



TOGETHER

September 2012

A word from the Rector

Dear Friends,

“The Season” here on Cape Cod seems to have kept a lot of us exceptionally busy this year. It’s always a joy to share fellowship with all our summer folks. And the schedules of many of our year-rounders have been filled up with family visits and related activities.

As we know, Labor Day weekend marks the transition to our rest-of-the-year routine. We know that all those we won’t see again until next summer keep us in much appreciated remembrance.

For those of us here from fall through spring (with maybe a snowbird getaway), September is the point when we gear up for another “program year.” Ministries on break start up again. We launch into many important activities as we prepare for the coming year.

So let’s do so with energy, focus, and joy! If church has had to drop from our schedules for a few weeks, let’s reconnect.

The first point of reconnection is worship, our sacred appointment with God and one another, especially at our three main Sunday services: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Another important reconnection is the share we all have in participating in God’s mission here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. What a privilege this is—and we do so in so many different ways! I am always amazed (and humbled) by your generosity of time, talent, and treasure in this place.

These days, the stretches on our schedules, the demands on our time and resources, seem to pull us in many directions. That’s O.K., but let’s always keep what is central in the center—never neglecting to stay in touch with the deep core that is the real source of our energy and purpose.

As we reconnect, let’s be open to the surprises of grace that our good God has in store for us. To be sure, these are often tucked away in the non-dramatic routines of our spiritual practice. They are also almost always bound up with the everyday features of our life *together* as God’s People.

We know how it is. We frequently become aware of blessings only *retroactively*—blessings we may not have fully noticed at the time they were first given. This is why I like to speak of spiritual “timed release”!

So here and now, we commit ourselves once again, and in all good hope, to the wondrous purposes of our gracious God—through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

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Fear

Margaret Silf is an author of a book entitled, *Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way*. I would like to share one particular passage from this book about fear. In this passage Silf suggests a dialogue of Peter's fear while in a boat with the other disciples during a storm.

"It's too bad he sent us off into this weather on our own," one of them complained, "when the wind is against us."

"He's gone into the hills to pray," another interrupted. "I guess his prayer is more powerful than anything we can do out here in this wind. Let's trust it."

They struggled on, as the wind speed increased relentlessly and the boat was pit pitched like a cork among the thrashing waves. It was then that they noticed a shadowy figure coming towards them through the spray. In the dark, and in their fear, they thought they were seeing a ghost. What else would be coming so close here in the middle of the lake, if not some apparition conjured up by their overweary minds. But they all saw it, whatever it was. That much was sure.

They fell silent, in terror, cowering in the depths of the boat. Until a familiar voice reached them through the howling of the wind. "Don't be afraid. It's me."

Peter was the first to find his voice: "Lord, is this real? If this is really you, and not some fearful fantasy, call me to come to you across the water."

The others were aghast. What did Peter think he was saying? Had he completely taken leave of his senses? And then the calm, penetrating voice replied, "Come!"

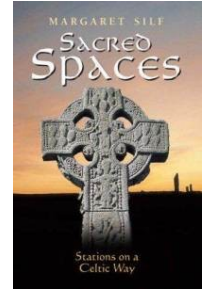
Everyone held their breath. What would Peter do now, they asked themselves, but no one dared to speak. Peter himself began to shake. They watched as his face grew tense and the knuckles of his clenched hands whitened. He stepped back, shocked, from the edge of the boat. For a moment he clutched his head with both hands, as if gulping for courage from his closed palms. Then, with a single, determined leap, he vaulted over the side of the boat.

For just a few moments time stood still that night, there in the vortex of the storm. Creation itself seemed to freeze into an expectant stillness as Peter made those first steps of pure faith across the water to his Lord. His entire being was focused on the figure out there in front of him, standing on the water. His whole life energy was pouring into this one single act of total trust, and his eyes were fixed on his friend, standing with outstretched arms, waiting to receive him.

Then for a split second that steady gaze was distracted by the sight of an approaching wave. Peter lost his focus. Fear took in his panic, and immediately those outstretched arms were round his waist, drawing him gently back on board the boat. "It was the fear that let you down," Jesus explained to him, without reproach. "Let the fear go, and you will discover a whole new layer of trust underneath, and things will become possible that you could never have imagined."

Peter lay, trembling, in the bottom of the boat. But he had learned the measure of himself that night. And he had recognized the true stature of his friend.

—Submitted by Sarah Kelb



Adult Christian Education Program

Sunday Adult Christian Education Church of the Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

September: “John ONE”

On the five Sundays of **September** (the 2nd through the 30th), our adult education offerings will focus on the First Chapter of John’s Gospel, especially the magnificent Prologue (verses 1 through 18), which opens the whole Gospel. This will be an unhurried reflective Bible study, taking the time to ponder details we might otherwise pass by.

This isn’t the kind of series that requires everyweek participation. Each week’s portion will be small. We won’t even too closely map out the schedule. We’ll get as far as we get. It won’t be too hard to drop in or catch up, if desired or need be.

John’s Gospel, in particular, lends itself to this kind of engagement. The series will be led/facilitated by Father Adam.

October: “The Arguments of the Wise”

And please note, as well, a very special series which Sharon Inger will lead in the four Sundays of **October**. As a follow-up to her very popular class introducing the Hebrew Scriptures, Sharon will be offering a lively look at the very diverse (in fact sometimes contradictory) perspectives in the different Hebrew Scriptures’ Wisdom traditions.

Please join us, both for John and the Arguments of the Wise.

Thursdays at Three

“ ‘The Question of God,’ with Sigmund Freud, C. S. Lewis—and Carl Jung, Too”

Beginning on **Thursday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, Brian Skea and Father Adam will offer a five-part series, “The Question of God.” This is an award-winning PBS presentation on the basic questions of human existence, seen through the differing perspectives of Sigmund Freud and C. S. Lewis. Drawing on Brian’s expertise, we will add Carl Jung to the mix, as well.

Each of our sessions will conclude with viewing a DVD portion from the original PBS program. We will add own group reflection and conversation. Sessions will conclude at about 4:15 p.m.

How do we view reality? Is science incompatible with revelation? Have we created God or has God created us? Why believe?

Come ponder and explore together!

SCHEDULE NOTE: Because of the CHS Live and Silent Auction on Friday, September 28, “The Question of God” series will be on a one-week break on Thursday, September 27. So, we will reconvene for the last three sessions beginning on Thursday, October 4.

From the Senior Warden ✦ Summer

Summertime is passing rapidly and with it some happy and sad happenings. Our returning summer residents and guests have added more energy and participation to our activities for which we are blessed. In the beginning of July we welcomed Sarah Kelb as our new lay Pastoral Associate, and she is already involved in many activities. Sarah's friendly, easy and enthusiastic character has helped her become quickly accepted. She will be an increasingly valuable asset to us.

The Summer Fair in July was another success. A favorite were the events for kids – of all ages, but the results of the sales of different items was also successful. I particularly enjoyed the delicious lobster roll. Proceeds this year from the fair benefit the church and our Outreach agency partner Safe Harbor women's shelter.

Sadly, we lost several wonderful people that made a real difference. Father “click, click” Frank Bancroft succumbed to illness after a tough fight. Marge Colwell, so prominent in hospitality and outreach, among her many interests, departed after a brief illness. Frank and Becky Greco moved to the Carolinas. They also will be greatly missed for their friendly and effective leadership and work in many areas of our church.

Have you noticed the neat new name tag holder in the Parish Hall? This was done by Bill Becker at the request of the Welcoming Committee, chaired by Marty Williams.

As usual, we have many things to look forward to in the coming months. The start of another school year is just around the corner and planning for our church school and youth activities is well underway. On Monday evening, September 10, a “Toast and Jam” Bluegrass concert will be held in the Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale now.

Outreach Sunday, September 23, after the 10:00 a.m. service, will be our biennial agency fair and coffee in the Parish Hall. Representatives of local partner agencies that our church supports will be on hand. Parishioners can meet these people and discuss the wonderful work that they do to address the many and varied needs of our community on the Cape.

The Catch the Spirit Live and Silent Auction will be on Friday, September 28. Proceeds will support our church and Lower Cape Outreach Council.

We have decided to cancel the annual Rummage Sale this year because it conflicted with other planned events. And we didn't want to overdo the sale of goods from our attics and garages nor strain our human resources. We intend to take a fresh look at our planned sales in 2013 and see if we can do a little more with less. The Rummage Sale shall return.

On the evening October 6, the Youth Group will host its annual Ukulele Cabaret, always a fun event. This will feature local musician Tim Sweeney and several musicians from on and off the Cape. Proceeds will go to support Youth Group outreach activities.

A great variety of events are ahead.

—*Chip Bechtold*



Nominations

Nominations are open for all four Vestry Officers - two Wardens, a Treasurer and a Clerk. We also need nominations for two Vestry persons, delegates to the Convention, the Deanery and to the Cape Cod Council of Churches.

Under the terms of the new Bylaws and the motion to approve them, we need to elect one Warden for two years and one for one year, as well as one Vestry member for two years and one for one year. Delegates will hold a two year term. Please send your suggestions for nominations to any member of the Committee.

—Mary Anne Bragdon, Bob LaBranche, Helen Richardson, Georgia Schneider and Jack Sasso.

“In self-giving we touch a rhythm not only of all creation but of all being. For the Eternal Word also gives Himself in sacrifice; and that not only on Calvary...From before the foundation of the world He surrenders begotten Deity back to begetting Deity in obedience...From the highest to the lowest, self exists to be abdicated and, by that abdication, becomes the more truly self, to be thereupon the more abdicated, and so forever. This is not a heavenly law which we can escape by remaining earthly, nor an earthly law which we can escape by being saved. What is outside the system of self-giving is not earth, nor nature, nor ‘ordinary life’, but simply and solely Hell.

“The golden apple of selfhood, thrown among the false gods, became an apple of discord because they scrambled for it. They did not know the first rule of the holy game, which is that every player must by all means touch the ball and then immediately pass it on. To be found with it in your hands is a fault: to cling to it, death. But when it flies to and fro among the players too swift for the eye to follow, and the great Master himself leads the revelry, giving himself to His creatures in the generation, and back to Himself in the sacrifice, of the Word, then indeed the eternal dance ‘makes heaven drowsy with the harmony’. All pains and pleasures we have known on earth are early intimations in the movements of that dance: but the dance itself is strictly incomparable with the sufferings of this present time.”

—C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*, chapter X, “Heaven”



Entered into Eternal Life

*Francis Ames
Clara Benson
Gloria Coffman
Margery Colwell
Andrew Kalinick
David Lindoff
Abner K. Pratt, II
V. Janet Seale*

From the Music Director ✦ Welcome!

New members for all music groups are invited to join us--no auditions required!

Adult Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. They resume on Wednesday, September 5, in the North Transept of the Church. Sunday warm-up rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. in the Church prior to the 10:00 a.m. service.

Bell Choir rehearsals are in the Parish Hall on Monday afternoons beginning September 10, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Although reading music is a great help, it is not a requirement to participate. Willingness to learn and interest are.

Youth Choir rehearsals (Grades 3-12) are on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 6:50 p.m. in the North Transept of the Church. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 19. If you have any questions, please call the church at 508-255-0433 ext. 13 and leave a message. If it is more convenient, stop by our office (down the hall from the Fireplace Room) after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

—*Darlene and John Hagon*



PRAYER. (I)

Prayer the Churches banquet, Angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth ;
Engine against th' Almighty, sinners' tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days world-transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear ;
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted Manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well dressed,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the souls blood,
The land of spices, something understood

—*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Rummage Sale Change!

Due to the great success of the White Elephant and Attic Treasures areas of the Summer Fair, it has become necessary to reassess the goals of various Parish events. In the end, it was decided to forego this fall's Rummage Sale so we could coordinate efforts for the coming year, and give a well-earned break to our dedicated crews of helpers.

Thank you to everyone who worked on both the Rummage Sale and the Summer Fair. Your hard work and valuable contributions as well as your understanding is very much appreciated!

Vestry Highlights — August, 2012

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Pat Powell, Treasurer, reported that income was lower than usual and expenses are generally within budget. A motion “*to accept the the treasurers budget as written*” was made by Nat Goddard; seconded by Ike Cole. Vestry voice vote was unanimous

Church School: The Church School Team finalized the Church School Calendar for 2012-2013 which will be mailed to families with their registration packets. The families of High School Students will be invited to Father Adam and Lori's house on Sunday September 9 for fellowship and to discuss high school class needs. The summer youth stars are Henry Root, our summer acolyte, and those that helped Ruth out with Veggie Tales. Rebecca Linton will be replacing Nicki in the nursery starting the first weekend in September.

Adult Education: At a meeting of the Committee the final events were finalized, and we discussed possible programs for the rest of the season:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

- August, “Getting to Know You/Life Together in Christ,” led by Sarah Kelb.
- September, “John One,” group reading, reflection and discussion on the first chapter of John, led by Fr. Adam
- October, “The Arguments of the Wise,” a series on the very diverse Old Testament wisdom books, led by Sharon Inger
- November (the first three Sundays), a Justice and Peace series on the spirituality and ethics of food

Thursday afternoon sessions:

September 13, 3:00 p.m.—beginning a five week series, “The Question of God” with Freud, C. S. Lewis—and Jung, led by Brian Skea and Fr. Adam.

Angelica Center: Tom Dewing, as Angelica representative, helped with refreshments and set up for the July and August Summer Sings). We are in the process of approaching other distinguished speakers to build a series around Kathleen Norris. We have had initial positive responses from two but more work remains to be done before we can announce anything. We are also considering whether a forum on ethical issues in the political campaigns would warrant a panel discussion this fall. We had done this once before.

Planned Giving: The meeting was held at Anne Wardrop's home. This is her last meeting as Chair of the Committee as she is retiring after many years of long service. The committee expressed its gratitude to Anne for her service to CHS. Next meeting to be scheduled by Wes Dreher, the new Chair.

Building and Grounds: A pine tree located near the rectory has been removed to eliminate a hazardous situation.

Stewardship: October 26 will be the Pot Luck Celebration Dinner. October campaign materials will be distributed at that time. 2013 Offertory Envelopes have been ordered. Next meeting will be on September 5th.

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Vestry Highlights (continued)

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Adam reports that plans are gearing up for the church program year.

WARDENS' REPORT:

Contracts (Nat Goddard): Cape Light Compact will do an insulation energy audit. Electrical wiring will have to be done before any insulation is completed.

NEXT REGULAR VESTRY MEETING: Thursday, October 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room

—Carol Call, Clerk

From the Parish Office ✦

We've had a busy summer in the Parish Office. While we've missed the usual down time in which we generally catch up on a number of tasks, the beautiful weather and open roadways has certainly restored our energy for the fall season.

I've continued to work on the Parish's new WordPress website from home, and I'm very grateful to Helen Gordon from St. Barnabas for her training and help. New parishioner Beth Dunn has joined the effort to tweak the technical aspects of the site, and I'm sure she'll be bringing some sophisticated new design elements to our web experience. Take a look around and remember, you can find editions of *Together* on the web site, too. Digital photos for the blog are always welcome!

I'm also delighted to say that the Parish Calendar and Clergy and Lay Schedule can now be viewed on the website. Printed copies are also posted on the bulletin boards, and Debbi will continue to incorporate a weekly list of events in the bulletins. If you have not done so yet, please submit your Parish Space Usage forms for the 2012/ 2013 year. These forms are vital records for both one-time and regular meetings and events. Please note that meetings cannot be placed on the Parish Schedule without forms.

As noted in the bulletin, Debbi will be out September 7-16, so the bulletins for September 8,9 and of 15-16 will be completed before she leaves. The deadline for announcements for those dates is September 4, at 10:00 a.m. Debbi will be back in the office on September 17.

Ellie Brainard has spent a good portion of the summer compiling an e-mail database. If your e-mail has changed within the last six months or is incorrect in the Parish Directory, please send me your changes at holyspirit@leansadmin@verizon.net , and I'll forward the changes to Ellie.

The lost-and-found pile behind the Reception Area is overflowing, and will be gathered and either discarded or donated later this month. Please check to see whether you recognize a long-lost belonging!

The deadline for the next edition is September 17. The mailing crew will meet on September 27.
Happy fall to everyone,

—Judith Reppucci, Office Manager

Planning

What kind of giving does God want us to practice?

Our Vestry and Finance Committee are in the process of building our 2013 budget. A key component of the budget is our collective Stewardship pledge income. In October we will be asked to make our 2013 pledge to The Church of the Holy Spirit. This giving requires careful planning.

Our willingness to give cheerfully is as important as the amount we give. We should strive to fulfill our financial commitments that include stewardship. When we give it should be unconditional as a response and reflection of our own devotion *to* Christ and not for anything we can “get out of it.”

The wonderful children’s poem says it so well...

“Here’s the church;
Here’s the steeple;
Open the door and see all the people”

The Church of the Holy Spirit is our buildings, grounds and “all the people” who benefit from our existence. How is your life enriched by attending our services and events? How does our greater community benefit because we are a vital and active parish? We can’t do and be all these things without our collective financial support.

Let the amount of your pledge be decided by God’s call to give responsibly and generously, *not* by the amount of your leftovers.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

ALL things come of Thee, oh Lord,
and of THINE OWN have we given Thee.

St. Martha’s and Kimball Guilds ✦

A special "**Thank You**" to all for your efforts in stocking the Galley West as well as faithfully staffing it during the summer. We were fortunate to enjoy a busy season and our inventory now needs rebuilding in readiness for the Christmas Bazaar on November 17, which will be here before we know it.

Our regular meetings in the Fireplace Room from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will resume the Monday **after** Labor Day, **September 10**. We welcome and need all who are interested in fellowship, some laughs, a time to share as well as work together on simple, non-challenging projects. Hammerers gladly welcome new members and they are eager to teach the technique needed in the Craft House. Both groups join together for a bag lunch at noon. Tea is provided.

Please consider joining either group. The items made by the Guilds are sold in the Galley West, and provide the basis for contributions to our church pledge as well as to local charities.

Justice and Peace Called to be Advocates for the Poor

*Will you strive for justice and peace among ALL people,
and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.*

(+ *Book of Common Prayer, page 305*)

Two themes run throughout the books of the Bible concerning the central importance of justice. First, God's all encompassing love for ALL human beings. Second, God gives us the responsibility to love the earth and see that all people are treated justly. Charity I think we understand but justice maybe not? More on that next month! In the meantime I commend to you the following brief thoughts on this subject from some of the members of our Justice and Peace Committee at Holy Spirit. I hope you will find them helpful in reflecting on Christ's call to be advocates in the world. Your brother in Christ, Fr. Ken Campbell



" In addition to Christian charity for the poor, I believe Christians have a responsibility to seek the causes of poverty and other injustices and work to correct them." + Bob Winter

" Imagine a Church where 80% of the annual budget was spent on widows and orphans and 20% on infrastructure." + Dan Horgan

" I try to always be a nonjudgmental listener and to avoid giving advice." + Ragnhild Bjerke

" I believe that in helping those in need we help Christ carry his cross, as he said, ' Pick up your cross and follow me.' " + Richard O'Hara

" Jesus didn't say, ' Come unto me, all ye who meet certain criteria.' " + Mary McDermott

" The Social Gospel is vital, real and where 'The Church' must be centered for it is far better to act with our feet than voicing passive opinions." + Stefan Galazzi

" Being a person of faith, I believe that I have a mission to reach out and help people in our community and worldwide who live in poverty, misery and suffer from injustice and I pray for guidance from the Lord." + Judy Gardiner

"What a person actually needs is not a tensionless state but rather the striving and struggling for a goal worthy of the self... the call of a potential meaning waiting to be fulfilled." + Fr. Bill Field (from the works of Viktor Frankl)

" As Christians, our most fundamental reason to act to help others is the Christ telling us to do so, ' what you do for the least of these members of my family, you do to me.' " + Pia MacKenzie

" Scripture is filled with stories about Jesus reaching out to those at the bottom of the social structure, and I believe these lessons are an invitation for us to prayerfully consider how we might use our own gifts to advocate for those less fortunate than ourselves." + Kate Paradise

" I challenge you to walk a mile in my moccasins: experience some racial discrimination and oppression by the self unaware majority on Cape Cod. For me, my parents gave me a Christ centered moral upbringing that gave me healing, comfort and taught me that courage and wisdom was ' the way' to live. I challenge you while on your walk with me to reach out! Touch, feel, listen, and yes, cry while you experience healing for yourself and the other. Then you will learn and discover your 'place' in God's assignment! Remember, this task is not for sissies!" + June MacDonald (June is a member of the Wampanoag tribe)

" I try to reach others through the use of films, discussion and personal stories as to how acts of bullying wound the GLBT population and how Jesus through acts of kindness demonstrated his love and acceptance of all people." +Scott Daniels

" My faith leads me to being an advocate for the voiceless, especially the dignity of each child. Children are exploited as consumers in our culture; are hungry for the right foods and shortchanged in their desire to learn. God has helped me to advocate for children." +Ruth Campbell

Belle of Amherst ✦

During six days in August, the Church of the Holy Spirit engaged in a new venture. A play, “The Belle of Amherst,” in conjunction with Ron and Linn Jacoby, was presented to more than two hundred and twenty people. Linn played Emily Dickinson in this one-woman adaptation of the William Luce’s play which was created for Julie Harris. The play and especially Linn’s performance received wonderful reviews from the *Cape Cod Times* and the *Cape Codder*.

We had great support from a group of our own CHS volunteers, The Friends of the Play, and we thank them..

Linn, Ron, her husband and director, plus three backstage associates donated their time and talent to the Church of the Holy Spirit as a fund raiser for the church. This was really a wonderful thing for them to have done and we thank them profusely. The play generated \$4,149, but expenses for the rights to the play, advertising/printing and our Sexton left us with a net of \$1,783.

Those parishioners who attended the production were also full of praise for Linn and the group. If you were not able to come, you missed a wonderful evening of theater at our church. Linn and Ron are planning to present another production in the future.

As this was a fundraiser for the church, we tithed the net proceeds to go to an outreach agency, this time to Independence House, helping battered women and children.

— *Phil Suraci*

Summer Fair

On July 7, we had our second annual Summer Fair. It was a glorious day and fun for all. There were games for the kids, including face painting, craft table, golf, bubbles, bean bag toss and two young men of the Orleans Firebirds in attendance.

There was a lot of food, both hot and cold and enough for all. The Cake Walk was once again a big hit.

There were also many things to buy from Culinary Delights, all kinds of books, jewelry, many different Attic Treasures, lots of White Elephants, art work from three people, a raffle including Red Sox tickets, Galley West, our own CHS children’s art and tours of our Church.

Our volunteers were wonderful from the advertising, which included the Fourth of July Parade, sign makers, our set up and clean- up crews, the staff, the finance people and all the people who manned the booths and venues. They worked very hard and I hope all had time to have a little fun. Please thank them all for their hard work to benefit the church.

The day was excellent for the first four hours but then a few drops of rain interfered with the fun and people dropped off. The results were a bit less than last year, but still gratifying.

We grossed \$8,276 and netted out \$5,695 for the Church

With all of our fund raisers we are tithing the net proceeds to one of our Outreach Agencies and this year we sent a check to Safe Harbor, a shelter for homeless women and children.

— *Phil Suraci*

Gathering together...

Shepherd Groups

The Orleans Shepherd Group will meet September 16, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Celia Calhoun, 306 Tonset Road, Orleans, for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres . Please call Celia at 508-255-1981 if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

Gilbert and Elizabeth Merritt will host the Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group on Sunday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m. Gilbert and Elizabeth Merritt, 64 Nickerson Road, Orleans. Please call 508-240-6998 if you have any questions.

Women's Luncheon Gathering September 6 ✦

Ladies Luncheon

Need a ride? Call Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.

Women of the Parish will gather on Thursday September 6, for their regular luncheon at noon in the Parish Hall.

All women of the Parish are invited and we urge you to bring a friend, a sandwich to share and a canned good for the Food Pantry. Volunteers for the day are Dot Cross, Barbara Mahoney, Dilys Smith, Bobbie Nickerson and Sandy Marshall.

Artist of the Month ✦ One Million Pillowcases

The featured CHS artist for the month of September is Judith Reppucci. Don't miss this creative and exciting exhibit by our very own Church Administrator—a woman of many talents!—Sharyn Laughton

Thank you for your kind words, Sharyn. I'm not sure how creative and exciting I am, but I thought others might be interested in my little community project. These pieces are less artistic than the usual CHS exhibits; I tend to create utilitarian items, as you can tell from the fact that I'm currently apprenticing to learn slipcover making! Nonetheless, I hope you enjoy learning about the Million Pillowcase Challenge. The goal of the project is to encourage sewers to create one million pillowcases for community charities. Children in hospitals, homeless shelters and in foster care can benefit from the donation of a cheerful pillowcase to lift spirits and extend a certain sense of caring. Quilters and seamstress who donate their projects add to an online counter. Two years into the project, the count is now approaching a half a million!

Because I've written a number of fundraising appeals for the Children's Hospital of Memphis, an affiliate of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, I decided to make a pillowcase a month during 2012 for young patients there. Some fabric came from my old stash of quilting material, other yardage came from St. Joan of Arc and St. Vincent de Paul thrift shops, and some was purchased when a special idea bounced into my head (Ninja warrior, anyone?). My taste does seem to run to the girlier prints, so I've made an effort to include some boyish creations, too. I hope you'll enjoy my modest show.

—Judith Reppucci

Bluegrass Concert ✦ Monday, September 10

TOAST AND JAM PERFORMANCE

Truro bluegrass band Toast and Jam
Presents a concert at CHS on September 10,
featuring original bluegrass,
modern folk and swing music.



Parish Hall doors open at 6:30 p.m.,
Music from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Bring your own beverages, snacks..and friends!
\$15.00 donation per person

Save the Date ✦ Celebration Pot Luck Dinner on October 26

Annual Parish Celebration Pot Luck Supper

5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2012

Please join us to celebrate our life as a parish family.

We will provide beverages, cheese & crackers, ham and macaroni & cheese

A brief financial message will be given and 2013 Pledge Packets will be available.

Please bring a dish to share. Your Last Name starts with:

A-H- Dessert

I - P - Salad

Q-Z - Side Dish

Sign up sheets will be in the Reception Room and Parish Hall to help our planning.

If you forget to sign up, **please come anyway!!**

Need a ride to the potluck? Call Patti LaBranche at 508-255-3532 or Peter Bland at 508-760-1516.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ✦ September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please support
The American Red Cross!

This blood drive supports
the community blood supply
for patients in need.

To set up an appointment
Call 1-800-REDCROSS



All presenting donors in September
will receive a free collectable Red Sox T-shirt.

35th Annual Holiday Antiques Show and Sale ✦ Save the dates!

It is hard to believe that our plans are underway for the 34rd Annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held on Friday, November 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday, November 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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 34th 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

The Free Shop ✦

Freely have you received. Freely give.

Many thanks to all volunteers who worked in the shop during the summer. Special thanks to our youngest volunteer, Maggie Bragdon (Fifth grade) for her energy, enthusiasm and creative signs!

We are now gladly accepting good, clean FALL clothing.

The Free Shop is open
Mondays, from noon to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Donation may be dropped off whenever the Parish Hall is open.
If the shop is closed, there is a container outside the door.

*New Free Shop schedules for September 2012-June 2013
were mailed to all 22 loyal and faithful volunteers.*

If you did not receive yours, please call Sharyn.

—Kathy Chapman (508-255-5647) and Sharyn Laughton ((508-255-7277), Co-directors

Catch the Spirit ✦ Live & Silent Auction.



Friday September 28, 2012 – Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Last year, through the generous donations from the Parish as well as some local merchants, we were able to add \$11,000 income to our Parish budget. Our goal this year is \$15,000. There are many ways you can lend a hand. **Most of the work will be done in September.**

Please contact the following people:

Food – Can you help make appetizers, desserts, pass food at the event? Contacts are:

Kathy Goddard (508-255-3818) or khuherg@verizon.net

Michele Puzo (508-432-1981) or amp-mjp@comcast.net

Donations - It's never too early to think about how you can convert a hobby, talent or something you currently own into a donation. Please put your thinking caps on and support this fun and worthy cause. Complete donation form on next page. (additional forms available at CHS) Contacts are:

Jane Nixon (508-896-7662) or jandjnix@aol.com

Gail Binney-Sterne (508-896-5019) or gbinneysterne42@yahoo.com

Logistics – hall set up, ticket sales, check in/checkout, set up, clean-up. There are many small logistical tasks when spread over many helping hands will make for light work. Please contact

Tom Dewing (508-255-2656) or st.dewing@verizon.net

General Questions - contact Sue Sasso (508-255-1732) or susansasso@hotmail.com

Together September 2012

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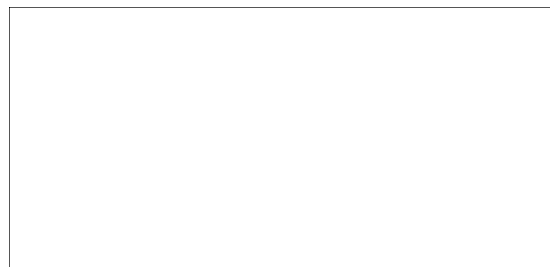
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Or current occupant



***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.***

Dates to remember

September 3, Labor Day, Office Closed
September 6, at 12:00 p.m., Ladies Luncheon
September 10, at 7:00 p.m., Toast and Jam Bluegrass Concert
September 13, at 3:00 p.m.
Adult Education Program, "The Question of God"
September 16, at 9:45 a.m.
Church School Registration and First Day of Classes
September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., American Red Cross Blood Drive
September 23, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Outreach Sunday
September 28, at 5:00 p.m. Live and Silent Auctions

