

TOGETHER

January 2013

A word from Our Pastoral Associate

Dear Cherished Ones,

This month marks many celebrations in our church calendar. In January we celebrate the remaining Twelve Days of Christmas, the Feast of The Holy Name (January 1), The Epiphany (January 6), and The Baptism of our Lord (January 13). January is an exciting time of year celebrating many Feasts of our Lord.

January also marks a time when many choose to make New Year's resolutions. On that note, I would like to invite us all to commit to spending more time in prayer with our Lord. Prayer can be manifested in so many ways whether its praying in the car during a daily commute, praying before meals, praying while reading scripture, or setting apart a time and place for personal prayer time. Even being consciously aware of God's presence in our daily lives is prayer.

We as Anglicans and Episcopalians are also blessed to have such a wonderful *Book of Common Prayer* in which we can go to daily to pray. It includes: Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, or the shorter Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families. These set prayers can be prayed individually or corporately. As a matter of fact, if you don't already know, Morning Prayer is currently being held in the side chapel every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about a half an hour. (Hint, hint!)

Regardless of how, where, and when God is calling each of us to pray, God is calling us into a deeper relationship with God and communication is key to any relationship.

Finally, speaking of relationships—here we are six months into our life together and I have cherished these last six months with you. I have enjoyed engaging in many of our ministries here at The Church of the Holy Spirit and I would like to continue making the rounds to get to know those ministries that I have not yet visited. Father Adam has been a wonderful mentor and I am counting on each of you to communicate with me regarding the exciting things going on in all of our lay ministries.

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (Isaiah 60:3)

Now let's go share that light together in Christ!

Epiphany blessings to all of you,

Sarah

Healing Prayers ✦

Healing prayers will be given on fourth Sundays following the 10:00 a.m. service. For January this will be the 27th. Fathers Herb Skelly and Bill Heuss will officiate with assistance from the Health Ministry.



Adult Education ✦ Sunday at 9:00 a.m.: Continuing John One

In January, the Sunday Adult Education Series at 9:00 a.m. continues with further study of John's Gospel on Sundays, January 6, 13 and 20 in the Parish Hall. There will not be a session on Sunday January 27th due to the Annual Meeting later that day. Please join us! Drop ins welcome!

In February, Sharon Inger will be leading a study of Women in the Hebrew Bible.

Adult Education ✦ Thursdays at Three:

Kaleidoscope Bible Study & The Lectionary



This community-based Bible study using *Lectio Divina* involves listening to the same biblical passage three times. After each reading, participants are invited to share their reflection on a specific question/topic using Mutual Invitation. In order to go deeper into the text, the reading will come from the previous Sunday's Lectionary. Join us for this time of divine reading and meditation in holy scripture on Thursdays: January 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Sharing the Blessing / Believe Out Loud Update

Some months ago twelve of us gathered together at the invitation of Father Adam to begin a Committee called "Sharing the Blessing". This group is modeled after the Episcopal Church's "Believe Out Loud" national campaign which is aimed at increasing the acceptance and support of LGBT folk in the church.

Previous activities include an "Open Forum" presented last January; listing our parish as a Welcoming Congregation" on the web; publishing a brochure about our committee (available at all Church entrances); and showing the film "Love Free or Die" about Bishop V. Gene Robinson.

Now we are beginning the process of starting an "Integrity Chapter of Cape Cod" which will reach out to the LGBT wider community and its allies Cape-wide who are affiliated with the Episcopal Church. We also support the Cape Coalition of Welcoming Congregations which meets monthly at different places of worship throughout the Cape.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for a fun time on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. when we will be putting on a "High Tea" in the Parish Hall. We will have finger foods, tea in beautiful china, and we will be entertained with an encore musical presentation of "Elisha and the Two Bears."

The Mission Statement of the "Sharing the Blessing/Believe Out Loud" Committee includes presenting "educational resources concerning LGBT issues; fellowship opportunities with the broader community; worship services that celebrate real diversity; moving beyond 'us versus them' thinking; and helping all of us remember that in Christ we are one." Being an ally to an LGBT person is modeling the love that Christ has for each one of us. As the Church of the Holy Spirit allies to the LGBT community, we are encouraging our community to be a witness for God's inclusive love.

Scott Daniels

WARRANT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, in the County of Barnstable, Village of Orleans, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will be held in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m. on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013**, to act on the following:

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, January 29, 2012;
2. To elect two Wardens, one for a two (2) year term and one for a one (1) year term; a Parish Treasurer and Clerk for one (1) year terms; to elect one member to the Vestry for a two (2) year term and to elect two (2) members to the Vestry for a one (1) year term; to elect delegates to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention, and to the Cape Cod Council of Churches;
3. To receive the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget adopted by the Vestry;
4. To receive all Reports that are presented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do hereby set my signature this twentieth (20th) day of December, 2012.

Carol Call, *Parish Clerk*

Nominating Committee Report & Biographies

The Nominating Committee was a hardworking team comprised of Mary Anne Bragdon (chair), Georgia Schneider, Helen Richardson, Bob LaBranche and Jack Sasso.

This team began their work in September, meeting weekly or bi-weekly. This process allowed the Committee to become familiar with members of the church from all the services as they worked to fill the positions. The committee served an independent body which solicited names to fill the open positions.

I respectfully submit the following slate of candidates for the 2013 Annual Meeting:

Warden 2 year position: Wes Dreher

Warden 1 year position: Chip Bechtold

Treasurer: Jack Nixon

Clerk: Carol Call

Vestry 2 year position: Susan Owens

Vestry 1 year position: Dilys Smith

Vestry 1 year unexpired term: Brian Ridgeway

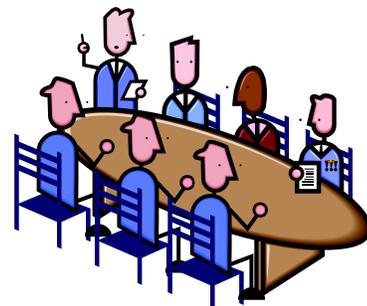
Deanery/Convention: Peter Blank and Dilys Smith

Alternate: Susan Owens

Cape Cod Council of Churches: Bob and Janet Winter

Mary Anne Bragdon, Nominating Committee Chair

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Nominee Biographies:

Chip Bechtold (Warden, 1 year) continuing in Office.

Weston A. Dreher (Warden 2 years)

My wife, Bev Dreher and I moved to Orleans after our marriage in Sudbury MA. We started attending the Church of the Holy Spirit in 1993. I have been active in the following; the Finance Committee 1993 to 2003, Vestry Member 1997-1998, Junior Warden 1999, Chairman and Treasurer of the \$2.7 Million Dollar Church Building Committee 1998-2003, Church Treasurer 2001-2003, Usher 1993-present. I am currently on the Finance and the Stewardship Committees and the Chairman of The Planned Giving Committee. If nominated and elected to serve as Warden for a Two Year Term I will strive to represent all church members and support the stated mission of our parish.

Jack Nixon (Treasurer)

Jack is a life long Episcopalian. First active as an Acolyte (maybe in 1945) he has been involved since then except for a period in the mid '50s to mid '70s (Palm Sunday-Easter-Xmas attendee only). While at St. Elizabeth's in Sudbury he was an officer (Treasurer then Warden), Search Committee and FinCom chair, Lay Reader/LEM, and Bldg & Grounds laborer. Since retiring with his wife Jane to Brewster in 2000 he has been involved at CHS as LEM and Lector participant and scheduler; Worship, Bldg & Grounds, and FinCom committee member; and Vestryperson fill in for two one year terms.

Carol Call (Clerk) continuing in Office.

Susan Ruckert Owens (Vestry and Deanery/Convention Alternate)

I was married at Church of the Holy Spirit; my oldest son, Stephen, was baptized here. My middle son and his bride were married by Father Mark, and their daughter, Maisie, was baptized by Mother Sue.

Prior to moving here 13 years ago, we lived in Dartmouth, where I was at St Peter's Church, and I served on the Altar Guild, secretary on the Vestry, and was a Sunday school teacher.

Here at Church of the Holy Spirit, I am a hammerer and a ding a ling: I work with the Kimball Craft Guild doing the hammering of items for the Galley West Shop, and playing with the Bell choir.

I wish to serve on the CHS Vestry, to become a part of the responsibility for the smooth running of the parish and its members. I know the roles are somewhat different, but for many years I have been on my condo's board of trustees, and for most of those years serving as its president.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate to the Vestry of Church of the Holy Spirit.

Brian Ridgeway (Vestry) , age 67, retired, Grandfather of four special souls.

In San Jose, California , I was a member of the Episcopal Church, Almaden, ECA from 1970 - 1990.

I sang in adult choir, and both daughters were baptized at ECA by Father William Ridgeway.

I was on the board of a joint venture of churches - last year as president (ECA and UCC shared a common facility and still to this day are in a joint venture.)

I relocated from San Jose to Eastham, Cape Cod in 2010 and joined the Church of the Holy Spirit and the choir. I joined the EFM group in 2011 and help the Overnight Hosts team as cook with Richard O'Hara.

I joined Deacon Dan's HUB ministry effort in 2012 as representative for CHS.

God has blessed me with ability, passion and resources so I am pursuing a study of my faith to learn what God is placing on my heart and where I can be of service to those in need.

Dilys Smith (Vestry and Deanery/Convention Delegate)

Honored at the thought of continuing Vestry membership. Experience here: previous Vestry membership and representative to Deanery and Convention; Adult Education Committee Coordinator; LEM, LEV; Altar Guild; Pastoral Care Committee; Worship Committee; Choir; Shepherd Group; Book Group; EfM Graduate; Monday Morning Receptionist; Habitat Food Coordinator (not strictly CHS, of course), and adjunct organist.

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Peter Blank (Deanery/Convention Delegate)

I have been a member of the Lay Pastoral Care Committee for two years helping to find and give rides for parishioners to church services and medical appointments. In my former parish I served on the Vestry for about ten years and, also, served as Junior Warden and Treasurer as well as diocesan convention delegate. I taught the sixth grade Sunday School / Catechism class for many years.

Bob Winter (Cape Cod Council of Churches Delegate) continuing as Delegate.

Janet Winter (Cape Cod Council of Churches Delegate)

I have been a Member at CHS since 1985. I have been on Vestry, ran the Sunday School for ten years, work in the Free Shop, and have worked with Bob serving meals at Noah's Shelter once a month for 20+ years. I am delighted to be nominated as CCCC Delegate.

Justice & Peace

Father Ken and The Rev. Wesley Williams have been working with the principal and school counselor at the Nauset Middle School to establish a Mentoring Program for at risk students. It is anticipated that the program will begin in a few months. We need mentors willing to meet once a week for one hour during the school year. Meetings will take place at the Orleans United Methodist Church. There will be an orientation program for all mentors. If interested please contact Father Ken.

The J & P Committee will begin an **Advocacy Email Ministry** beginning in January. Four to six times a year those on the list will receive an email with a suggested issue for action in the wider community. Issues will be those advocated by church representatives on the deanery, diocesan, national and international level. If interested submit your email to Fr. Ken or Bob Winter.

Anyone interested in helping maintain the sale of **Fair Trade** products please speak to Father Ken. We have just begun selling coffee, tea and chocolate. These are for sale in the lobby of the front entrance to the Parish Hall.

Those interested in participating in an ecumenical Lenten Book Study on Wednesdays (time and place not yet determined) of the challenging book, "*The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus*," by Robin Meyers should register with Father Ken.

Don't forget, Friday monastic lunch in Epiphany starting January 4th at noon in the Parish Hall to watch a 20 minute film during lunch from "*Living the Questions*," by progressive theologians such as Walter Brueggemann, Amy Jill Levine and Marcus Borg. Bring your own lunch.

Walk-ins welcome!



Office Corner

Annual Reports are due!

If you haven't yet sent in your Report for the 2012 Annual Report, please submit it as soon as possible. They are due Monday, December 31st. Please send them by email to holyspirit@orleansadmin@verizon.net if possible (the font we use is Times New Roman, size 12). Handwritten reports are of course acceptable too. Copies of last year's report for your group have been emailed to most of you. Draft copies of the 2012 Annual Report will be available on Saturday/Sunday, January 19/20, and the final version on Saturday, January 26th.

February *Together* deadline:

The deadline is Monday, January 14th. We are trying to keep to the new 8-page standard, so please submit brief articles that cover events and news relevant to the coming month, or very early the following month.

The Reverend Sue Lederhouse Elected as Rector ✦

Congratulations to Mother Sue on being elected as Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal in Buzzards Bay. Her institution as Rector will take place on Friday, February 1st, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Many of you may wish to attend but space will be limited. A sign-up sheet will be put up in the Reception Room before the weekend of January 19/20 and we will have to draw the line at whatever number Mother Sue gives us. You can also call or email the office anytime to register your interest in attending:
holyspirit@leansadmin@verizon.net.

Stewardship ✦

Similar

The weekend before the National Elections, Father Adam spoke about the diversity of political bumper stickers he saw in our own parking lot. He asked us to celebrate the fact that we are an open and welcoming parish and our diversity in political and personal opinions is one of our strengths.

The opposite of diverse is similar. When we attend services at Holy Spirit, we may sit next to parishioners who voted for different candidates and who have different physical and life attributes. However, we can find comfort that those around us are there by choice, share a similar belief that there is a God, Jesus was his son and we are blessed every day through our faith.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, let us celebrate the collective generosity and stewardship of our parish over our 80 year history. It has enabled us to build and grow our community of faithful people who share the love of baby Jesus who went on to teach us how to live in a diverse world while seeking similar activities that make us Christians.

*O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Hymn 51 – Three Kings of Orient

Thank you to those who have made your financial stewardship pledge to CHS for 2013.

We have received 187 pledges for \$353,072 (as of 12/17/12) towards our 2013 goal of \$413,000.

If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

Our ability to complete the 2013 budget depends on everyone responding.

If you need a pledge packet for 2013, call the Parish Office 508-255-0433.

2013 Offertory envelope boxes and 2012 Pledge Statements are in the Reception Room.

[The "Initial Offering" envelope is to cover the \$3 per box cost. Please use your envelopes so we can track your donations. If you don't find a box and want envelopes, please contact the office, indicating monthly or weekly.]

Advent/Lent Together ✦

Each year we celebrate our "High Holy Days" by presenting the writings of parishioners, who have shared their meditations on the Revised Common Lectionary choices for each day in Advent and Lent. In this 20th anniversary year we celebrate the writers who have shared their work with us. The Advent 2012 writers were: Kathy Chapman, Rusty Funnell, Jill and John Holmes, Bob and Kathy Hubby, Sharon Inger, Sharyn Laughton, Bruce Lederhouse, Sue Lederhouse, Lori Linton, Nancy Ludwig, June MacDonald, Sandy Marshall, Wilma Morris, Richard O'Hara, Edith Petty, Helen Richardson, Miriam Ridgeway, Sue Sasso, Brooke Skea, Dilys Smith, Frank C. Smith, George Trimble, Bob Winter, and our new contributor, Lucinda Hughes. Thank you all for your prayerful contributions to the parish in this season of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.

If you'd like join us for the Lenten 2013 issue, please call Dilys Smith at 508-255-9647.

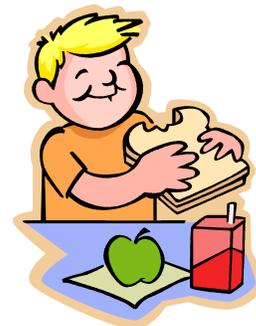
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you!*

Artist of the Month: featuring The Church School and Free Food for Kids ✦

Please note that the December exhibit will be shown in the CHS Gallery through Epiphany, January 6. Don't miss the Church School art!

January's exhibit will be FREE FOOD FOR KIDS.

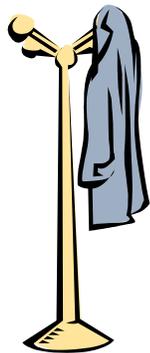
Ruth Campbell received a grant from the Episcopal City Mission to run a lunch program for children this summer on Cape Cod. Ruth asked the children in the Church School to create a logo for this program. The winning entry and all entries in this "logo contest" will be exhibited in January. This was a very exciting creative project for the children!



Sign up to sell/exhibit your art for one month in the CHS Gallery - there are still a few months "open" in 2013. The sign up poster is located by the door.

Questions? Comments? Call Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277 - artoff@comcast.net

Free Shop ✦



The Free Shop is gladly and gratefully accepting your donations of clean WINTER CLOTHING.....please hold all spring & summer clothing until the appropriate month! The shop is limited in space to store donations received that are not appropriate for the present season.

Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the door. Shop hours are:
Monday - noon to 1 and Wednesday - 10 to 1. THANK YOU!

Kathy Chapman (508 255 5647) and Sharyn Laughton (508 255 7277)

Gathering Together ✦

Shepherd Groups - January 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group will meet at the home of Cynthia and Herb Wieboldt, 76 Forest Pines Drive, East Dennis at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 27. For questions call: Elizabeth Merritt 508-240-6998
Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group will meet Sunday, January 27, at 5:00 p.m. Place TBA. Please note change of date and time!

Orleans Shepherd Group to be decided.

Pleasant Bay Shepherds Group Will meet January 27, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Scott and Sue Daniels' home, 7 Overlook Drive, Chatham, for a pot luck supper. Please call 508-945-0204 for directions.

Luncheon for All the Women of the Parish: Thursday, January 3

The next luncheon for women in our parish is Thursday, January 3rd, 2013, 12 noon in Parish Hall. Volunteers for the day are Betty Daiute, Marge Farrell, Hope Fox, Barbara Mahoney and Joan Proctor. Bring a sandwich to share and call Peter Blank at 508-760-1516 if you need a ride. Come join us and bring a friend!



Together January 2013

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Nat Goddard, Junior Warden
Jack Nixon, Acting Treasurer
Carol Call, Clerk

Vestry Members:

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Ike Cole
Sally Dewing
Bev Dreher
Jon Idman
Ernie LaFrance
David Moore
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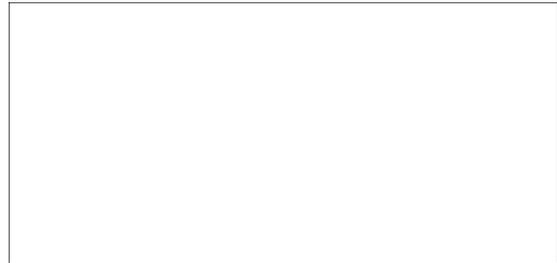
Sarah D. Kelb, Pastoral Associate
The Reverend Dan Horgan, Deacon
Celia Calhoun, Acting Office Manager
Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music
Sandra H. Cole, Organist
The Reverend Canon Charles Morris, Youth Choir
John P. Hagon, Handbell Choir
Debbi Manning, Office Assistant
Larry Kane, Head Sexton
John Larner, Sunday Sexton

***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***



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Dates to remember

Monday, December 31, Annual Reports Due
Thursday, January 3, 12:00 p.m. Women's Lunch
Sunday, January 6, Epiphany
10:00 Epiphany Trope & Youth Breakfast
Monday, January 21,
11:30 a.m. MLK Day Observance
Sunday, January 27,
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting