

November
2014



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

We have so much for which to be grateful at The Church of the Holy Spirit. We are a parish blessed with resources—monetary and otherwise—beyond those of most parishes. We're in a position to draw some important additional financial support from our investment income.

However—we live financially on the year to year contributions of you, our members. This is how it is—and how it needs to be.

Every contribution—every financial commitment—large or small, is profoundly appreciated and makes a real difference. We know that our personal circumstances vary a great deal. These are not easy economic times. We know that people give (and sometimes need to give) in different ways. At the individual level, this is not a matter of “have to.”

Nevertheless, our monetary giving to the Church of the Holy Spirit *is* a matter of faith, hope, and love—and a deep gratitude working through all these three. *Every single* personal decision in faith to maintain—or increase—a pledge helps us get to where we need to be. And if *many* do this, the individual stretches asked of all of us become that much more modest.

Financial information and a 2014 pledge level chart was included in the pledge packets just mailed. (And if for some reason you didn't get one of these packets, please let the office know right away!) Let's all take a look at where we are on that chart. Then, as you pray about making a pledge for 2015, I'd ask this question: Wherever you find yourself, would you be able to consider taking the step up to the very next level? Many small increases make a great difference, too! If you've never made a pledge before, might this be the year to do so?

A word from our Rector (con't)

As I've remarked before, how we deal with money is a profoundly spiritual issue. Money is such a powerful, practical symbol for our needs, hopes—and fears, too. Looking at how we spend it is a pretty sure indicator of our values and priorities. I don't say that to make us feel uncomfortable, but to remind us that God—our good and generous God—is right there in that mix with us, whether we recognize it or not.

So, let's look at our financial support of the Church of the Holy Spirit as a first priority opportunity to express our thankfulness to the God who has been so good to us. With God and in God, we always have enough to be generous. I am thankful beyond words for how well and how deeply you already know that.

Blessings to you, always—and to our wonderful congregation. It is such a joy for me to serve among you and with you.

With much love in Christ,

Adam +

Events in November

SERTVICE TIME CHANGE & DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Please note that starting November 1, 2014 the **5:00 pm Saturday service goes to 4:00 pm** through the end of February.

And speaking of **time changes...don't forget daylight savings time** ends so our clocks fall back an hour in the middle of the night on November 2, 2014.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON (NOVEMBER 6TH)

Our regular luncheon for women of the parish is on Thursday November 6th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Bring a sandwich to share and canned goods for the Food Pantry-- ice cream will be served for dessert. Joan Proctor, Janet Winter, Betty Yearing and Fay Cole are the volunteers for the day. Each time we meet we ask for a couple of volunteers to set up for the luncheon and bring lemon and half and half for the tea. Come join us and bring a friend, and if you need a ride call Peter Blank at 508-760-1516. And if you have any questions contact Sandy Marshall.

THURSDAYS AT THREE — HANDS ON THE ARTS RETURNS!

Judith Davis+, is returning for another series
Thursdays @ 3 - November 6, 13, and 20, 2014

Illustrating our own Journals

Never kept a journal before? This will be a great start!

All supplies are provided - unless otherwise noted it meets in the Parish Hall

Join us for the fun!

After her four-month sabbatical funded by the Lilly Endowment for Clergy Renewal, Rev. Judith A. Davis, PhD (Rector Christ Church Episcopal—Harwich Port) has agreed to share with us some of her insights from keeping a journal during her travels. Focusing on the Psalms and imaging those Psalms referring to nature, she would love to share her wisdom, mistakes and joys of keeping a nature/travel/spiritual journal and helping us get started along that path. No experience necessary! Join us for these three Thursday afternoons!

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & THE GREEN TEAM (NOV 6TH)



We are looking for folks, young and old, interested in helping Church of the Holy Spirit take care of God’s Creation. Come to our next meeting, November 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room, to learn about the multitude of big and little things one can do to make a difference. Our last meeting was very productive... lots of ideas! If you are interested but cannot attend, give Nat a call or email.

— Jack Sasso &

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GARDEN PARTY (NOV 14TH)

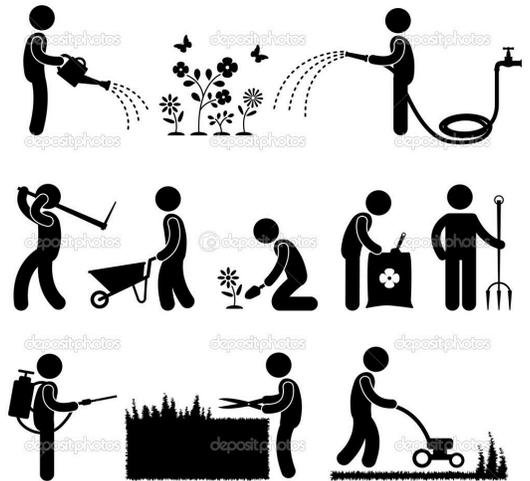
Gardeners,

Our November Garden Party will be held on Friday November 14th from 9 to noon. We'll be doing some fall trimming and lots of garden clean up.

This should be the final party of 2014 so there will be lots for all to do. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and bring clippers, rakes and containers to haul debris to the curb.

Oh yes, there's a Labyrinth Walk from 10 to 11 so please be mindful of no loud noise outside the Parish Hall during that time.

Thanks again for all your help this season and hope to see all of you on the 14th! As usual I'll bring coffee, Hole In One donut holes and cold water. — Gilbert

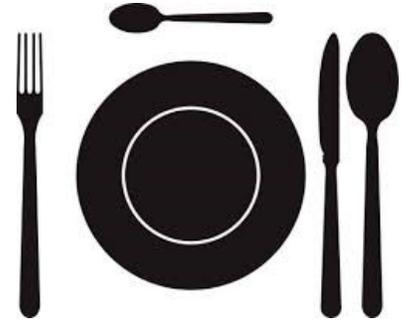


SHEPHERD GROUPS (NOVEMBER 16th)

Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group: Sunday November 16th 5:00 pm at the home of Nancy Ludewig, 1510 Long Pond Road, Brewster (774)323-0032.

Orleans Shepherd Group: will meet Sunday November 16th at 5:30 pm at the home of Nancy Crewdson and Helene Barrington, 16 Gesner Road, Orleans. Please call Nancy at 1-650-714-1862 to confirm.

Eastham/Wellfleet Shepherd Group: Sunday November 16th at 5:00 pm at Libby Pratt's home, 180 Mill Rd. Eastham. Hope to see you there!



MEN'S LUNCH (NOVEMBER 19th)



The Men's Lunch Group will renew meeting on every third Wednesday of the month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Fireplace Room. The November meeting is November 19th. The purpose of the men's lunch group is to provide a forum where men of the parish can meet together informally for lunch and general collegiality. For interested inquires call Bruce Lederhouse (508-801-0654) or Brian Skea (774-279-3454).

THANKSGIVING SERVICE (NOVEMBER 27th)

At 10:00 am there will be a special Thanksgiving Day Eucharist.



THANKSGIVING DINNER — PARENTS WITHOUT CHILDREN (NOV 27th)

Couples or singles who would like to meet on Thanksgiving Day for dinner out . . . please call Dilys Smith at 508-255-9647 for more information.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (NOVEMBER 22nd)



Now that we have turned the calendar page to November, it's time to look ahead and prepare for the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 22. We have 12 vendors already signed on with some of our faithful regulars and some new. If you have any questions contact Barbara Hoffman at 508-255-3912.

RANDOM QUOTE OF INTEREST . . .

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil . . . There is no point. — Unknown Author



General Articles

2014 RUMMAGE SALE

What took 4 1/2 days to set-up and only 2 hours to tear down and disappear?

THE RUMMAGE SALE!

- **Team work did the trick!**
- THANK-YOU to all the many people who brought in the things to sell. Our own parish provides most of the merchandise, but a remarkable number of others bring in donations and cheerfully announce that they will be back for the sale. We meet and greet many people throughout the week during both the set-up and the sale...a joyful outreach.
- THANK-YOU to all of you who gave so willingly of time and talent to market each area attractively. The bags and boxes full of goods seemed endless, but they were all emptied and placed with care and expertise. By the time we were ready to begin the sale, the whole parish hall looked wonderfully beckoning.
- THANK-YOU to Tom Dewing, who prepared delicious food for our lunch on Friday. That time of sharing and renewal seemed to give real meaning to the simple grace, "Bless this food to our use and us to thy service."
- THANK-YOU to the cashiers who took in the green. It is awesome that in those 3 hours on Friday, and 3 hours (of bag sale and 1/2 price) on Saturday, we could have such gratifying results.
- THANK-YOU to the people who chose clothing for our Free Shop, for animal shelters, for vet clinics, and for others in need.
- THANK-YOU to the many drivers and helpers who brought trucks and vans and took the remaining rummage away.
- And at the beginning and throughout, we had eye and ear catching advertisements that brought the public to the doors of CHS. THANK-YOU for that important piece.



It has been a wonderful experience to work together with all of you and pull off such a many-faceted event. This was our third year of chairmanship and it was a charm. Along with our "resignation" we do urge others to consider this position. It comes with many joy-filled moments and the chance to work with many talented, willing and dedicated people. It has been a truly remarkable experience. — Fay and Ike

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Commitment

A commitment is a promise or dedication to a person or cause. In our wedding vows, we commit to love and honor our spouse. When children are baptized, their parents and god parents make a commitment to be responsible for seeing that the child is brought up in the Christian faith and life. At our Confirmation, we prepare to make a mature public affirmation of our faith and commitment to the responsibilities of our Baptism.

A pamphlet (found in our church tract rack) entitled "The Episcopal Church- a Faith for Thinking People" includes the following statement:

The Episcopal Church is a church which asks not for blind faith and unthinking obedience, but for thoughtful, responsible commitment.

The pamphlet also states

Episcopalians believe that all we are and all we possess is a gift from God. We give to the church out of thanksgiving for all that God has entrusted to us.

The 2015 pledge packet was recently mailed to your home. During the Stewardship Season, we are given the opportunity to make a financial commitment to Jesus and The Church of the Holy Spirit that supports all we are and all we can be on our spiritual journey. Based on the information provided please prayerfully consider what you can give and then complete and return the pledge card.

Pledges received will be blessed at In-Gathering weekends November 29/30th and December 6/7th.

If you did not receive a pledge packet and want to make a pledge, please contact the parish office.

"Take steps each day to be sure your life expresses commitment to Jesus."

– Charles Stanley

THE FEATURED CHS ARTIST FOR THE MONTH

NOVEMBER: The featured CHS artist for the month of November is JANET WINTER. Janet has had a long "career" in art - from painting oil and watercolor landscapes to commercial work including designing greeting cards, to writing and illustrating children's books. For the past few years she has been working in colored pencil, creating landscapes and illustrations for children. Many of these illustrations have become cards and prints. Janet's newest works have become more whimsical, hoping to bring a happy moment to the viewer. BE HAPPY - ENJOY JANET'S SHOW in the CHS GALLERY!

DECEMBER: Cynthia Murray will once again be displaying her collection of creches/nativity scenes in the CHS Gallery for the month of December. If you have a creche you would like ADD to this display - please contact Cynthia at 508-896-5634.

Questions - Comments - Suggestions - contact Sharyn Laughton at 508-255-7277 - artoff@comcast.net

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Snacks needed to feed our hungry volunteers! CHS is sponsoring a build on Bevans Way in Orleans. We will need snacks on the 4th Tuesday of every month starting on November 25 through the spring of 2015 until the house is completed. Please call Kathy Goddard at 508-255-3818.



Thank you to Liam's of Nauset Beach. They have given Holy Spirt the rest of their summer ice cream supply in thanksgiving for Food4Kids! We will be using it for all things festive!!!!

37th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE

Announcing the 37th Annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held on **Friday, November 28th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, November 29th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

There will be 25 dealers from the New England area offering you a wide range of choice antiques to choose from, including 18th and 19th century furniture, nautical items, quilts, Staffordshire china, ironstone, early American pattern glass, jewelry, Americana, brass candlesticks, vintage post cards, chocolate and ice cream moulds, primitives, textiles, folk and fine art.

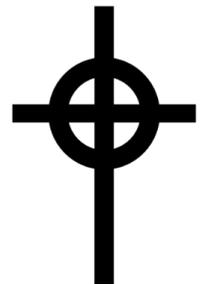


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We have begun our advertising for this wonderful show. In the weeks ahead, you will receive a letter asking for your support. We hope that you will be a PATRON of this show that has been such a tradition here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Monies raised at this annual event are used to support our parish programs. Please join us and help to make this 37th year the best yet! If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help make this show a success, please contact me at (508) 255-8819. Thank you for your support! — Debbie Meguerdichian, Chair

ACOLYTES

Every Sunday at 10:00 am our priests, Eucharistic ministers and the CHS choir enter the church to start our main service of the week. But did you ever notice they are led to the altar by our own young people? These are our Acolytes, and now we have an opportunity for your students (grade 3 to 12) to join them. This will be an experience they will remember the rest of their life. It's a chance to serve this parish and God at the altar. Please contact MaryAnne Bragdon at 508-896-3481 or sparky508@earthlink.net.



YOUTH CHOIR

It has been the custom for a Youth Choir to sing at the Church of the Holy Spirit Christmas Eve service. The opportunity to do so again this year is available. Beginning the first Sunday in October (10/5), and continuing on the first and third Sundays of each month, we will be rehearsing in the church immediately following the 10 am service. Rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes. Readers in third grade and above may join. Please let Fr. Charles Morris know if you would like to join the Youth Choir. His email is: revcanonm@live.com.



OUTREACH (ENDUPOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Our mission in Tanzania, East Africa continues to be education and clean water. Endupoto Primary School was started in 2008 at the request of the Maasai elders of the village of Kerere in the Maasai Steppe. One classroom was completed in one month. 98 Maasai boys and girls showed up for the first day of class in a classroom built for 50. Over the last six years we have completed building the following: Seven classrooms, Two teachers' rooms. Boys' latrines, girls' latrines, teachers' latrines. Campus kitchen, teachers' kitchen, Dining shed/nursery school classroom, Five 20,000 liter rain water harvesting tanks, two 5,000 liter rainwater harvesting tanks, Planted over 500 trees in the barren landscape and six bedroom teachers' house

The campus at Endupoto Primary School is complete except for yearly repairs and an additional teachers' house. Currently we have nine teachers, two more are expected next year. The Tanzania government pays the salary of four of the teachers. We provided for five teachers, the cooker and the Tanzania manager.

The first classroom we built in 2008 is used on Sunday's for a Maasai version of church using the Book of Common Prayer written in Maasai and Swahili.

This coming year we hope and pray that we can accomplish the goal of providing new textbooks and teaching materials plus the replacement of worn out books and materials. We have two more grades to go before the initial students are through the equivalent of the 7th grade. — Submitted by Cheryl Kyle

(Endupoto is supported by the Outreach Committee of CHS.)

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall. Studying the Prophets: Amos, Hosea and Micah

Returning to the Old Testament, the Sunday morning class will take a close look at three of its prophetic books. These are short books. So if you can, read them before class and come with questions. But there are no quizzes, just meet at 9 on Sunday morning in the Parish Hall and we will see what we can discover together.

- **Sunday November 9:** Amos: let justice roll down like a river
- **Sunday, November 16:** Hosea: brilliant metaphor or just terrible marriage?
- **Sunday, November 23:** Micah: What **does** the Lord require?

— Sharon Inger



THE LABYRINTH

The Labyrinth is an ancient symbol of human vision and emotional knowledge. It is a creative art form. It is a practical tool for inspiration, healing, and fulfillment. It is a metaphorical journey to augment spiritual growth. Church of the Holy Spirit lays an indoor canvas Chartres-style labyrinth with eleven circuits in the Parish Hall. It is large enough to accommodate a group of people.

Themed group walks on this providential resource are scheduled once a month on Fridays at 10:00 am. Dr. Margaret Rappaport, a Veriditas-certified facilitator, conducts the programs. Music Director, Darlene Hagon, offers musical selections and candles to enhance the quiet, prayerful experience. The practice of meditative walking fosters positive states of mind and body and a heightened sense of spiritual consciousness. You are welcome to join us on November 14th and December 12th. The labyrinth is available for individual (as opposed to the aforementioned group walks) walks on these dates from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



Last Month, Janet and Bob Winter attended the Annual Assembly of the CC Council of Churches as your delegates from CHS. At the business meeting, following an inspirational opening service, reports were received on the many activities of the council during the past year. We will include a brief summary of each in our Annual Report at the CHS Annual Meeting next January. We hope you'll read it.

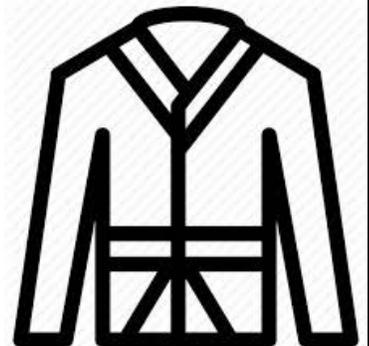
A major change in council activities in 2014 has been an increase in staff and budget and a new focus for our Homeless Ministries Team. Overnights of Hospitality is now Hospitality Housing to reflect the shift from sheltering in churches to transitional housing. The Homeless Ministries Team now includes Street Outreach, Hospitality Housing, Case Management, Volunteer Coordination and Youth Street Outreach.

At the assembly, members voted to establish a new Standing Committee on Public Policy. This is in response to a growing number of questions as to whether the council has a position on this or that issue. The committee will give prayerful consideration of issues and recommend those that clearly conform to our principles and deserve our support.

FREE SHOP

The Free Shop is gladly & gratefully accepting WINTER clothing.

Especially needed are pillow cases, sweatshirts, and coats. Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed, donations can be left in a container outside the Free Shop door. The shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 & every Wednesday - 10 to 1. Come shop for a friend/family in need & visit with a faithful volunteer! Thank you!



THE BOOK GROUP

The book discussion group is reading Amy Jill Levine's Short Stories by Jesus, an exploration of the parables from the perspective of the people who heard them first hand. The group meets on Sundays after the 10:00 am service in the Fireplace Room.



JUSTICE & PEACE

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God" + Micah 6:8

- Plans are underway for a 3 day Youth Peace Summit on Cape Cod during the summer of 2015 with Jewish, Muslim and Christian youth. Want to help? see Susanna Graham-Pye, email: spye2001@yahoo.com.
- An interfaith book study of Rabbi Michael Lerner's, "Embracing Israel/Palestine" with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim participants begins on Wednesday, November 5th at CHS. See Father Ken.
- Save the date!! The annual Martin Luther King breakfast and celebration returns to Holy Spirit on Monday, January 19th! Details next month.
- Justice & Peace will sponsor a film series and a study of healing gun violence in the winter and spring. One of the films will be about the community in Americus, Georgia that gave birth to Habitat for Humanity. Your suggestions are welcome! See Fr. Ken.
- The Diocesan Convention will vote on November 8th on resolutions calling on Episcopalians to divest investments in fossil fuel companies and invest in clean renewable energy. A second resolution calls upon the diocese to divest from companies doing business with the illegal West Bank Settlements in Israel/Palestine. Both Episcopal diocesan bishops in Massachusetts, Bishop Gates and Bishop Fisher have issued strong statements urging a YES vote on Question 3 on the state ballot. This would ban casino gambling in Massachusetts.
- Also, our diocese has worked hard to pass an earned sick time bill for all workers in Massachusetts. (We collected 350 signatures last spring to get this on the ballot!) J & P urges a yes vote on ballot question 4 on earned sick time.
- New members and inquirers are welcome! Our next meeting is **Saturday, November 8th at 10 am in the Library.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAY READERS

"The play's the thing," said Hamlet. What the plays at CHS have revealed is that we are blessed with amazing talent. Our next reading isn't on the calendar yet, but it will be in the spring. So watch for it! In the meantime we have started a play reading group, which meets the **second Friday of each month** in the **Fireplace Room**. Last month we read *Clybourne Park*, a play covering 45 years in the life of a neighborhood as it goes from white flight to gentrification. It gave us all a lot to think about. If this is something you might like to do, give me a call at 508-945-3944. — Jill Holmes

DID YOU KNOW . . .

We invite all of you to send your “good news” items to our Parish Administrator, Amanda at holyspiritorleansadmin@verizon.net.

Did you know . . . that every month... the Lay Pastoral Care Committee sends out some 25 “get well” cards and 30 to 40 birthday cards! They offer 20 Lay Eucharistic visits to homes or care facilities. They host one dinner meeting of the Living with Loss Group. And they also provide 20 rides to doctors & church services and meals for those temporarily in need. May we help you? Call Peter Blank, Chairman, at 508-760-1516



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2014

- Ruth Campbell, Director, presented the Food4Kids report for the 2014 season along with the Steering Committee Minutes of September 24, 2014.
- The Vestry reviewed the presentation and approved the Food4Kids Steering Committee's request (at its September meeting) for additional payments to the Director and Sextons from funds remaining from this year's grant.
- Shortened rector's, treasurer's, wardens' and ministry reports were accepted. The final audit report was received and accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Jones Smith

OFFICE CORNER

- The Deadline for December *Together* is the 2nd Monday in November (November 10th).
- If you have some extra time and want to lend a hand in an office environment, we could use some additional CHS Receptionists and CHS Folders. To learn more contact Debbi or Amanda at 508-255-0433.
- Attention Committee Chairs: We are in the process of electronically scheduling “Major Parish Events for 2015”. Please check the website calendar for 2015 and see if your event is scheduled properly. If it is not in the system properly or you have any questions, please contact Amanda by November 17th. You can also find a print out of Major Parish Events for 2015 on the bulletin board in the Office.
- Note that the CHS annual meeting will be held Sunday January 25th at 11:30 am.



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***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.***

Dates to remember in November

Nov. 6th Thurs.	Women's Luncheon
Nov. 6th Thurs.	The Green Team
Nov. 11th Tues.	Veterans Day
Nov. 14th Fri.	Labyrinth
Nov. 14th Fri.	The Garden Party
Nov. 16th Sun.	Shepherd Groups
Nov. 19th Wed.	Men's Lunch
Nov. 22nd Sat.	Christmas Bazaar
Nov. 27th Thurs.	Thanksgiving
Nov. 28th & 29th Fri./Sat.	Antiques Show
Nov. 30th Sun.	Wreath Making (Advent 1)