

July/Aug  
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# TOGETHER

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## A word from our Wardens

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Dear friends:

With Fr. Adam and Lori about to leave on his upcoming, well-deserved sabbatical, your Wardens wish to share some thoughts and observations about the current state of this wonderful church that we all love, and about the sabbatical.

Where does the CHS stand today? We all know that many mainstream Protestant denominations are facing declining attendance and/or significant financial challenges. At the national level, the Episcopal Church is not immune to these problems, nor are many parishes in the Diocese of Massachusetts, including several parishes here on the Cape and Islands.

As you heard during the Budget Open Meeting that we held in February, we are doing better than many of our neighboring parishes. But we also face challenges, both financial and demographic.

Our endowment is clearly a major blessing, but it is insufficient to secure our financial future. On the good news side of the ledger, we are attracting new, younger families with children, something that few of our neighbor parishes are doing.

Despite our challenges, the Church of the Holy Spirit is in a good place. With the added revenue boost from Pledge Plus, our budget shortfall has been notably reduced (but not eliminated). Unavoidably, there will be some hard financial decisions facing us this Fall. Yet we sustained our consistent pattern of growth with 54 new members last year alone. The church continues to hum with many activities. Liza+ has been a wonderful addition to the parish and we are so blessed to have her as we get ready to bid a temporary farewell to the Lintons.

In just a few short weeks, Adam+ and Lori will be on their way to their beloved Glacier National Park in Montana where they will stay until they return to us in early October. This is Adam's well-earned sabbatical as he approaches having served CHS for seven years.

During his seven years as our Rector, Adam+ has shown himself to be a strong, fair, and deeply committed leader. Not a bad preacher, either! We are blessed to have him at the helm of this wonderful church.

As our leader, Fr. Adam has had to deal with several difficult and challenging situations, and has had to expend a great deal of energy cleaning up issues and problems that had gone unaddressed during the tenures of his predecessors. Hard work, but necessary work nonetheless.

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Google turned up this definition of the word "Sabbatical":

*The term sabbatical is derived from the biblical Sabbath, which serves an ancient human need to build periods of rest and rejuvenation into a lifetime.*

Adam+ is looking forward to this time of reflection and reading and writing and expects to return with a re-energized vision for the future of CHS. We feel excited for him---and for us!

The sabbatical will run, with travel time (mule-drawn Conestoga wagons are particularly slow these days) from Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> (after church) through October 5<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned in the June issue of *Together*, Mother Liza will step up into a full-time role, and your Wardens will handle Fr. Adam's administrative responsibilities. Please feel free to contact us, your Wardens, Mother Liza, or Father Adam (before he leaves!) if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming sabbatical.

Since there was such a broad positive reaction to the aforementioned budget open meeting that we held in February, we will be holding another open meeting, August 7, to go over the financial results from the first half of our fiscal year, and to discuss some of the issues that will have to be addressed in next year's CHS budget.

Finally, we would urge all parishioners to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We can't tell you why you should attend, but guarantee that afterwards, you will be very happy that you did!

Wishing all a wonderful, Cape Cod summer!!

Cynthia Murray

Rick Paris

## **Events in July & August**

### **YOUTH BRUNCH, SUNDAY, JULY 3rd & SUNDAY, AUGUST 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 and join the fun!

### **BUDGET OPEN MEETING, AUGUST 7th**

On August 7th please attend the YOUTH GROUP BRUNCH & THE BUDGET OPEN MEETING. The two activities will take place together in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 am Service.

### **GALLEY WEST**

Galley West will be open Monday – Thursday from 10 AM until 3 PM and Friday from 10 Am – Noon until the end of August. The Galley will also be open Sundays year round from 11 AM until 12 PM. Stop in and visit this historic shop. Thank you to all the volunteers! Your valued support makes it possible for the ship to maintain this summer schedule and in turn meet its pledge.



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## GARDEN PARTY, FRIDAY, JULY 22nd

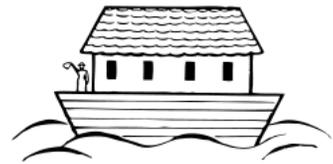
Join the fun from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Donuts, coffee and gardening gear will be provided!



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

**Summer Sunday Veggie Tale Theater:** June 26 - September 4, Under the Parish Hall & across from the Nursery, 9:45 - 10:45 - then children join their family in church. All ages will enjoy!!!!!! Nursery care available for infants & toddlers - 4 years and younger!

- July 3 - **Noah's Ark**, a lesson in trusting God
- July 10 - **A Snoodle's Tale**, a lesson in self worth
- July 17 - **Larry Boy and the Bad Apple**, a lesson in fighting temptation
- July 24 - **King George and the Ducky**, a lesson in selfishness
- July 31 - **Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas**
- August 7 - **Beauty and the Beet**, a lesson in unconditional love
- August 14 - **The League of Incredible Vegetables**, a lesson in handling fear
- August 21 - **Pistachio, the little boy who woodn't**, a lesson in listening to your parents
- August 28 - **Madame Blueberry**, a lesson in thankfulness
- September 4 - **Moon Menace on Planet Tell-a-Lie**, featuring 3, 2, 1, penquins



## THE LABYRINTH

### The Labyrinth at Church of the Holy Spirit, Friday July 15, 2016

Our scheduled walk on the second Friday of every month will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:00 A. M. on July 15, 2016. The theme, "True Quality of Life" focuses on meeting with each other and God for relaxed interaction, moderate exercise, and spiritual exploration in the labyrinth. Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, Dr. Margaret Rappaport, will guide the walk. Darlene T. Hagan, Director of Music will share meditative music played by YoYo Ma. The Rev. Anne Koehler will offer a brief theological reflection. As usual the labyrinth will be candlelit.

**Again on July 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM** in the Parish Hall we offer our quarterly evening celebration of an intimate, meditative Eucharist and labyrinth walk. The Rev. Anne Koehler will lead the worship, Darlene T. Hagan will offer selected meditative music, and Dr. Margaret Rappaport will give a brief introduction to the uniqueness of the labyrinth in our community.

### The Labyrinth at Church of the Holy Spirit, Friday August 12, 2016

Our scheduled 10:00 A.M. walk focuses on "True Vulnerability". It will encourage us not to fear the unknown and the inevitable perils of life. The meditation will strengthen our trust in God for guidance and protection. Dr. Margaret Rappaport, will guide the walk. Darlene T. Hagan, will offer meditative music focused on Creation and Earth. The Rev. Anne Koehler will offer theological reflection. **All are welcome to join us in the sacred space of the labyrinth for personal and communal meditation and faithful contemplation.**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, AUGUST 30th, TUESDAY

On from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm we will have the Red Cross Blood Drive at Church of the Holy Spirit.



## General Articles

### CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



The U.S. has one of the largest prison populations in the world. For many years there was little expectation that prisoners could be rehabilitated and kept from returning to prison for new crimes.

“Bridge to Hope”, a ministry of the Cod Council of Churches, was organized 10 years ago to help new ex-prisoners successfully return to productive lives. The founders chose to work with the most vulnerable part of the prison population, women in the Barnstable House of Corrections. The method they use is one-on-one mentoring both during incarceration and after release. The mentors are inspired by their belief that God loves everyone, no matter what mistakes they have made. The mentors offer the prisoners a choice -- to go back to their old ways or a path that can lead to a new life. It will not be easy, but compared to 10 years ago they will find much more help and support available – help from God, from their mentors, from the Bridge to Hope organization and from a variety of other service organizations.

There are some employers who are willing to hire an ex-con. Even if she has to work for minimum wage, there are services that can provide basic needs such as housing, food, medical care.

Education is almost always the key to a better job. Many programs exist on the Cape to help people get additional education, whether it’s a GED (High School), trade/technical school, or one of the degrees offered by the Cape Cod Community College. The mentor can help clients apply for the appropriate level.

Bridge to Hope also operates Bayside Cottage, a home where mentees can live while looking for affordable housing. Since it opened in 2007, it has been home for over 80 mentees.

Through our Outreach Committee, CHS members contribute to Bridge to Hope, one of six ministries of the Cape Cod Council of Churches.

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

### A NIGHT OF WITNESS, WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

The annual **Bishop Barbara Harris Award for Social Justice** was given to **Ruth Campbell** by our bishop at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Boston at a gala Episcopal Church event on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The award is given to, “*women who have created positive change as leaders in the community and in the Church, especially with youth.*” As Bishop Barbara would say, “the least, the lost and the left out.”

HIP HIP  
hooray

### *Entered into Eternal Life*



*Enis Smith  
June MacDonald  
Ellen Fuller*



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER — JULY & AUGUST

### Promise

A promise is a statement given by someone that he will do as he said. Common synonyms for “promise” are commitment and pledge. God’s promise was fulfilled through Jesus.

During our busy summers on Cape Cod, we may not worship at church every week. However, our staff and operating expenses don’t stop. Please remember to keep your pledge current during the summer months.

Have a safe and blessed summer. If you are willing to help with the 2016 Annual Stewardship campaign, please contact one of the Wardens.

*And we bring you the good news that what God **promised** to our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.” Acts 13:32-33*

**Do you want to make a Promise to financially support The Church of the Holy Spirit?  
Contact the parish office and we will send you a pledge packet.**

## CHS GALLERY

**The featured CHS artist for the month of JULY is LESLIE JONES.** Leslie's exhibit is titled **Doors, Windows, Passageways & Facades.** It is comprised of photos/painting photos depicting the above subjects taken in England & Ireland. Each image (86) is accompanied by text that appears on the back side of each card. The text for doors, windows and passageways uses them as metaphors for various aspects of our journey in faith. The displayed images are enlarged a bit, but 5x7 cards of each image will be available. Send them to a friend, or keep them like prayer cards or journaling to assist you on your journey of getting to know God and yourself more intimately.

**The featured CHS artist for the month of AUGUST is CHERYL KYLE.** Cheryl’s show includes Tinga Tinga paintings from Tanzania and Maasai beaded jewelry. The Tinga Tinga paintings are a delight to the eye with their bright colors and whimsical birds, fish and African animals. She brought these hand painted paintings back from her yearly trips to Tanzania. All proceeds from the sales are donated to Endupoto Primary School, a Maasai school with over 404 students in Tanzania, East Africa.

**Questions - comments about the CHS Gallery - contact Sharyn Laughton - [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net) - 508-255-7277.**

## THE FREE SHOP

Summer is here! The Free Shop is gladly accepting SUMMER clothing. Our storage space is limited - we are only accepting "in season" clothing! The shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 and every Wednesday - 10 to 1. Your donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open - if the shop is closed there is a container outside the door for your donations.

**THANK YOU!**



Attention all Free Shop volunteers - your new schedule (September 2016 - August 2017) will be mailed mid August. If you have any changes to your "day to work (Monday or Wednesday)" - please let me know by the end of July.

**THANK YOU!**

New volunteers - perfect time to start in September with the new schedule - one day every month—contact Sharyn Laughton - [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net) - 508-255-7277 **THANK YOU!**

## JUSTICE & PEACE

### Ecumenical and Interfaith

- **Refugee Support Team** In the greatest refugee crisis of the modern era, 60 million people have been displaced from their homes by persecution, war or climate disasters. Only a small number of these refugees have been able to secure admission to the USA through our extensive vetting process. Guided by the teachings of our faith, the Nauset Interfaith Association (NIA) has established the Refugee Support Team which is working with Ascentria Care Alliance and faith communities in Worcester to support refugees in Massachusetts. Four members of Holy Spirit are serving on the Refugee Support Team. For more information please contact the committee chair, The Rev. Rod MacDonald, [rodmac.ret@gmail.com](mailto:rodmac.ret@gmail.com) or Fr. Ken Campbell, convener of NIA and liaison to the committee at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) or 413-478-5719.
- In response to Rabbi Lerner's presentation at Holy Spirit last month the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Tree of Life are sponsoring a talk by Richard Forer, the author of "*Breakthrough: Transforming Fear Into Compassion.*" Rich will articulate the unconscious roots of suffering and conflict, especially as these roots pertain to the Israel-Palestine problem which is, perhaps, a model of how human beings create a world of suffering for self and others. Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich. For more information please contact Fr. Ken.
- Also, as a follow up to Rabbi Lerner, a number of people have expressed interest in forming a Cape Cod Chapter of The Network of Spiritual Progressives, co-founded by Rabbi Lerner. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Dr. Sharon Leder at [sharon@teichmangallery.com](mailto:sharon@teichmangallery.com) or 508-896-2395 or Fr. Ken at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) or 413-478-5719.
- Many of you enjoyed the visit by Rabbi Lerner on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and asked if there was a recording of his talk. We did make a recording in CD form. Each CD is \$8.75. Checks should be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit. They are being sold on a first come first served basis. Please contact Amanda in the Office [holyspiritorleansadmin@verizon.net](mailto:holyspiritorleansadmin@verizon.net).

## FOOD FOR KIDS

The first 350 lunches were delivered on Monday June 27th. This daily number will double during the month of July. A special thank you to all our volunteers! We still need drivers and other volunteers... so please contact Ruth Campbell at 413-537-9200!



## 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.



## FREE FIREWOOD

We are cutting up trees on the church grounds. As a result we have free firewood available for you. Please contact Nat 774-722-5352 or Gilbert 508-240-6998.



## 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.

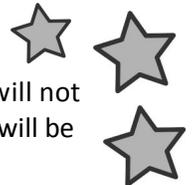


**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
ORLEANS, MASSACHUSETTS  
HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 16, 2016 VESTRY MEETING**

- Fr. Adam reported that Sebastian, our weekend Sexton, has had to resign. He will be with us through the end of June.
- Steve Koehler reported that, even though the pledge plus campaign reached 79% of our goal, we still have a significant budget deficit. He and the FinCom are currently exploring several ways of addressing this going forward.
- The Youth Group will be continuing with the brunches on the first Sunday of the month through the summer.
- The Galley West Shop will be open during the week over the summer and everyone should bring their out of town guests in to shop!
- Food for Kids had a very successful training day with over 90 attending. Set up begins next week and the actual program starts the last week in June.
- The Building and Grounds committee has installed new parking signs near the dumpster.
- Fr. Adam and Vestry discussed ongoing preparations for his upcoming Sabbatical.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Victoria C. Hutchens, Clerk*

**OFFICE CORNER**



**SEXTON NEWS:** On June 26th we said farewell to Sebastian Byland our Sunday Sexton. Sebastian will not be replaced, but rather Wayne's Currey's Hours will shift to Tuesday to Saturday, Shernette Edwards will be here on Mondays and there will be a rotating group that will cover the Sunday Coffee Hour.

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** I want to send out a special thank you to all the people who have gotten safe church training and/or all the people who are in the process of getting safe church training. With a moderate investment of your time you can make a big impact on safety for all. Thank You — Amanda McClenahan

**TOGETHER DEADLINE:** The Deadline for the September issue of *Together* is the third Monday in August, August 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 staff 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!

**EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL— FLOORS:** Please be kind to the floors. When you move tables or chairs in the Parish Hall please LIFT them to move them as opposed to DRAGGING them across the floor. This way we can prevent streaks on the wood. Thank you!

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

<b><i>Dates to remember in July &amp; August</i></b>	
July 3, Sunday	Youth Group Brunch
July 15, Friday	Labyrinth
July 22, Friday	Garden Party
August 7, Sunday	Youth Group Brunch
August 7, Sunday	Budget Open Meeting
August 12, Friday	Labyrinth
August 30, Tuesday	Red Cross Blood Drive