



A New Year's Message from our Wardens

Dear Parishioners:

By the time you read this, Christmas celebrations will be complete, both at Holy Spirit and in all our homes and hearts. Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy a safe and Happy New Year's Eve and Day. And best of all, no more Christmas commercials on TV until mid-November of this year!

As we look forward to all the blessings the New Year will bring, and think back fondly on another Holiday Season spent with family and friends, we also must take a few moments to reflect on those who passed away in 2017. We lost many current and former members of the Church of the Holy Spirit, and several parishioners also lost family members and friends. Please keep the souls of the departed in your prayers, and remember to comfort those fellow parishioners who just went through perhaps the first Holiday Season without one or more of those who were so dear to them. The endless human cycle of death and rebirth continues as 2017 gives way to the bright and promising new 2018.

The year just ended was a productive and positive one for the clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners and friends of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Early in 2017, Fr. Adam, the Wardens and the Vestry launched the Re-Imagining Initiative so capably and professionally staffed by Melissa Keefe-Jones. Working with all major CHS constituencies and stakeholders, the completed Draft Action Plan was distributed to all parishioners in the early Fall. Then we held Parish-wide meetings to gather further input, much of which was integrated into the Final Action Plan. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to all of you who participated in one or more phases of the Reimagining initiative!

Although much of the implementation work for Reimagining will be done in the new year, significant progress has already been made in 2017. Key highlights include:

- Increased outreach and presence in the local community;
- A "Reimagining process" started and/or completed in several committees and ministries;
- Revitalization of the Worship Committee and the Pastoral Care Committee;
- Continued renewal of the Music Program under the able and professional leadership of Choir Director Lori Linton.

As your wardens, we commit to working with our wonderful Rector Adam+, our warm and welcoming Assisting Priest Gail+, our committed staff, the CHS Vestry, our always-giving legion of volunteers, and the many committees, groups and ministries who together make up the living fabric of the church home we all love and care for so much. We look forward to working together in the common goal of making CHS an even better and more meaningful spiritual home for us all.

And, as always, please contact us to share any questions and concerns that you may have.

Cynthia Murray, Warden

Rick Paris, Warden

LADIES' LUNCHEON - THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH 12:00 NOON. Thank you to Dilys Smith for making us happy carolers at our December luncheon. Now that all the festivities of Christmas and New Years are over, we return to the calendar and note that the first Thursday of the month is January 4th! **It will be easy to forget, so remember your New Year's resolution to come to these luncheons, and circle the date on your calendar in red.** Bring your sandwich to share and join us at 12:00 in the Parish Hall.



Our committee for January is: Table decorations, Lori Linton; Chips, Sue Stevens; Paper Goods, Barbara Mahoney; Lemon and Half 'n half, Jane Affleck; Juice, Fay Cole; and Dessert, Betty Yearing. If anyone wants to help Betty with this venture, just call her and offer your help.

YOUTH SUNDAY, EPIPHANY TROPE & BRUNCH
SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

We celebrated a wonderful Advent and Christmas season of activities and events making 19 Advent wreaths and 65 people participated in the Gingerbread House making and pizza party. Now we move into Epiphany.

On Sunday, January 7, at the 10:00 service we will celebrate the first Sunday of Epiphany with our Church School's presentation of the ***Epiphany Trope*** and collection of gifts.

Please bring **an unwrapped gift for a child to the altar during the Trope.**



... "there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. " Matthew 2:11-12

After the play, the children will go to the church library to hear Bernie Hutchens read a story, followed by games and refreshments.

Families may come to the library after the service to pick up their children

LABYRINTH WALK – FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH 10:00 a.m. IN PARISH HALL Dr. Margaret Rappaport

The first of the scheduled monthly labyrinth walks in 2018, in the Parish Hall is focused on **the theme, Deep Listening.**



Dr. Margaret Rappaport, Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, will offer a perspective on **striving to center ourselves through contemplation and active meditation as we walk the labyrinth.** She will suggest some lessons in listening deeply so as to open ourselves to the Presence of God.

Rev. Anne Koehler will present a **prayerful opportunity to focus on the theme** before we walk. She will **help us secure our insights with a closing prayer** as we end the walk and go back to our everyday routines.

Darlene T. Hagon, Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, as is customary has **selected Epiphany music to enhance the January theme.** She will also array the labyrinth with banners, icons and religious symbols to support the theme.

A Raphael print of the Madonna and Christ Child, donated by parishioner Peg Skelly, will be featured on the labyrinth.

SHEPHERD GROUPS— Look for dates, times and locations in the Sunday Blue Bulletins.

MEN'S LUNCHEON - Wednesday, January 17th 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.



ARTIST GALLERY— this month's featured artist is Lydia Bell

I have claimed my humble work as a water colorist searching out beauty... beauty not only found in plein air paintings, still lifes and portraits, but also especially in flowers. After majoring in art (as a late bloomer in my 40's) at Eastern Michigan University, I realized the degree meant little. It is the practice of putting brush to pigment-to water-to paper that brings the results that truly matter.



I have lived in Harwich for the past ten years, displaying my works at "The Gallery" in Harwich Port. Wednesdays, I paint with instructor Vera Chaplin and fellow like minded painters at Creative Art Center in Chatham. This past summer I studied with Paul Riley, an international artist, on his farm in Devon, England.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my work. Lydia Bell

CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Janet & Bob Winter and Fr. Bill & Margaret Ann Heuss

It's January and we are well into the 12 days of Christmas and approaching the Christ Trope on Sunday, January 7th. If you have not already purchased your gifts, there is still time to do so and you can probably take advantage of a post-Christmas sale.



As most of you know, these gifts will be stored in the CHS attic until Christmas 2018 when they will be brought down and taken to the Cape Cod Council of Churches Toy Distribution Center where parents can pick gifts for their children.

Please be as generous as you can afford. There are still many families on Cape Cod struggling to make ends meet and this will help them provide a happier Christmas for their children in December 2018.

Happy New Year

NAUSET INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION—Fr. Ken Campbell *"...do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God.." Micah 6:8*

Holy Spirit is an active member, one of the sixteen congregations from Brewster to Provincetown, of Nauset Interfaith Association. Our purpose is to learn from and support each other and to work together for all God's children here on the lower and outer Cape. By working together, we greatly increase the effectiveness of our common ministry in the wider community. We support six action teams who support at risk youth, immigrants and refugees, healing racism and its cousins, feeding hungry children and educating ourselves about systemic injustice so we can be better advocates.

We also want you to know that the Nauset Interfaith Association received a commendation and donation from the Cape Cod District Attorney and staff for our October 28th Forum on Police and Community Relations at Cape Cod Community College attended by over 200 people from every town on Cape Cod.

In January the Nauset Interfaith Association has two special events:

- ◆ **The annual Martin Luther King Breakfast at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Monday, January 15th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.** Our speaker will be Phillip Martin, a Harvard Fellow and investigative journalist for WGBH in Boston. He will focus on the issue of immigration and refugees in the USA. A three-person panel will dialogue with our speaker. The panelists will be Senator Julian Cyr, one of our local police chiefs, and a D.A.C.A. young adult (Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals) living on the Cape. Representatives of the Wampanoag tribe will provide music. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** This event is always at capacity so register early. Register with Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net. Please include a telephone number.
- ◆ The Rev. Dr. Paul Minus, formerly of Yale Divinity School has been hard at work organizing a Cape and Island's faith community environmental care collaborative. Paul is a Methodist minister and lives in Orleans. We need several representatives from Holy Spirit to attend his **presentation of Cape Cod Creation Care on Saturday, January 20th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10:00 a.m. on Route 6 in Wellfleet.**

HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE Ann Pike-Paris

Look for information about Thyroid Health that will be featured during the month of January.

CHS VESTRY 2018 SLATE — NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Parish Annual Meeting on February 11, 2018, the CHS Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees for election:

- ◆ CYNTHIA MURRAY, WARDEN, to be re-elected for a two-year term ending 2020
- ◆ STEVEN (STEVE) KOEHLER, TREASURER, to be re-elected for a one-year term ending 2019
- ◆ DEBBIE BEAL, CLERK, to be elected for a one-year term ending 2019
- ◆ BRENDA RIDGEWAY, to be elected to vestry, two-year term ending 2020
- ◆ DONNA TAVANO, to be elected to vestry, two-year term ending 2020

- ◆ MELISSA KEEFE-JONES, to be re-elected to vestry, two-year term ending 2020
- ◆ BROOKE EATON-SKEA, to be re-elected to vestry, two-year term ending 2020

- ◆ JACK GENTILE AND STEVE KOEHLER, Diocesan delegates, two year terms ending 2020
- ◆ CELIA CALHOUN, Alternate Diocesan delegate and Deanery delegate, two-year term ending 2020
- ◆ BOB AND JANET WINTER, THE REV. BILL AND MARGARET ANNE HEUSS, delegates to the Cape Cod Council of Churches, two –year terms ending 2020.

CYNTHIA MURRAY: Cynthia is a lifelong Episcopalian and has lived all over the United States during her marriage to Tom. Each time they moved (7 times in 37 years), one of the first things she did was to join an Episcopal church. She has been involved with many things, including children’s education, long-range planning, fund-raising, youth activities, altar guild and a convention delegate. She has served on vestries in Garrison, NY and Shaker Heights, OH, including as a warden. Cynthia says “I believe Church of the Holy Spirit is the most active and engaged parish of which I have been a member.” Cynthia was a member of the CHS vestry before being elected Warden in 2016.

STEVEN (STEVE) KOEHLER: Steve will be serving a third year as treasurer. Steve is a native Chicagoan who discovered Cape Cod thanks to his wife Anne and her deep family roots here. They moved to Orleans full time in 2014, eleven years after buying their home here as a seasonal escape. Before retiring in 2011, Steven pursued a career in accounting and financial reporting in several large and small corporations for nearly forty years and is a CPA. Over those years, he also had considerable experience working with churches and non-profit organizations applying the same skills. He has served as treasurer for three different Episcopal parishes in Illinois and New Jersey. Steve worked with the Diocese of Newark to provide financial consulting and annual audits for parishes and served on their Commission on Ministry. At CHS, he has been a member of the Finance Committee and sings in the choir. In the Orleans community he is a Trustee and Treasurer for the Orleans Conservation Trust.

DEBBIE BEAL: Debbie moved to Orleans in January 2015 to live with and assist her mother, Freddie FitzGerald, after her recovery from surgery. The Cape was a family summer place and “ has many lovely memories that carried me through all life’s obstacles and invigorate me in my present retirement”. Before retirement Debbie lived in New Jersey and worked in New York City for the New York Education Department and spent twenty-five years teaching and in administration in Boston, Maine, and New York City. She received several academic degrees, including a B.S. from Boston University, a M.S. from the University of Southern Maine, a M.Ed. and from Columbia (in Educational Administration) and a PhD from Columbia (in Cross Categorical Studies in Special Education). As a member of the Nauset Regional School Committee she has served on several subcommittees to help support a positive learning environment for students, teachers, and community members. She worked for two years as a naturalist for the Wellfleet Wildlife Sanctuary. She is the Chairperson of Voter Services for the League of Women Voters and has enjoyed participating on the CHS Outreach Committee.

BRENDA RIDGEWAY: Brenda grew up in Douglas, Massachusetts, where her family was part of the Dutch Community and she attended the Christian Reformed Church. She attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She moved to Cape Cod in 1990 to teach in the Nauset school district, spent two years teaching kindergarten at the Orleans Elementary School and then twenty-two years as a middle school English teacher. She retired in 2015. Brenda and Brian met in 2013 and started attending CHS together; they were married at CHS in September 2014. She has a grown son who is a commercial fisherman living and working in Chatham. She volunteered and served on the Food4Kids Advisory Board since 2014 and assumed the Co-Director role with Anne Koehler after the 2016 summer program. They are looking forward to another rewarding but busy summer in 2018.

DONNA IDMAN TAVANO: Donna has been a member of Holy Spirit for 40 years. She and her husband Frank live in Harwich Port, have raised five sons and have nine grandchildren. Donna, a lifelong Episcopalian, attended Northfield School for Girls and Bennington College, and recently retired from the Harwich Police Department after more than two decades of service. She has been a columnist for The Cape Cod Chronicle for 30 years and spends her time painting, creating and writing. During her involvement with Holy Spirit, she published a church cookbook, ran the summer ‘Pedlars’ Parade’ fair, taught church school, was a youth group leader, played hand bells, and served two terms on the vestry. She has been singing in the choir for many years.

MELISSA KEEFE-JONES: Melissa has just completed a two-year term on Vestry. After spending summers in Orleans her whole life, Melissa became a full-time Orleans resident in 2012. She moved here with her husband, Matthew, and their three children. Prior to moving to Orleans, they lived in Dallas, Texas, and then northeast Pennsylvania where they practiced law together. They feel very fortunate to have found CHS within a few months of moving to Orleans. They are active in the Church School and Youth Group. Melissa was the chair of the Rummage Sale this fall.

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CHS VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - continued

BROOKE EATON-SKEA: Brooke has been a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit since she and her husband, Brian, moved to the Cape in 2004. She and Brian have three grown daughters and one granddaughter. Following her graduation from seminary in 1992, Brooke served as Youth Minister for St. Peter's Episcopal Church and as a counselor for various agencies in the Pittsburgh area. In 1995, she, Brian and others opened a private practice where Brooke worked as a psychotherapist and spiritual director. Brooke has been on the Vestry since 2016 and serves as Vestry liaison to the Outreach and Health Ministries Committees. She has been a member of the CHS Church School Team since 2006. In 2007 she worked with Wendy Wilkinson, Darlene Hagon, and Sandy Cole to bring worship services to the Latham School where Brooke was a clinician until her retirement in 2015. She has participated in the CHS book study group since 2006. Brooke also works with MASSKIDS' "Enough Abuse" campaign for the prevention of child sexual abuse, and serves as co-chair of the Youth Outreach and Hospitality team of the Nauset Interfaith Association to serve the needs of youth on the Lower and Outer Cape who are homeless or otherwise at-risk.

CURRENT VESTRY MEMBERS NOT UP FOR ELECTION:

RICHARD (RICK) PARIS, WARDEN: Rick has just completed the first year of a two-year term as Warden. A "Recovering Roman", Rick married the former Ann L. Pike at The Church of the Holy Spirit in 1971. After Rick retired from a career as a Human Resources Executive at several teaching hospitals in 2009, Rick and Ann moved to East Orleans. Rick served on the Vestry of St. Anne's In-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Lincoln, MA and on the Mission Committee of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Mission in Darnestown, MD. Rick also serves on the CHS Finance and Personnel Committees.

MARCIA BECHTOLD: In January, Marcia will complete the first year of her second CHS vestry term. Before they moved to the Cape full-time in 2002, Chip and Marcia were members of various parishes in the USA and internationally. Marcia has been an active member of CHS, currently serving as Vestry liaison to the Lay Pastoral Care Committee and is an Intercessor at our Saturday evening service.

DANIEL (DANNY) CORCORAN: Dan grew up in Falmouth and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Woods Hole. He became a Third Class Petty Officer Storekeeper during his six years of active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard. Presently Dan is a Senior Sales Consultant for Supply New England. He met and married his wife, Amy Reese (Higgins) at The Church of the Holy Spirit under the guidance of Mother Sue Lederhouse and has been worshipping at CHS for seven years. Their seven-year old daughter, Ella Chase, attends Church School at CHS and is a first grader at St. Pius X Catholic School. Dan and Amy are South Yarmouth residents.

JOHN (JACK) GENTILE: Jack and his family arrived on the Cape in 2000 and joined CHS and the Episcopal Church in 2002. He is a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Eucharistic Visitor, serves on the Finance Committee and was a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry. His vision for CHS is to see the church grow and attract younger families, to provide a more dynamic environment and to engage with newly retired couples to further expand our resource pool. He supports our extensive outreach program both outside the parish as well as within the CHS healing programs.

KATE PARADISE: Kate is originally from Chappaqua, New York where she first attended the Episcopal Church as a child. Kate's professional career encompasses 25 years in Human Resources and Finance. She was a long-time member of The Church of Our Saviour in Brookline where she served on the vestry, Nominating Committee, Worship, Administration, and Personnel Commissions. She served as lay co-convener for the Diocesan Charles River Deanery. Kate graduated from EfM in 2010. After moving to Eastham in January 2012, she joined CHS and currently is a member of the Personnel, Stewardship, Welcoming Paths, Worship, and Health Ministries Committees. She also serves CHS as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Kate is also a passionate photographer. She and her golden retriever, Violet, really enjoy hosting the Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group.

CELIA CALHOUN: Celia and her husband visited CHS frequently starting in 1982 and became members in 1996 when they moved here permanently. She served as Clerk to the Vestry for many years and was elected Senior Warden in 2009 during the interim rector period. Celia volunteered as "Rector's Assistant" and then as interim Administrative Assistant into 2014. She helped develop the Lay Pastoral Care Committee around 2002 and was a co-mentor of the EfM group from 2007 until 2014. She recently took on the role of Pastoral Care Coordinator, trying to keep track of all those in need of care in the parish. Having been Alternate Delegate and Deanery Representative for a partial year, she will be happy to continue serving if elected to a new term.

BOB AND JANET WINTER: Bob and Janet are long time active members of The Church of the Holy Spirit. They have ably served as representatives to the Cape Cod Council of Churches for many years, Bob since 2009 and Janet since 2013.

THE REV. BILL AND MARGARET ANN HEUSS: From 1996 until 2008, when he was rector of St. David's, South Yarmouth, Bill was a member of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, and, for two years, was President of the Council. He continues on the Council's Public Policy Committee and, along with wife Margaret Ann, will continue as CHS representatives to the Council.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISH MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEES—ANNUAL REPORTS FOR PARISH ANNUAL MEETING DUE JANUARY 8TH.

Annual Reports are due on Monday January 8th for the full Parish Report to be presented at our Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday February 11th. Please submit them by email to chs@chsorleans.org (or bring your handwritten copy to Debbi Manning in the office).

Thank you.

FREE SHOP

It was an "ordinary/extraordinary coincidence" (God remaining anonymous) in the Free Shop. A familiar face brought in two beautiful new down winter coats. Shortly after her departure another woman (on welfare) came in looking for a winter coat. One of the two coats fit her perfectly! She was so happy and grateful! So goes life in the Free Shop. Thank you for your WINTER donations and continued support of this CHS ministry in 2018. Drop off your WINTER clothing when we are open (Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings) or in the box outside the shop.

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – Brooke and Brian Skea

The next book our discussion group will be reading is Nadia Bolz-Weber's memoir/sermon entitled "Pastrix". Pastrix is "a term of insult used by unimaginative sections of the church to define female pastors."

Nadia is the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) mission church in Denver, CO called House for all Sinners and Saints . Here's an excerpt from the book jacket:

"Nadia ...takes no prisoners...in her profanity and prayer-laden narrative about an unconventional life of faith. Heavily tattooed and loud-mouthed, Nadia, a former stand-up comic, sure as hell didn't consider herself to be religious leader material – until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a comedy club. Surrounded by fellow alcoholics, depressives and cynics, she realized: these were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor. Using life stories – from living in a hopeful-but-haggard flophouse of slackers to surviving the wobbly chairs and war stories of a group for recovering alcoholics, from her unusual but undeniable spiritual calling to pastoring a notorious con artist – Nadia uses stunning narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who is both deeply faithful and deeply flawed, giving hope to the rest of us along the way."

Check Nadia on YouTube or find her at www.sarcasticlutheran.com. Get her book and come join us in the Fireplace Room on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 service.

FIRST FRUITS CHRISTMAS SALE

We want to thank everyone who donated greens, helped create holiday arrangements, baked cookies, and most importantly, supported our fund raising event by purchasing items. We raised almost \$4,000!!! The proceeds will be donated to various local charities including:

Food 4 Kids
Lower Cape Outreach (LCOC)
Habitat for Humanity Cape Cod
Postage for Armed Service Personnel Holiday Packages
Donation to the Homeless Service Men's Home in Dennis

ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST



Agnes Stierwald
James Roberts
Marianna Aberle (Cynthia Murray's mother)
Audrey Brown (Wayne Currey's mother-in-law)



PARISH OFFICE CORNER

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

-ANNUAL MEETING MINISTRY & COMMITTEE REPORTS— **Send to Debbi by Monday January 8th**

-PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed Fridays and will be closed Monday January 1st.

-PARISH OFFICE EMAILS: REMINDER—All emails to the CHS office should be sent to 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.

-FEBRUARY TOGETHER DEADLINE: Monday February 22nd. All questions and article contributions should be directed to Sue Sasso (her cell # 860-614-1341 or susansasso@hotmail.com.)

About Us

Luke and Christina Chapman met about 10 years ago in NYC thru a mutual friend and married in 2013. Christina did marketing for Saks 5th Avenue while Luke went to business school and then worked for John Deere. Young marrieds with no children, they first moved to Boston and then decided to move to San Francisco where Luke realized he wanted to be “his own boss”. He developed a successful vacation rental and property management company, Del Mar Vacations.

Luke grew up in Massachusetts and Christina in Connecticut. Both vacationed with family on the Cape –Luke in Wellfleet and Christina in Chatham. While living in San Francisco was fun, they realized it was not the right fit for them. So, when their daughter Grace was born in 2015, they moved back East and settled in Orleans. Luke was able to move their business to Orleans and set up an office on Route 28 near the True Value hardware store. Christina now works full time with Luke while Grace attends local day care.

Luke’s Dad is a retired Presbyterian minister. However, since there are no Presbyterian churches on the Outer Cape, Luke’s parents and his extended family, all who live on Cape Cod, worship at the Bible Alliance Church in Brewster. Christina was brought up an Episcopalian and would attend services at CHS with her Mother while on summer vacation. Wanting a single denomination to worship together, Christina and Luke looked into the various options available on Cape Cod and ultimately found their way to CHS. The main ‘draw’ to CHS was Fr. Adam’s preaching. They really connected with that and admire him for his Christian education and direction.

Running their own business and taking care of an active 2-year-old means there is not much time for fun. They love to sail and have recently joined Pleasant Bay Community Boating where they meet other young professionals with families. When possible they like to go hiking and, with a large local extended family, there is a lot of quality family time.

They love the CHS church school program. The staff is great and they have met many families with young children who worship at CHS. Grace was Baby Jesus in the 2015 Christmas Eve Pageant when they visited the Cape at Christmas and once they became members, she was an angel. They feel everyone is friendly and the congregation is committed to creating a faith based community.

Spending 24x7 working and taking care of Grace is a lot of “together time”. So, for Luke and Christina, attending the 10:00 Sunday service at CHS puts things back into perspective. As Christina aptly put it, “Going to church on Sundays is a good re-set for the week.”

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ORLEANS December 21, 2017 Vestry Meeting Highlights

- ◆ Steve Koehler presented the 2018 provisional budget for consideration. It will go back to the Finance Committee for finalization before the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 11, 2018.**
- ◆ Kate Paradise gave the Stewardship Report. Although the response has been good, there are approximately 40 outstanding pledges that we are still hoping to receive.
- ◆ The Re-Imagining Action Plan will be finalized at the January vestry meeting and will be presented to the Parish at the Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Building and Grounds reported that the broken guard rail has been fixed and that irrigation has been installed in the quadrangle garden between the parish hall and offices.

*Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Hutchens, Clerk*

Happy New Year Many of us make New Year’s resolutions that are about breaking bad habits or giving up something. Instead, we invite you to take a 52-week Faith Challenge by reading a scripture verse every Monday and then try to “live the message” as you go through the week. Good Luck! Here are the verses for January and February.

Monday	Verse	Monday	Verse	Monday	Verse
January 1	Matthew 22: 37-38	January 8	Isaiah 1:2	January 15	Joshua 1:8-9
January 22	Psalm 48:14	January 29	John 3:16	February 5	Romans 6:23
February 12	Romans 8:28	February 19	Jeremiah 29:11-13	February 26	Matthew 11:28-29

TOGETHER— January 2018

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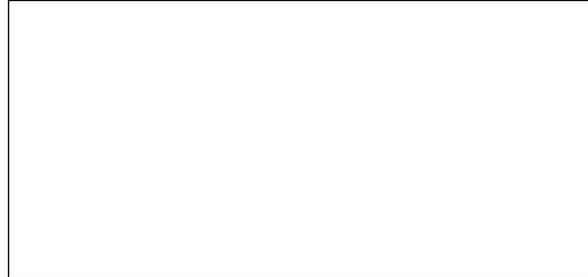
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*Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 4th— Ladies’ Luncheon
January 7th—Youth Sunday, Brunch & Epiphany Trope
January 8th—Annual Parish Reports Due
January 12th—Labyrinth Walk
January 17th—Men’s Luncheon

HOLD THE DATE
February 11th—Parish Annual Meeting



*Make your heart the most beautiful thing
about you!*