

TOGETHER

November 2012

A word from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I have one very important message this month regarding a significant change at Cape Cod Hospital. The hospital will no longer provide any notification for our clergy or lay visitors that a parishioner has been hospitalized. There used to be a printed readout we could check, kept in the Chaplain's Office, that listed folks by faith group and congregation. No more. This information will no longer be made available to us by the hospital—neither in the discontinued listing, nor any other form.

What we had before was actually a holdover from years ago, before HIPAA (The *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* of 1996). HIPAA instituted very strict privacy regulations dealing with all aspects of medical care. Now our church's dealings with Cape Cod Hospital will actually be similar to what it's been like in other areas of the country for well over ten years.

Here's the bottom line: The ONLY way we at church will know if someone is in the hospital is if that person (or a family member or friend) directly and personally notifies us. People often think that if they've been asked their religious affiliation during hospital intake, their church will have access to the information. This is not the case!

At the Church of the Holy Spirit, we have a team of visitors, both clergy and lay, that go to the hospital every day. This is a tremendously important ministry for us—and we don't want to miss anyone.

I'll ask for everyone's help in getting the word out. Once again: The only way we will know if someone is hospitalized will be if that person (or a family member or friend) directly and personally notifies us here at church. We'll then take care that our hospital visitors get the information. And if we already know that a particular person is at the hospital we may go to the information desk for his or her room number.

In all circumstances, may we ever more perfectly know that we are held in the healing mercies of the Lord Jesus.

Thanks and Blessings to all.

Adam +

Worship Service Changes

Saturday, November 3: The Saturday 5:00 p.m. service moves to 4:00 p.m. (until the end of February).

Sunday, November 4: FALL BACK! Clocks change Saturday night - be aware!



Sunday, November 18: The Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the Eastham United Methodist Church (see Page 3).

Thursday, November 22: Our Thanksgiving Service with Eucharist is at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent - Lectionary Year C

Adult Education

Sunday Adult Education Program at 9:00 a.m.: The Ethics of Food



The choices we make every day regarding food for ourselves and others have life changing implications for ourselves and millions of people. We need to understand why. Please join us for a three Sunday presentation at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall during the month of November.

November 4: Childhood hunger is hidden in America and children do not vote, so they need advocates to end their hunger. Access to healthy food is a human right. We can make a difference. Find out how! Ruth Campbell

November 11: What is FAIR TRADE all about? What does it have to do with being a faithful follower of Jesus? Come and see! + Fr. Ken Campbell

November 18: Did you know that something as simple as eating an apple can adversely affect your health because of a process known as "GMO?" Please come and learn more about GMO- what it is, what foods currently contain GMO's, and how you can discern if foods contain GMO's and how they can damage your health and that of your loved ones. We will also address how to express your concerns to those responsible for GMO's. Dr. Scott Daniels

Thursdays at Three

Thursdays at Three is an Adult Education forum which concludes *The Question of God* series on November 1 and will continue with the series John ONE, an expanded study of the Gospel of John on November 8. Please come and join us from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall!

Call Dilys Smith (508-255-9547) with any questions.



Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: November 18 at 5:00 p.m.

The annual Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the Eastham United Methodist Church. This service will include Christian, Jewish, Islamic and Quaker elements. In addition, June MacDonald, Lector at Holy Spirit, who is a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe, will read excerpts from her brother's essay on the 350th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Plantations which was commended by Governor Francis Sargent. The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion are strong supporters of ecumenical and interfaith worship and activities. Please come! Let's have a good turnout from Holy Spirit!

Book Study - "The Underground Church"

Father Ken Campbell is planning on leading an ecumenical book study in January of Robin Meyers, "The Underground Church, Reclaiming The Subversive Way of Jesus." Archbishop Desmond Tutu said this about this book: "Read this book if you dare. Become part of the movement if you are daring." Bill Moyers of PBS said: "The contents of this book are explosive and could turn the world upside down. About time!" Members of other churches in the area will also be invited to join the study. Please let Father Ken know if you are interested in participating.

Environmental Stewardship Ministry

The CHS Environmental Stewardship Ministry has a recycling program. Recycle containers are located in the Parish Hall Kitchen, in the Church School area, and in the hallway leading to the Parish office. We currently recycle plastic, metal, glass, paper, cardboard, fluorescent light tubes, and compact fluorescent light bulbs generated in our parish. We also accept #02 and #04 plastic shopping bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic bags newspapers come in.



Presently, we have 5 CHS members on the Recycle Team. We pick up the recycle items once a week and take them to our respective town transfer stations. An additional seven volunteers would lessen the workload to 1 month a year for each volunteer. This is a simple but important ministry. Can you help? Please contact Jack Sasso at jacksasso@hotmail.com or 508-255-1732. (or 860-614-1341 January – April).

Together we can continue the 'greening' of The Church of the Holy Spirit.



Entered into Eternal Life

Steve Erickson

Vestry Highlights – November, 2012

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Jack Nixon was confirmed in his appointment as Acting Treasurer; Celia Calhoun was confirmed in her appointment as full-time Acting Office Manager; Parishioner Beth Dunn is Web Master. The Diocese has accepted Sarah Kelb as a candidate for ordination. Cape Cod Hospital will no longer provide information on parishioners' admissions. From now on parishioners must inform the church directly when admitted to the hospital (or have a family member or friend do so).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack Nixon, Acting Treasurer, reported that pledged income in September was good and expenses are generally within budget and that overall this month is looking a little more optimistic.

PROCLAMATION:

Church School: As we do every year the children will suggest names for global and local offerings that their envelope offerings will go towards this year. The High School class will be starting up on October 28th at the Rectory, taught by Father Adam, Lori, and Sarah Kelb. As part of Ruth Campbell's Summer Food Program initiative the children will be designing a logo for the Free Food for Kids Program.

Adult Education: "Thursdays at Three" will continue with the series "Question of God" through November 1 with Adam and Brian Skea leading discussion. This will be followed by the ongoing sessions on John's Gospel. Then there will be a three part "Mary Series" on December 6, 13, and 20. On December 15 Sarah Kelb will lead an Advent Quiet Day, held at Christ Church, Harwichport. In February we will present an extension of "Jesus at the Movies."

SERVING:

Lay Pastoral Care: Men's Lunch: Brian Skea reported last month's lunch a success with most members returning after the summer recess. Living with Loss: the group will meet at the Lost Dog Cafe' this month.

Planned Giving: Next meeting to be scheduled by Wes Dreher, the new Chair.

Building and Grounds: Several Parking lot lights need to be replaced.

Stewardship: Invitations to the 10/26 Pot Luck Supper have been mailed to the individual homes; everyone is encouraged to attend. The Stewardship Committee has developed the final drafts for the Stewardship campaign material.

WARDENS' REPORT: The Silent Auction raised \$15,000 and the Ukulele Concert raised \$1500.

NEXT REGULAR VESTRY MEETING: Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Room
Carol Call, Clerk

Save the Dates!

35th Annual Holiday Antiques Show and Sale ✦

The 35th Annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held on Friday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday, November 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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.

Please support this show that has been such a tradition here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Join us and help to make this 35th year the best yet!

Volunteer sign-up sheets to help with food, as porters or with set-up and take-down are in the Reception Room. Please help!

Monies raised at this annual event are used to support our parish programs. If you have any questions please contact me at 508-255-8819.

Thank you for your support!

Debbie Meguerdichian, Chair



Christmas Bazaar: Saturday November 17, 9-3

Please mark the date in your calendar!



We will have our usual offerings from the Food Table. VT Cabot cheese, the cookie walk, jewelry, scarves, pottery and lots more from our vendors. The Guilds will have a wide assortment of crafts and Christmas decorations, there will be White Elephants in the Fireplace Room, and of course there will be a delicious lunch of soups and sandwiches.

Please plan to be there; there's always something for everybody.

First Fruits Christmas Sale: Sunday December 2, 9-12

**Come join us for our spectacular Christmas sale in the Parish Hall
on the morning of Sunday, December 2.**

You'll find a variety of special holiday selections, with everything from festive arranged greens, gift baskets, jams and jellies to appetizing baked goods!

You will be sure to find something wonderful to take home!



Shepherd Groups meeting on Sunday, November 18

The Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group: 1:00 p.m. potluck lunch, place to be announced.

The Brewster-Dennis and the Orleans Shepherd Groups: place and time to be announced.

Women's Luncheon ✦ November 1, All Saints Day, at noon

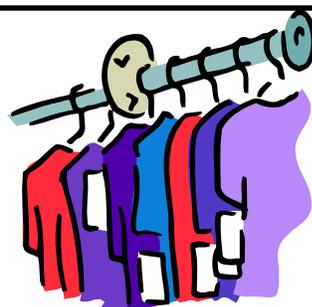


All women of the Parish are invited---please bring a sandwich to share, a canned good for the Food Pantry, a recipe for "Just Desserts" and a friend! Volunteers for the day: Joan Howe, Joan Proctor, Peg Skelly, Janet Winter and Betty Yearing. If you need transportation, call Peter Blank, 508-760-1516.

Free Shop ✦

Now gladly accepting FALL & WINTER clothing. Clean clothing donations can be dropped off Monday - Thursday, 9 to 3. If the Free Shop is closed, donations can be left in container outside the Free Shop door. The Free Shop, located by the elevator on the bottom floor of the Parish Hall, is open every Monday from Noon to 3 and every Wednesday from 10 to 1. Thank you for supporting this vital CHS ministry - for this Parish, the Lower Cape community and far beyond.

Kathy Chapman (508 255 5647) & Sharyn Laughton (508 255 7277), Co-Directors



Artists of the Month Janet Winter and Nancy Ranscht ✦

The featured CHS artists for the month of November are the dynamic duo - JANET WINTER & NANCY RANSCHT!

JANET WINTER 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 which have become cards and prints. Many of her newest works have become more whimsical, hoping to bring a happy moment to the viewer.

NANCY RANSCHT is an award winning B & W photographer. At the advent of digital photography, she emerged from the "dark room" and developed an interest in graphite and colored pencils. Working from her photos and real settings, she aims to create a drawing which might evoke a pleasing emotion from the viewer. Nancy is an artist member of the Cape Cod Art Association. She and her husband reside in Brewster.

Enjoy the art of these two talented women in the CHS Gallery located in the CHS Reception Room!

THE SHOW MUST GO ON.....calling all CHS artists to think "outside the box".....exhibit/sell your art for one month - 2013 - in the CHS Gallery. The sign up sheet for 2013 is located by the door in the Gallery.



Questions about the CHS Gallery? Call Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277 or artoff@comcast.net

S t r e t c h

Over the last couple of months, you have received messages from Fr. Adam, Warden Chip Bechtold and the Stewardship Committee that 2013 will be a “stretch year” for us. What does that really mean?

When we “stretch our bodies” we move our muscles in ways that lengthen them and make them stronger. When we “stretch our minds” we engage in new learning that is outside our comfort zone. During a race, the competitors push harder as they enter the “home stretch” to cross the finish line.

When dealing with our personal financial issues, “stretching our dollars” means making sure where and why they are spent are necessary and appropriate.

The parish leaders also manage our parish budget ensuring where and why we spend our money is necessary and appropriate...And yet we are faced with a projected 2013 income gap. We can only stretch our current parish income so far and ask that you consider stretching your personal financial contributions to include an increase in your 2013 pledge to The Church of the Holy Spirit.

By encouraging our members to “S T R E T C H Together” no single person will be strained and we will be a stronger congregation that continues to live by our mission statement (see the back page of *Together*).

*I asked God how much he loved me,
‘This much!’ he replied,
Then he stretched out his arms and died”* *Anonymous devotional poem*

If you have not returned your 2013 pledge, please do so ASAP.

*If you need a pledge packet, please contact the Parish Office.
508-255-0433*

In-Gathering weekends, when pledges are blessed,
will be November 24/25th and December 1st and 2nd
Pledges received after that will be individually blessed.

Also, please make sure your 2012 pledge commitment is current.

If you have any questions about your 2012 pledge status, please send an email to holyspiritoreansdatabase@verizon.net or call the Parish Office.

Office Corner:

Parish Website: Did you know that we have a Parish website? Try visiting www.holyspiritoreans.org. We now have an on-line calendar with all of the Parish events as up to date as possible. If an event is canceled, this is the first place where that information will be shown. As you drag your cursor over the event you will see more information, such as the location of the meeting or event. If you have comments please contact the office staff, Celia or Debby on holyspiritoreansadmin@verizon.net or by phone.

December Together Deadline: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the deadline is Monday, November 12th.

Together November 2012

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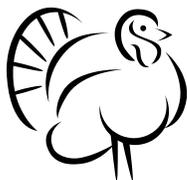
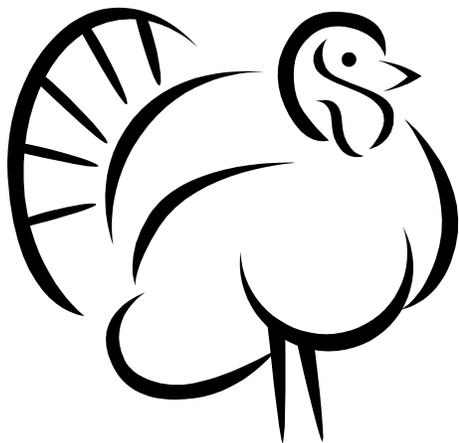
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***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***



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Dates to remember

Thursday, November 1, at 12:00 p.m.

Women of the Parish Luncheon

Friday/Saturday, November 2/3

Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 4

Clocks Fall Back

Saturday, November 17, 9-3.

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Eastham Methodist Church)

Thursday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eucharist Service (here)

Friday/Saturday, November 23-24

Antiques Show

