

September  
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# TOGETHER

## A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Do you feel disconnected from church?

It happens—all too easily. Things “get in the way.”

Unlike the culture of only a few years ago, the “stuff of our lives” pulls us in other directions. Going to church is no longer something that conveniently fits in. Now, we often have to consciously re-order our priorities to do so.

Church usually works on us incrementally, and works better the more regular our participation—pretty much like everything else we do.

More than this, all of us—specifically **you**—offer a very special gift just by being here. All of us—specifically including **you**—make a unique contribution each and every time we participate in worship. Each such contribution strengthens the life and witness of the church. Yes, with all our questions, our distractions—and the burdens we bear—none of these disqualify us!

September is the month when we start up our “program year” again. If we’ve been away, this is a very good time to get back to church. Getting back to worship isn’t an automatic-pilot kind of thing. It is not a path-of-least-resistance project. But still: It’s much simpler than we tell ourselves.

Don’t wait until it’s “convenient.” And please don’t worry, or be embarrassed, about prior absences. God gives us the opportunity of a new beginning every Sunday (or Saturday 5 p.m., as the case may be). And if you need help getting to church—or if you are physically unable to do so—please let us know!

So... Let’s re-member and re-connect with each other—and most of all—with our gracious Lord. And just maybe, more than we could have imagined in all our “busyness” and all the “stuff,” we’ll come to find ourselves refreshed in “the life that really is life.” (1 Timothy 6:19)

Yours in Christ,  
Adam +

### **COME ONE—COME ALL WHO LOVE TO SING! Open Organizational Choir Rehearsal**

Lori Linton, Choir Director

Would you like to have a wonderful time singing praise to God while making a valuable and beautiful contribution to the worship life of our church family?

Join us at our Fall Organizational Choir Rehearsal to be held on **Wednesday September 6th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has wanted to be a part of our choir to “just come and check us out” and discover all the wonderful things we have planned. You will be glad if you do! We will be meeting in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to join in the fun organizing music folders, robes, schedules and, of course, making music! Just follow the joyful (yet heavenly) noise! “Sing praises to our God. Sing praises!”





### YOUTH BRUNCH Sunday, September 3rd

Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by our youth before you enjoy the one of the last summer Sundays this year on Cape Cod.



### LADIES LUNCHEON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH.

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and look forward to seeing you when the Ladies' Luncheon resumes on **September 7th**. Our September committee will be: Ginny Lucil-potato chips, Jane Affleck-1/2 and 1/2 and lemon, Georgia Schneider-paper goods, and Fay Cole-centerpieces.

### LABYRINTH WALK - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Dr. Margaret Rappaport Please join us in the Parish Hall to sit quietly, pray and meditate even when you don't walk the labyrinth. All are welcome to participate in our parish labyrinth community. Continuing our monthly guided walks on the second Friday in September we will explore the theme, "Awareness". When the group gathers in the center of the labyrinth at 10:00 a.m., Rev Anne Koehler will offer an opening reflection.



Before the traditional walk on the eleven circuits of the spiral pathway, Dr. Margaret Rappaport, Veriditas-certified Labyrinth Facilitator, will share a short commentary on the theme as a stimulus for meditation as we walk. Director of Music/Labyrinth, Darlene T. Hagon, Veriditas-certified Labyrinth Facilitator, will offer selected meditative music to accompany the walk.

Our medieval Chartres-style labyrinth will be candlelit and arrayed to strengthen the meditative experience. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Parish Hall whether or not they choose to walk. Sitting, praying quietly or actively meditating encourages participation in our parish labyrinth community, which we welcome. Closing prayer and comments will conclude the walk.

### SAVE THE DATE—Labyrinth Pilgrimage Walk Saturday, September 9th 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our **second annual Pilgrimage Walk** to be held in the Parish Hall will be a journey inward and outward featuring three unique events over a concentrated period of 2 ½ hours around the Parish Labyrinth.

In the **first experience** we will focus on the power of the labyrinth as a sacred space. Through a **Labyrinth Service with a Linear Walk, led by Rev. Anne Koehler**, we will be encouraged to perceive ourselves as spiritual beings taking the next steps in spiritual growth. During this time we will pray our way into the pilgrim's place where we are metaphorically traveling and seeking a new or a renewed spiritual level within. We will explore our desires for a deeper and more profound connection to God, our inner selves, and each other.

**Interlude:** All participants will be guided in **preparing the labyrinth for the next walk.**

The **second experience** on our Pilgrimage will explore **echoes of the Celtic past of the labyrinth.** The naturalistic symbols and practices of the Celtic people framed European Christianity and, particularly, influenced the art and cultural traditions of northern Europe. The labyrinth is a striking example of this remarkable history.

**Rev. William Heuss will present a commentary on the Celtic High Cross** as he discusses it as one of the many symbols called "thin places," where the ancient Celts found the presence of the "holy" in their everyday lives. Following his talk, we will take a **traditional labyrinth walk accompanied by meditative music in the Celtic style selected by Director of Music/Labyrinth, Darlene T. Hagon.**

**Interlude: Silent reflection.**

**The third event will present the twelve meditation points on the eleven-circuit Church of the Holy Spirit Labyrinth with Dr. Margaret Rappaport.** She will demonstrate the tradition of standing at these intersections in quiet contemplation that enlarges the awareness of labyrinth as an initiation experience of ourselves as eternal pilgrims. Every labyrinth walk simulates our ultimate journey and we are always learning more of how to do it in harmony with God, our community, and all creation.

### PLAY ACTING GROUP—Friday, September 8th—Fireplace Room 1:00

Did you enjoy being in class plays or performing in a local theater group and miss the fun of playing a role in a theater production? Or do you just have an interest in theater and literature? Then this is for you! The play reading group will re-convene on Fri Sept 8th at 1 PM in the fireplace room. We ended in June with a wonderful reading of "A Doll's House. All are welcome! We meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 1 PM. Contacts are Betty Suraci (508-240-2785)

**COME TO THE GARDEN PARTY—Friday September 15th 9—Noon** Gilbert Merritt

“See you in September when the summer’s through”. As the popular song goes, summer is through and we hope you can join the Parish Garden Team this month. In August, we made a good dent in the weeding and pruning of our parish gardens...But there is still much more to do in preparation for winter. Cold water, coffee and donut holes will be available. Any questions contact Gilbert Merritt at 508-240-6998.

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Sunday, September 10th** is **CHURCH SCHOOL Registration Sunday** starting at 9:30 with a light breakfast for all! Registration packets were mailed mid - August. If you did not receive a packet or would like one for a friend, please contact the CHS office. Registration forms are essential to our Church School planning. We greatly appreciate your time in filling out these forms. We look forward to seeing/teaching/sharing/creating with 47 children and their families .... and a new Church School year begins!

**Sunday, September 17th** - 9:45 in the Gathering Room - Cheryl Kyle will be presenting and showing a video of her annual trip to Tanzania, Africa. Cheryl has been helping the Endupoto Primary School for Maasai boys and girls to grow, and in recent years, helped them obtain their own source of clean water.

**Sunday, October 1st** - It's official - the first Sunday of every month is **YOUTH SUNDAY**. As well as the ever popular Youth Brunch, Church School youth will be Lectors and Church School families will be reading at the 10:00 service.

**Saturday October 7th and Sunday October 8th** is our Church School Family Overnight Trip to the Barbara Harris Camp. Seventeen Church School families have signed up to go. We have 7 spaces available on the motor coach and cabins. Contact anyone on the Church School Team\* if you would like to join us on this ALL EXPENSE PAID special gift and extraordinary adventure. \*(Brooke, Ruth, Joan, Sharyn, Lillian, Meredith, Richard, Jamie, Kaylee)

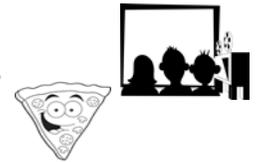
Also, look for something new in the CHS sign garden on the corner by Route 28... I wonder what that could be? A gift from the Church School to remind us that our church tells time with colors!

**YOUTH MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT - Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> 5 – 9 p.m. Grades 5-9**

We will make our own pizzas and then watch the popular 1996 family adventure PG film “Alaska”.

This is a free event but you **MUST R.S.V.P to Matt Thompson** ([mt@meganet.net](mailto:mt@meganet.net))

**by Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>** so he can get pizza supplies. **COME JOIN THE FUN.**



**SHEPHERD GROUPS will resume on Sunday, September 17th.**

**Orleans Shepherd Group** will gather at Rick and Ann Pike-Paris’s. 57 Woodsneck Rd.; E. Orleans; 508-255-3583

**Brewster-Dennis Group** will gather at Gilbert and Elizabeth Merritt’s; 64 Nickerson Rd; Orleans; 508-240-6998

**Eastham-Wellfleet** will gather at Ike and Fay Cole’s; 180 Hay Road, Eastham. RSVP 508-255-9542

**MEN’S LUNCHEON - Wednesday, September 20th at Noon.**

Our Men's Luncheon group will resume on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, September 20th, in the Fireplace Room. Questions? Call Bruce Lederhouse at 508-240-2853. Rides can be arranged. Bring your own sandwich and cold drink; coffee and snacks are provided by our donations.

**RUMMAGE SALE Friday October 13th 4-7 pm; Saturday October 14th 9-Noon**

Keep saving those much needed donations for this popular sale.

**DONATION DROP OFF AT THE PARISH HALL BEGINS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH—times will be posted**

We need CLEAN adult and children’s clothing, shoes and boots in wearable condition. We will also need gently used books (no mildew please!!!) as well as “white elephant” items such as dishes, baking items, small furniture, small appliances IN WORKING ORDER and children’s toys.

We **CANNOT ACCEPT** TV’s, computer equipment, luggage, LP records, food, live plants, golf or ski equipment.

Many helping hands will be necessary to make this year’s sale a success—Watch for sign up sheets to be posted in Parish Hall and Reception Room later this month.

Questions? Contact Melissa Keeffe at [mkeeffe267@gmail.com](mailto:mkeeffe267@gmail.com) or call/text (607) 426-0916

### **FOOD 4 KIDS NEWS**

By the time this edition of *Together* is published, Food4Kids will have wrapped up another successful season. The final week of July was our busiest week—the height of the season—with all eighteen of our sites from Dennis to Provincetown up and running. Once the middle of August rolled around, our sites slowly wrapped up their programs, many with pizza parties or cookouts. By the final week of August, we were serving meals to children only in Provincetown, Truro, and Sunny Pines in Brewster.

Food4Kids saw many changes this summer—new directors, a new operations manager, a new kitchen manager, many new site supervisors and program assistants—but the success of the program was once again due to an amazing group of loyal and hard-working volunteers. Many of the “regulars” returned, but we were joined by many community members who had learned of our program in a variety of ways. An amazing number of volunteers took on several roles—kitchen help in the early morning and again in the late morning, packing the lunches, driving and delivering the lunches, and breaking down the boxes for dump runs. We are so grateful to each and every one of you and trust that you had as much fun as we did. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU NEXT YEAR!

Brenda Ridgeway and Anne Koehler, Co-Directors F4K Co-Director

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—CAPE COD Nat Goddard**

In August we announced that CHS has pledged \$5,000 to Habitat of Cape Cod towards their \$55,000 2017 Brewster Build project goal. A pledge of \$4,000 from our CHS Outreach funds has been approved. The weekend of August 12-13 Nat Goddard made personal appeals at all services asking parishioners to consider making a donation to fulfill the \$1,000 gap. We are happy to report that as of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have received an additional \$2,962 with more to come. This is such a wonderful response. THANK YOU!!!! These additional funds will be so welcomed by our friends at Habitat Cape Cod who have received 90% of their \$55,000 pledge goal.

Anyone still wanting to make a donation can do so. Please make checks payable to “Habitat Cape Cod – Brewster Build” and on the message line note “Holy Spirit”. Checks can be put in the Sunday offertory plate, dropped off at the CHS office or mailed di-

### **NOVEMBER 4TH HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE Sue Sasso**

Plans are well underway for our **All Parish Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00—3:00**. In October you will be asked to volunteer to help make our Bazaar a success. Some of the activities or ways to help will require advance planning for your donations. Here’s some things to start thinking about doing to help.

- ◆ **Men’s Craft Table—Calling ALL men (& Boys)- This is a renewed Bazaar table for you.** We have so much talent in the parish. Think about what you can make or service to offer that can be sold at this table. Whatever your hobby or craft... food, wood, metal, painting, skills people can purchase, etc. the sky is the limit... hope you’ll contribute some of your time and talent. Questions about possible donations? Call Ed Mason—508-385-4093.
- ◆ **Food Table & Cookie Walk**— as you bake or make items over the coming months, make some extra ones to freeze or store and then bring to the Food Table or Cookie Walk.
- ◆ **Jewelry & Accessories**—Fall closet and jewelry box cleaning is a great time to find some items to donate.
- ◆ **Used Books**—you will be able to donate your gently used books for the October Rummage Sale. Unsold books will be the beginning of our Bazaar Used Book Sale..... You can bring more for the Bazaar sale.
- ◆ **Elegant White Elephant**—Find elegant items you don’t use and are tucked away in your closets and cabinets and bring them to the Bazaar .
- **St. Martha & Kimball Guilds**—**The guilds will resume meeting in September on Monday Mornings at 10:00 in the Fireplace Room.** Come join the ladies and help make some wonderful crafts to sell at the bazaar. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN THE GUILDS ON MONDAY MORNINGS... but have some hand crafts to donate for the bazaar, please contact Libby Hall 508-394-2362.**
- **Other Vendors**—do you want to sell your own crafts at the bazaar? Spaces are limited—parishioners get priority . Contact Sue Sasso 508-255-1732

### **WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHS LIBRARY BOOKS GONE???** Vicky Hutchens, CHS Librarian

In the process of re-organizing the shelves and catalog in the CHS Library, it has come to our attention that that about 100+ books are missing from the CHS Library. We know it’s easy to forget which books you take out and we don’t have an electronic reminder process like our public library.



A list of the “MIA books” is in the Library on the desk as well as at the Receptionist Desk. If you have ever borrowed a book from our library, would you please see if any of these missing books are hiding in your house. There are boxes for returned books on the Library desk, the table outside the Library and in the Reception Room. Vicky will put the books in their proper place on the shelves for others to enjoy. Thank you!

### **FREE SHOP**

The new Free Shop Schedule was mailed to all volunteers in August. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the CHS office. The shop is gladly and gratefully accepting fall clothing and paper shopping bags. The shop has limited space for toys, books, games, bedding and SMALL household items.



We are open Monday Noon—3 and Wednesday 10—1. Donations can be dropped off during shop hours or placed in the box outside the shop door any time the parish hall is open. Thank you for your continued support of this important CHS ministry. Thank you also to Sue Sasso and Nancy Anderson for answering the “urgent call” for new volunteers. **We still need a couple more volunteers for Wednesday mornings. Sharyn Laughton at [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net).**

### **40th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE SAVE THE DATES! November 24th-25th**

It is hard to believe that our plans are underway for the 40th Annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held Friday, November 24th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, November 25th, 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century furniture, nautical items, quilts, Staffordshire china, ironstone, early American pattern glass, jewelry, Americana, brass candlesticks, vintage post cards, chocolate and ice cream molds, primitives, textiles, folk and fine art.

You will be receiving a letter asking for your support of this longstanding fund raiser for our parish and hope you will be a PATRON of this long tradition 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 40th 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.

### **CHS GALLERY/ CHS ARTISTS** The featured CHS artist in the Reception Gallery for the month of September is Pia Mackenzie.

Please view her new series of twelve collages she created this summer in the themes of “Woods, Angels and Wilderness”.

The **2018** Gallery sign up sheet is waiting for you in the Reception Room to sign-up to exhibit your craft for one month in 2018. Set up your display the first day of your chosen month - take down the last day of the that month. Questions? Contact Sharyn Laughton - [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net) - 508 255 7277

### **NAUSET INTERFAITH NEWS**

The “Weekend on Cape Cod” outreach to refugee families and individuals living in the Worcester area this summer was a terrific success. Eight families and several individuals from Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Liberia and Algeria came for weekend and stayed with hosts families including three from Holy Spirit: Nancy Ludewig, Stefan and Marcia Galazzi and Fr. Ken and Ruth Campbell. Also, Jane Wiedenman and her daughter Cheri Tyree were volunteer drivers to Worcester and back and the Hanrahans, Pam, Cian and Carolyn, led a Friday night walk in Chatham. Special thanks to St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Harwich and the Community of Jesus, Orleans for hosting celebratory events for our guests, hosts and Refugee Support Team. We are hoping to sponsor a high school choir of the New American senior high school youth from across the earth this fall or next spring. For information about future plans or to see online photos of the “Weekend on Cape Cod” please speak with Fr. Ken.

The Martin Luther King Action Team of Nauset Interfaith sponsored a public demonstration /rally on the Village Green in Orleans on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> with 160 plus in attendance! The purpose of the event was to affirm God’s family in America as a rainbow of colors, not just white, and to witness to the exclusive use of non-violence in working for justice for all in our country.

The following important events will take place in October: - SAVE THE DATES—we will include more details on the October 21st & 28th events next month.

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**: COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Harwich. For tickets: 508-432-5172. This fund raiser will benefit at risk and homeless youth living on the lower and outer cape through the YOH action team of Nauset Interfaith. For more information, please speak with Brooke Eaton-Skea.

**Saturday, October 21<sup>ST</sup>**: a Forum on THE ETHICS OF STATE TAX POLICY at Holy Spirit Parish Hall from 9 am to noon.

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**: CAPE COD: MAKING IT THE BEST PLACE FOR ALL OF US, *Police are the community and the community are the police.* Cape Cod Community College, Tilden auditorium.

### **ENOUGH ABUSE CAMPAIGN – Special Event Monday October 23 – 6:30 – 8:00 – CHS Parish Hall**

Parent, grandparents and all community members concerned about children’s safety are encouraged to attend a presentation focusing on creating a community that protects children from child sexual abuse and making perpetrators accountable for their actions related to child sexual abuse.

**We cannot be ashamed to talk about this national crime epidemic** that sadly occurs frequently on Cape Cod. It leaves children traumatized, terrorized, feeling isolated and confused and leads them to question their self worth, often making unhealthy choices or entering into unhealthy or abusive relationships.

## ABOUT US

Enjoy this month's article by Larry Bernhardt

Carol and Larry Bernhardt can be found every Sunday at the 8:00 Service. Long time members of the parish, they enjoy the quiet worship of the Rite 1 Eucharist. A few years ago, they noticed a beautiful spider's web up in the rafters of the nave. It was so high up that it went unnoticed by the Sexton for a very long time. Carol and Larry typically go out to breakfast with other members after the service. They started talking about the web. Being a bit of a writing buff, Larry with the help of Carol, wrote the following short story.

(Note: this is just a story. The Sexton and Building & Grounds committee do everything possible to ensure real life Church Spiders and Holy Mice don't take up residence at Holy Spirit.... But it sure is a cute story inspired by a keen observation.)

### The Church Spider and Holy Mouse – By Larry Bernhardt

*This story is dedicated to my wonderful wife and best friend, Carol. Her observations and ideas are woven into many of the thoughts that went into this effort. L.B.*

Once upon a time there was a beautiful spider nest in The Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, Massachusetts near the front of the church, hanging from the song list board. Attached to that web was a small cocoon. Inside that cocoon was a tiny little spider just waiting patiently to break out and start his life. While he waited, he heard soft music inside the church. He thought it was beautiful. The song he heard was a hymn. He thought it was just for him. It went, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little things to him belong, they are weak but he is strong." He thought, "Well I'm little and certainly weak not having been born yet, so they must be singing about me!"

After an hour or so, the shell of his cocoon started to crack. The little spider thought this must be the time for me to enter the world. He wriggled and squirmed until he emerged from the shell that was protecting him. To his wonder, he saw a beautiful church and a little mouse looking at him through tiny eye.

"Hello tiny little spider" said the mouse. "Welcome to The Church of the Holy Spirit." The little spider didn't know quite what to say. After a few seconds he asked, "What your you?" The mouse replied, "I am the Holy Mouse of this church. I was born here just like you and have lived here all my life."

The little spider was a tad scared. He asked, "Are you going to eat me?" The mouse answered, "Dear me no! I just came by to see you. I have been keeping watch over the cocoon so no one would hurt it until you were born. I normally live in another building they call a Parish Hall. It has a kitchen and they serve food on special occasions. That is where I can find food." The baby spider relaxed when he knew he was safe. The mouse asked, "What are you going to eat?" Baby spider told him his mother left food in the web that will keep him nourished until he learned to hunt on his own.

The spider asked the mouse "Why are you named the Holy Mouse?" The mouse thought for a second and told the following story. "One Sunday, while the church service was going on, part of the service, called communion, involved people eating wafers and drinking wine. People believed that this rite would forgive bad things they had done. Once, one of the wafers fell from the priest's hand, unnoticed, and rolled under the big table they call the altar. I just happened to be there, so I ate the wafer. At the end of the service the priest blessed everyone. The priest said that communion was a Holy Rite. So the other mice teased me about being holy because I ate the wafer. So I became known as the Holy Mouse."

The spider was really impressed. He asked the mouse what he thought his name should be? The mouse thought for a moment and then said, "I think you should be called The Church Spider because you were born right here in the church." The spider said, "Thank you. I think that is a nice name." The mouse told the spider, "I have to go now and see if I can find something to eat. I haven't eaten in several hours while I was waiting for you to be born. See you later "Church Spider". With that the mouse scurried across the beam that was holding up the spider's web and headed for the Parish Hall.

*To be continued next month.....*

### **CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – Cape Cod Food Pantries Donations Needed!**

It's September which is pretty much the end of the Summer tourist season. This is bad news for many clients of the Hands of Hope Outreach Service Center, a ministry of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, who found Summer jobs in the tourist industry. Now they will be in danger of being laid off or their hours being reduced. Now they can no longer afford to shop at the super-market. Soon they will be faced with buying heating oil and will be getting behind with rent payments. They will have to turn to food pantries and organizations providing emergency aid for help.

Fortunately, there are many such organizations on the Cape. The Council of Churches, representing and supported by most of the Cape's Protestant churches, with ministries to the hungry, poor, sick and homeless, is an important member of this group. Food pantries depend on donations from churches and civic groups for about half the food they distribute. **The Church of the Holy Spirit food donations from parishioners support the Lower Cape Outreach Council (LCOC) Food Pantry.**

**Your frequent donations of a few cans or packages of non-perishable food items to the food chests in the Reception Room or the front entry-way of the Parish Hall would be most appreciated.**

Janet & Bob Winter, CHS Delegates, Fr. Bill Heuss and Phil Suraci – CHS liaison to LCOC food pantry

## THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ORLEANS

### August 17, 2017 Vestry Meeting Highlights

- Steve Koehler, Treasurer, reported that we remain at a break even position after 7 months of activity. Expenses for July were considerably lower than this time last year and income was up compared to last year with good collections in pledges, unpledged income, and open plate.
- Work continued on draft #4 of the Re-Imagining Action Plan. The final draft should be approved at the September vestry meeting after which the plan will be sent to all parishioners for their suggestions and feedback.
- Adam+ and Gail+ will be teaching a Confirmation Class this year. To date 5 potential Confirmands have signed up.
- Matt Thompson announced the following planned Youth Activities
  - 9/16 - Movie Night and Pizza Making—details included on page 3 of this edition
  - 10/21 - Pumpkin Carving - open to all parish families, not just Youth Group
  - 11/11 - 5-9 P.M. a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser to benefit the After School Program Scholarship Fund. There will be a free -will offering and music will be provided throughout the event.
  - 12/16 - Movie Night and Pizza Making

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Hutchens, Clerk

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and BIRTHDAY CARD MINISTRY

Do you enjoy hearing the *Prayers of the People* recited by a parishioner during your worship? Do you like receiving a birthday card from your parish every year? If you answered yes, would you consider being a volunteer to one (or both) of these special ministries? Please contact Dilys Smith 508-255-9647 or [dsmith@capecod.net](mailto:dsmith@capecod.net).

### ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The Altar Flower Guild was assembled just after Easter, in April of this year. We have a wonderful committee who teams up in pairs each week and creates the flower arrangements for the main and side altar. We are all doing our best to make each week's flowers a little different but arranged for the Glory of God. If anyone would like to join our "Merry Band", please contact Marty Williams, [rclumberclan@aol.com](mailto:rclumberclan@aol.com) or 508-255-8730.

The committee members are as follows: Marty Williams, Priscilla Isner, Maggie MacLeay, Cynthia Murray, Cristina Harter, Kathy Goddard, Jane Affleck, Fay Cole, Melissa Keeffe, Joan Karter, Susan Sasso, Jan Roberts, and back ups, Dilys Smith, Kate Paradise, Nancy Ludewig and Jean Gatzkiewicz. Please give them a thank you when you see them.



Flowers This Week

***Have you picked up an Altar Flowers Request Card*** at one of the church entrances? For a donation of fifty dollars (\$50), flowers will be purchased and arranged for your chosen weekend by the newly formed Flower Guild. You may choose to do this to remember someone or perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. ***The name of the loved one(s) being honored will be noted in the service bulletins of the weekend services of the chosen date.***

### PARISH OFFICE CORNER

**-SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**—All items for the Sunday Blue Bulletin must be sent to Debby by Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **FIRM!**

**-PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed Fridays and Labor Day, September 4th.

**-PARISH OFFICE EMAILS:** REMINDER—All emails to the CHS office should be sent to [office@chsorleans.org](mailto:office@chsorleans.org).

**-PARISH USAGE REQUESTS:** Arline Consiglio manages Parish space requests and is in the Parish Office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. You will need to complete a Parish Usage Form that is available in the Parish Office.

**-OCTOBER TOGETHER DEADLINE: Monday September 18th.** All questions and article contributions should be directed to Sue Sasso at 508-255-1732, cell 860-614-1341 or [susansasso@hotmail.com](mailto:susansasso@hotmail.com). September starts our church and program year with

**N.O.A.H= NO OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING** For many years, CHS has supplied the 4th Friday of the month meal to the folks staying at the shelter now called St. Joseph's by the Catholic Charities of MA. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP OUR SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL MINISTRY GOING.** Contact the Parish office or leave a note in the NOAH mail slot. Thank you!

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. Psalm 67:7

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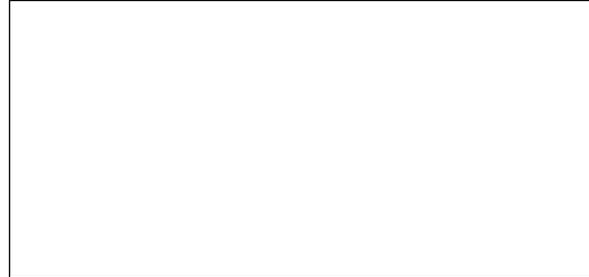
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**September 3rd Youth Brunch**

**September 6th—Organizational Choir Rehearsal**

**September 7th—Ladies' Luncheon**

**September 8th—Labyrinth Walk**

**September 8th—Play Acting Group**

**September 9th—Labyrinth Pilgrimage**

**September 10th—Church School Registration**

**September 16th—Youth Pizza & Movie Night**

**September 17th—Shepherd Groups**

**September 18th—Together Deadline**

**September 20th—Men's Luncheon**

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