

May
2016



TOGETHER

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

In church, we proceed in a joyful, brightening Eastertide; a season much to be cherished, illumining the rest of the year.

Yet in difficult contrast, we travel this Eastertide during a political season that is both disturbing and worrisome. To be sure, our country has faced a number of grave crises in history, which threatened the core of our national life. And it's all-too-easy to make of bygone eras "golden ages," exaggerating their strengths, and suppressing their failings from memory.

Most folks at CHS already know that I try to be very careful in staying away from partisanship. I seek to avoid both self-congratulation and demonization as I engage socio-political concerns. I see it as a real problem of faith on the American scene that we connect less-and-less with others who see things differently.

Nevertheless...

I am **deeply** concerned about this present election cycle, in particular: what it's doing to our national social fabric and what it may do in the future. Enough so, that I feel I need to offer a spiritual warning, as a minister of the Gospel, in this time and place. You can take it to heart in different ways, as you discern it to be appropriate.

I believe that this current political season is presenting us with a serious threat, a grave, existential threat, to our society's core constitutional commitments and best aspirations.

At this moment in history, our country would have been very well served by having a truly substantial debate among the differing political perspectives: a debate from "best to best," the best of conservatism, the best of liberalism, in a context of mutual accountability, real learning.

Instead, what we're seeing is increasing expressions of collective self-indulgence, divorced from informed, responsible commitment to the actual greater common good. Mercy; mercy.

But no, I'm not going to tell you for whom you should—or shouldn't—vote!

Nevertheless...

"Jesus is Lord over all the earth," (Hymn 178), including over what his people do in the voting booth.

So, in this challenging season, I invite all of us to "go deeper" in our thinking about politics.

What do I mean by such a going deeper? It means not being satisfied with just sticking with our comfortable habits of political mind as we find them (usually overly-influenced by group-think). I'm not suggesting that we "change sides," but that we ask ourselves: what might be different, *practically* different, in how we view things if we were more thoroughgoing in our conviction that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only true (which it is)—**but that it is also the "truest truth"—for us, and for the world.**

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And what do I mean by “the truest truth”? It means this: while all sorts of things may be “true,” to greater or lesser extents, we know that Jesus is always *more* true. The greatest truth, the governing truth, is the one that in the end is *determinative* for us: practically determinative, in how we think and act, in the choices we make. We might call it the Lordly truth.

Thanks be, by Grace, we know him, and are getting to know him better and better.

Blessings in the Risen Christ,

Adam +

Events in May

YOUTH BRUNCH, SUNDAY, MAY 1st



Please attend the Youth Brunch in the Parish Hall just after the Sunday 10:00 am service. Every first Sunday of the month the Youth Group hosts a brunch. Come May 1st and join the fun!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, MAY 5th

The women of the parish will gather for their monthly luncheon at noon in Parish Hall on Thursday the 5th. Volunteers for the day are: Pat Carroll, Lori Linton, Maggie Macleay and Joan Proctor. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the camaraderie, conversation and good food. Bring your own sandwich to share; beverages and dessert are provided. Please bring canned goods for the Food Pantry. If you need a ride, call Peter Blank.

THE LABYRINTH AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FRIDAY MAY 13th

Our scheduled walk on the second Friday of every month will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:00 A.M. on May 13, 2016. The theme, “True Listening” focuses on the potential for spiritual interaction with God and each other in the practice of walking the labyrinth.



Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, Dr. Margaret Rappaport, will guide the walk. Darlene T. Hagan, Director of Music will share selected meditative choral music. The Rev. Anne Koehler will offer a brief theological reflection on listening for the voice of God. As usual the labyrinth will be candlelit. **All are welcome to join us in the sacred space of the labyrinth for personal and communal meditation and faithful contemplation.**

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING, SATURDAY MAY 14th



For those of you that are attending Safe Church Training we will see you at CHS from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Amanda in the Office at 508-255-0433 if you have any questions and/or to sign up.

Shepherd Groups, SUNDAY, MAY 15th

The **Orleans's Shepherd Group** will meet Sunday, May 15th, 5:30, at Sally and Tom Dewing's. They live at 16 Packet Landing, Orleans. Please phone them at [508 255 2656](tel:5082552656). We hope to see you there! **Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group** will meet May 15th at 5 p.m. at the home of Jean & Bob Collins, 142 Whidah Way, Wellfleet. **Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group** will not meet this month. But look for the Parish Pot Luck Dinner Party in June!



MEN'S LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th

MEN'S LUNCH will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon pm in the Fireplace Room. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee and snacks are provided by our donations. All men in the parish are welcome. If you think of a friend who could come if a ride were provided, please invite them to come with you.

Questions? Brian Skea 774-279-3454

ANGELICA SERIES SUNDAY, MAY 22nd at 2PM. Rabbi Michael Lerner "Healing The Politics of Anger and Demonization in the 2016 Elections"

We are in the midst of one of the most vitriolic election seasons we've seen in an America. Rabbi Lerner argues that we must approach this not by demeaning those with whom we disagree, but with a deep analysis of, and empathy for, the pain and outrage impacting many Americans that is getting manipulated in destructive ways, and then presents some strategies for how we in the spiritual and religious world might help in the healing and transformation of these dynamics.

Rabbi Lerner is prolific author and leading voice for action for "the repair of the world" as editor of the journal, *Tikkun*, one of the most respected intellectual/cultural journals in the Jewish world. Seeking to be both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine, Lerner is no stranger to taking controversial stands. Among his many books are *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism on the Left* (1992), *The Left Hand of God: Taking our Country Back from the Religious Right* (2006), and *Embracing Israel/Palestine: A Strategy to Heal and Transform the Middle East* (2011). The event is jointly sponsored by Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah, The Church of the Holy Spirit, The Federated Church of Orleans, Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich, First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist and the Nauset Interfaith Association.

We anticipate a full house, so please make your reservations early with Tom Dewing at st.dewing@verizon.net.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS & CALENDAR

THANK YOU to the parish for filling the Easter Eggs—making the traditional CHS Easter egg hunt a huge success!
THANK YOU to Bernie Hutchens for reading the book ONE to the children before classes began - it was a special time for them and a very important story/book to read - a story about bullying - told by colors! Kaylee Brintnall is our new caregiver in the Nursery with Keira Vincente. Kaylee is a Junior at Nauset High School - we are delighted to have her!
Thank you from our Church School Team: Ruth Campbell, Sharyn Laughton, Joan McFadden, Brooke Eton Skea, Susan Owens (Vestry Liaison), Lillian Chung, & Meredith Perkins.

CALENDAR FOR MAY:

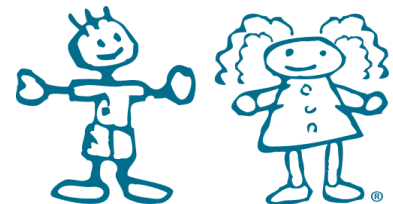
May 1 - Singing with Father Charles at 9:45 - attend classes - join families in church

May 8 - Children remain in church school during church service.

May 15 - PENTECOST - children sing in church after classes - wear red!

May 22 - Children's service in the Gathering Room - remain in church school during church service.

May 29 - After classes children join their families in church.



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 19 - YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY & COOKOUT

This will be our last class in the 2015-2016 Church School calendar year - Veggie Tales will be offered for the children during the summer months.

GARDEN PARTY, FRIDAY, MAY 27th

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

Please join us for the May Garden Party Friday, May 27th from 9 to noon! Come for the whole time or only a few minutes. Bring your tools or use ours. Coffee, Hole in One donut holes and cold drinks are provided. Meet us in the north parking lot behind the offices.

Questions call Gilbert Merritt, 508-360-1125



General Articles

CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

We would like to thank Sandy Marshall and the Ladies Lunch Group for their donations to A Baby Center in March. Your response was great and much appreciated. It seems to be a bit soon to hold our traditional Mothers' Day drive, but we would just like to remind you that the work of A Baby Center goes on all year and donations are always welcome. Look for our basket in the Parish Hall entrance and put in your donations of diapers and baby wipes or take one of the envelopes to send cash donations.



A Baby Center is a ministry of the Cape Cod Council of Churches. It provides essential baby needs, such as diapers and wipes as well as parenting education for needy families. ABC serves 400-500 babies each month, distributing about 15,000 diapers monthly. It is solely dependent on community support. For more information, take one of the folders you'll find in our donation basket.

Janet and Bob Winter, Delegates & Fr. Bill Heuss, Public Policy Committee

MESSAGE TO ALL PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS: DO YOU NEED NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR COMMITTEE/TEAM?

At the request of several parish ministries who need new members, the Welcoming Paths team is reserving the Parish Ministries bulletin board display space in Parish Hall for the month of May for any of you to describe your recruitment needs—just let us know and we'll create a space for you. Any questions contact Marty Williams or Sandy Marshall.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteers to drive parishioners to church services, activities and medical appointments are sorely needed. If you can help please call Pattie LaBranche at 508-255-3532 or Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.





SAVE THE DATE: SECOND PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER

THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd, 5:30 to 8 pm.

Details to follow!



WHY JOIN EfM?

EfM (Education for Ministry) has been a vibrant group of learners at CHS for 11 years and has graduated over 20 people. This program was developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN for the purpose of assisting lay people in the formation and strengthening of their Baptismal call to ministry. This is done through study, group reflection, and worship. It is a 4 year program that deals with Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) in year 1, New Testament in year 2, Christian Church History in year 3, and Theology and Ethics in year 4. We meet weekly for 3 hours throughout the 9 month academic year.

It IS a commitment but many of the participants enthusiastically state that it is worth it. Through this endeavor a cohesive community is formed which provides deep fellowship and mutual support as we learn together. We have room for 2-4 new members this year and encourage YOU to consider joining us. Please talk to any current or former EfMers or contact Wilma Morris at 508 432-6733 or wilmajmorris@yahoo.com for more information.



**If you can't sleep, don't count sheep.
Talk to the Shepherd.**



THE FREE SHOP

Warmer weather is on it's way - the shop is gladly & gratefully accepting SPRING clothing! Your generous donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open - if the shop is closed there is a container outside the shop door. The Free Shop is open every Monday - Noon to 3 and every Wednesday - 10 to 1. **Visit - Shop - Recycle - Donate - THANK YOU!**

Sharyn Laughton - artoff@comcast.net - 508 255 7277



CHS GALLERY

FOOD FOR KIDS is the MAY exhibit in the CHS Gallery.

CHS is the primary sponsor of F4K, the only SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM serving children and teens in 8 towns on the Lower/Upper Cape, from Chatham to Provincetown. The SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM is a federally funded child nutrition program whose goal is to feed children and teens ages 1 -18 during the summer months when they do not have access to school meals. MEALS ARE FREE!

This program is made possible by you VOLUNTEERING to help this July & August. Choose your day/days & time - SIGN UP on the large sign-up sheet posted at this exhibit. View the exhibit and learn more about FOOD FOR KIDS - beginning its fourth summer! **THANK YOU for helping to feed our children.**

Ruth Campbell and F4K Steering Committee

Food for Kids works to alleviate childhood hunger on the lower/outer Cape and beyond by bringing together the Church of the Holy Spirit and local communities in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Feed my lambs (John 21:15)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER — MAY

Why Give?

As I sat through all of the Holy Week services at our Florida parish this year, I found myself being focused on why I was there and why we continue to make stewardship pledges to both parishes each year.

During the Maundy Thursday's stripping of the altar, our Florida priest says, "If Christ did not die on the cross and rise again, we would have no need for the chalice... patten... Gospel book, (etc.) because there would be no church." As each item is removed, he repeats, "If Christ did not die on the cross and rise again we would have no need for these items." When you hear this about 20 times, it sinks in!

The "church" is the people who believe. The building is the tabernacle where we come to learn and be challenged on why we believe. Some say "I don't need a building to find God so I don't belong to a church." Yes, God is everywhere and we can and should pray anywhere at anytime. As a child, I was taught that a portion of what I was given or earned needed to be given back to God. It just was what we did. As an adult, I could have challenged this practice. Instead, I found personal reasons to continue and increase my level of giving so that I would always have a holy place to worship and learn in a community with people of similar beliefs.

Why do you give (or don't give)? Can you give more so our church doors will always be open to all?

Think about what God gave us 2,000 years ago. His gift keeps on giving!

God so loved the world that HE GAVE HIS ONLY- BEGOTTEN SON , to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Do you need to make a formal pledge? Contact the parish office.

Thank you — Sue Sasso

WELCOMING VISITORS

If you are sitting near visitors at the services please extend them a greeting and, if you attend the 10 am service, invite them over to the parish hall for coffee hour and a visit to the newcomer table.

WEBSITE UPDATE (SERMONS)

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAPE COD

If you are interested in volunteering, check their website (habitatcapecod.org), scroll down to "Volunteer Up", and/or ask Jody Mines, Gilbert Merritt, or Nat Goddard about the variety of opportunities.



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Orleans, Massachusetts
Highlights of the April 21, 2016 Vestry Meeting

- The Rector and Wardens reported that the “Pledge Plus” campaign is progressing and that, while we have reached 71% of our goal, the remaining percentage is not inconsequential. A team of parishioners has been appointed to make follow-up telephone calls.
- The Lay Pastoral Care Committee is looking for contributions of light weight walkers for use at church.
- Preliminary plans are underway in the Outreach committee for a group from CHS to renovate a room at Safe Harbor, an emergency shelter for women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence. They will be recruiting volunteers.
- Permits are in place for the Rectory Renovation Project. Discussions with the contractor regarding an official starting date for the project are being held.
- Plans are underway in the Welcome-Paths Committee for another All Parish Pot Luck to be held on Thursday, June 23.
- The Vestry voted to accept the Fin-Com recommendation of the Food for Kids budget for the coming season.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria C. Hutchens, Clerk

OFFICE CORNER

EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL: Please be kind to the floors. When you move tables or chairs in the Parish Hall please LIFT them to move them as opposed to DRAGGING them across the floor. This way we can prevent streaks on the wood. Thank you!



TOGETHER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the June issue of *Together* is the third Monday in May, May 16, 2016. New writers welcome!

EVENTS IN PARISH HALL—AUDIO/VISUAL: We can do many things with our audio/visual cart that connects with the sound system and a Liquid Crystal Display projector. However, please be aware that our sextons are not Information Technology (IT) specialists and can trouble shoot only so many problems. As a result we need you to bring your laptops, flashdisks, Power Point presentations, DVDs etc . . . at least **24 hours in advance** to make sure the items are compatible with our system and you are getting what you want. Many Thanks!

RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED: Our receptionists contribute greatly to the Parish by answering the phone and greeting visitors so staff is free to attend to other responsibilities. CHS has two, 3 hour afternoon shifts available. If you can't commit to a weekly schedule, we could also use occasional “fill ins” and/or substitutes. All help is very much appreciated! Please call the CHS office at 508-255-0433 .

LECTIONARY ON THE WEB: We thought we would share with you a website that is very helpful that lists the weekly lectionary pages. If you have access to the Web you too can read the weekly Readings in advance, if you chose. The site is lectionarypage.net

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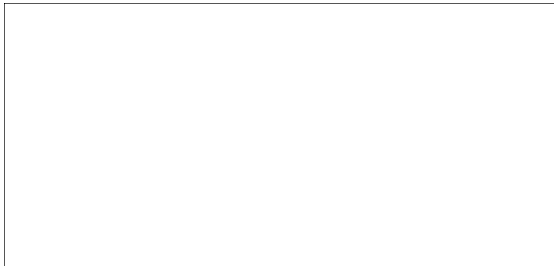
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Wayne Currey, Interim Head Sexton
Sebastian Byland, Weekend Sexton
Shernette Edwards, Cleaning Assistant

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.***

<i>Dates to remember in May</i>	
May 1, Sunday	Youth Brunch
May 5, Thursday	Women's Luncheon
May 13, Friday	Labyrinth
May 14, Saturday	Safe Church Training
May 15, Sunday	Shepherd's Group
May 18, Wednesday	Men's Lunch
May 22, Sunday	Angelica Series: Rabbi Lerner