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# The Trumpeter

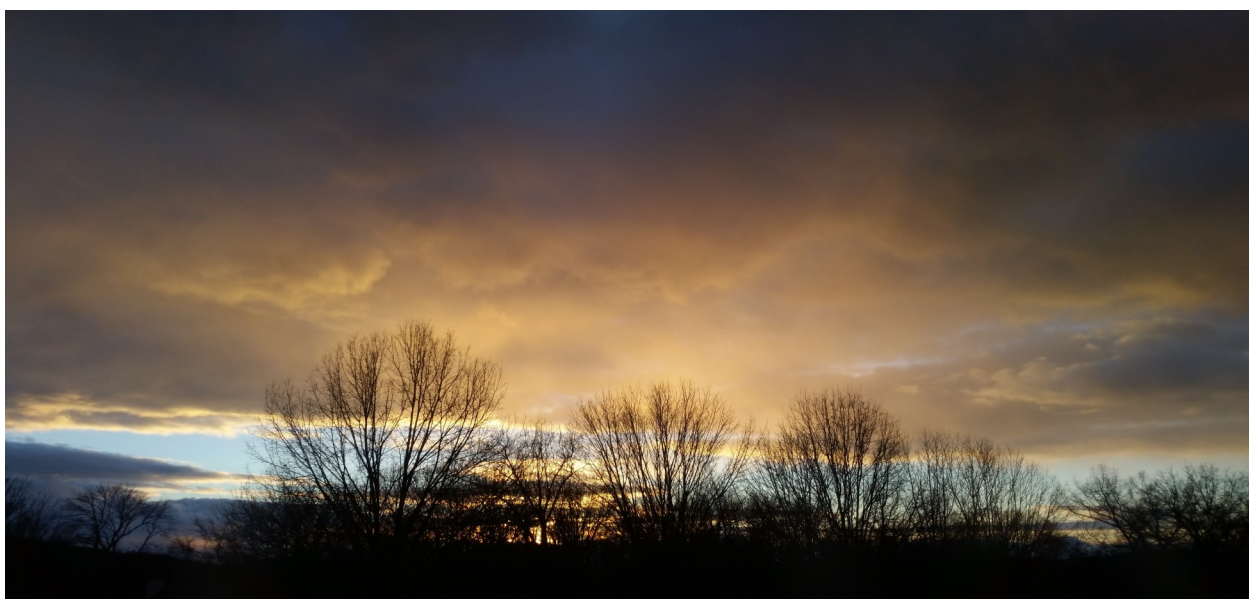
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**OUR MISSION:** To know Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.



## Happy New Year!

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends,

While in Serbia on my October visit with my daughter ([apackedsuitcasey.com](http://apackedsuitcasey.com)), I happened across a Serbian orthodox priest and thought very highly of his kalimavkion, So much so that I requested and gratefully received one for Christmas. A picture of me in my favorite present appears below. No, it's not Episcopal nor even Anglican clerical attire.



The preferred headgear is a biretta, pictured to the left. It is a rather silly thing with a pom-pom atop. It is the accepted tradition but borders on lame, in my humble opinion. While most reading this could (and should) care less about what constitutes orthodox haberdashery, you might realize there is a great deal of energy expended on such things. In the history of the church, some folks met their maker over disagreements that, on the surface, appeared to be nothing but an argument about clothing. Tradition and orthodoxy are that important.

I am orthodox. Proudly so. I am even a traditionalist. Yet many who consider themselves both would disagree with my self-assessment. That depends mainly on how one describes and identifies such things. Simply doing what was done before, or attempting just to do it better or with more aplomb (i.e. this year we'll really sing the whole Mass in Latin), this is neither orthodox nor traditional. Style points will get you far, but I am pretty sure the Jesus we read about in the Gospels has little interest in them.

Orthodox definitions on the internet are atrociously wrong. Linguistically wrong. Ortho-doxa is completely misidentified on the main search engines. Ortho does mean right, but the popular sites suggest doxa means opinion. It means glory, of course, as any of us who say the doxology would know. If you look up doxology they will have that right way round but not, unsurprisingly, orthodoxy. It would change things if being orthodox meant, as intended, proper praise, rather than right opinion. And what is proper praise? Merely doing the same exact thing over and over? Or doing it with more zest? Orthodox definitions also have much to do with being conservative, strict, observant, devout, ordinary, usual, conforming to what is generally accepted as right. Geez.

And as usual Jesus has a few important things to say about all this, chief of which has to do with a couple of other equally important orthos: orthopraxis and orthokardia, that is, right works and a right heart.

So I am going to be sporting my Orthodox headgear when I am writing affirmations of faith sung to Good King Wenceslas, or encouraging a Christmas Pageant based on Papa Panov, or meeting face to face with my congressman about the needs of the poor. or giving an addict a ride to detox, or moving the pews around season by season, or attempting to jam one more 12-step group into our church, or making sure everyone — no matter what — is welcomed to worship with us, or talking with conservatives and liberals to ensure we are a safe space. True orthodoxy, in the end, has nothing to do with having the right opinion. The orthodoxy we all practice is having a proper praise, compassionate and courageous caring, and a holy heart.



*Philip+*

## ***Words from the Senior Warden***

What a year it has been!

Starting way back on January 20<sup>th</sup> of 2016, we officially welcomed our new deacon, Dot Hospador [though she'd been unofficially with us since December '15].

The primary focus of the year for the Vestry was the implementation of some of the parts of The Way of St. Paul, a new approach to church growth and relevance in today's society. This required a new website with a new focus. John Rollins and Jan Paxton were at the helm of this project with input from the Web Guild of Janet Wulster, Gabrielle Bolarakis, Jesus Rivera and Father Philip. The result of their effort is a beautiful and informative new view of our church and its many wonderful outreach missions. If you are reading this issue online, click on this link for an instant look: [www.churchholyspirit.org](http://www.churchholyspirit.org).

Other initiatives included Educational Formation with weekly efforts to better include children of all ages by merging them as one group for experiences and activities: a perfect example was the production and presentation of Papa Panov . Michelle Marlow headed up this program and it continued to be a wonderful success in its second year (see the photo gallery for examples of the programs that were part of this module beginning on page 12).

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of CHS in September was quite a party, with the service celebrated by retired bishop Joe Morris Doss. And in October, confirmation of nineteen of our youth, (yes, 19) was spearheaded by Father Philip and Pat Egan through many weeks of get-togethers to study, learn and discuss what it means to commit to being a practicing Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We were blessed to have another of our diocese's Retired Bishops, the Rt. Rev. George Cuncell, as celebrant on October 30th.

Outreach, headed by Deacon Dot with support from Susan Kane and Sue Quinlan, pulled together various programs such as Culinary Angels, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prison Ministry, We Care, Country Arch Visitation and others and coordinated our information and efforts to find even more effective ways to reach out to those in need.

Stewardship, a magnificent collaboration among Junior Warden Eva Lesniak, Treasurer Oscar Jones and Vestry member John Higgins, created a space where people can contribute various kinds of assets for special projects — either current or ongoing.

The Endowment Committee, chaired by Sally Bird and Deb Canty, worked diligently to prepare policies and guidelines for an endowment fund (see the website for this important document).

These are just some of the many projects the Vestry of 2016 worked on. Join us on January 22nd to hear all about them at the annual meeting and to select new vestry members to carry on our work.

*Arden Olson*

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## Words from the Junior Warden



It was wonderful to have over 110 members of our parish attend the Consecration Sunday stewardship celebration and catered brunch held on November 20th!

I am very pleased to share that we have seen an increase in both the number of parish households making a commitment to regularly support Holy Spirit ministries and the overall Estimated Giving for the new year. While we may still hear from a few more members of our church family, here is a summary of the preliminary results of our stewardship campaign, as of December 12th:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
# Holy Spirit Households	77	84	a 9% increase
Total Estimated Giving	\$183,882.	\$209,478.	a 13.9% increase

My heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Consecration Sunday Team: Jennifer Horsey, Kiki Mehner, Pat Egan, Katie Gnash, Linda Romanoski, Ron Schroeder, Oscar Jones, Ed Filipski, Father Phil, and our Guest Leader, the Rev. Dr. David Snyder, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Mt. Holly. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Barbara Burton, Vicki Brooks, Arden Olson, Linda West, Janet Wulster, Susan Kane, Sue Quinlan, Deacon Dot, Chris Williams, Jan Paxton, John Rollins, John Rivers, Gourmet Expressions, and special "day of" helpers!

*Eva Lesniak*

Day by day  
 Day by day  
 Oh, Dear Lord  
 Three things I pray  
 To see thee more clearly  
 Love thee more dearly  
 Follow thee more nearly  
 Day by day

-- Robin Lamont's lyrics from *Godspell*

## ***A Message from the Treasurer***

Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close and we reflect on the finances of our faith group, we can look back with pride at our accomplishments.

Final financial results are not yet available but preliminary forecasts predict that we will end the year with only a minor deficit. As you all know, our budget was challenged very early in the year because of one of our tenancy arrangements. Fortunately we were able to manage. The Gala was a success as it achieved the estimated Fund-the-Need target, and 80% of our operating target. On our core income — Pledge, Non-Pledge and Plate — we forecast 97% achievement, while the rental income under-achieved by 16% overall.

Unfortunately, we had to make the tough decision to reduce our Fair-Share giving to the diocese to offset the shortfalls described above.

On the bright side, our community banded together to sustain our planned programs, and the elevator project is very close to becoming a reality.

As we look toward 2017, the positive outcome of our consecration Sunday event gives us a good start. (See the page opposite for Eva Lesniak's report.)

In the coming weeks, a full financial report on our 2016 performance and 2017 outlook will be made available. Join us at the annual meeting on January 22nd for the 2016 results and 2017 proposed budget.

We thank all of you who support our church through your gifts of time, talent and money.



*Oscar Jones*

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## Sunday School: Charter Church Module

The month of January will comprise our next formation module, the Charter Church. For the four weeks in January, the children will be an integral part of each Sunday service and will not break out separately for Sunday School. Below is the proposed schedule for the children's focus for each service. More details and information will be publicized prior to each Sunday in the weekly parish email.

January 8: Icons

January 15: Sacristy. Children will visit the sacristy with Father Phil during the service to learn what vestments and vessels are kept in the sacristy, how communion is prepared, and the important job of the Altar Guild.

January 22: Annual Meeting. Children will join everyone for service and have their own break-out session during the meeting.

January 29: Baptism. Children will learn about the baptismal covenant in relation to their own baptisms.



Michelle Marlow

2017 classes announced: Tuesdays  
Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 3, May 2.  
Preregister with Kimberly at  
[storiesofourown@mac.com](mailto:storiesofourown@mac.com)

## Nourishing Peace

*A Class Celebrating the Gift of  
Contemplative Prayer*

*Feeling too busy, too rushed, too stressed?  
Come rest and be refreshed  
in the nourishing silence  
of  
Contemplative Prayer.*

*This Contemplative Prayer Series offers nourishing silence, sound, scripture, imagery, icons, and creativity. Each class will help you find simple peace by connecting with your breath and the presence of the spirit. You will find that simply by sitting with others and being available to grace - that the peace you seek is right around the corner. We will also use gentle chair yoga and stretching techniques.*

### Information

Dates: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th

Time: 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm. All sessions will meet in the Sanctuary.

Leader: Kimberly Borin is a parishioner of Church of the Holy Spirit and a retreat director trained in the Shalem Institute Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats Program.

To Register: Contact Kimberly at: [storiesofourown@mac.com](mailto:storiesofourown@mac.com). Registration is required to participate.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Rd., Lebanon, NJ 08833  
<http://www.churchholyspirit.org>

Cost: Free. Participants are asked to bring a journal and writing utensil. Please join us for the nourishing time of peace and rest!

*"God is the True Rest  
Who wants to be known  
God finds pleasure  
In being our true resting place."  
- Julianne of Norwich*

## Stop Hunger Now Youth Lock-In

Five youth from CHS joined over 100 teens from 25 churches across New Jersey at the Trenton Cathedral on Friday, December 16. They spent time worshipping, participating in a concert by Fran McKendree, and packing meals to be sent to areas of the world in extreme food distress.

All youth can look forward to a 2017 of packed events and fellowship. Please make certain that Pat Egan has your contact information, as she will lead the youth group this coming year. [pegan3@yahoo.com](mailto:pegan3@yahoo.com)



Photos courtesy of the Diocese of New Jersey



### From the Acolyte Corner:

The upcoming Acolyte Festival will be held on **Saturday, February 11** from 9:30 to 3:30 at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton. All acolytes and those who are considering this very important ministry are urged to attend. I will have a sign-up sheet available for participants soon; in the meanwhile, please mark your calendars. And a reminder that we welcome newcomers to this group. As some of our youth inevitably leave us for college and the wider world, we'd very much like to expand our roster of members.

*Jack Daniels*

## ***Papa Panov—Advent and Christmas 2016***



*"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me water. I was naked and you clothed me. I was cold and you took me in. These people you have helped today—all the time you were helping them, you were helping me!"; Jesus' voice to Papa Panov*

The children reenacted a heartwarming rendition of Papa Panov at the Family Christmas Eve Service. The drama was a culminating event for all the work our young people did during our extended Advent season. Not only did they learn and share the story, they lived the story.

Throughout Advent, the children:

- \* Cooked with Culinary Angels and made 24 meals that were sent to Family Promise.
- \* Painted Chrismons for our Jesse Branch that inspired our congregation to donate gifts to over 100 people.
- \* Knotted six fleece blankets that were donated to Derek's Hugs to be distributed to children in hospitals.
- \* Learned and practiced Hymn 60: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, and sang the hymn during the Lessons & Carols service.
- \* Visited the residents of Country Arch Care Center along with members of the parish to share the Papa Panov story and sing Christmas Carols.

Our children carried out the work of Jesus to others in a joyful and loving way. They were able to touch so many others in such a short period! *[See photo gallery beginning on page 12 for pictures of this wonderful module.]*

*Michelle Marlow*





Photo: Diane Gunson

## First Sunday Breakfasts

Alice and Andy Hrebella “double-handedly” hosted our December breakfast; we were delighted with lots of bacon, spinach quiche, broccoli quiche, chocolate chip and blueberry pancakes, assorted bagels with cream cheese and butter, topped off with red grapes to cleanse the palate. We extend our thanks to Alice and Andy!

Join us on **January 8th** for our [second Sunday] first Sunday breakfast and check the sheet in the narthex to see if there are free spots going forward. It’s fun to host a breakfast with others. The more the merrier!

*Carol Crawford-Jones*

## Spirited Readers Book Club

Our next selection is "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by American author Kim Edwards. It is the story of a doctor who, having delivered twin babies to his wife at home, gives away one who has Down Syndrome to his nurse, with instructions to place her in an Institution. The nurse ultimately raises the baby as her own. This book, published in 2005, made *The New York Times* Bestseller List, and was adapted as a television movie. Discussion will be held **Sunday, February 5th** following the 10 am service in the St. Martin Room.

Join us whether you’ve read the current book or not. We will choose the next book at that meeting; you’ll find if you haven’t been with us before that discussion is always lively [and the cold winter months may offer more time for reading and reflection].



*Suzanne Higgins*

## Filling the Red Wagon

Katie Higgins and Julie Schmidt are continuing the collection of food donations for Clinton’s Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Our food collection suggestions for January are elbow macaroni and coffee. Or access the web site: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/> and click on the “Current Needs” tab for ideas. ShopRite gift cards are always welcome.



*Suzanne Higgins*



## The Pulse of the Parish

**Rest in Peace, Rise in Glory:** Our dear friend and parishioner, Norm Henry, died peacefully at home on Thursday, December 8th, 2016. Norm was a founding member of Church of the Holy Spirit and served as Treasurer in the early years of the parish. He and his wife, Pat, were regular attendees at the 8 am Sunday Service and later the Wednesday noon Eucharist in Burton Chapel, until Pat's worsening health made both impossible. Besides Pat, whom Norm married in 1978, he leaves behind his daughter, Libby and husband, Bob Magnani and three step children--Theresa, Blair and Scott Townsend (whom he and Pat raised together). The combined families include seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A funeral service with military honors was held on Tuesday, December 13th at CHS.

**Births:** To Kayla and Patrick Querry (Patrick is the son of Aimee Keller Olsen), twin boys Liam and Jaxson on December 28th. Grandparents Aimee and Ray are delighted, as is great-grandmom Marge Keller.

**Welcome back:** It was nice to see all the CHS college students who came home for the holiday break. A happy and healthy New Year to all!

God bless,

*Barbara Burton*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HOLD THE DATES

JANUARY	MARCH
1 New Year's Day - one service at 10:00 a.m.	1 Ash Wednesday
8 Breakfast Between the Services	[Ashes to go included in Clinton]
16 MLK Day of Service	3-4 Diocesan Convention, Princeton
17 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Qvinctus Quintet with David Lockart
22 Annual Meeting 9:30 a.m. with lunch.	21 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
NOTE: One service only at 9:30 incorporates the meeting	<b>APRIL</b>
27-28 Vestry Retreat	9 Palm Sunday
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	13 Maundy Thursday
5 Spirited Readers meet	14 Good Friday (day of service)
11 <b>Acolyte Festival, Trenton</b>	15 Easter Vigil
21 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.	16 Easter Sunday
28 Shrove Tuesday	18 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm

Access the on-line calendar for more information at <http://www.churchholyspirit.org/calendar.html> and consult the weekly bulletins and emails for changes and additions.

Photo Gallery



Andra Taylor Photo [Tying blankets]



Michelle Marlow Photo  
[Making Chrismons]



Michelle Marlow/June Filipski  
Photos [preparing food for Family  
Promise]

**Country Arch Carol Sing**



Stevan Thompson Photo

Jaime Lyn Gora photo



**Faith Walk November**



Pat Egan Photo

*Christmas Eve 4 pm service—Papa Panov play*





Christmas Eve photos by Vicki Brooks

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