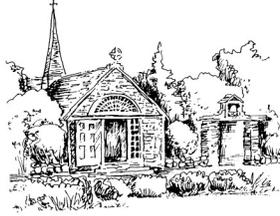


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# TOGETHER

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## A word from our Rector

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Listening is one of the most important disciplines in our life of faith. But the problem is that our prior expectations (what we think we'll hear) tend to get in the way. And much of our attention is already directed at planning what we might say next in response.

The discipline of spiritual listening seeks to be truly present to what is being said. I'm not saying there's no place for response. In fact, response is often required of us. The point is that we *start* with hearing—and making sure that we have done so in good faith.

We can always decide later that someone got it wrong, that we have some stuff we need to add to the mix. However, we start by hearing.

C. S. Lewis, in one of his last books, *An Experiment in Criticism*, wrote about engaging with works of art. What he said there goes, as well, with all human communication—from our everyday conversations all the way to reading the Holy Scriptures—and from there, ultimately, to our listening to God.

“The first demand any work of art makes upon us is surrender. Look. Listen. Receive. Get yourself out of the way. (There is no good asking first whether the work before you deserves such a surrender, for until you have surrendered you cannot possibly find out.)”

Without such surrender, we reduce the others to being symbols or ciphers of our own stuff, projections of what's going on between our two ears. How alone this is! God intends better for us.

So, how do we foster better listening? We start by asking God's help. Habits are strong, but God is stronger. We continue in both commitment and patience. And engaging with the Scriptures plays a great role in this. The Sacred Word creates in us the capacity to hear, if we approach it, not only with questions, but also in humility and openness.

“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

Blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord, dear ones, in this Lenten journey—and always.

Adam +

## Events in February

### **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th**

The women of the parish will gather for their monthly luncheon at noon in Parish Hall on Thursday the 4th. Volunteers for the day are: Ragnhild Bjerke, Fay Cole and Lori Linton. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the camaraderie, conversation and good food. Bring your own sandwich to share; beverages and dessert are provided. If you need a ride, call Peter Blank, 508-760-1516.

### **YOUTH BRUNCH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th**



Please attend the Youth Brunch in the Parish Hall just after the Sunday 10:00 am service.

Every first Sunday of the month the Youth Group hosts a brunch. Come February 7th and join the fun!

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 9th in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm**

Open to the entire parish - sponsored by the Church School with help from the Youth Group.. Beads, hats, good food, singing - home & happy by 7:30 pm.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10th SERVICES**

- 7:30 am service
- 10:00 am service
- 7:00 pm service



### **FRIDAY LENTEN SERVICE AND SUPPER FEBRUARY 12th— MARCH 18th (EVERY FRIDAY at 5:30 pm)**

Come join our Friday Lenten Service and Supper which incorporates a devotional in the church followed by soup & bread and a presentation in the Parish Hall.



### **SHEPHERD GROUPS, FEBRUARY 21st**

**Orleans Shepherd Group:** will meet at 5:30 February 21st at Freddie Fitzgerald's (349A Tonset Road, Orleans Ma. 02653. Her number is 1 508-255-0247)

**Dennis/Brewster Shepherd Group:** Sunday, February 21st at 5:30pm. at the home of Nancy Ludwig: 1510 Long Pond Rd, Brewster. If you need directions, email Nancy Ludwig at [ngludwig@gmail.com](mailto:ngludwig@gmail.com) or call her at 774-323-0032. There is parking in Nancy's driveway or on Greenland Pond Road just inside the Beechwood neighborhood.

**RESPIRE IN WALKING THE LABYRINTH,  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th (9 am until 2 pm, guided walk at 10 am)**

- On the second Friday of every month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall we have a guided labyrinth walk led by Dr. Margaret Rappaport, a Veriditas certified labyrinth facilitator. Her books, "Bringing Life to the Labyrinth" and "Body Prayer" augment the labyrinth experience she brings to Church of the Holy Spirit and our Chartres-style canvas labyrinth.
- Darlene Hagon selects music to enhance the meditative aspects of each walk. Appropriate choral music, chants, and Taize selections will be offered during our walks in Lent.
- Usually 12 to 15 people gather in candle light to contemplate the theme and the music which focuses attention and encourages communal prayerful experience.
- Quarterly there are scheduled evening walks at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Rev. Anne Koehler celebrates an intimate Eucharist that incorporates a labyrinth walk. The next walk with Eucharist will be March 11, 2016.
- Praise abounds among us for the clarity of mind, renewed opportunities to connect with God, and for our personal spiritual experiences in our labyrinth walks. We welcome all who are interested in journeying with us.



**MEN'S LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**

MEN'S LUNCH will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Fireplace Room. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee and snacks are provided by our donations. All men in the parish are welcome. If you think of a friend who could come if a ride were provided, please invite them to come with you. Questions?  
Bruce Lederhouse (508-240-2853)

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

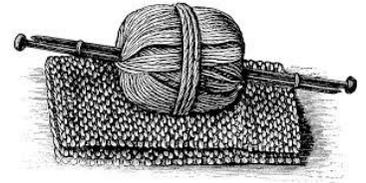
All Church School families please pick up your envelope of photos from Christmas Pageant & Epiphany Trope - on the Church School bulletin board. Thank you for your participation in these two wonderful events.

- **February 7** - CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST - children attend Church School classes - (singing begins with Father Charles at 9:45) - enter church at the "Peace" - gather around the main altar with the Rev. Gail Smith. Thank you Nat for the picnic bench! Youth Brunch following 10:00 service.
- **February 9** - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - 5:30 - for the entire parish - sponsored by the Church School with help from the Youth Group. Beads, hats, good food, singing - home & happy by 7:30 pm
- **February 14** - Children remain in Church School during church service.
- **February 21** - Youth Sunday - children read & sing in church. Singing with Father Charles begins at 9:45 followed by classes. After classes children join their families in church.
- **February 27** - Saturday - COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS begins - led by Father Adam & Lori Linton—in Church at 10:00 am .
- **February 28** - Children's service in the Gathering Room - children remain in Church School during service in main church.

## General Articles

**CHS ARTISTS FOR FEBRAURY- PRAYER SHAWLS** - directed and coordinated by Helen Richardson.

Please check out the handsome display of shawls in the reception room during February. You will even find a lovely bright red shawl for Valentine's Day. Information and instructions for knitters will be included in the display. Sincere thanks to all knitters and the kind distributors. Questions? Helen Richardson, 508-255-0065.



A few months are still "open" in 2016 to exhibit/sell your art/craft in the gallery for one month. The sign up sheet is by the Gallery/Reception Room door. Many thanks to Dianne Fromm for her beautiful exhibit in January. Questions? Comments? Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277 - [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net)

### **PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER IS A WINNER**

We want to thank all of those (almost 100!) parishioners who attended the Parish Pot Luck Supper 1/14/16 for helping us make it a successful, fun evening for all. The food you brought was delicious (someone suggested we have a parish cook book?). Bernie Hutchens provided just the right atmosphere with his musical selections, especially when leading the kids (and some adults!) in the hokey pokey and other fun dances. Thanks, Bernie!

Someone else suggested we have this three times a year. Anyone want to join us in making that happen?!

*The Welcoming Paths Team: Pat Carroll, Fay and Ike Cole, Vicky Hutchens, Elizabeth Merritt, Nancy Munson, Cynthia Murray, Kate Paradise, Susan Owens, Michele Puzo, Betty Yearling, Kathy Goddard, vestry liaison, and Sandy Marshall and Marty Williams, co-chairs.*

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- **Friday, March 18:** 5:30 PM Contemporary Way of the Cross, Church of the Holy Spirit
- **Friday, March 25:** Good Friday Ecumenical Service for the Nauset Interfaith Association, 12 Noon at the Brewster Baptist Church

### **WELCOMING VISITORS**

If you are sitting near visitors at the services please extend them a greeting and, if you attend the 10 am service, invite them over to the parish hall for coffee hour and a visit to the newcomer table.



### **DRIVERS NEEDED**

Volunteers to drive parishioners to church services, activities and medical appointments are sorely needed. If you can help please call Pattie LaBranche at 508-255-3532 or Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.



## STAFF CHANGES AT CHS

- **Sebastian Byland**, Weekend Sexton, and **Shernette Edwards**, Cleaning Assistant, have begun their work at CHS.
- **Wayne Currey** will be the Interim Head Sexton when Larry Kane leaves in early February.
- We hate to see **Larry Kane** leave us but are grateful that Wayne is willing and quite able to step into the job full time.
- Our Parish is blessed to have found such qualified people to work with us and we hope you will extend a CHS warm welcome when you meet them!



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## THE FREE SHOP



**THE FREE SHOP. The shop is gladly & gratefully accepting winter clothing.**

PLEASE NO SPRING/SUMMER CLOTHING! Our storage space is very limited and the shop only offers clothing in the appropriate season. Your donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the shop door for your donations.

**The shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 and every Wednesday - 10 to 1.**

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## *Entered into Eternal Life*



Gordon Somerville  
Elisabeth Meyer



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### HELPER

In Acts 17:28, the Bible says “In HIM we live, and move, and have our being.” This means that in everything we do, the Holy Spirit helps us complete the task. We take for granted all that he does for us on any given day. Our very breath is held in HIS hand. All the little things we do during the day— getting dressed and matching the buttons, tying our shoes, putting on our jewelry, coordinating things, keeping our balance—we do all these things with HIS help. As we age, things we took for granted become more difficult, but the Holy Spirit can still help us with these things. He says to call on the Holy Spirit to help us all the time. When we yield to HIM, things get easier. We receive so many blessings through the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to do good deeds. Step forward this winter and do God’s work with your time and talents.... after all we have the Holy Spirit as our helper!

**It is never too late to make a pledge to CHS. If you need a pledge card or Offertory Envelopes, please contact the parish office.**

## CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



When you read the 2015 CHS Annual Report, we hope you read the section on the Cape Cod Council of Churches. It has been an exciting year for the Council and we have tried to give you a brief overview, including a short report on each of the ministries that actually do the Council's work of serving God by serving others.

This was the first year for a new Ministry, Public Policy (Social Action). After a two year trial period, it was voted to permanent status with our own Fr. Bill Heuss as a member and Linelle Grundman as Chair. This Ministry has five members including Interim Director Edye Nesmith. It has two purposes, to advise the Executive Director on how to respond to and handle issues and comments directed to the Council from the public, and to be an advisory committee on Public Policy matters to the Council's Board of Directors. At the moment, the Committee is trying to determine the best protocol for responding to potentially controversial matters such as the business community of Hyannis and the Cape's homeless population, the opiate addiction problem, immigration, etc.

Another new Ministry this year is Safe Harbor, a safe place for battered women and their children.

The other Ministries covered in the Annual Report include: A Baby Center, Bridge to Hope Mentoring Project, Covenant to Care for Foster Families, Faith Neighborhood Kitchen, Hands of Hope Outreach Center, Homeless Ministries including Hospitality Housing, Street Outreach, Homeless Ministries Volunteer Services, Youth Street Outreach/Safe Harbor and Chaplains at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Cape Cod Hospital.

Janet & Bob Winter, CHS Delegates and Fr. Bill Heuss, Public Policy Committee

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2016 ELECTION RESULTS

**WARDEN:** Cynthia Murray  
**TREASURER:** Steven Koehler  
**CLERK:** Victoria Hutchens  
**VESTRY:** Brooke Eaton-Skea  
**VESTRY:** Katherine Goddard  
**VESTRY:** Melissa Keeffe-Jones  
**VESTRY:** Matthew Thompson

**CHS DELEGATES:**  
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**CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:**

Jane Nixon  
Dr. Margaret Rappaport  
(ALTERNATE): Jean Collins  
Bob & Janet Winter



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAPE COD

If you are interested in volunteering, check their website ([habitatcapecod.org](http://habitatcapecod.org)), scroll down to "Volunteer Up", and/or ask Jody Mines, Gilbert Merritt, or Nat Goddard about the variety of opportunities.

## FIRST FRUITS — Another Successful First Fruits Outreach

If you passed through the Parish Hall during the first week of December, you would have seen fresh greens, ribbons, and Christmas decorations everywhere and heard Christmas carols playing in the background. This is the scene every year when various parishioners from CHS and many from other churches, arrange centerpieces, door swags and fireplace mantel boughs for the First Fruits Christmas Greens Sale. Once again, the sale was a great success and, as in other years, the proceeds will be distributed to various charitable organizations such as Lower Cape Outreach, Food for Kids, and Homeless But Not Hopeless. We thank everyone who in any way participated and hope many of you will join us next year.

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**Orleans, Massachusetts**  
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 21, 2016 VESTRY MEETING**

- The Rector announced the resignation of Sexton Larry Kane on Thursday, February 4, and the appointment of Wayne Currey as Interim Head Sexton. We have also hired a weekend sexton and supplemental cleaning help. Vestry expressed gratitude for Larry's highly dedicated, effective efforts these last seven years.
- Wes Dreher presented the latest information on "The Rectory Project," including proposals by several companies for work to be done in repairing the building and environs, including the kitchen and master bathroom.
- Treasurer Jack Nixon presented the FinCom's recommendation for approving and funding the Rectory Project proposal, which was approved by Vestry, pending development and agreement on a suitable building contract.
- The Treasurer's Report included "Budget #2A for 2016", which was approved as amended. The budget will be presented to the Parish at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 31, 2016 immediately following the 10:00AM service.
- Rector and Vestry then discussed the "Pledge Plus" effort to be launched at the Annual Meeting.
- The Rector and Vestry expressed appreciation for the work and fellowship of outgoing Vestry members Ike Cole, Warden, Jack Nixon, Treasurer, and Dilys Smith, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dilys Jones Smith, Clerk*

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — REGULAR SERVICES**

**Saturday 4:00 pm\***

**Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

\* (The time changes back to 5:00 pm on March 5)

**OFFICE CORNER**

**NEW TOGETHER CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED:** We want *Together* to reflect all the MANY ACTIVITIES going on at CHS. So if you haven't written about your group in a while, please feel free to do a Write Up so we have a chance to hear about your group!



**TOGETHER DEADLINE:** The Deadline for March issue of *Together* is the Third Monday in February, which is February 15, 2016.



**EVENTS IN PARISH HALL—AUDIO/VISUAL:** We can do many things with our audio/visual cart that connects with the sound system and a Liquid Crystal Display projector. However, please be aware that our sextons are not Information Technology (IT) specialists and can trouble shoot only so many problems. As a result we need you to bring your laptops, flashdisks, Power Point presentations, DVDs etc . . . at least **24 hours in advance** to make sure the items are compatible with our system and you are getting what you want. Many Thanks!

# ***Together February 2016***

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Amanda McClenahan, Parish Administrator  
Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music  
Sandra H. Cole, Organist  
John P. Hagon, Handbell Choir  
Debbi Manning, Office Assistant  
Wayne Currey, Interim Head Sexton  
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***Or current occupant***



***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.***

<b><i>Dates to remember in February</i></b>	
Feb. 4, Thursday	Women's Luncheon
Feb. 7, Sunday	Youth Group Brunch
Feb. 9, Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 10, Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 12, Friday	Labyrinth
Feb. 12, Friday	Friday Lenten Service & Supper
Feb. 17, Wednesday	Men's Lunch
Feb. 19, Friday	Friday Lenten Service & Supper
Feb. 21, Sunday	Shepherd Groups
Feb. 26, Friday	Friday Lenten Service & Supper