

June
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TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

This issue of *TOGETHER*, I'd like to highlight my upcoming Sabbatical (my first, ever, in thirty six years of ordained ministry). This was approved by the Vestry last November, publicized in the December *TOGETHER*, and then presented in more detail at our Annual Meeting on January, both in my spoken remarks and in the Rector's Report as part of the Annual Report packet.

This October, I will have served seven years, so far, as your Rector—for me, a great privilege and blessing, for which I am grateful beyond words. Sabbaticals are an earned benefit, for this point in a ministry, as an opportunity for clergy renewal, refreshment, and purposeful, creative re-energizing in body, mind, and spirit. (They are not extended vacations!)

The Wardens, Vestry, Mother Liza, and I—drawing on the relevant Diocesan guidelines—put substantial effort into developing these plans. I'd like to flesh these out with you, even more. So, with a prayerful "God-willing" prefixed to all of it, here goes...

I am electing to take a shorter Sabbatical option—a bit over two months, plus travel time. During the Sabbatical period (July 18 through October 5), Liza+ will be full-time with us. During Sabbatical, she will assume authority for the parish's worship and sacramental life. The Rector's other responsibilities and authorities in the administration of the parish during my absence will fall, ultimately, to our Wardens, Rick Paris and Cynthia Murray—but working in close, ongoing coordination with Mother Liza—so, she, Mother Liza, in terms of day to day management, will certainly be "in charge." I'm fully confident that this "team of three"—of course, working in conjunction with our Vestry—will serve you very well. Both Sabbatical norms and the practical travel issues involved mean that during that time I will be unable to come back to Orleans, even for urgent concerns, until my scheduled return.

More specifically, what are my aspirations for Sabbatical? And what does the parish get out of it? The parish gets a Rector re-charged, re-energized, and poised to enter a productive new phase of ministry. I'm hoping to reflect more extensively—in a setting allowing deeper focus—both on my own calling's creative growth edge, but also on congregational development, especially as it applies to the Church of the Holy Spirit. We are in a very new, rapidly changing time for the church in general, in which continued faithfulness will call from us new phases in the evolution of our life. There'll be challenges in our emerging future, but also wonderful opportunities. I want—and I want us—to be in on it!

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Where will I go? Where else? The family homestead, inside Glacier National Park, Montana, on the north shore of Lake MacDonald. Glacier is a cherished place, of great sacredness for us. Lori and I will drive out and back, and so see the sweep of the country, too.

Will I do some writing? Certainly, Yes. Will I promise that "the book" will be done, and publisher-ready? Very frankly, No. But I'll look forward to conversations and reflections, together with you, after I get back, as we discern the leading of the Spirit in the future that our good God is giving us.

With thanks, blessings, and love in Christ,

Adam +

Events in June

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd

The women of the parish will gather for their monthly luncheon at noon in Parish Hall on Thursday the 2nd. Volunteers for the day are: Ginny Lucil, Georgia Schneider, Janet Winter and Betty Yearing. 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. This will be the last luncheon until September so come join us and bring a friend! If you need a ride, call Peter Blank.

YOUTH BRUNCH, SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

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 June 5th and join the fun!

FOOD4KIDS (JUNE 10th, 9:00 am TRAINING)

Summer is almost here! Church of the Holy Spirit's Food 4 Kids program begins to serve meals to children in all 8 towns on the lower/outer Cape Cod on Monday June 27 through August 26. Monday to Friday June 20 -25, is set up week under the Parish Hall in the Gathering Room . We love help of any kind during set up week. Volunteers helping this summer are encouraged to sign the large F4K sheet in the Parish Hall.



Friday, June 10, a training and thank you luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall for staff and volunteers. Please call Ruth Campbell 1-413-537-9200 or rwcampbell@verizon.net if you are coming to the training as a volunteer.

MEN'S LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th

MEN'S LUNCH will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon 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? Brian Skea 774-279-3454

THE LABYRINTH AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FRIDAY JUNE 17th



The scheduled walk on the second Friday of every month will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:00 A.M. on June 17, 2016. The theme, "True Stillness" highlights the winding path of the labyrinth which invites the walker to clear the mind, quiet the pace of living, and be refreshed.

Walking the labyrinth is an outer journey with an inner purpose. Contrary to the expectation that something in particular may happen, it often doesn't. Instead many exceptional experiences such as insight, revelation, release, forgiveness, and healing do happen.

Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, Dr. Margaret Rappaport will guide the walk.

Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music will provide selected vocal and instrumental harp music to accompany the walk. The Rev. Anne Koehler will offer a brief theological reflection on God's patience, waiting for us to be still.

PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER — POSTPONED

The Parish Pot Luck Supper scheduled for June 23rd has been POSTPONED until the Fall.

Date to be announced...stay tuned!

GARDEN PARTY, FRIDAY, JUNE 24th

Every year a bunch of parishioners get together once a month to help with the maintenance of our Church gardens. We plant, weed, prune, mulch and generally keep the gardens looking good while having fun together. The group changes from month to month depending on who's on vacation or who has grand kids visiting. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary.

Please join us for the third Garden Party of the season on Friday, June 24th from 9 to noon! Come for the whole time or only a few minutes. Bring your tools or use ours. Coffee, Hole in One donut holes and cold drinks are provided. Meet us in the north parking lot behind the offices.

Questions me, Gilbert Merritt, 508-360-1125



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS & CALENDAR

- **June 5** - Singing with Father Charles begins at 9:45 - attend classes - join families in church
- **June 11** - Confirmation - St. Christopher's Church - Chatham - 10:00
- **June 12** - Presentation of Communion Preparation Class & Confirmation Class - reception following the 10:00 service
- **June 19** - Youth Recognition Sunday & Cookout for the whole parish - last classes for the 2015-2016 Church School calendar year - children sing in church after class
- **June 26** - Veggie Tales begins in the Creation Room - Nursery care available for infants and toddlers every Sunday.
- The Church School Team continues to meet the first Monday of every month - 6:00 in the Gathering Room. During July & August we will be planning and discussing the 2016-2017 Church School calendar year - we welcome your thoughts & ideas.

General Articles

MORATORIUM ON SPACE USAGE

It's a matter of some pride for us here at CHS that our campus is so heavily used, not only by many church groups, but also affiliated ministries, and also a for a good number of community organizations. We are a seven day a week operation, that's for sure. And this is a part of our mission. However: While we certainly are committed to continuing this legacy, we're at a point now where we need to pause, and take a fresh look at our space usage. Simply put, our very active facilities have become even more active over the last several years—and as a result, we're past "saturation point". This reality has a number of substantial practical consequences. So, in consultation with the Wardens and Vestry, as Rector, I've put a temporary "moratorium" in place, for new groups using our facilities, but also for additional/expanded activities for groups already here. This applies both to parish organizations and outside groups. However, please know that we'll be continuing (at least for now) with all current activities.

The Vestry and I will be appointing a new Parish Space Use working group, to take a look at where we are, at present, draw conclusions, and make recommendations for where (and how) we go from here. If you have questions, please ask them! The Wardens, Mother Liza, and I would be happy to be in conversation with you. Thanks and Blessings,

Adam +

JUSTICE & PEACE

- Our **FAIR TRADE** display in the Parish Hall has some new types of chocolate bars and coffee as well as a larger size organic olive oil from Palestine for \$20.00 a bottle. (Going fast!)
- The newly formed interfaith **Refugee Support Team** went to Worcester on May 19th to meet two refugee families from Syria/Iraq and The Congo at Concordia Lutheran Church. We hope to be able to provide an opportunity to have these families come to Cape Cod for a vacation week during the summer! There are five members of Holy Spirit on the team. To help contact Rod MacDonald, team chair at rodmac.ret@gmail.com or speak to Fr. Ken at 413-478-5719 or ksbcampbell@verizon.net.
- The **Youth Outreach Hospitality** (YOH !) was started in 2015 to support 'at risk,' youth, especially LGBT youth. The group is presently setting up meetings with Gay/Straight youth groups on the lower/outer Cape. New co-chairs are Rita Boyle of St. Joan of Arc and Brooke Eaton-Skea of Holy Spirit. You can also speak with Fr. Ken.
- The **MLK Action Team** will be meeting with the police chiefs of all of the towns on the lower/outer Cape on June 1st. They are also working to involve youth in the planning of the next MLK event in January 2017. Co-chairs are The Rev. Wesley Williams, The Rev. Sally Norris and Fr. Ken Campbell.
- **The Network** of Faith Communities and Human Service organizations on the lower/outer Cape recently sponsored an outstanding Forum at Holy Spirit on the issue of Income Inequality on the lower/outer Cape. A summary of this Forum can be found on the Fair Trade bookcases in the Parish Hall. For more information: Dr. Ruth Bournazian at riborn26@aol.com or Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net.
- **Nauset Neighbors**, a program to help senior citizens stay independent now covers 6 towns from Wellfleet to Chatham. Brochures are available on the Fair Trade display in the Parish Hall.

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.



THE FREE SHOP

Visit - Shop - Recycle - Donate - Thank you! The Free Shop is gladly accepting SUMMER clothing - because of limited storage we are only accepting clothing "in season". The shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 and every Wednesday - 10 to 1. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the door for your donations. If you would like to volunteer to work with another volunteer—once a month - please sign up on the ministry bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



CHS GALLERY — PIA MACKENZIE

The featured CHS artist for the month of June is Pia MacKenzie. Pia's new work is always a surprise - always a joy and delight to the heart & eyes. Pia's creativity, imagination, and design never cease to amaze the viewer. The remaining months in 2016 have been reserved—thank you to all who have signed up to exhibit/sell their art in the CHS gallery. Please note that the Food for Kids volunteer sign up sheet has moved from the gallery in May to the Parish Hall in June. Questions/comments - contact Sharyn Laughton - artoff@comcast.net— (508) 255-7277

IN HER OWN WORDS. . . .

- I will be sharing new collages from a series I did as a Lenten practice. I decided to do a daily collage meditation on the Cross, in conjunction with reading Fleming Rutledge's new book *The Crucifixion* and her earlier works, *The Seven Last Words from the Cross* and *The Undoing of Death*.
- I will show about 20 or so framed pieces of the not-quite-40-not-quite-daily (38) works that I completed (I am still working on a final three). I will put out a portfolio with the others to look through, as well.
- I did not start each piece with a plan or use deliberate symbols, codes or metaphors but all of those appeared, some autobiographical, some with medieval influences, with many incongruous and possibly perplexing results. They are of various sizes, styles, and include monotype, watercolor and drawings within the collages.
- I worked through the fevers of two flus and late at night after correcting papers and all of that may be evident. I worked on them every day, but some days did not finish any, and other days, created two or three at once.
- They will not be for sale as I see them as an entire single piece of iconography (I hope) and have an idea of making them into a book, perhaps accompanied by my poems or quotes from various authors and the new Testament.
- If I manage to make cards from some of them, those can be bought, to benefit the church. I am anxious and curious to hear what Father Adam, Mother Liza and all of you see in them. I don't know, myself, what I think of them, yet..

Pia Mackenzie

POEMS— Excerpts Taken From *The Book of Qualities* by J. Ruth Gendler

PATIENCE wears my grandmother's filigree earrings. She bakes marvelous dark bread. She has purses filled with small treasures. You don't notice Patience right away in a crowd, but suddenly you see her all at once, and then she is so beautiful you wonder why you never saw her before.

STILLNESS. Stillness will meet you for tea or a walk by the ocean. You must be gentile when you approach her. She is more sensitive than we can even imagine and she does not explain herself much. Sometimes I bring her flowers—not because she needs them (she tends several gardens) - but because I am better able to meet her when I am carrying flowers. Her favorite time is dawn.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER — JUNE

Change

In his popular song “Man in the Mirror” Michael Jackson sings...

I'm starting with the man in the mirror; I'm asking him to change his ways.

And no message could have been any clearer;

If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and then....

Make a change!

As The Church of the Holy Spirit faces some stewardship challenges, we are asking parishioners to make a change to their level of giving. Without additional funds, we could face some difficult changes. Our time and talent are also critical components of Christian stewardship. During the months of May and June, we are asking people to provide additional support to our parish activities by signing up for one of our many committees and ministries.

Have you looked at yourself in the mirror lately? Can you AND will you make a change in your life to give a few more hours to join/support one of our committees or ministries listed on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board? We can do so much more if we have more help along the way.

*Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Whoever becomes humble like this child
is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:3

WEBSITE UPDATE (SERMONS)

If you look at our website at holyspiritofleans.org you will find we have a whole new collection of sermons in audio and written form. The sermons are from Father Adam, the Very Rev. Liza Spangler and the Rev. Anne Koehler. They are easy to download. Check it out!

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.

The Help Wanted board will remain on display through the month of June to give parishioners the opportunity to review the various ministries needing volunteers. The sign up sheet is in the middle of the display of posters featuring several ministries. Do visit the board when you're in Parish Hall and sign up--they need YOU!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAPE COD

If you are interested in volunteering, check their website (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 the May 19, 2016 Vestry Meeting

- The Rector discussed his upcoming Sabbatical with the Vestry. This will be publicized with the parish in *Together* and the Sunday worship bulletins.
- The Treasurer and Rector presented the 2015 Parochial Report. The vestry reviewed and approved the report.
- A team of parishioners is concluding the follow-up telephone calls with the “Pledge Plus” campaign and as a result, we have now achieved 78% of our goal.
- Sixteen staff and volunteers completed Safe Church Training on Saturday, May 14. Those who were unable to attend will be taking the training online.
- A group from the Outreach Committee has renovated two rooms at the Safe Harbor Shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children.
- Ruth Campbell will continue as director of Food for Kids with the understanding that the Steering Committee and Day Managers will take on much of the day-to-day operation of the program over the summer.
- The Justice and Peace Committee is actively seeking new members.
- The Rectory Renovation Project is set to begin earlier than previously anticipated. Adam + and Lori now plan to move out of their home on July 5th.
- The Church School provided a wonderful addition to a magnificent service on Pentecost Sunday. The children will soon be deciding the local and global ministries/organizations to which their offerings will be given this year. Adam + and Lori have lead four of our children in the preparation for communion class, and six other of our youth will be confirmed at Saint Christopher’s Church, Chatham on Saturday, June 11. There will be a potluck and cookout on Recognition Sunday, June 19, in honor of our church school children and youth.
- The Vestry voted to accept the Personnel Committee and Fin-Com recommendation that Wayne Currey be promoted from interim Sexton to Head Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Eaton-Skea

OFFICE CORNER

TOGETHER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the July issue of *Together* is the third Monday in June, June 20, 2016. New writers welcome!

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!



QUESTIONS ABOUT SPACE USAGE: Why is the Parish Hall difficult to schedule?

It is difficult to schedule because it’s usage is so irregular and we are accommodating many patterns.



- 1) Some of our activities run from January to December.
- 2) Most of our ministries run from September to May.
- 3) Some groups are weekly.
- 4) Some groups are monthly.
- 5) Some groups are dependent on the Church calendar (which changes from year to year).
- 6) And finally we have weddings and funerals at no particular time.

Furthermore: leaving enough time for proper set ups, take downs and cleaning really tend to fill up the schedule.

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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.***

<i>Dates to remember in June</i>	
June 2, Thursday	Ladies Luncheon
June 5, Sunday	Youth Brunch
June 10, Friday	Food4Kids Training
June 15, Wednesday	Men’s Lunch
June 17, Friday	Labyrinth
June 17, Friday	Garden Party
June 19, Sunday	Youth Recognition Sunday