

September
2014



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

We begin another “program” year at the Church of the Holy Spirit with both new beginnings and transitions.

I trust that most of you are aware of the call of the Rev. Sarah Kelb to a new ministry elsewhere, to serve as Priest-in-Charge of Saint Paul’s Church, North Andover, Massachusetts. Although she will be able to be with us for the last of this year’s Angelica speakers—Lauren Winner—on Saturday, September 20, her last Sunday with us was August 24. Grateful for all the blessings during her time with us these last two years, we offer our congratulations and very best wishes to Mother Sarah, in her next phase of service with God’s People.

We will not be pursuing the immediate call of another full-time assisting clergy position for the Church of the Holy Spirit. Instead, I believe that there is careful work for us to do to look at our needs and the best way for us to meet them—and I don’t want to rush that process.

Meanwhile, let me affirm again what a great blessing and privilege it is for me to serve as your Rector. In the goodness of God, and counting on one another’s help, we may be sure that “All shall be well.”

And speaking of that Angelica event, let me highlight the weekend of September 20 and 21 at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Offering the last of our Angelica series this year, noted author Lauren Winner will be speaking on Saturday, September, 2:00 p.m., in our Parish Hall. Her topic is “Overlooked Images of God.” To reserve tickets please contact Tom Dewing (508-255-2656, st.dewing@verizon.net), Director of our Angelica Center for Spiritual Living.

There is a *suggested* donation of \$20 (which helps us cover expenses). However, I’ll stress again that we don’t want anyone to stay away if that might be a burden. We do ask that people reserve tickets, if possible. (This is helpful for us.)

To conclude: I’ll encourage us, each in our own ways, to dig into the many opportunities for fellowship and growth here at our parish. God’s Blessings usually come to us through our regular, everyday “showing up.” This includes church. We know that there’s lots of competition for your time and attention. So many distractions out there! But please know that you are valued here. We much look forward to being with you—and you with us.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

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A word from the Rev. Sarah Kell

“Almighty God who has made the world and all that therein is. We thank Thee for little things and for large, for life, and light and love and Thee... We thank Thee for the hand that meets our hand, for the love that speaks in silence... Help us O Lord, to behold Thyself in all Thy works that we may perceive the marvelous in the common place, the permanent in the transitory, the immortal in the momentary and Thine own incorruptible self, the source of all through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.” ~Richard B. Kimball+

My beloved Church of the Holy Spirit family,

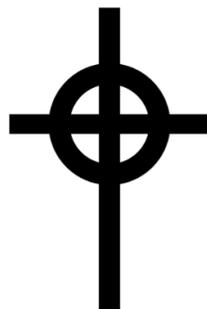
Words are inadequate and escape me as I am writing this last farewell *Together* article. These last two years together have been quite a journey. Through faith we have walked through two ordinations and have engaged so many wonderful ministry opportunities together.

In these last two years, I have learned more than I could have imagined. You have expanded my heart greatly, and you have profoundly deepened my prayer life. Because of you I feel prepared, indeed, to answer God’s call into this new journey as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul’s, North Andover. You are a parish community that is truly gifted in the formation of new priests. It is my hope and my prayer that you continue to live that sacred gift out.

The above prayer is a selection of a well-known prayer to many of you, known as the “Daffodil Prayer” offered by the first rector of Church of the Holy Spirit. This prayer has been included during our Morning Prayer service on Thursday mornings and has found its place deep in my heart. As I continue to pray for you I will continue praying this prayer, for I have experienced “love that speaks in silence” and I have perceived “the marvelous in the common place” while I have been with all of you.

You are marvelous and I have been deeply moved by witnessing your expression of your love for God and for God’s people. You know who you are and whose you are. It is my prayer that I will take the heart of CHS with me as I engage in ministry at St. Paul’s. We all are one in our mission to proclaim our risen Lord!

*With all the love that God has given me, I am faithfully yours,
Sarah+*



Events in September

THE FEATURED CHS ARTIST FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

The featured CHS artists for the month of September will be those in the High School Sunday Class who participated in the "Going to the Sun" Retreat this last July. The display will include art, poetry, photography and additional items which capture a bit of our experience in the wilds of Glacier National Park, Montana.

The 2015 Gallery calendar is waiting for you to sign up. Set up the first day of the month—take down the last day of the month. Sell and/or exhibit your art—your work—your gift! The show must go on! Sharyn Laughton 508-255-7277—artoff@comcast.net

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON (SEPTEMBER 4TH)

Our regular luncheon for women of the parish is on Thursday, September 4th, 12 noon in Parish Hall. Bring a sandwich to share and canned goods for the Food Pantry-- ice cream will be served for dessert. Marty Williams and Sandy Marshall 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.

MEN'S LUNCH (SEPTEMBER 17TH)

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 September meeting is September 17. 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).

GARDEN PARTY (SEPTEMBER 19TH)

Another grand garden party is planned for Sept 19th from 8:30 to noon. Bring a friend!



SHEPHERD GROUPS (SEPTEMBER 21ST)

Brewster/Dennis: Gilbert and Elizabeth will be hosting the Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group on Sunday, Sept 21 at their home, 64 Nickerson Road, Orleans at 5:00pm.

Eastham/Wellfleet: Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group will start off the year at 5 pm, Sunday, September 21, with a pot-luck picnic under the canopy at Patti and Bob LaBranche's home, 180 Locust Rd., Eastham. Come Join in the fun! Patti 508 255-3532 or Jody 508 255-4058.

Orleans: The Orleans Shepherd Group will meet on September 21st, 5:00 P.M. at Page McMahan's home, 9 Morgan's Way, Orleans Ma. Please call Page at 1-508-255-0831 if you are able to attend.

General Articles

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— SEPTEMBER 2014

Invest

Most of us have invested in stocks and bonds and expect a return on our money. We also “invest” in our family, friends, work, and many additional ways because we know there are amazing benefits in life from investing in ourselves and others. We don’t always get to experience the immediate results of our investments but believe we have made a positive imprint for the future.

This is similar to investing in The Church of the Holy Spirit. Our annual pledge of time, talent and treasure is an investment in our place of worship, Christian education and fellowship. Each year we may not personally receive all the benefits of our investment, but others do. Some years we receive a large return on our investment through active use of all the church has to offer. Other years we receive or need less. It’s all part of the cycle of growth and giving in our life together.

We are so much more than the sum of our combined financial support. However we would be so much less without it. Together, as we enter this Stewardship Season, let’s consider how we have invested our time, talent and treasures to the betterment of God’s work through our parish. The 2015 Pledge Material will be available in October. Can you and will you be able to make an investment in our future?

“An investment in God always pays the best interest.”

Author Unknown



THE GALLEY WEST GIFT SHOP

A huge thank you to all the women who staffed the Galley West this summer. Your efforts made it possible for the shop to be open the usual daily hours from June through September 5th. Beginning September 8th, the Gallery will be open Monday from 10-12 and Sundays from 11-12. The next big event for the shop is the **Christmas Bazaar on November 22, 2014!**

MUSIC MINISTRY

- New members for all music groups are invited to join us - no auditions required!
- **Adult Choir** rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting September 10 in the North Transept of the church. Sunday warm-up rehearsal is at 9 a.m. in the church prior to the 10 a.m. service.
- The **Bell Choir** rehearses in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. beginning September 8. Although reading music is a great help, it is not a requirement to participate.
- Questions? Please call 508-255-0433 ext. 13 and leave a message or stop by our office (down the hall from the Fireplace Room) after the 10 a.m. service on Sundays. — Darlene and John Hagon



HOSPITALITY HOMES

Eight years ago, Church of the Holy Spirit parishioner Libby Pratt faced a difficult situation. She needed to begin treatment for breast cancer. So she made an appointment to spend time in Boston at Dana Farber. Knowing that hotel prices in the city would be exorbitant, it was a great relief to find out that there was a no-cost alternative she could explore - Hospitality Homes.

The stress of her illness, compounded with decisions about temporary living accommodations was greatly reduced, she says, "by the gracious welcome I received from my host at the Brookline home that became my 'home away from home'."

It was a perfect solution for her. "It was quite clean, I had my own room, TV, and I could walk to Dana Farber and the lady who owned the house could not have been nicer" she says.

Hospitality Homes has provided free temporary housing in volunteer host homes and other donated accommodations for families and friends of patients seeking care at Boston-area medical centers since 1983. Back then, realizing the need to provide accommodations for many coming from out of town, an Episcopalian, Joan Biggers, began securing funding to begin The Hospitality Program. Along with Rev. Colin Gracey and the Rev. Jeanne Sproat, she developed a network of volunteers who would house visiting family members while their loved one was in a local hospital. In 2002, the Hospitality Program was renamed Hospitality Homes to more clearly convey the message and the mission of the organization.

"Hospitality Homes" is one of the programs endorsed by CHS's Outreach Committee. If you or some you know might require the services of this fine network of volunteer host homes, find out more about it by visiting its website: <<http://hosp.org/who-we-are>> ----- Rev. Bill Heuss

37th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE - SAVE THE DATES!

It is hard to believe that our plans are underway for 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 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. 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

SUMMER FAIR 2014

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard on the 4th Annual Summer Fair. We thought that the event produced the results that we hoped for — that is to make the Fair a community event with an emphasis on family. This year we had two additions which added greatly to the success. One was the Harwich Jr Theatre summer program who performed for 40 minutes to a packed house in the North Transept. The kids really enjoyed it. We also brought back jewelry and that was an excellent addition. Every booth, vendor and Galley West added to our success. The net amount we raised is \$3,610 which is an increase over last year and we tithed 10 % To Food for Kids or \$361.

Thank you, Marcia Bechtold and Phil Suraci Co-Chairs

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Since we began selling Fair Trade products at Holy Spirit in December 2012 there has been a slow but steady increase in parishioners and others buying these products. The growth and development of Fair Trade in the world in the past 50 years has been accomplished almost entirely by people of faith. Its goal is to heal the damage done by multi-national corporations to the environment and the exploitation and abuse of workers. This long term effort to create a most just and environmentally safe world will bear the fruit of a more peaceful world. Is this not what Christ Jesus calls us to in the Sermon on the Mount?

Here is how it works. We buy and sell at cost Fair Trade products from Equal Exchange which is a worker owned cooperative company in Massachusetts. Equal Exchange, and all Fair Trade organizations' bottom line is not profit for investors (they have no investors) but building a more equitable, democratic and environmentally sustainable world. Equal Exchange contracts with cooperatively owned local farmers for products. These cooperatives do not use pesticides or chemical fertilizers, their products are environmentally sustainable, and a portion of their income is used to improve education and health care for their communities.



NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN!

Ruth Campbell reports that Food4Kids is going great thanks to the more than 100 folk who are participants in this ministry, including about 20 young people. It looks like the total meals served this summer will exceed 18,000 along with the distribution of two thousand books at eleven sites from Provincetown to Harwich.

Fr. Ken will lead two book studies beginning on Wednesday, September 17th at 10 am in the Library with " Healing the Heart of Democracy," by Parker J. Palmer, followed by " Embracing Israel/Palestine: A Strategy to Heal and Transform the Middle East," by Rabbi Michael Lerner. If interested please email or call Fr. Ken.

Humanitarian Concert for Gaza. On Saturday, September 13th at 7 PM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich violinist Michael Dabroski will perform music by JS Bach and an original *Suite for Gaza*. The free will offering will benefit Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza which is operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

THE FREE SHOP

MANY MANY THANKS to all who worked the Free Shop in July & August. If it was your first time working we hope you will consider becoming a "regular volunteer" on a Monday or Wednesday, once a month. All volunteers should have received the new September 2014 to June 2015 schedule. If not—please call. The shop is now accepting FALL Clothing. Please no summer or winter clothing because our storage space is very limited. All donations can be dropped off any day the parish hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the door. The shop is open for your unique shopping experience (Mondays noon to 3 and Wednesdays 10 to 1). Sharyn Laughton 508-255-7277—artoff@camcast.net



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 21, 2014

(including July reports)

- Sarah Kelb+ has accepted a position as Priest-in-charge in North Andover beginning October 1. She will celebrate and preach at all services on the weekend of August 23/24, to be followed by a “farewell coffee hour.”
- Upon the retirement of Nat Goddard as Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Warden Ike Cole has been appointed to replace him.
- Robin McLaughlin has concluded her service as Leader of the Youth Group. The Rector will be working together with the young people and their families as future directions for the Group are developed.
- The Treasurer’s Reports and the Minutes of the June meeting (as amended) were accepted.
- Liaison reports were minimal because most ministries had not met during the summer months.
- The Nominating Committee has been formed and has begun its work for the year 2015. Committee members are Wes Dreher (chair), Amy Corcoran (Spiegel), Gilbert Merritt, Meredith Perkins, and Cynthia Wieboldt.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Jones Smith (Clerk)

THE NEW “DID YOU KNOW?” SECTION. . .

We invite all of you to send your “good news” items to our Parish Administrator, Amanda at holyspirit@leansad-min@verizon.net. A weekly item will be selected and prior month postings will be included in *Together*. Please help us share all the wonderful things that happen at CHS. For example . . .



Did You Know 20 to 25 parish volunteers put in a total of over 300 hours each year caring for our gardens and grounds? In doing so they consume 8 to 9 gallons of coffee, about 20 dozen donut holes, many gallons of ice water and generate 15 to 20 pick-up loads of trimmings!

Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Alan Gates

September 13th

Special blessings and prayers in this time of transition as we look forward to the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Alan Gates as Bishop of Massachusetts on September 13, 2014.

Hooray!



ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall. Through the end of September, we will be taking up again our gradual interactive reading of John’s Gospel. No homework required! And you don’t have to have come before. Each week a very short passage is read and then becomes the topic for open conversation. Father Adam facilitates and provides occasional background material to heighten the discussion. Perhaps it’s a little like group “lectio divina.” Join the circle; we’d love to have you with us.

OFFICE CORNER

The Deadline for October *Together* is the 2nd Monday in September (September 8th).

Thank you to all the committee chairs who got the blue fall-to-spring space usage forms into the office in a timely fashion!

Together September 2014

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Wayne Curry, Assistant 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.***

Dates to remember in September

Thurs. Sept. 4	Women's Lunch
Sat. Sept. 13	Bishop's Ordination & Consecration
Wed. Sept. 17	Men's Lunch
Fri. Sept 19	Garden Party
Sat. Sept. 20	Lauren Winner (Guest Speaker)