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# TOGETHER

## **A word from our Rector**

Dear Friends,

Here we are, launched into the second phase of our Re-Imagining project. I encourage your ongoing input and participation as we finalize our action plan. Some aspects of Re-Imagining have already begun, most especially in the area of pastoral care.

This is, of course, a highest level priority for us at the Church of the Holy Spirit—clergy, lay volunteers, and all of us. We are a community with significant and growing pastoral needs. We are called to share, with one another, the care of our one great Shepherd.

We've developed a plan to expand all aspects of our pastoral care ministries. Our faithful Lay Pastoral Care Committee, under the leadership of its chair, Peter Blank, will continue to play a key role. Along with the Committee, we have now set up an additional structure with new ministries. We will have a team of Contact People who will assist in tracking acute care needs. We are going to devote additional efforts in following parishioners who may be on the edge of requiring contact and help. We don't want anyone to drop off the screen, so to speak.

And to assist the clergy and lay ministers in carrying all this out, with the Vestry's full endorsement, I have appointed Celia Calhoun to serve as our volunteer Pastoral Care Coordinator. She has the knowledge of our parish and the skills needed for this very thing.

A top priority in carrying out our expanded pastoral care ministries is making sure that we have a coordinated flow of information; both needs and response to needs. (Please be assured, though, that we have made sure of protecting privacy in setting up our system.)

**Here's the concept. We have implemented one central information point using a new e-mail.**

Here it is:

**[pastoralcare@chsorleans.org](mailto:pastoralcare@chsorleans.org)**

And here's the plan.

***If you have need of any form of pastoral response—or if you know of someone who does—please send the information to us at this e-mail. We also suggest that you add this new email to your contacts so it's available when needed. If you do not do e-mail, please call the church office (508-255-0433) and speak with Debbi Manning or leave a message. Debbi will create the email to the above address with the information for you.***

Access to reading messages sent to this email will be carefully restricted to a very limited group of individuals approved by me as Rector. Please, likewise, send relevant updates on situations to this email. **All those providing pastoral care (including clergy) will track and coordinate all our efforts by reporting information back through the e-mail address as well.** If you have questions, please ask one of them.

As before, our clergy will continue to be available to provide rapid and direct response to **pastoral emergencies. Just call the church office.** (When doing so after office hours, follow the telephone prompt to get through to our answering service.)

Lastly, I ask your help getting the word out to everyone so that we may have a successful beginning to this new phase in sharing the mercy and care of our compassionate Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Adam+

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## Annual Church of the Holy Spirit Pledge Drive is Underway!

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year when we talk about our financial support of our Parish for the coming year. It's more than just talk, of course. We are also **asking** for your support. Stewardship also involves "time and talent," to be sure. But this is the season when we do talk about "treasure"—that is, money.

Money is actually a profoundly spiritual topic and, I don't think, is a preferred topic of discussion for many people. It's such a sensitive issue that connects—intimately—with our lives, right at their core: our aspirations, our values, and our worries, as well. So the church would have important reason to talk about it, even if we didn't have very practical need to do so!

Your Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Vestry are deeply committed to faithful stewardship of our financial resources, the essential base of which are our pledges we make year to year. Ours is a large congregation—in the top tier of the Diocese of Massachusetts. In fact, we are several times larger than our own diocesan Cathedral in Boston. Nevertheless, we work hard to keep our expenses as low as we can. Through pay freezes, benefit cost-sharing, staff layoffs, and relying more on volunteers and part-time staff. These and more have been part of life at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

What I find so remarkable, however, is the gracious spirit in which we have taken steps like this. It's more than gracious, but *hopeful*, too. I sense a deep—in fact increasing—confidence in our future here. These are not easy times for "organized religion" in America, especially in New England. But the signs of vitality are everywhere at CHS. And *you*—all of you—are a part of why this is so. Thank you.

We have deliberately taken a "low key," non-high-pressure approach to this year's Pledge Drive. For those who are not in a position to give more, the last thing we want to do is to foster bad feelings. We don't want anyone to give more than they ought.

But whatever the size, large, middle or small, we do deeply value and we truly need *every single pledge*. Each one of us makes a difference. We do appreciate the fact that—for various reasons—some give without making a pledge. Nevertheless, pledging allows us to undertake the financial care and planning you expect of us.

For a couple of weeks now, some fellow parishioners have been offering testimonials at our services including what CHS means to them and their faith journey. You shortly will be receiving your pledge packets for 2018. I ask your prayers and faithful consideration of what CHS means to you—and then call on your generosity as you make your 2018 pledge.

Pledges may be returned by mail or brought to church and put in the collection plate. We will have a pledge "Ingathering" at all three services the weekend of November 18th and 19th.

Above all, I pray that we may give in the spirit of joy and trust in the God who has been so good to us in so many ways.

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

### LADIES' LUNCHEON – November 2nd- Noon in the Parish Hall

Our get-together in October was well attended. Twenty people enjoyed good food and lively conversation. You couldn't get a word in edgewise! The collection for the Baby Center has grown and is filling the bassinet. Thank you. Come and join us in November. Bring a sandwich to share and the rest will be provided. Our committee this time is: Barbara Mahoney - chips; Nancy Ludwig- paper goods; Ginny Clarendon - centerpieces; Jane Affleck - lemon and 1/2 and 1/2, Joan Proctor and Pat Carroll - dessert. Our invitation to you is open wide! Please join us!



### NOVEMBER 4TH HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE Sue Sasso

Don't forget to support and come to our **All Parish Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00—3:00.** Here's how to participate and help make our bazaar a success..

- ◆ Food Table & Cookie Walk— All home made food items (any kind) are needed. Cookie Walk cookies should be small size to fit in the coffee cans. DROP OFF DONATIONS anytime Friday 11/3 or Saturday Morning 11/4
- ◆ Jewelry & Accessories—Fall closet and jewelry box cleaning is a great time to find some items to donate. Drop off your donations in the Parish Office or Friday November 3rd.
- ◆ Used Books—you will be able to donate your gently used books. Drop off your donations on 11/2 or 11/3.
- ◆ Elegant White Elephant—Find elegant items you don't use and are tucked away in your closets and cabinets. Drop off items 11/2 or 11/3 .
- St. Martha & Kimball Guilds—**Monday Mornings at 10:00 in the Fireplace Room.** Come join the ladies and help make some wonderful crafts to sell at the bazaar.
- **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN THE GUILDS ON MONDAY MORNINGS... but have some hand crafts to donate for the bazaar, please contact Libby Hall 508-394-2362.**
- Other Vendors—do you want to sell your own crafts at the bazaar? Spaces are limited—parishioners get priority. Contact Sue Sasso 508-255-1732



**YOUTH SUNDAY & BRUNCH Sunday, November 5th**  
Church School youth will be Lectors and Church School families will be reading at the 10:00 service.

**THEN.....**

Come to the Parish Hall to enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by our youth.



### Labyrinth Walk Friday November 10, 2017 10:00 a.m. Parish Hall Margaret Rappaport

It is a wonderful time of year and the Labyrinth beckons us to meditation.

There are activities to plan. There are gatherings of family and friends to anticipate. We stand at the start of the labyrinth walk, pausing to discern what intentions our meditation might unveil.

Meditation may include those things we need to let go of in order to find space within ourselves to facilitate the enjoyment in our lives. Meditation may lift us above the ordinary to find a truer inspiration going forward. It may strengthen our resolve to express thanksgiving, gratitude, and love more fully. We may take the opportunity to feel and think our way into the deeper meaning of our prayers.

Meditation comes easily while walking the labyrinth accompanied by music selected by Director of Music and Veriditas-certified Labyrinth Facilitator, Darlene T. Hagon. Imaginative decorations and candlelight urge us to contemplate the opening prayer offered by Rev. Anne Koehler and the comments on the monthly theme by Dr. Margaret Rappaport, Veriditas-certified Labyrinth Facilitator

Please join us whether you sit to meditate or walk the labyrinth. Either way you are in the company of like minds with big hearts. Together all of us are celebrating God's great goodness in the quiet of the labyrinth.

## **ADULT EDUCATION "GROWNUPS IN NARNIA" - Adam+ The Silver Chair by C.S. Lewis**

One of the elements which has emerged from our Re-Imagining process is an interest in more spiritual formation/adult education offerings specifically from the Rector. (And these, the Rector is delighted to provide.)

In response to this, we are launching **Wednesdays at Six** to be held in the Parish Hall. Each session will include a shortened and simplified Evening Prayer and feature some opportunity for reflection led by Adam+. The topics will keep close to practical living out of our faith day-to-day spirituality, with special interest in creative approaches. And we will finish by 6:40 p.m. Forty minutes tops!

On Wednesday, November 8th we begin a four week series, "**Grownups in Narnia.**" C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* are a rightly acclaimed masterwork of children's literature. But they are also both delightful and spiritually nutritious for those of us "of riper years," as the older Prayer Book put it.

From the *Chronicles*, we'll be reading **The Silver Chair**. This is a highly engaging (and not-too-long) story with gently profound food for thought. Please read the indicated portions before each session. We will suggest local Orleans book stores have copies of **The Silver Chair** available for purchase.

Here's our schedule: (Note: we will not meet Wednesday, November 22—the evening before Thanksgiving.)

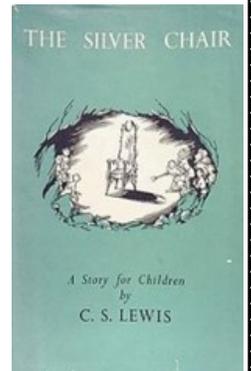
**November 8:** Chapter One, "Behind the Gym"; Chapter Two, "Jill Is Given a Task"; Chapter Three, "The Sailing of the King"; and, Chapter Four, "A Parliament of Owls."

**November 15:** Chapter Five, "Puddleglum"; Chapter Six, "The Wild Waste Lands of the North"; Chapter Seven, "The Hill of Strange Trenches"; and, Chapter Eight, "The House of Harfang."

**November 29:** Chapter Nine, "How They Discovered Something Worth Knowing"; Chapter Ten, "Travels Without the Sun"; Chapter Eleven, "In the Dark Castle"; and, Chapter Twelve, "The Queen of Underland."

**December 6:** Chapter Thirteen, "Underland Without the Queen"; Chapter Fourteen, "The Bottom of the Word"; Chapter Fifteen, "The Disappearance of Jill"; and, "The Healing of Harms."

So please join us. Grownups in Narnia!



### **CHS YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER & OASAP FUNDRAISER WITH LIVE MUSIC**

**Saturday November 11TH 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

The CHS Youth Group is sponsoring a fundraiser for the **OASAP\* (Orleans After School Activities Program) Scholarship Fund**. We will be serving a spaghetti and meatball dinner from 5pm-8:30 p.m. with salad, drinks and live music!

The cost for this event is a free will offering at the door. All proceeds will go to the OASAP\* Scholarship Fund. If you are unable to attend this event but would like to make a tax deductible donation to this wonderful program, make checks payable to OASAP (please note Scholarship Fund on the check) and give to Matt Thompson or mail to OASAP, PO Box 2063, Orleans, MA 02653.

This event is open to the public and will be publicized. Anyone who would like to help with this event in any way please contact Matt Thompson at [mt@meganet.net](mailto:mt@meganet.net). There will be lots to do before, during and after this event and it will go so much smoother with many helping hands. Thank you in advance.

\*The goal of the OASAP is to provide a safe, nurturing, creative and fun environment for children of working parents after school. We believe in offering a variety of activities to respond to varying ages and developmental levels, in order to correlate to the needs of our students. For more information about OASAP, go to <http://orleansafterschool.com/>.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON - Wednesday, November 15th at Noon.**

Our Men's Luncheon group will meet in the Fireplace Room. Rides can be arranged. Bring your own sandwich and cold drink; coffee and snacks are provided by our donations. Questions? Call Bruce Lederhouse at 508-240-2853.

**SHEPHERD GROUPS— Sunday November 19th at 5:00 p.m.**

-Brewster/Dennis will meet at home of Betsey & Ed Mason, 46 Shad Bush Circle, E. Dennis call 508-385 4093 for directions and call Elizabeth Merritt if you have questions 508-240-6998

-Orleans will meet at Page McMahon's home 9 Morgan's Way, RSVP -508-240-6998

-Eastham/ Wellfleet—check Sunday Bulletins for location

**40th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE November 24th-25th**



The 40th Annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held Friday, November 24th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, November 25th 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century furniture, nautical items, quilts, Staffordshire china, ironstone, early American pattern glass, jewelry, Americana, brass candlesticks, vintage post cards, chocolate and ice cream molds, primitives, textiles, folk and fine art.

You have received a letter asking for your support of this longstanding fund raiser for our parish. We hope you will be a PATRON of this long tradition 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 40th 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.

**CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Flag on CHS Sign** Have you wondered why there is a green flag hanging from the church sign on the corner of Monument & Route 28? Think the colors of our church seasons, As our church year progresses, the flag color will also change. We are winding down the long "Ordinary Time—After Pentecost" green flag season. So look for the purple flag on Sunday December 3rd to herald the beginning of Advent.

**Church School** If you have not enrolled your children in CHS Church School, just come to the Gathering Room in the lower level of the Parish Hall any Sunday by 10:00. All are welcome!

**Family Weekend Retreat** We saw what "God had made and indeed, it was very good." (Gen. 1: 31a)

Fourteen Church School families, some of the Church School teachers, Youth Group leaders, Fr. Adam and Lori spent the weekend of October 7th-8th at the Barbara Harris Camp in Greenfield, New Hampshire. The weekend was packed with fun activities and a Eucharist in the chapel Saturday evening.

On the way home in the motor coach, we gave the children some envelopes and asked them to write or draw something they enjoyed on the weekend. Some children drew pictures of their activities and others responded in writing. Their written responses included, "I love this weekend...so fun. I hope we can do it again" and, "I learned that nature is beautiful and fun to explore."

In Church School the following Sunday, we sat in a circle in the Gathering Room to reflect on our experience. Sharyn asked, "What was your favorite part of the weekend?" The children responded with, "the hike...the snacks on the bus...the campfire...the Gaga Pit...the games in the gym...roasting marshmallows...roasting sticks!...the *churros*... sleeping on the top bunk above my dad...when the guy revved up his Camaro for us in the parking lot at the end of the trail!..."the best time of my whole life!..." The rain on Sunday does not appear to have dampened their spirits.

The adults were equally enthusiastic about the trip and would like to repeat it next year. It was a blessed experience in a beautiful environment.

## **CHS ARTISTS**

The featured CHS artist for the month of November is Janet Winter. Janet has been doing artwork all her life - happily progressing from Crayolas to oil, watercolors, ink and colored pencil. She has won a number of awards and enjoyed several shows - the most recent one being at Snow Library. Her first real success was in watercolor landscape painting. Later came commercial work for several greeting card companies which included not only cards but also coloring books, jig-saw puzzles, calendars and novelty items (including coffee mugs and a shot glass design). She has also written and illustrated three Christmas books for children. Although now retired from commercial work, Janet continues to do colored pencil illustrations for cards and prints that you may purchase at the Holiday Bazaar and then all month during her exhibit in the Reception Room.

While you are in the CHS Gallery ENJOYING THE SHOW, please consider signing up to exhibit/sell your art/craft for one month in 2018. The sign-up sheet is located by the door in the gallery. THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

## **THE FREE SHOP.... A True Story**

It was an early Monday morning. Wayne, our devoted and irreplaceable Sexton, noticed a car parked outside the Free Shop with Quebec license plates. Wayne has family in Quebec so he approached the gentleman in the car and asked if he could help. The gentleman responded that he was here for the Free Shop. Wayne responded that he was 1-1/2 hours early but would let him in to shop. He found what he was looking for - a London Fog trench coat and then proceeded to try on colorful hats and scarves. Wayne became curious and asked a few questions. The Quebec gentleman was visiting family on the Cape - he was a professional clown traveling to West Africa to entertain the children!!!!!!



Moral of this story - there is no end to the "needs" our Free Shop can fill - we are going to the children in West Africa!

The Free Shop is gladly and gratefully accepting Fall and Winter clothing. We've gone green and need your paper shopping bags (with handles). PLEASE - no more plastic bags! Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed - there is a container outside the door for your donations. THANK YOU!

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Safe Harbor is one of the agencies that CHS Outreach supports. On October 5th, Martha Burzychi, director of Safe Harbor, spoke with the Outreach Committee about their mission and their needs. Safe Harbor provides emergency housing assistance for women and their children who have been victims of domestic violence. They offer career and educational classes, life management and parenting classes and they support the women as they become emotionally and financially independent. Martha made an appeal for donations of housewares and clothing for the women and children as they start their lives anew. Some of our Rummage Sale items were donated to Safe Harbor.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—CAPE COD Gifts for Brewster and Truro future home owners.**

Shaws Market has a stamp/cookware promotion for Rachael Ray bakeware. Please help us save the stamps and let's see what we can get for the new Brewster (6) and Truro (3) Habitat build homeowners. The promotion runs until January 2, 2018. Put your stamps in the box on the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or give your stamps to Elizabeth or Gilbert Merritt.

## **RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU! Melissa Keefee-Jones**

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Rummage Sale a success. The pre-sale advertising and posting of flyers all over town; the parishioners and their friends and neighbors who made donations; the workers that set up the Parish Hall, unloaded cars, and sorted through, organized, and priced "treasures" for four days; the Dewings who made an absolutely delicious lunch on Friday; the folks that worked the sale on Friday and Saturday, and the team that re-packed our leftovers and loaded them into their cars in the rain on Saturday afternoon and made deliveries of donations to various locations on Sunday. It was a wonderful week of both working and fellowship. It really takes a dedicated team to make this sale happen and I can't thank you all enough!



## **FAITH, FOOD AND FAIR TRADE**

In the last 30 to 40 years, faith communities and others have begun to develop an ethical challenge to the control of food in our world by a small number of large corporations. This challenge is happening for several reasons: exploitation of workers in developing countries who get the equivalent of \$ 2.00 a day salary; product and work environments which are not safe; the abuse of God's creation both natural and human by abusive production methods.



Here at Holy Spirit we buy all of our coffee for parish use from the Equal Exchange Cooperative on the South Shore ( worker owned, faith based, small company ). This coffee, and all the products we sell in our Fair Trade display, are purchased from small family farms at a fair price. In addition, the items produced are organic which means they do not have harmful ingredients and their production has not harmed the environment. By purchasing these products we are supporting the effort to achieve economic justice for all God's children as well as protecting the creation.

In Britain and other European countries Fair Trade has made much progress in breaking the control of the Food Monopoly and is strongly endorsed by the faith community including the Church of England ( which uses only Fair Trade products when available ) . The General Convention of the Episcopal Church has endorsed and encouraged the use of Fair Trade. If you have questions about our Fair Trade products at Holy Spirit please communicate with Fr. Ken Campbell at [ksbcampbeel@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbeel@verizon.net) or 413-478-5719. All our products are sold at cost.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER:**

### **December in the CHS Gallery**

The past few years we have displayed an amazing array of creche sets on loan from our parishioners. It has been so popular that we would like to continue the tradition this year. If not a crèche, perhaps you have another special Advent or Christmas decoration that could be shared. The display will go up the week of November 26.



If you would like to participate, please contact Cynthia Murray, [csamurray@mac.com](mailto:csamurray@mac.com) or 508/896-5634. Thank you.

### **First Fruits Christmas Sale - Saturday/Sunday December 2nd & 3rd.**

Do you need holiday arrangements made with fresh greens and accents?  
Do you like homemade Christmas cookies, but don't want to do the baking?  
Well then ...come to the First Fruits Christmas Sale in the Parish Hall.  
Interested in helping us? Contact Dottie Walsh 508-945-3969



Starting on Tuesday November 28th, members of the parish and some non-parishioner volunteers will lovingly be making centerpiece arrangements and mantle boughs, small greens arrangements for gift-giving to teachers, home-bound friends, and neighbors and cookies and cakes. Proceeds will be donated to local charities.

### **CAN YOU DELAY YOUR FALL PRUNING of Pines & Evergreens AND MAKE THEM FRESH GREENS DONATIONS??**

**PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE PARISH HALL TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28th TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st** for us to make them into special holiday arrangements.

## **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**

***Have you picked up an Altar Flowers Request Card*** at one of the church entrances? For a donation of fifty dollars (\$50), flowers will be purchased and arranged for your chosen weekend by the newly formed Flower Guild. You may choose to do this to remember someone or perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. ***The name of the loved one(s) being honored will be noted in the service bulletins of the weekend services of the chosen date.***

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

Look around the church for emergency protocols located next to the AEDs, "To Your Good Health" papers at all entrances, and for health topics of the month and speakers on these topics that will start in 2018.

## ABOUT US

**Editor's Note:** Since this is the beginning of our Stewardship Season, rather than selecting one or two parishioners to be interviewed for this article, I asked our Rector if I could write an article about The Church of the Holy Spirit et al. So—this month is **ABOUT ALL OF US!**

First—I recommend, if you have a computer, to do an internet search for Church of the Holy Spirit Orleans and find our website <http://holyspiritoreans.org/>. This site contains a lot of information about our parish. I also recommend you read the “blog” tab and find current events. Some of the following is taken from this website.

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Church of the Holy Spirit was founded in 1933 as a small but dedicated parish in the small town of Orleans, on the elbow of Cape Cod. The original structure was built from materials salvaged from a building wrecked in a hurricane earlier that year. Many additions and renovations later, our church buildings still maintain a warm, weathered individuality that generations of parishioners continue to cherish. While our footprint has grown significantly over the years, our sense of a warm, welcoming community has remained true to our roots.

We are an active, growing, and multi-faceted community of faith. We involve and support children and families of all kinds in every aspect of our worship, mission, education, and outreach. We encourage all our members to take an active role in our community, and offer a wide range of opportunities to learn and grow in faith, to connect with our own community and with the wider community, and to engage in meaningful outreach throughout the year.

We have 500+ members and are in the top tier (ranked #16) of the 150 parishes within Diocese of Massachusetts, which includes all cities and towns East of Route 495. We are larger than the Cathedral parish in Boston. On average, approximately 200 people attend our weekend services. We also conduct monthly services at several local skilled nursing and assisted living facilities for our many members who no longer can join us at the church.

Our more than 30 ministries and committees provide many opportunities to share our time and talents with each other and the broader community.

Especially considering Cape demographics, CHS has a notably large and active youth church school, due to our wonderful programs and leaders (and our outstanding young people, too!)... something we should be very proud of! Opportunities for adult spiritual formation include Adult Education Classes, Book Study Groups, monthly guided Labyrinth walks, and other activities.

I'm often asked by non-churched friends what it means to be an Episcopalian... what do we believe? I used to struggle to respond with informed and accurate information. Then I realized the answers were found in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Jack and I attend the 8:00 Sunday services where, just prior to receiving communion, the congregation says *The Prayer of Humble Access* on page 337 BCP. This prayer provides one of the best and most direct explanations of what I believe it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian:

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.*

Following communion, we end the service with a corporate prayer of thanksgiving (BCP 339) that includes the following appeal and direction:

*...we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in.*

So, I invite you to read these prayers and consider your own spiritual journey. Where have you been and where are you going on that journey? Or, what good works are you “walking in”? If you would be willing to share a part of your journey with the congregation as a contributor to the “About Us” section of our monthly *Together*, please email me at [susansasso@hotmail.com](mailto:susansasso@hotmail.com) to set up an interview.

Peace!

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ORLEANS**  
**October 19, 2017 Vestry Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ A re-imagining action plan will soon be sent to the parish along with a summary of responses from the survey and a request for parishioner feedback.
- ◆ A plan has been developed to expand all aspects of our pastoral care ministries. Refer to the Rector's message page 1 of this edition.
- ◆ Our Diocesan Convention is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017. Celia Calhoun has resigned as an alternate delegate. The vestry approved Steve Koehler as her replacement.
- ◆ Treasurer Steve Koehler reported, for the month of September, a somewhat lower revenue and higher expenses resulting in a deficit of \$19K for the month. As a result, our year to date surplus has been reduced to \$11K. At the end of September, our revenue is 71.9% of the full year budget and expenses are 70.3% of the full year budget.
- ◆ A detailed report was submitted and the 9-week Food for Kids summer program served 24,647 meals and distributed 2,500 free books! Leadership and volunteer development will continue and Ruth Campbell will be encouraged to continue her expansion efforts both on and off Cape.
- ◆ The Church School families had a wonderful trip to the Barbara Harris Camp and would like to do it again. Please read the separate article in this edition.
- ◆ Other items were discussed and are included in articles in this edition of *Together*:  
Youth News; Adult Education Wednesday evenings in November; Outreach Committee; Health Ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Eaton-Skea, Scribe on behalf of Victoria Hutchens, Clerk

**VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Our Nominating Committee for 2018 has been appointed by the Vestry. They are Kathy Goddard (outgoing Vestry representative), Chip Bechtold, Jack Sasso, Sandy Marshall, and Anne Moronta. At the Annual Meeting elections for the following positions will be filled: one Warden (two-year term), the Treasurer and Clerk (each of these for one year terms), and four Vestry-at-large (two year terms). Additionally, we will elect two Delegates and an Alternate for Diocesan Convention/Deanery Assembly, and also two representatives to the Cape Cod Council of Churches.

Parishioners are welcome to submit suggestions for these positions to any Nominating Committee member. (One Warden, and four Vestry-at-large members are continuing in office with a year remaining in their terms.)

**PARISH OFFICE CORNER**

**-SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**—All Sunday Blue Bulletin items must be sent to Debby by Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **FIRM!**

**-PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed Fridays and will be closed Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving.

**-PARISH OFFICE EMAILS:** REMINDER—All emails to the CHS office should be sent to [office@chsorleans.org](mailto:office@chsorleans.org).

**-PARISH USAGE REQUESTS:** Arline Consiglio manages Parish space requests and is in the Parish Office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you plan to use any part of the Parish for any event or meeting, please complete a Parish Usage Form available in the Parish Office.

**-DECEMBER TOGETHER DEADLINE: End of day—Wednesday 11/15 FIRM.** All questions and article contributions should be directed to Sue Sasso at 508-255-1732, cell 860-614-1341 or [susansasso@hotmail.com](mailto:susansasso@hotmail.com).



***Entered into Eternal Life***

*Edith Hart  
Nancy Heller  
Cindy Hughes*



“All people who are happy have God within them.”

Paulo Coelho

# **TOGETHER— November 2017**

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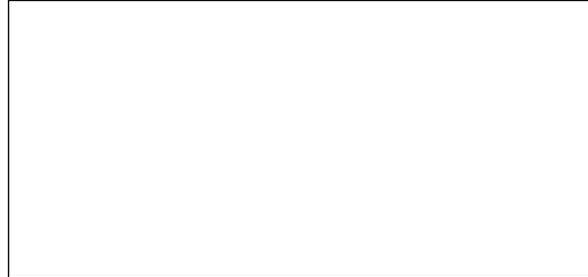
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*Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is  
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,  
welcome all people and serve one another with love.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

See details inside

November 2nd—Lady’s Luncheon  
November 4th—CHS Holiday Bazaar  
November 5th—Youth Sunday and Breakfast  
November 8th, 15th, 29th; December 6th - Grownups in Narnia  
November 10th—Labyrinth Walk  
November 11th—Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser  
November 15th— Men’s Luncheon  
November 19th—Shepherd Groups  
November 24th & 25th—40th Antique Show  
November 28th - December 1st—drop off greens for First Fruits

*Have you thanked God today?*