Hampstead, NH
603-329-4674 www.saintcs.org

WHAT IT IS: Rhythms of Grace is a **sensory friendly**, innovative and non-denominational program designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and their families (parents and siblings) living with autism-spectrum disorders and other special needs. Rhythms of Grace practices “reverse inclusion.” This means that the service is DESIGNED to meet the special requirements and needs of people on the Autism Spectrum and those with other special needs, but all people are invited and encouraged to attend.

HOW IT WORKS: Rhythms of Grace begins with an open-ended but structured gathering activity, allowing everyone to become accustomed to the space and one another. An interactive exchange, verbal or otherwise, focused on a Bible lesson follows. After establishing the story, participants are invited to engage in several hands-on activities supporting such skills as motor skills, receptive language, and social skills—all based on reinforcing the Bible story. Participants then re-gather for a simple Eucharist, usually sitting on the rug. Sensory diet aids, visual supports and transition aids are used to help everyone participate fully.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Spread the word! This new ministry is being established at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church 187 East Road in Hampstead, NH. The first service will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 2:00pm**. On-going, services will be held on the first Saturday of the month. The program will be supported by trained volunteers whose backgrounds include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, American Sign Language and Special Education. Additional volunteers are always needed.

St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church is located near the intersection of Route 111 and East Road in Hampstead New Hampshire. The church is handicapped accessible. For additional information contact St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church at 603-329-4674 on the web at www.saintcs.org and email nhrhythmsofgrace@gmail.com