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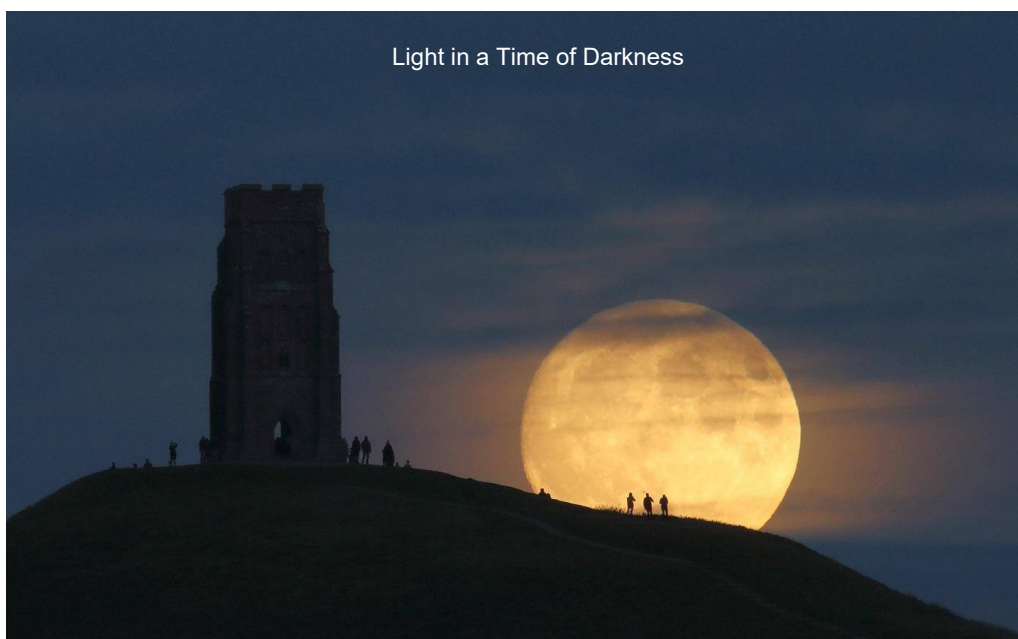
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OUR MISSION: To know Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.



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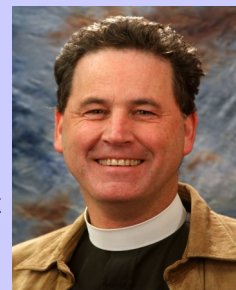
From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends,

A key point I made at our annual meeting* was simply that it is more important to be in love than in like mind. I really think this is Gospel and the main reason I think so is because it's that hard to do. Nothing is good that comes too easily, and eschewing like-mindedness for the harder way is no small effort, given that so much seems to be at stake in these fraught times.

In no way would I desire to sell out, though, in order that we can all just get along. No; it means that I will be ever sure to ward off the Seven Deadly Sins and do all in my rule of life to renounce them in my own actions and thoughts but call forth the same discipline on those who call this their spiritual home. Just a reminder, the seven Capital Sins are: Pride, Anger, Lust, Greed, Sloth, Envy, Gluttony. It would seem these are more popular virtues than embarrassing flaws in our world, but let it not be so in my life nor in yours. They are called Deadly or Capital Sins because so much havoc is wreaked by them and the ancient spiritual giants saw these categories as the means by which so many lesser flaws flow through them.

So be on the lookout for how our private lives edge toward these "out-of-boundaries," and do not be persuaded by media and public figures who seem to turn them into virtues. Humility, thoughtfulness, wisdom and courage should be sought to displace our anxious worries, however real and pressing they seem to be. Work hard. If you are of a mind to take action in the public sphere, please distinguish yourself by the same courage and humility and thoughtfulness that marked the great lives of Saints in the past. No talk of hate should pass our lips without regret, even as we stand firm for the pattern of Christ's life in our own and demand a more just society. As the prophet Micah enjoined in the 8th Century BC: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.



Philip+



Some of CHS's witnesses sign the baptismal certificate for Colin Patrick Gora. January 29, 2017. Photos: Dave Dabour

From The Deacon's Corner



This has been a year filled with many new experiences. My focus has mainly been on Pastoral Care. I have visited, and brought Communion, to people in hospitals and care facilities, and in their homes.

The Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton has also been a major area for me this past year. (Although I still don't know how to crochet, that is going to be a major focus of mine in 2017 – they are still telling me it is easy!) I look forward to being there and sharing our love of Jesus with one another. Some of these women can crochet so fast that I can't follow what they are doing. I'm hoping someone can slow down enough to teach me! [See below for examples of the beautiful work the women at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton create.]

There are two bible studies held at EM during the month – one in Max and one in Grounds, the minimum security area. I have participated in both when I can. My plan for this year is to attend on a regular basis.

During February's We Care module, I will be working with the We Care team to develop our series of activities for this part of Holy+Formed. I believe 2017 will be a year filled with many opportunities for this group. We were recently asked to provide assistance (time and food) to one of our parish families. There was an immediate response by the group and all meals requested were quickly covered. In addition, We Care members (at times with the assistance of our youth group) prepare a supply of meals which are put into the freezer for emergencies. See Sue Quinlan's report on page 19 for more information.

On Good Friday of last year, I was fortunate enough to go with a group to Cristo Rey in Trenton. A huge pile of mulch had been 'dropped' on the sidewalk in front of the church. Our mission was to move the mulch from the front of the church to the playgroup on the side of the church. The mulch was shoveled into wheelbarrows, 'driven' to the playground and spread on the ground. Flowers were also planted by some of the youth. We celebrated on the way home with a stop at the ice cream store!

One of my favorite activities is being a part of "The Holy Spirited Readers." It is allowing me to read — one of my favorite pastimes. Some of the books have been wonderful and some not so wonderful – but the discussions are always lively.

I have spent most of the year acclimating myself to CHS. Now that I am physically located in Clinton instead of commuting back and forth across the state, I find that I am able to join additional activities. Tuesday morning bible study at the Spinning Wheel diner will become a part of my spiritual development. I also attend Vestry meetings, special services, wakes and funerals, and will very shortly be joining the Knit and Chat group on Monday evenings.

Church of the Holy Spirit is alive and well with people who are carrying out the mission of Jesus – to be the head, hands and heart of our Savior. I have been blessed to be a part of a parish that truly understands our mission in this world – to love one another.



Words from the Senior Warden



The Holy Spirit Vestry, Father Phil and Deacon Dot had a very fruitful (and enjoyable) retreat at the Community of St John Baptist convent, located in Mendham, from January 26th through 27th. Among our prayerful discussions were the following key topics:

First, we are placing priority on filling the remaining openings in the 3-year term Vestry Class of 2020. It became clear to all of us that we very much need all Vestry openings filled in order to progress.

Second, we have identified the following eight Initiatives for Vestry focus in 2017:

- Formation
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Service Auction
- Web Guild
- Property
- Finance
- Worship & Music

The Vestry has agreed upon the most important outcomes needed from each Initiative, and we have allocated the existing Vestry members across these initiatives so that work can begin while we fill the remaining Vestry openings.

Third, we reviewed the great brainstorming and planning work done during the January 22nd Annual Meeting by all of you for our Holy+Formed modules! We have allocated the existing Vestry members as liaisons across the formation modules. Each "Vestry Liaison" will be reaching out to you and your breakout group by March 1st to continue the planning.

We look forward to sharing more details in the upcoming months

Eva Lesniak



<http://www.csjb.org/>

A Message from the Treasurer

Dear Friends,

At our Annual Meeting I presented the 2017 Budget and the Final 2016 Summary. Below is a summary recap of the 2017 Budget and 2016 Statement of cash inflows and outflows.



CHS YTD SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS STATEMENT - JAN -DEC 2016				
		BUD 2017	YTD 2016	BUD 2016
Revenue				
(Excludes Restricted Funds)**		306,824	309,523	317,177
Expenditure				
Fixed Administrative Expenses		203,448	209,140	198,272
Other Expenditure		127,930	103,147	116,742
Total Cash Outlay		331,378	312,287	315,014
Net Operations Cash Movement		(24,554)	(2,764)	2,163
Restricted Funds				
Restricted - Fund the Need		17,700	20,300	5,000
Music Scholars Program		5,850	7,400	3,250
Other		-	15,460	-
Restricted - Fund the Need		45,400	-	-
Music Scholars Program		2,500	2,400	3,250
Other		-	-	-
Net Restricted Cash Movement		(24,350)	40,760	5,000
Net Cash Movement		(48,904)	37,996	7,163

Key items impacting the 2016 Financial performance:

- ◇ Service Auction goals for Fund the Need were achieved
- ◇ We achieved 98% of our revenue goals despite experiencing shortfalls in rental income
- ◇ We had to reduce our Diocesan **Fair Share** Estimate of Giving to balance out the year. This decision was not easily made.
- ◇ On the controllable expenditure side we were able to manage within the set goals

Key items within the 2017 Financial Plan:

- ◇ Service Auction goals were lowered to be more in line with 2016 performance. Further, no "Fund the Need" initiative is planned for 2017
- ◇ In 2017 we have estimated doubling our 2016 Fair Share (\$21k to \$40k)
- ◇ We expect to complete the elevator project in 2017

We rely heavily on our stewardship drive to develop an achievable budget for our church community. If you have made your 2017 Estimate of Giving, thank you. If you have not, please contact our pledge clerk, **Ed Filipski**, as soon as possible with your estimate. As I hand over the responsibilities of Treasurer to **Gabrielle Bolarakis**, I would like to thank you all for granting me the opportunity to serve you these past years. Our church is a beautiful worship space that is supported by all of you in many ways – financially and with your time and talents. Thanks to you, we were able to support the smooth operation of our church throughout the year and we thank you for your participation in our mission.

Oscar Jones



Happening in the County:

Monday February 27 — Tenth Annual Hunterdon County Soup Cook-Off
5-7 pm, Hunterdon Central Regional High School



Chefs from some of the area's fine restaurants compete for the best soup in the county. This is a community awareness project of the Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County. Proceeds benefit Hunger in Hunterdon through its five food pantries. Come out and taste them all, then vote for your favorite!

Entrance fee of \$15.00 plus a can of food. Hunterdon Central Regional High School Commons Entrance, 29 Junction Road, Flemington 08822

And mark your calendars now:



Tuesday March 21 — Dream Dinner

5-7 pm also at
Hunterdon Central Regional High School

See Jane Paradiso or email her for more information nearer to the date: janeparadiso@yahoo.com



From the Acolyte Corner (Acolytes Rock!)

Saturday February 11

The annual Acolyte Festival being held at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton is scheduled for February 11th and will once again have representation from Church of the Holy Spirit. Acolytes will be attending various workshops designed to enhance their knowledge of the acolyte ministry all while having some fun too. The information regarding registration and the workshops that are available is available on the church website at this link www.churchholyspirit.org/events/february-11-acolyte-festival



Friday February 24

The winter Acolyte overnight is scheduled for Friday February 24 starting at 6:30 pm, concluding on Saturday at 8 am. The overnight is designed for new and experienced acolytes (staying overnight is not mandatory). The event will assist in refreshing Acolyte procedures along with the customary activities (games, movies, making of the bread) and of course, food. Anyone interested who is in second grade (age 7) or older is welcome to attend. Thanks to Deacon Dot for volunteering to lose sleep during the overnight along with us!

For more details on either or both of these events contact Jack Daniels, Acolyte Master; jdaniels_fire@yahoo.com or 908-337-3228.

Jack Daniels



First Sunday Breakfasts

On January 8, Mary and Gary and Scott and Jane Paradiso shared a lovely spread – teachers really do it up big — corn muffins; broccoli and red pepper and onion and cheese quiche; sausage, onion and cheese quiche; fresh fruit, cinnamon buns; freshly made Belgian waffles; bacon, and Jane's famous hashbrowns with ham.

Don't miss this coming Sunday, February 5, when Youth2Youth will be hosting under the direction of Pat Egan.

If you can, we invite you to check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for a blank space that you might want to fill, or volunteer to assist those who have already committed to participate. Thank you all!

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. Canned soup is suggested for February, and canned fruit for March. **PLEASE, NO LEFTOVER VALENTINE CANDY!!** It's tempting to offload it (and who wants to throw it away?), but the Pantry is dedicated giving healthy choices to its clients, and they will toss any candy they receive. ShopRite gift cards are always welcome. Or access the web site: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/> and click on the "Current Needs" tab for ideas. Many thanks.



to

Suzanne Higgins

Waltz and Salsa

Life and Light in the Dead of Winter

- All ages, all sizes, all denominations
- Singles
- Couples
- Whole Families
- Young and no so Young
- Lessons and fun beginning age 7ish*
Special group for under 12-ish
- A little humility and risk taking is a good thing!
- And those less able can come and cheer us on!
- Child care provided for under 7ish

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***ish: kids and their folks decide where they'll be most comfortable –or least embarrassed!**

Feb. Wed's

2/8

2/15

2/22

Big Party

Shrove

Tues. 2/28

7 -7:45 pm

Social follows

**Fun Professional
Instruction**

**Donations per
class welcomed!
\$10pp
\$30 p fam**

**Includes
instruction &
"social supplies"
Childcare**

**What else are you
doing, watching
the news?**

**Turn it off &
dance!**



Contemplative Arts and Yoga!

What is calling to you and your heart? Is it a new opportunity, a chance to live into your gifts, or a dream that keeps encouraging you? You may want to try a class in yoga or the contemplative arts! You may want to try a class in yoga or the contemplative arts! These classes can help you find balance and peace as you nourish your spirit in simple ways, one moment at a time. There will be a free upcoming workshop, *Celebration and Self-Care for Educators and Counselors*, on

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 5:15 - 7:15 pm - This is a simple class with nourishing yoga, breathwork, and visualizations. The class is free but registration is required. For registration and other workshops go to:

www.TheEncouragingWorks.com

Kimberly Borin

Yoga:

- * February 7, 14, 21, 28
- * March 7, 14, 21, 28
- * April 4, 11, 18, 25
- * May 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Contemplative Prayer:

- * February 7
- * March 7
- * April 4
- * May 2

Time: 6:00 pm

Metaphor in Wood

Our own Hal Murray, longtime member of CHS and expert wood carver/turner, has an exhibit on the main floor of Hunterdon County Library's North Branch throughout the month of February. The library's website describes how Hal "allows the natural patterns, colors and even flaws in natural materials to inspire meaning and inspiration in his beautiful bowls, statues and other creations." Hal says about the two pieces below, both of which are included in the exhibition: "The platter is made from honey locust from a tree we had to take down. This is a way of honoring the tree and keeping its memory alive. The much smaller and deeper bowl is made from spalted sycamore."

[Ed note: The beautiful bowl that is placed on the round table in the Narthex on "got change" Sundays is one of Hal's creations, completed with an able assist from artist Wendy Hallstrom]



Light in a Time of Darkness

Multi-media Visual and Performing Art Show March 17-19, 2017

Where:

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ

www.churchholyspirit.org [Download a flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Submission Guidelines

This show will be as inclusive as possible and all media are welcome. All submissions must speak to the theme of this show. Fee of \$10 per artist to fund event cost. Please make checks out to *Church of the Holy Spirit* and mail payments to *Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Rd., Lebanon, NJ 08833 — ATTN: Art Show*

Submissions online, due March 1, 2017

- Please complete two labels for each submitted work. One is to be attached to the back of the submitted work. If work is not for sale, please indicate with **NFS** on the price line.
- All visual art must be the original work of the submitting artist. Giclée or other prints of original art are not permitted. Work copied from published pieces of other artists will not be accepted.
- All work must be dry ready for wall mounting. Framed work must have wire and d-rings, not saw-tooth hangers. Unframed canvas should have finished edges with no visible staples.
- All work must be available to hang for the duration of the show.
- Sculpture should be free standing or on a stand. Please furnish a stand for your pieces.

LABELS – please complete two labels for each submission to accompany delivered artwork. Download and use one of the attached label templates - [*.doc](#) or [*.pdf](#)

Attach to Back of Submitted Work

Name _____
Phone _____
Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____
Email _____

File Copy – 2017 Light in the Time of Darkness
Name _____
Phone _____
Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____
Email _____

- Artwork to be delivered Wed. March 15, 7-9 p.m. and Thurs. March 16, 9 a.m. - noon.
Submissions: <https://goo.gl/forms/WdmJHOo1YEmLGd112>
Inquiries: admin@churchholyspirit.org

Show Schedule:

Friday March 17	6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	[7 p.m. Artist reception]
Saturday March 18	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	
	5-7 p.m. Performance Art	
	7:30 p.m. Qvinctus Concert <i>featuring David Lockart (see p.11)</i>	
	Reception in gallery following concert.	
Sunday March 19	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	[2:30-4:30 p.m. Art to be picked up]

Alternative arrangements for drop off and pick up can be organized by email with curator, Fr. Philip Carr-Jones at admin@churchholyspirit.org. Unless alternative arrangements are made in advance, all work not picked up on Sunday, March 19 will be subject to a **\$5/day storage fee**.

Music at CHS

Qvinctus — Saturday, March 18

Welcome back to David Lockart! Many in the Hunterdon County area remember David, who served as the District Music Supervisor for the North Hunterdon Voorhees District and was choral director at North Hunterdon High School for more than 30 years. Our original Fall 2016 date had to be postponed



and we are delighted that we've been able to reschedule his group Qvinctus. Qvinctus (pronounced Kwin-toos) is a all-male vocal quintet that sings music composed from the A.D. 1300 to today, focusing on Renaissance music and jazz and popular standards. All professional musicians, Qvinctus features two countertenors, two tenors and a bass, though at times they sing in various other vocal combinations, such as TTBBB, or ATTBB. Popular in Delaware and Maryland, this concert marks Qvinctus's first performance in New Jersey, and also marks longtime Hunterdon County resident David Lockart's musical return to the area.

Joining David are Clint Williams (countertenor), David Schueck II (countertenor), Stephen Ferrara (tenor) and Robert Kennan (bass). Clint is a music educator, music administrator, conductor and President of Delaware Music Educators Association. David Schueck II is a professional singer, pianist and piano teacher. Stephen Ferrara, our newest member, is a professional singer and choral scholar. Rob Kennan is a pianist, hornist, conductor, accompanist, and director of music for a Methodist church. Since moving to Delaware, David Lockart is now an adjunct music educator at the University of Delaware, director of music for a Methodist church, and President of Delaware American Choral Directors Association.

Opening the concert will be a vocal trio, "FBS", consisting of three of David's former students at North Hunterdon: Shannon Krowicki, Becky (O'Neil) O'Tkacs, and Frasier Bierwirth, guitarist. They perform folk/alternative music, including "I Choose You" by Sara Bareillis.

The concert is open to the community . Proceeds will help support the Jane Self Burnham Memorial Music Scholars Program, whose mission is to offer a venue for young students of music for the experience of performing sacred music in worship. Because of popular demand, we will be making tickets available in advance for preferred seating, as well as at the door. Doors will open at 6:30pm for the 7:30pm concert . Reservations for reserved seating will shortly be available on the CHS website churchholyspirit.org and will be announced in the Friday email blast and the Sunday bulletins.

Trinity Choral Spring Concert

Trinity Chorale's Spring Concert will be **May 7th** at 4 pm. The concert will feature Handel's "Coronation Anthem No. 4" and works by Maurice Ravel, R. Vaughan Williams, Ola Gjeilo, music from *Riverdance* and arrangements of spirituals. Look for more information in the April-May Trumpeter, on the website, and in the Friday "blast" emails. [By the way, if you are not currently getting the Friday blasts, which are far more current than we can be in monthly or bi-monthly newsletters, please let the webmasters know at webmaster@churchholyspirit.org]

Annual Meeting January 22, 2017

It is our privilege to welcome new Christians through Baptism and also to continue to learn and to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ. From the Service of Holy Baptism, Book of Common Prayer pg. 302, we worship this way:

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

AND after all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

So the question is, "Can you ever stop being a child of God?" Since the answer is always NO, it means we are always capable of growing further into the fuller stature of Christ and helping others do the same. With the advice and support of the Diocese of New Jersey, we embarked last year on a journey toward being "Church" in an era when "Church" exists differently than in the recent past, yet the task of growing into the full stature of Christ is ever more important. Especially in a digital age, the project of formation as Children of God (at any age) is the vital purpose of a faith community.

Formation into the image of Christ takes place at every stage of life. The "Church" exists to support that formation and that formation is for the purpose of being Christ in a world needing Christ's love, grace, mercy and hope. At this point in my life, I have not time for anything that is not about love, grace, mercy and hope. That's all I want. And that's all I want in a Church. If we are doing anything that isn't that, let's just stop.

Happily (and somewhat proudly) my priesthood exists within a community of other priests (that's you -- ordained at your baptism) who are remarkable for their devotion, commitment, and sacrifice in conspiring to bring about more love, grace, mercy and hope in this world, so that the Kingdom of God might come on earth as it is in heaven. How else do you explain a marathon of Epiphany House Blessings, and the other veritable marathons of mission taking place all the time by so many fellow travelers with Christ?

What did we do at the Annual Meeting?

Last Fall we embarked on a journey we called *Holy+Formed*. It is a way of being church that connects us and integrates all we do across the church year in large themes. It is a way of ordering our common life. Basically, you caught the contagion of Christ's love and so many of you are doing something about it. *Holy+Formed* gives us structure and a way forward together, as we do something about Christ's love.

This Sunday, during service, we broke into working groups organized around themes that will be our focus for the year. Each of us chose the group to visit based on our interests and each group was guided by a vestry member. We listened and contributed our ideas for about 20 minutes of project development time. This was a creative pause for the birthing of dreams and ideas.



Here we are choosing which group to visit.
Photo: Dave Dabour

For Fr. Phil's Presi presentation, go to:

<http://www.churchholyspirit.org/news/holy-formed>

For Carol Crawford Jones' minutes of the meeting, go to the website: churchholyspirit.org

The main themes for the next 18 months of our parish life together across 2017-2018 are:

- **Winter/Spring 17:** (Modules previously announced) Charter Church; Becoming the Story We Tell; The Good Earth; Year in Review. *Note: Modules vary in length from 3-8 weeks*
- **Summer 17:** Conspirators: Life in the Holy Spirit (Bible studies, missions trips, Frisbee camp)
- **Fall 17:** Welcome and Hospitality, Harvest & Growth
- **Winter 18:** Mission/Papa Panov, Who am I - Identity in Christ, We Care-Christian Caregiving
- **Spring 18:** Rule of Life-Lent /Holy Week, The Good Earth -Spring & Renewal

We apply the same elements, values and principles to each of the above themes.

- **Integrating Generations:** Though not rigid, our programming is geared toward all ages being together
- **A Culminating Event:** The theme season concludes with a big fun event
- **Music & Worship:** A theme hymn and reading are included
- **Mid-Week Non-Haytown:** Getting out into the world for a wider community experience (see next item)
- **Tie-In To Major Community Event:** Find and participate in the civic events that dot the calendar
- **Tie-In To Our Mission:** It must further our mission and be action oriented
- **Invitational & Experiential:** The themes can be ones you'd want to invite others to join in
- **Tie-In To Sundays:** Through sermons and music and prayers
- **Celebratory Reflection & Debrief:** At its conclusion, we need to reflect on what we learned
- **Document & Upload:** Everything we do needs to find its way to our website

Even if you weren't able to attend the annual meeting, your input and participation are welcome and encouraged! Contact Father Phil or any vestry member to find out how you can be a part of what is happening. As Senior Warden Eva Lesniak mentioned in her piece on page 4, there will be more information forthcoming for each module by the first of March. [For a list of current vestry members with their contact information, check the last page of this issue.]

Philip+



Sunday Service/Annual Meeting
Photos by Dave Dabour

Easter Egg Hunt

To be held April 2nd after the 10 AM service for ages pre-K to young at heart. Volunteers welcome! Call/text Amanda Mahon (908) 309-9522.

An Egg Coloring craft will be included with one of the Lenten module lessons. Note that eggs will be look-alikes that can be decorated. (Date not yet determined)

Thank you!

Amanda Mahon



Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower donation envelopes will be available on the table in the Narthex during Lent for those of you who would like to make a donation toward this year's Easter flowers. Please submit the names of loved ones, memorials, or thanksgivings, with your donation (\$35 is suggested) by placing the envelope in the Sunday collection plate or the Altar Guild mailbox by the door in the undercroft **no later than Palm Sunday, April 9, to guarantee that the names are included in the Easter bulletin.** (Checks can be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit Altar Guild). Thank you!

Sue Langstrom

Back to Basics Service Auction

Save the date, **April 29th**, for our Annual Service Auction. In this, our 50th year, we are going back to the basics and bringing the auction back to our own parish hall with a simpler format, more true 'service' items for bid at price points for all budgets, and a program for kids (think 'pajama party').

We need volunteers to help make this auction a success, including publicity chair, Ticket and Raffle Sales, setup and cleanup crews, leader for refreshments, donation organizer/tracker, and other roles that make this a great event as our major fundraiser.

Start thinking about services you might donate: paint a room, baby sitting, personal chef, landscaping, organize a closet or garage, offer your vacation home for a week or so, music/piano lessons, dinner or cocktail party, counseling for college, tutoring, homemade blankets/quilts/sweaters, personal shopper, limo to airport—where do your talents lie?

To volunteer as a leader for this endeavor, please contact marge.keller@comcast.net or any other vestry member. Thank you for your time and talent donation.



Marge Keller

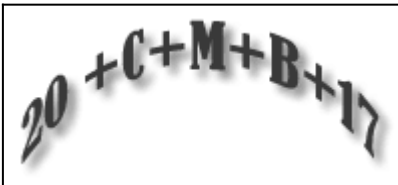
Dear Holy Spirit Friends, Parishioners and Family,

It is with a sad heart that we write this letter concerning our involvement at Holy Spirit. Sandy and I have been active parishioners since we moved to our present home in Hunterdon County in 1978 and it has been the core of our lives here as a religious presence, for our social life and for our volunteer activities. We both have been involved since the first service we attended, during which we joined in singing the hymns and service music (heartily) in one of the front pews in the sanctuary. Following the service, members of the choir greeted us warmly and asked us to join them -- and that was the beginning of a wonderful church relationship!

Over the years we both have been very active and have served as vestry members and wardens, as well as having served on significant committees and in activities of one sort or another. However, as the years went on and after we both celebrated our eightieth birthdays in 2015, our decreased energy levels and health issues began to emerge. We have realized that it is time to cut back on our activities and concentrate on health and home. Thank you all for your care and concern at this difficult time for us. We will continue worshiping with our wonderful church family as we are able, but you'll probably not see us as often. In addition, I'll be cutting back significantly on the volunteer work I have been doing at CHS and encourage your participation as you are able to keep our beautiful building and worship aids in good order. Speak to a member of the vestry if you feel called to take on a task.

Barbara and Sandy

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING (WORLD RECORD)

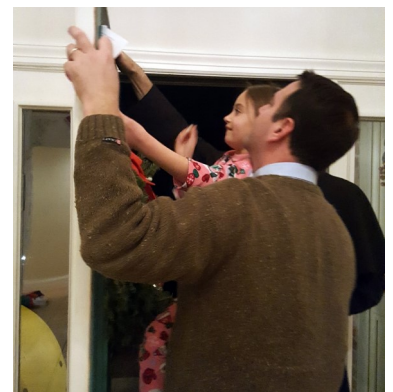


On Friday, January 6th, Fr. Phil set out to start a World Record category: House Blessings. He blessed over 60 homes in 24 hours. He had at least 10 drivers signed up and Google Maps to get him around the area.

Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi. Doors are chalked with the year and CMB, the initials of the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. A home blessing means the kitchen, dining, and "den-family-living room" and one bedroom.



Father Phil reported: "24 Hour Epiphany Blessing= 64 Homes Blessed-64 doors chalked plus bedroom, kitchen, dining and living room and whole home, 2 horses, 16 chickens, several dozen dolls, dogs and cats, barn, chicken coop, brewery, wood shop, sacred burial ground, 8 drivers, 137 miles, wonderful cookies and teas and coffees and a lovely IPA! Thanks to the drivers, Jan Paxton for the google doc sign up, and the Holy Spirit for a loving presence in the homes of these lovely people."



The Pulse of the Parish

We welcome into the household of God Colin Patrick Gora, infant son of parishioners Jaime Lynn and Jeff, and brother to Erin, Joseph and Mollie. Patrick was "sealed by the Holy Spirit in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever" on Sunday, January 29th. See the photos below and on page 2 for some of Dave Dabour's wonderful shots of the event, especially of some of the young witnesses signing the baptismal certificate.

Welcome to the following visitors who have worshipped with us recently:

- ◇ Tolu Babayemi and her spouse live in Clinton with their two children Bukelmi, 4, and Floawemi, 2
- ◇ Tom McGrew and Devyn Aguilar, friends of parishioner Kate Mattison;
- ◇ Fran and Larry Ingram, newly moved to Flemington, who have a son, Jonathan, 33.
- ◇ Andy and Carolyn Follansbee, recent returnees to CHS. (Welcome back!)

Deepest Sympathy to the following parishioners and friends:

- ◇ Polly Treut, whose mother, Mary Painter, passed into larger life on January 25 at the age of 105 at Little Brook Nursing Home in Califon. Polly is feeling incredibly grateful for her mom's long life. A spring memorial service is planned.
- ◇ Roberta Maas-Wester, whose mother, Dagny Maas, also a resident of Little Brook, passed into larger life on January 25 at the age of 99. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's Church in Maplewood on Monday, January 30th.
- ◇ Judy Linger on the loss of her brother, Frank, in early January
- ◇ Jim and Linda West, on the death of Jim's sister, Carol, also in January

Finally, my husband Sandy joins me in offering **heartfelt thanks** to all our friends and parishioners at CHS for the wonderful support that we have been given with food, visits and prayers during the latest issues with his physical health. He is being well cared for and we appreciate everyone's concern as we try to figure out what, if anything, can be done to help him with his walking, balance and gait difficulties. Our daughter Lynn is better with the medical details and has been a great support for both of us, as has our grandson, Eli.

God's blessings to all,

Barbara Burton



Gora Family Photo



Photo: Dave Dabour

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HOLD THE DATES

FEBRUARY	APRIL
5 First Sunday Breakfast (Youth2Youth in charge) 8, 15, 22 Waltz and Salsa 5 Spirited Readers meet 11 Acolyte Festival, Trenton 21 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m. 24 Acolyte Overnight 27 Soup Cook-Off, Flemington 28 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (and dancing!)	2 Easter Egg Hunt (rain/snow date 4/9) 2 First Sunday Breakfast 9 Palm Sunday (Easter Flower requests due) 13 Maundy Thursday Dinner 14 Good Friday Day of Service 15 Easter Vigil 16 Easter Sunday 18 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm 29 Back to Basics Service Auction
MARCH	MAY
1 Ash Wednesday [Ashes to go included in Clinton] 3-4 Diocesan Convention, Princeton 5 First Sunday Breakfast 17-19 Art and Music Exhibition 18 Qvinctus Quintet with David Lockart 21 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm 21 Dream Dinner, Flemington	7 First Sunday Breakfast 7 Trinity Chorale Concert 4 p.m. with reception following 16 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.

Got Fabric? – This is a Call for Donations

The Good Friday Day of Service sewing group will be making colorful pillowcases for donation again this year. We have been working off a lovely stash of fabric left to us by Deacon Johnine, but it is running very low. Please check your craft bins for colorful cottons or cotton blends and bring them to the church throughout the month of February. Prints appealing to children are appreciated, but we will be able to use just about anything! Large pieces (1 yard or more) are especially needed. We will put a collection box in the Narthex. Look for more updates as we get closer to the event. [Good Friday is **April 14th**, which will be here before we blink. And if you're new to the parish and would like to join us, please plan on it. If you have a sewing machine to bring, so much the better!]



Thanks!

Mary Scott and Cate Mattison



Stamp Ministry for the Blind (UK)

© 2016 glorijean, The Christmas Story in 3 stamps.

During Rev Phil's Christmas Eve sermon, he asked us, "Who made the Word known to you?" He went on to explain that Jesus was born in paradox time. Solidarity! Jesus. A person, NOT a philosophy. Asking again, Who has made the Word flesh to you? How can YOU be Word made flesh to others? YOU make it real. This is the paradox!

Reflecting on the pastoral words and scripture, I remembered our first visit to Arizona. At first I was a bit skeptical because I had heard about UFO landings, vortexes and other strange things in the painted ladies, and so forth. As we neared Prescott, I saw a sign, "Christmas City!" Wandering around downtown, we discovered a candlelight church service before retiring to our adobe BnB. The next morning we made our way over to Acrosanti, met with the artist who was designing an architectural plan for what is now the Freedom Tower in NYC, and toured his eco foundry for making beautiful "cause bells."

Our faith is evident in so many ways: hearing the Christmas story anew, seeing a sign, or meeting the creator of wonderful bells offered for charity, and yes, even in our stamps! When I looked through the stamps recently, there were American flags, Madonna & Child, Wise Men, and Nativity stamps. One word or one image, even on a solo stamp, can spark belief: a sign of familiarity, common ground, communal presence in what we know as our commonality in the church! Bring us YOUR stamps—there's a box in the Narthex ready to receive them.

Our cancelled stamps are going to support the **Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)** in the United Kingdom, based in London. RNIB says, *"It doesn't matter if they've already been used, or if they're first or second class stamps - we can use them all to raise funds. We raise even more from overseas stamps. We also collect first day covers, presentation packs and albums. Stamps are sorted by volunteers - they are usually sold by weight, but if we can identify any valuable stamps they can be sold for a higher price. We expect to receive around £10 for one kilogram of British stamps, and up to £15 for a kilogram of overseas stamps."*

JOY to the World!

Gloria Jean Waller

P.S. I just received a letter from our English penpal, who writes:

"We had a lovely visit from Susan & Bob [Kane] on Monday (1/2/17) and received your magnificent gift of hundreds of stamps. . . . [We are] delighted with this very generous collection. Please thank all your lovely friends who contributed and wish them all a Happy New Year from all of us in England... I think this year the money is going to support the Guide Dogs (from birth, puppy training, to becoming safe, reliable working dogs). God bless you all. "



We Care

Annual Report 2016

In 2016 We Care was a loving presence to our faith family. Our many members are always quick to respond to requests for assistance when those in our community are in need. We continue to assign an "Angel" to each situation; that person organizes what is needed with the person or family then reaches out to the We Care community for any assistance required. Discretion and confidentiality enters into all that we provide.

In 2017 we would like to offer volunteers who are interested the opportunity to bring Communion to those who are unable to get to church. In February we will be participating with Deacon Dot in Module 4-The Charter Church and Compassion with a multigenerational project and have the opportunity to be part of Deacon Dot's *Sharing Our Faith with Others*.

We Care has provided much to our faith family -- transportation to church, doctors' appointments, shopping, meals, visits, child care and even plant watering! Reach out to us by contacting either myself, Susan Kane, Father Phil, Deacon Dot, the church office or any member of the We Care community if you feel there is a need we can help you with. And we always welcome new members!

Looking back on 2016, I (along with many other volunteers) will remember many wonderful, enlightening conversations and moments with our dear friend Jim Keller. These took place while we drove him to doctors' appointments and sat with him during chemo. I always looked forward to these times with him and feel privileged that I got to know him and benefit from his courage, wisdom and humor. Giving is a gift that always brings us joy. It is what Jesus would do.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Quinlan

Shawl Ministry

I received my first prayer shawl at St. Thomas' Church in Alexandria Township, long before I was privileged to become a member of our CHS group. My poor efforts pale beside those of some truly gifted yarn artists. The women who are a part of our Knit and Chat Group here (some of whom visit at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, the women's state prison in Clinton) teach me a great deal — far more than I could ever teach them. Maria, the woman who crocheted the beautiful wrap below, is a resident of Maximum Security. Many of our friends in both "Max" and "Grounds" find their only joy in the four hours a week they are permitted to practice their craft. The results over the two or so years I've been a member have been astounding. Many shawls and blankets are created without patterns, with jaw-dropping results. I had the opportunity to give this shawl to Maura Riordan, a yogini who teaches various classes at OmYoga in Clinton <http://www.museumyoga.org/>. She posted several photos of the shawl on Facebook and part of her comment appears below.

Vicki Brooks

I cannot fully express the deep gratitude that I have for the yoga students, community and friends that I am surrounded by. This beautiful group of people teach me everyday about compassion, love, grace and so much more. It was beyond thoughtful and an extremely heartfelt moment when Vicki Brooks gave this prayer shawl to me before yesterday's class. The love, kindness and thought put into this truly touched my heart. . . .Thank you . . .

Namaste and Shanti ♥ Maura



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