

Sept/Oct
2015



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the end of another “season” on the Cape—and the start-up of another “program year” at Church of the Holy Spirit. While our parish summers aren’t really quiet, still, when we get to September, a number of our key ministries gear up again after their short breaks.

So, let’s begin our program year with focus and verve! In particular, I’d like to highlight our Sunday School. Families with children have received registration packets. It will help us to have these returned as soon as possible. (And if by chance you didn’t receive one, please let us know right away.) The Sunday School team and I are looking forward to another year’s fellowship and teaching with our parish young people. This is a high priority and a blessing and privilege for us. For more details, please see “Spirit Kids” in this issue of *Together*.

Speaking of Sunday School, please don’t forget our adult classes, held from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. These are lively, interactive sessions on a variety of topics. This year the adult classes start on September 20, a week later than the children’s. Again, more details inside.

Most of all, I want to highlight regular attendance at one of our three weekend services: Saturday 5 PM, and Sunday 8 and 10 AM. This really is a bedrock of our congregation’s life and mission—and a key expression of our personal faith lives. Remember: Much “happens” and probably **most** “happens” in our spiritual growth on a gradual, incremental basis, and often only noticed after-the-fact. “Every-now-and-then” just doesn’t do it, either in our spiritual disciplines, or much of anything else.

So, to the point: If the summer has disconnected us from church (for whatever reason), let’s re-connect. And please don’t wait ‘til it fits easily into schedules. (It never does—until we make it a priority, to begin with.) What’s that athletic company’s slogan? “Just do it!” Seriously, we’re looking forward to seeing all of you. Let’s have a strong start-up to program year 2015-2016.

I want to mention, too, that we’re trying out publishing *Together* every other month for a number of reasons, including our desire to increase the percentage of parishioners who actually read it. We want to continue to expand our electronic communications, as well and will work hard at staying in touch and connected with all of you.

Thanks and Blessings to all of you. It is truly a joy and privilege to serve as your Rector. It’s hard to believe that this October we will begin our seventh year together. Let’s continue to lean into all that our good God has in store for us.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

Events in September & October

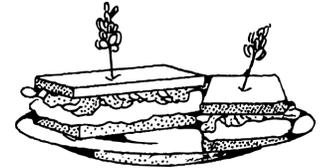
YOUTH BRUNCH, SEPTEMBER 6th & OCTOBER 4th



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 September 6th and/or October 1st and join the fun!

LADIES LUNCHEON, SEPTEMBER 10th & OCTOBER 1st

Thursday, September 10: Woman's Luncheon - 12 noon in Parish Hall. Bring a sandwich to share and canned goods for the Food Pantry. Volunteers are Pat Carroll, dessert; Barbara Mahoney, chips and Sue Stevens, lemon and half and half. Our **October 1st** luncheon will include a birthday celebration, with a birthday cake, in honor of Agnes Stierwald on her hundredth birthday! Each time we meet we ask for a couple of volunteers to set up for the luncheon and bring lemon and half and half for the tea. Come join us and bring a friend. If you need a ride call Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.



TOAST & JAM, SEPTEMBER 12th

Back by popular demand. . . CHS will be holding a Toast and Jam concert On September 12th (Saturday). Toast and Jam is known for performances of their original bluegrass, Americana and swing music. The concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15. No reservations are taken. Please bring your own food and drink.



MEN'S GROUPS

MEN'S LUNCH, SEPTEMBER 16th & October 21st The Men's Lunch Group will resume meeting on every third Wednesday of the month from 12:30pm to 1:30 pm in the Fireplace Room, just off the Parish Hall, September through June. Bring your sack lunch; coffee and snacks are donated.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. We also provide a (generally) weekly Men's Study, meeting on Mondays from 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm in the Parish Library (below the North Transept entry). Right now we are watching Old Testament lectures by Amy-Jill Levine (one-half hour, followed by discussion). If you've not been attending, please call Bruce Lederhouse, so as to be sure we're meeting.

Both groups provide lively and welcoming discussions; a good men's fellowship! Bruce Lederhouse (508-801-0654)

HEART & HOME CABARET CONCERT, OCTOBER 11th



Join the fun Sunday October 11th for the second annual Heart and Home Cabaret, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, hosted by David Roth. The concert begins at 4:00 pm followed by a homemade Spaghetti supper beginning at approximately 5:30. Gluten free/vegetarian options available. Tickets are \$25. Seating is limited, please reserve your ticket by calling Bri at 508-362-3559 x12. Tickets will be mailed.

THE LABYRINTH, SEPTEMBER 11th & OCTOBER 23rd

On the second Friday of every month at 10:00 am and once each quarter of the year at 5:30 pm, the Church of the Holy Spirit community holds an “experiential, meditative walk” in the Parish Hall using the spiraling path of our canvas, indoor Chartres-style Labyrinth.



Walking the labyrinth offers a unique way of knowing and learning and worshiping that is not didactic, linear, or empirical. It encourages us as individuals to enjoy the space and time of the labyrinth to sift through sensations and perceptions. It stimulates our impulse to turn to the mysterious unknown. It heightens personal awareness of snippets of a story, an image, a few words, or a fragment of a memory that leads us to awe. The labyrinth fosters relaxation of the body, quiets the mind, and connects our minds and hearts. It can be thought of as “body prayer”.

Our group walks are organized around a “theme”, to focus our attention, to open intuitive avenues to change, to grow our communal life experience, as well as to enhance personal and spiritual growth. They are candlelit and accompanied by music selected by Darlene Hagon. In our quarterly walks, Rev. Anne Koehler celebrates an intimate and inspiring Eucharist service. — Margaret Rappaport, Verditas-certified Labyrinth Facilitator

Labyrinth Calendar:

- **Friday, September 11** at 10:00 am – Candlelit walk with selected music. Theme: Listening for the Inner Voice.
- **Friday, September 11** at 5:30 pm – Candlelit walk and Holy Eucharist with music and a special exhibition of icon banners to contain the labyrinth space. Theme: Peace and Justice; participants will share symbols of inspiring quotations to encourage them to commit to peace and justice for themselves and for others.
- **Friday October 23** at 10:00 am – Candlelit walk with selected music. Theme: Focusing Our Attention.
- (The labyrinth is available from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on these dates for individual walks)

RUMMAGE SALE, OCTOBER 16th and 17th WAIT ! DON'T THROW THAT OUT !

Fall cleaning? Now is the time to set aside your much needed donations for our annual "**RUMMAGE SALE**" which will be held on Friday and Saturday, **October 16th** and **17th**. We will be accepting clean adult and children's clothing, and shoes/boots in wearable condition. We also need "white elephant" items such as small appliances in working condition; small furniture and books and toys. Your former treasures might be just the new 'prize possession' our customers are looking for. Sorry, we CANNOT ACCEPT televisions, computer equipment, LP records, food, live plants, or golf and ski equipment.

Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall as follows:

Tues. Oct. 13 - from noon to 3:00 pm

Wed. Oct. 14 - 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Thurs. Oct. 15 - 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

Fri. Oct. 16 - 9:00 am until noon

Many helping hands will be necessary to make this year's sale a success! Watch for the sign-up sheets which will be posted in the Reception Room. It will also contain other important messages from the committee.

GARDEN PARTY, SEPTEMBER 18th, OCTOBER 9th

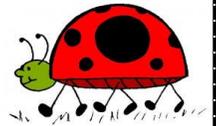
As time goes on and we get older, I hear more people commenting that they would like to help the Church Garden Parties but they just are not physically able to do it anymore.

A wonderful way for anyone to help with the Garden parties is to make a donation to the St. Fiacre Fund. You could make a donation as a memorial, in honor of someone or just because.

The St. Fiacre Fund originated in the 1960s with a group of parishioners maintaining the church gardens as the "St Fiacre Guild". Memorial donations given for maintenance and repair of the gardens were put in the "St. Fiacre Fund" and used as needed. The fund continues to support our parish gardening efforts by enabling us to buy needed supplies and to hire professionals to do the hard work.

Please plan to join us for the September and October Garden Parties. Friday, September 18th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and Friday October 9th again from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. We'll be doing maintenance, weeding and mulching. All are invited, no experience necessary! Come for the whole time or for 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 call Gilbert Merritt 508-360-1125.



THE FEATURED CHS ARTIST FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Featured in the CHS gallery for the month of September is **Natalie Tudor**. Natalie displays paintings and a mosaic bowl that she created over the years linking the chaos and beauty of life. Through her art, she has turned the chaos and hard times in life into beautiful pieces that are very colorful. The medium is acrylic on canvas and the mosaic bowl that is displayed on the window sill is made of glass. Natalie has an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts/English from Cape Cod Community College - she is a new member of CHS and a loyal volunteer/Site Manager at Food For Kids.

WELCOME NATALIE!

THE FEATURED CHS ARTIST FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The art of our Church School children will be featured in the CHS gallery for the month of October - coordinating & corresponding with Children's Sabbath on October 18. All art was created in response to a Godly Play story and/or scripture. Enjoy the creativity and imaginations of our children!

EFM ALUMNI GROUPS — OPEN TO EFM GRADUATES

Church of the Holy Spirit has two EFM Alumni Groups that gather twice a month, beginning the 2nd week of October through May, for worship, study, and community. We would welcome new members who have completed the four-year EFM program. The Monday Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the week from 3 to 5 in the Library and will begin the year together viewing and discussing Phyllis Tickle's DVD and study guide on the Emerging Church. The Tuesday group meets in the morning from 10 to noon in the library. They will begin their year reading and discussing And God Spoke by Christopher Bryan. In October they will be meeting the 13th and 27th. Beginning in November they will meet on their normal days, which are the first and third Tuesdays from 10 am to noon.

Monday Group: (contact) Page McMahan 508-237-4977; page.mcmahan@gmail.com

Tuesday Group: (contact) Sandra Marshall 508-255-9971; svm2@comcast.net

General Articles

FOOD 4 KIDS

The summer of 2015 is coming to a close as I write this note of grateful thanks to all who volunteered from Church of the Holy Spirit in the Food 4 Kids program. As of right now it looks like we will serve about 27,000 meals to children across the lower/outer Cape from Provincetown to Chatham! Holy Spirit's spirit reaches far and wide in the communities, feeding hungry children and giving them books to treasure forever. It is so hard for young families to survive here on Cape Cod where the cost of living is 30% higher than the rest of Massachusetts. Thank you also to all the children we have come to know at each of our 14 meal sites and to the young and old, new folks and old friends I have come to know this summer here at the church. Peace and thank you again so very, very much for your gifts of time, talents and treasures. If you have any questions about the program, I'd love to hear them.

Ruth W. Campbell Director Food 4 Kids for the Steering Committee for F4K , Church of the Holy Spirit

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vestry has formed the Nominating Committee and given it its charge in preparation for the Church of the Holy Spirit's next Annual Meeting, January 2016. Appointed to the Committee are Joan Kirkby, Sandy Marshall, Gilbert Merritt, and Meredith Perkins. Also appointed was outgoing Vestry Member, Warden Ike Cole. At Annual Meeting, CHS will elect one Warden for a two year term, a Treasurer and a Clerk, each for one year terms, and four Vestry-at-large members, each for two year terms. Also to be elected will be two Convention Delegates/Deanery Assembly Representatives (with additional Alternate), and two delegates to the Cape Cod Council of Churches—all of these two year terms. Anyone interested in making suggestions for these positions are encouraged to contact a Nominating Committee member.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who had their photographs taken this summer. We had about 200 people photographed which is a very good response! We are in the process of contacting people who are not able to leave their homes, to see if they would like a photo in the directory. We have a good list, but if you know of anyone please contact us.

We are now gathering digital photos from various sources of Parish Events. If you have any photos now is the time to contact us so we can include them. If you want your Church group photographed and we haven't spoken to you please call us. We will try to get as many ministries represented as possible.

Thank you from your coordinating team for this project:

Celia Calhoun (508-255-1981), Page McMahan (508-237-4977) and Sharon Inger (508-349-3115)

SHEPHERD GROUPS

Brewster/Dennis: Sunday, September 20th at 5:30 pm. 64 Nickerson Road, Orleans for questions call the Merritt's at (508) 240-6998.

Eastham/Wellfleet: September 20th at Kathy Musser's home, 570 North Sunken Meadow Rd., Eastham. In October, we will dine on the 18th at the Hunan Gourmet Restaurant in Orleans.

Orleans: Sunday, September 20th at 5:30 pm. Wes and Bev Dreher at 15 Pride's Path, Orleans 508-255-4433.



THE GREEN TEAM

Press Release Summary from July 3, 2015 by Archdeacon Betsy Blake Bennett

Welcoming Episcopal Church Commitment to Fossil Fuel Divestment and Clean Energy Reinvestment

On July 2, 2015 the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church voted to divest from fossil fuel holdings and to reinvest in clean energy development. Following a pro-divestment vote in the House of Bishops earlier in the Convention, the Convention's House of Deputies voted to support the resolution by an overwhelming 618-204 margin.

The resolution directs the Investment Committee of the church's Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to divest from fossil fuel companies and to reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner. The resolution also calls on these bodies to refrain from purchasing any new holdings of public equities and corporate bonds of fossil fuel companies, and urges all Episcopal dioceses and churches nationally to engage the topic of divestment and reinvestment within the coming year.

Episcopalians for Fossil Fuel Divestment and Clean Energy Reinvestment is the grassroots network that has supported the passage of divestment resolutions from Episcopal dioceses around the country. Group members reacted with enthusiasm to the resolution's passage.

Bishop Bud Cederholm, Diocese of Massachusetts: "God calls us to 'tend and keep the earth' (Gen. 2:15). Jesus teaches that we must care for those who are most vulnerable as if we were caring for him (Mt. 25:40). This resolution means that the church is aligning its investments with its values."

MUSIC NEWS

- New members for all music groups are invited to join us -- no auditions required!
- Adult Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7- 8:30 pm and resume on Wed. Sept. 9th--in the North Transept of the Church. Sunday warm-up rehearsal is at 9 am in the church prior to the 10 am Service.
- The Bell Choir rehearsals are in the Parish Hall on Monday afternoons beginning Sept. 14th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Although reading music is a great help, it is not a requirement to participate. Willingness to learn and interest are.
- If you have any questions, please call the church at 508-255-0433 ext. 13 and leave a message. Or if it is more convenient, please stop by our office (down the hall from the Fireplace Room) after the 10 am service on Sundays.
— Darlene & John Hagon

CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



Recently Bob and Janet Winter our representatives to the Cape Cod Council of Churches sent me this press release announcing the appointment of the Council's new Interim Director:

"....the board of directors announce the good news that Edythe Nesmith has accepted the position of Interim Executive Director of the Council. "Edye" will step into the role effective July 1, 2015, and will be responsible for the day to day operations of the Council, including the Council's ministries - A Baby Center, Bridge to Hope, Chaplains at Cape Cod Hospital and Spaulding Rehab, Covenant to Care Foster Families, Hands of Hope Outreach Center and the

Council's Homeless Ministries: Hospitality Housing, Street Outreach Project, HM Volunteer Coordination and Youth Street Reach. Edye and her family live in East Sandwich where she has been an initiator of educational programs for children and youth. Educated at Yale and Smith, she has a BA in Religious Studies and an MSW. Her Masters from Smith is in Clinical Social Work, an especially good fit for the kind of ministries of the Council."

As a board member on the personnel committee, I've met with Edye and am very impressed with the professional and people skills she brings to this position, following the retirement of former director Diane Casey-Lee. I expect we will see Edye at our next Outreach Fair as we continue, as a parish, to be a major supporter of the Council's work here on the Cape. Plan to greet her when you come. —Rev. Bill Heuss for the Outreach Committee, CCCC



Entered into Eternal Life

Phyllis Myers
Sue Daniels
Mary Bunker



CALLING ALL CHS ARTISTS - the NEW 2016 Gallery sign up sheet is waiting for you! Sign up to exhibit/sell your art for one month in 2016! The poster is located on a shelf by the gallery door. Questions? Call Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277 - artoff@comcast.net

38th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE - SAVE THE DATES!

It is hard to believe that our plans are underway for the 38th Annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held on **Friday, November 27th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, November 28th, 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 18th and 19th century furniture, nautical items, quilts, Staffordshire china, ironstone, early American pattern glass, jewelry, Americana, brass candlesticks, vintage post cards, chocolate and ice cream moulds, primitives, textiles, folk and fine art. We have begun our advertising for this wonderful show. In the weeks ahead, you will receive a letter asking for your support. We hope that you will be a PATRON of this show that has been such a tradition here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Monies raised at this annual event are used to support our parish programs. Please join us and help to make this 38th 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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (Parish Hall, 9:00 to 9:45 am)

Adult Sunday School sessions resume on September 20. We'll be taking on the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. (Or maybe it'd be more accurate to say that it will take *us* on!) Romans has played a major role in many theological controversies, right up to our own day. It is certainly difficult, challenging—but also deeply rewarding. The format for our sessions will be similar to what we used for John's Gospel: No homework needed; come as you are, anytime. We read a short portion together, and then launch in, together, with our questions and insights, learning from one another. Romans has been a particular specialty of Adam+, who will facilitate our sessions. We will work through it, God-willing, gradually, over a long haul, interspersed with other Adult Sunday School series and activities. Please come!

THE GALLEY WEST GIFT SHOP

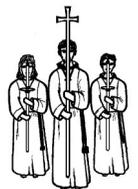
A huge thank you to all the women who staffed the Galley West this summer. Your efforts made it possible for the shop to be open the usual daily hours from June through September 4th. Beginning September 6th, the Galley will be open Monday from 10-12 and Sunday from 11-12. The next big event for the shop is the Christmas Bazaar on November 21, 2015.

THE FREE SHOP

The Free Shop is gladly accepting FALL clothing! Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed, donations can be left in a container outside the shop door. The shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 and every Wednesday - 10 to 1. **All shop volunteers should have received their new 2015-2016 work schedule in August. New volunteers (working once a month) are always needed and welcomed!** Thank you for your continued support of this CHS ministry on the Cape - in our community and surrounding communities. Questions? Comments - call Sharyn Laughton 508-255-7277
artoff@comcast.net

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Your help is needed! The church is looking for volunteers to serve as acolytes for the 10 am service. If you are in grades 3 - 12 and would like to serve, please contact Mary Anne Bragdon at sparky508@earthlink.net or 508-896-3481. Refresher and training for this year will be announced for sometime in early September.



SUMMER FAIR

Yes, summer is now a happy memory, but our Summer Fair on July 11th, remains a highlight of summer, 2015. It was a wonderful day of fun for all ages.

Perfect summer weather made all outdoor activities a delight. The Keefe-Jones family expertly managed our first CHS lemonade stand. Kids enjoyed face painting, crafts and games. Two baseball players from the Orleans Firebirds were in attendance. The Craft House was full of "summer stuff" for sale and delicious cakes lured kids to the Cake Walk. Bonnie Snow offered church tours. An experienced team at the grills provided burgers and hot dogs for lunch. Inside, a flower stall welcomed shoppers with gorgeous bouquets for sale. There were several vendors of art, a popular jewelry table, baked goods, and books galore for summer reading. At noon, Toast & Jam treated an audience to wonderful music while the lobster rolls sold briskly nearby.

Many volunteers worked very hard to make Summer Fair 2015 happen yet again. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! A check has been sent to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod for a portion of the proceeds from the Fair.

Marcia Bechtold & Dianne Fromm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Intentional

An intentional action is done in a way that is planned or intended. In October we will have the opportunity to make our financial pledge to The Church of the Holy Spirit for 2016. We pray you will take the time to read the material that will be sent to you mid-October and then make an intentional and planned 2016 pledge that represents your relationship with Jesus and the parish.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Third Quarter 2015 Pledge Statements will be available the weekend of October 3 & 4. Please pick up your statement in the Reception Room. Those not taken will be mailed on October 5th. If you have questions about the information provided, please send a note *IN WRITING* to holyspirit@leasdatabase@verizon.net

2016 Pledge Packets will be mailed to your home the week of October 12th. Please prayerfully complete and return the enclosed pledge form. Pledges will be blessed at In-Gathering services on October 31st, November 1st, 7th and 8th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDS: We are looking for a few volunteers to ***join the Stewardship Committee*** - we meet a few times a year to develop and implement the annual Stewardship material. If you would be interested in learning more about this important committee contact Sue Sasso at 508-255-1732 or susansasso@hotmail.com

JULIAN OF NORWICH—*Revelations of Divine Love* (SEPTEMBER 16, 23, 30 and OCTOBER 7)

Julian of Norwich, who lived and worked at the height of the English Middle-ages, is a remarkable figure. Writing in a time of exceptional social difficulty—and as a woman in a time of thoroughgoing patriarchy—she nevertheless found a way to produce one of the most insightful and encouraging offerings in the history of the church. And she did so, not merely as an academic project (although she is very astute, theologically speaking), but from her own profound spiritual encounter, and her sense of calling to all her fellow-Christians. Not many church writers manage to be both supportive and subversive. She does.

Our long-awaited series on her *Revelations of Divine Love* is about to begin! We'll gather in four sessions, on Wednesday early evenings, from 5:30 to 6:45, in the Parish Hall: September 16, 23, 30, and October 7. A light supper will be provided (which we'll actually start serving at 5:15). This will be reflective and participatory—and more importantly, not just an exercise of the head, but a journey to the heart.

As I've previously mentioned, we're recommending that participants will already have read and pondered her work—and I've pointed out a suggested translation to use:

Revelations of Divine Love
Julian of Norwich
Elizabeth Spearing, translator
Penguin Classics (1999)
ISBN-13: 978-0140446739

But whatever you've read (or not), please do come! Sign-ups are not necessary. Just come. Welcome to the adventure—and blessings on it.

Adam +

JUSTICE & PEACE!

" I commend to you the work of the Justice & Peace Committee, I urge you to join them in their work..." + from sermon by Bishop Alan Gates, 21 June 2015

- **Advocacy Alerts.** Copies available on reception room desk and on Fair Trade bookcases in Parish Hall. Subjects: "Responding to Opioid Crisis," and "Restorative Justice: reforming our incarceration system".
- **Fair Trade.** Episcopal Relief and Development has joined with Equal Exchange to promote Fair Trade to help overcome poverty and hunger. Please buy Fair Trade coffee, chocolate and other products! (see display in Parish Hall)
- **Winter book study:** "The New Jim Crow," by Michelle Alexander and/or "Children of The Stone-The Power of Music," by Sandy Tolan Register with Fr. Ken with your preference! They are both powerful books! Date and time to be determined.
- **Network Forum:** "Keeping Young Families & Individuals on Cape Cod," Friday, November 6th 9 am to noon. Focus on early childhood education, 0 to 5 years. Keynote speaker: Cindy Horgan, Executive Director, Cape Cod Children's Place, Eastham. (Spouse of Deacon Dan Horgan!)
- **24th Annual Children's Sabbath,** "How Long Must I Cry for Help?," (Habakkuk) Sunday, October 18th, Ending Child Poverty Now! See Ruth Campbell for details!
- **"God's Wide Embrace,"** a benefit concert for LGBTQ and other youth who are homeless on Lower/Outer Cape Cod at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich, Saturday, October 10th at 7 PM. Save the date! Co-sponsored by Justice and Peace groups at 6 area churches including Holy Spirit.
- **"Eyewitness in Gaza: From Trauma to Resilience,"** by Dr. Alice Rothchild of Physicians for Social Responsibility, at Cape Cod Community College, Thursday, October 1st, 6 PM. See Fr. Ken for more information. Dr. Rothchild is an outstanding speaker who lives in Boston.
- Our own Brooke Eaton Skea will be coordinating with the faith community on Cape Cod the **"Enough Abuse Campaign,"** to stop the abuse of children now and in the future. One in six men and one in four women are sexually abused.

DATABASE INFORMATION UPDATE:

In our ongoing process of keeping the Church Database current we would appreciate it if you could advise us of **ANY** changes in your status during 2014 and 2015. The changes we are looking for are: Family Information such as Births, Deaths, Marital Status, Adoptions etc. Addresses, both street and P.O. Box if applicable. Phone Numbers, both home and cell. E-Mail Addresses, we have space in the Database for two different addresses. We have a lot of this information but are trying to make sure that we are as current as possible. You can email any changes to: holyspirit@leansdatabase@verizon.net or send them to my attention at the church. Please do not call the office with changes. Thank you for attention to this matter. — Bernie Hutchens, Database Manager

DID YOU KNOW . . . According to most recent data CHS is doing well compared to the Average Diocesan Parish!

	Diocese of MA	Ave. Diocesan Parish	CHS Actual
# Parishes	166	—	—
Baptized Members	62,661	377	578
Members in Good Standing	48,295	290	479
Average Sunday Attendance	16,647	100	215

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 16, 2015

- The Very Rev. DeLiza Spangler is now on board as Assisting Priest. We have also welcomed her partner, Luane Bauer, into the parish family.
- The Episcopal Visitation of Bishop Alan Gates on June 21 was a real opportunity for parishioners to meet our new bishop in his first year in the Diocese and a great start in forming an open engagement with the Diocese here on the Cape, so far-removed from Boston in many ways.
- Marcia Bechtold expressed thanks that so many parishioners had contributed so much time to the very successful Summer Fair.
- The Youth Group continues its First Sunday Brunches, and plans a Pawsox trip later in the month.
- Work and planning continue on the windows replacement in the Galley and on the Rectory Project.

Respectfully submitted --- Dilys Jones Smith, Clerk

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 20, 2015

- Special thanks are extended to Bernie Hutchens for his dedication to the recreation of the new Database working with the Photo Project that will produce a new parish directory in the near future.
- The Vestry voted to receive and accept the new Independent Auditors' Report from the firm of Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP, and thanked Treasurer Jack Nixon and Bookkeeper Ann Anderson for their hard work and diligence in preparing all documentation required by the audit.
- The Personnel Committee announces that they have hired two new nursery caregivers to begin in September.
- All the windows have been replaced in Galley West, leaving only the completion of the Rectory Project for later in the Fall.
- The vestry approved the *Policy on the Nominating Committee, 2015*, thus beginning the nomination procedure for next year's Vestry and parish representatives.

Respectfully submitted — Dilys Jones Smith, Clerk

OFFICE CORNER

PLEASE NOTICE WE ARE PRODUCING TOGETHER EVERY OTHER MONTH In an effort to use Office time more wisely, get more information on the internet, and encourage the reading of *Together*.



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 from you and your group!

TOGETHER DEADLINE: The Deadline for November/December issue of *Together* is the Third Monday in October, which is October 19th.



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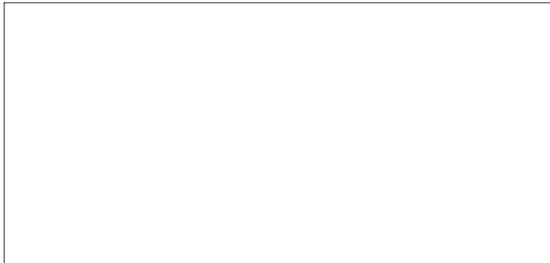
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***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

<i>Dates to remember in September & October</i>	
September 6, Sunday	Youth Group Brunch *
September 10, Thursday	Ladies Luncheon *
September 11, Friday	Labyrinth *
September 12, Saturday	Toast & Jam Concert
September 16, Wednesday	Men's Lunch *
September 18, Friday	Garden Party *
October 16 & 17, Fri. & Sat.	Rummage Sale

* Denotes activities also held in October.