

October
2013



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

We have so much for which to be grateful at The Church of the Holy Spirit. Through the efforts of our Every Member Conversation, we've had the chance to share where we've been and where we seek to go. It's been very good to hear of our growth and outreach.

We are a parish blessed with resources—monetary and otherwise—beyond those of most parishes. We have no reason to panic. Nevertheless, we *are* now facing some real financial challenges. We're being stretched to meet our present needs and rise to our future.

Let's review our position. On one hand, it's a remarkable testament to your generous commitment that even with the loss of some of our leading, top-level pledges through death in the last three years, we've been able to keep our stewardship steady. Thank you.

On the other hand, even with prudent management of our monetary resources, and the efforts of our many hardworking volunteers, we need to take our personal financial stewardship up to "the next level"—not just keep it where we've been for a number of years.

To get to that next level of giving, all together, we're asking one another to consider doing so personally. The financial information and 2013 pledge level chart provided during the Every Member Conversations will be included in the pledge packets to be mailed this month. Let's all take a look at where we are on that chart. Then, as you pray about making a pledge for 2014, I'd ask this question: Wherever you find yourself, would you be able to join with me, in taking the next step up?

However, I also want to be clear that *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."

It *is* a matter of faith, hope, and love—and a deep gratitude working through all these three. *Together*, we do need to break through to the next level of giving. *Every* personal decision in faith to undertake such a stretch helps us get there. And if *many* do so, the individual stretches asked of all of us become that much more modest.

With God and in God, we always have enough to be generous. I am thankful beyond words for how well and how deeply you 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 +

A word from our Pastoral Associate

A Lesson in Humility & Celebrating Diversity

“Lord, remove the temptation to want to be just like everyone else. Amen.”

There are aspects in all of us that make us unique, however, sometimes we resent parts of our uniqueness. Maybe it’s because we do not wish to be noticed or we do not wish to stick out. Maybe we feel as though there is an aspect of our uniqueness that makes us feel insecure, weak, or inferior in some way. That’s how I felt when I first learned that I had dyslexia/dysgraphia. Even though I was told that my different learning style had nothing to do with my intellect, I didn’t want to be different from all my other classmates. I hated asking for more time on assignments and having to rely on a proofreader.

Well, as is often the case, God gave me a big dose of “humble medicine” and I realize that I could chose to see my different learning style as a gift. For example, I can relate better to others who struggle with their own differences.

Do I still get frustrated? Yes. Especially, when I chose not to use a proofreader and it ends up biting me! However, what we all need to remember is that God calls us just as we are, and God loves us for exactly who we are. Who are we not to accept ourselves or wish to change the things about ourselves that we cannot change? Why not celebrate our differences and celebrate God’s unique love for each and all of us?

“Unique and loving Lord, thank you for my perceived weaknesses. Help me to use my “weaknesses” to glorify you! Amen.

In the Name of our Risen Lord,
Deacon Sarah

Service Changes **PLEASE NOTE!******

Sunday, October 6: Please remember that the Sunday morning early service changes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 6. This is a permanent change, following a survey and much discussion in the Worship Committee.

1. Sunday Early Service **CHANGE** of **START TIME**
New Permanent Start Time: 8:00 a.m. October 6
2. Saturday Service goes to winter hours
Starts at 4:00 p.m. Saturday November 2
3. Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday evening, November 2, before going to bed



*Entered into Eternal Life
Evan Barrington*

Events in October

Wednesday, October 2 - Kitchen Usage and Safety - 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

If you or your group use the kitchen please attend this session, led by Richard O’Hara (Kitchen Manager), to understand State laws and safe use of the kitchen.



Thursday, October 3 - Luncheon for Women of the Parish - Noon in Parish Hall

Celebrate Fall! Join all the Women of the Parish for lunch. Bring a sandwich to share and we will provide beverages and a delicious dessert. Volunteers for the day are: Hope Fox, Sandy Marshall, Joan Proctor, Sue Stevens and Betty Yearing. Call Peter Blank, transportation coordinator, 508-760-1516 if you need a ride.

Saturday, October 5 - Ukulele Concert 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

If you have not attended one of these concerts come and listen to wonderful original songs by a number of different Cape artists, under the management of our local friend and musician, Tim Sweeney. The room is

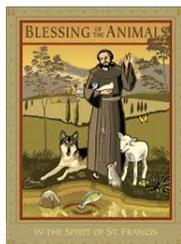


always full, so buy a ticket (\$15 from Robin McLaughlin) and come early. All the money received goes to outreach programs decided on by the Youth Group Members. This year they are

including a donation to support HaiDi Pye’s project to build a school and orphanage for Syrian refugees (information available at the Concert.)

Sunday, October 6 - Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 p.m. Courtyard

A Service of Blessing the Animals will take place in the Courtyard at 4:00 p.m..



Friday October 11 - Walking the Labyrinth - 10:00 a.m. Parish Hall



Margaret Rappaport will facilitate the monthly indoor labyrinth walk in the Parish Hall. The labyrinth will be available for individual walks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day. For more information on this ministry contact Margaret at rappaportmm@yahoo.com.

Friday/Saturday, October 18/19 Rummage Sale Open Fri 4-7:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Parish Hall

Fall cleaning? Now is the time to set aside your much needed donations for this popular sale. We are accepting clean adult and children’s clothing, and shoes/boots in wearable condition. We need White Elephant items such as small appliances in working condition. Small

Adult Education: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall

“John ONE”

On the Sundays of October we will continue our group “lectio divina” - reflective reading and conversations around short passages, gradually working our way through the Gospel of John. No prior reading or “homework” required! Please join us for this lively, thoughtful - and enriching - discussion.

Thursdays at Three

The series for October - on **Thomas Merton** - is a four week series beginning on October 3 and concluding on October 24. We’ll be discussing selections from *The Sign of Jonas* (Mariner Books, ISBN-13: 978-0156028004), as well as providing an introduction to Merton’s life and work.

Tuesdays at 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Library

Living the Questions, the final 7-week Series, focuses on Transformation:

October 8: A Kingdom without Walls

October 15 Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision

October 22 Incarnation: Divinely Human

October 29 Prayer: Intimacy with God.

Continuing in November. 25 minute video with discussion following. Coffee provided at lunchtime. 5 or 6 sign-ups needed for late session. Please pre-register with Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net or 508-240-5169 .

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furniture sells well as do books and children's toys. Also we need bags, bags and more bags for the Friday sale. (Please save your small, medium and large grocery bags and bring them with your donations.) Your former treasures might be just the new "prize possessions" our customers are looking for!

Sorry we CANNOT ACCEPT televisions, computer equipment, luggage without wheels, LP records, food, live plants or golf or ski equipment.

Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall as follows:

Tuesday afternoon, October 15th from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday /Thursday, October 16/17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated!

Please sign up to work setting up, selling or cleaning up. Our sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall and in the Reception Room. Questions to Fay or Ike Cole (508-255-9542).

Sunday, October 20 - Children's Sabbath - 10:00 a.m. Service

Children's Sabbath is a faith-based national program celebrating all our children in prayer and celebrating our responsibility to care for each one. The children will be in Church for the whole service and will be involved in ushering, processing, reading one of the lessons, reading their own Prayers of the People, and of course they will sing!



Sunday, October 20 - Shepherd Groups at 5:00 p.m.



Brewster/Dennis Group at Jane & Jack Nixon's, 5 Dune Road, Brewster. (508-896-7662.)

Eastham/Wellfleet Group at Jody Mines', 670 Route 6, Eastham (508 255-4058.)

Orleans Group at Sandy and Phil Marshall's, 31 Pochet Road, Orleans, (508-255-9971).

Please carpool - parking limited.

Saturday, October 26 - Sharing the Blessing Tea

2:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Come together for a pleasant afternoon of fellowship, food (traditional English Tea); entertainment and discussion. Fr. Charles Morris, Cathy Morris, and Bruce Lederhouse will perform show tunes and oldies for sing-along. Sharing the Blessing will have an informative display of reading materials, pamphlets, books, and a bibliography on various aspects of LGBT issues. Come and enjoy the company from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Looking Forward

Friday, November 1 - Pampered Chef Party (Youth Group sponsored)



6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Appetizers will be served while Debbie Kimball cooks a meal with Pampered Chef products for us all to eat. Profits from sales of Pampered Chef products will go towards the Youth Group trip to a Heiffer International working farm in western Massachusetts.

Saturday/Sunday, November 2/3 - Saturday Service at 4:00 p.m. and clocks fall back!

Remember that the **Saturday Service goes back to 4:00 p.m.** in November (November 2nd through March) AND the **clocks go back an hour** on Saturday night / Sunday morning.



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Artists' Gallery

The featured artists for the month are Janet Winter and Nancy Ranscht.

Free Shop - Hours

Monday: Noon to 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Galley West - Hours:

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9 Forum on Healing Our Culture of Violence

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Parish Hall

This half day forum is a community gathering for all ages seeking to better understand and begin healing the culture of violence that envelops us. The Forum will begin with a panel trying to identify the various sources of violence in our culture and how to begin the process of healing. Our speakers will be Larry Minear, noted author and researcher on the effects of military conflict on combatants and civilians; Dianne Morton, co-founder of the Massachusetts Media Literary Consortium, which has studied the effects of media violence in our culture; and Lysetta Hurge-Putnam, Executive Director of Independence House, with extensive experience on domestic and sexual violence, gender equality and systems of racial inequity. Two young adults, Sharon Tingsley (visited South Africa) and Chris Wingard (visited Haiti), will give a youth response. The forum will include small groups discussions, music provided by youth, resource tables and lunch. There is no charge but baskets will be provided for donations to help cover costs. Space is limited. Early registration is suggested: Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net or 508-240-5169.

Sponsors: Nauset Interfaith Association, CHS, Justice and Peace Committee, Nauset Together We Can, Cape Cod Chapter, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Child and Family Services of the Lower Cape, Barnstable County Human Rights Commission, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Cape Cod Grandmothers Against Gun Violence, Cape Cod Council of Churches.

Saturday, November 23 - Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Guilds is being held again, with many hand-crafted items for sale, the cookie walk and many attractive items being sold by local artisans; and of course a delicious lunch of soups and sandwiches.



Friday/Saturday, November 29/30 - Antiques Show

The 36th Annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held on from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 30th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 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. We hope that you will contribute and become 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 parish programs. Please join us and help to make this 36th year the best yet! If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help, please contact me at (508) 255-8819. Thank you for your support! Debbie Meguerdichian, Chair



General Articles *(sorted alphabetically)*

Artists Gallery - Janet Winter & Nancy Ranscht.

JANET WINTER has had a long "career" in art - from painting oil & water landscapes to commercial work including designing greeting cards, to writing & illustrating children's books. For the past few years she has been working in colored pencil, creating landscapes & 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. Nancy will be selling her cards at this show, illustrating her work in colored pencils. Nancy will also be exhibiting photographs taken by her father, Stimpson Hubbard, an active member here during the reign of The Rev. G. David White!
ENJOY THE SHOW!



The **2014** CHS Gallery calendar is waiting for CHS artists to sign up for one month.....who will start off the new year? The sign up poster is located in the gallery on a shelf by the door. Comments? Call/email Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277, artoff@comcast.net.

Every Member Conversations

Every Member Conversations started on Sunday September 8th and will continue through Sunday October 13th. The feedback from participants has been positive and will be shared once the sessions are completed. If you have been unable to participate and would like to attend a session, please contact Sue Sasso at 508-255-1732 or susansasso@hotmail.com.



Hospitality

Does anyone have know of caterers in the area to help us with the food preparation for receptions held here in our Parish Hall for funerals, celebrations, etc.? We are especially interested in finger sandwiches and small goodies for receptions. Please contact Cynthia Wieboldt at 508-385-6928.



There are now three Hospitality Teams managed by Team Leaders, each with a co-Leader: Fay Cole with Cynthia Murray, Ruth Campbell with Nancy Munson and Elizabeth Merritt with Dianne Fromm. Cynthia Wieboldt remains the overall Chair of Hospitality. Thank you to these new Teams for volunteering to organize our funeral and Parish-wide receptions.

Justice & Peace - Free Food for Kids

Ruth Campbell reported to the September meeting of the Justice and Peace Committee that the new mission effort of CHS, "Free Food for Kids," operating out of Holy Spirit for eight weeks this summer EARLY every weekend day morning was a great success! This could not have happened without the amazing steadfast support of over 40 volunteers as well as 6 salaried staff and the cooperation of the church staff, both clergy and laity. Exactly 9,279 meals were delivered as well as hundreds of free books to hungry children at five sites in Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, and Chatham. During the summer Ruth was interviewed by Sean Gonsalves for an article in the Cape Cod Times. Alan Pollock of the Cape Cod Chronicle made a video on "The Hidden Face of Hunger on Cape Cod," which featured an interview with Ruth and visits to some of the Food for Kids sites. This new mission effort of CHS enabled us to establish new relationships in the wider community of the lower/outer Cape through our missionaries from Holy Spirit. Three families have expressed an interest in bringing their children to Holy Spirit this fall. Ruth is hoping to expand the program next summer to Brewster, Harwich and Orleans. If you would like to help or have suggestions please contact Ruth at 413-537-9200 or rwcampbell@verizon.net.



Knitters Kneaded to keep our supply of Prayer Shawls available. Hear just once the praise and/or the thankfulness of a recipient, and your needles (and fingers) will respond. Patterns or help needed? Contact Helen Richardson at 508-255-0065.



Library News

As many of you are aware, the Library was refurbished and revitalized this past summer: we have new reading tables and new window treatments. And now we have a new Librarian: congratulations to Vicky Hutchens for taking on this responsibility! Vicky, ably assisted by Ellie Brainard, is in the process of updating the collection. After an inventory, it was found that over 200 books are missing. Please check your shelves at home - perhaps you might locate one or two. There is a list of missing titles in the Reception Room and in the Library. Thank you for your help, and please go down and browse around - there are some great books there, available to be borrowed (and returned!).



Office Corner



Deadline for November Together is Monday, October 14.

Office Manager: Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the approval of the Vestry, Father Adam has appointed Celia Calhoun as Office Manager through the end of March, 2014. This is a temporary extension, and involves a reduction in hours to a 4-day week (Tuesday through Friday) subject to review by Father Adam. Messages and emails to Celia (holyspirit@orleansadmin@verizon.net) will be addressed on Tuesdays.

How do I get to our web-site (we hear you ask)? In your internet browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox or Chrome, for example) type in the website address: www.holyspirit@orleans.org; or you can “Google” or search for “church of the holy spirit, orleans, ma” and it should be the first option of your search, which you can click on once. Now you should see a picture of the Church (or another CHS image that our web-manager, Beth Dunn, decides upon) and options to go to various other “pages” of the web-site: “Latest News”, “Home”, “Worship”, “Get Involved”, “Spiritual Formation”, “Calendar”, “Contact” or “Blog”. Click on “Calendar” and you will see the Church calendar for this month (or any month) and you can click on events for more information; or you can click on “Together” and see the latest (or any) version and browse through the contents. Browse the whole web-site and give us your comments. There must be some errors you can find!

Stewardship Corner

Choice

Choice involves reviewing the merits of multiple options and selecting one. We make choices every day. We choose to get up or sleep in, what and when we eat, to exercise or not. We choose to take advantage of opportunities and invitations presented to us or to stay home. We have the choice to help others or not.

God has chosen us to be His children. We now have the opportunity to thank God for his blessings by making a formal pledge for 2014 to The Church of the Holy Spirit.



What will you choose to do?

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;

1Thessalonians 1:4-5

Vestry Highlights - September

Reminder - early Sunday service change to 8:00 in October.

Discussed Celia Calhoun's extension to April 1, 2014.

Jack Nixon discussed finances: our income has slightly exceeded our expenses for the year to date (end August) and our deficit is likely to be less than the \$26K projected in the budget. Expenses have been managed well but pledge receipts were low in August.

Need to double check all mailing lists to ensure that they are current and not still carrying those that have left.

Parish Life Committee is no longer and we must give thought to allocation of continuing responsibilities.

Habitat ReStore is a successful new venture and needs our support.

Both churches and the arts are suffering from lack of member support and growth today. They both have to become smarter "businesses" in order to survive and prosper.

Together October 2013

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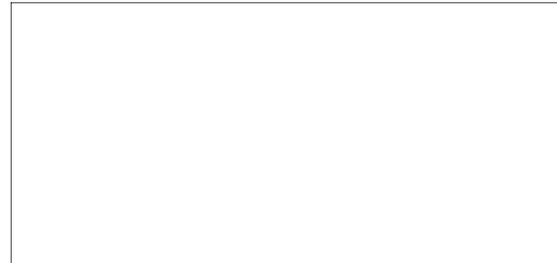
John Larner, Sunday Sexton

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to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

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Dates to remember in October

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Fri/Sat 18/19

Sunday, 20

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Friday, Nov. 1

Saturday, Nov. 2

Sunday, Nov. 3

Ladies' Luncheon at Noon

Ukulele Concert at 7:00 p.m.

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Walking the Labyrinth at 10:00 a.m.

***Together* Deadline**

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Clocks fall back / All Saints Day

