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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.



Hello Sunday School Families!

A reminder that **this Sunday, June 12th**, we will have a special addition to our 10 o'clock service. Father Philip and I will be honoring all of our dedicated and amazing Sunday School teachers as well as all of our wonderful Sunday School Students. Recognitions will be held when children join in after the Peace. Our Sunday School will offer an end-of-the-year **Party/ Picnic** for the entire parish after this service. Bring a side dish to share; CHS will supply the meat.

Blessings, *Amanda Mahon*

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From the Rector's Desk

In our artist support group (meeting monthly as possible) one person shares a project being worked upon and we offer our responses. I have found that in the moment, my comments and reflections are fairly superficial. Do I like it? Liking a thing, or even more, a person, is something that does not come lightly. An easy association is just as easily un-associated. Today I like what I didn't like yesterday. As for the art group, I find I want to revisit the encounter from a month ago to process my reflections of that encounter. Bring back the art so that after a decent amount of consideration, I might actually have something of meaning to offer.



This is more sublimely true when it comes to the encounter of the Holy One. It is often necessary to be silent before wondrous things. As Friedrich von Hugel wrote at the turn of last century, "Be silent about great things; let them grow inside you. Never discuss them: discussion is so limiting and distracting. It makes things grow smaller. You think you swallow things when they ought to swallow you. Before all greatness, be silent — in art, in music, in religion: silence." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friedrich_von_Hügel Summer might be that time to shut up a bit. Appreciation of a reflective life allows for more profound relationships.

There is the shadow side of this argument, that talking and reflecting about the right things and in the right way, even the most difficult things, brings an ever deeper relationship. I will not dismiss that equally true wisdom. But for now, after a full year of homilies, sermons, meetings and conversations, I find the draw to quiet appreciation and gratitude for those who love and care to be quite powerful. For the year now past, thank you.

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I have one church left in me. Where is that to be?

I was thinking about what to do with the rest of my life . . . er, well, the rest of my life as a full-time priest, anyway. So here are my thoughts of the moment about that decision.

When we as a parish agreed to take on the Lilly Endowment Grant for Clergy and Parish Renewal, leading to a four-month sabbatical for both parish and priest, one of the stipulations was an agreement that the priest would thereafter remain in the parish for at least another two years. Those years have come and gone and options have arisen about exploring other venues for priesthood. In the options presented to me, there arose a formative conflict in my soul and mind which has allowed for greater clarity and hope for the years to come. Formative conflict: let me explain.

The calling for ministry at CHS is lovely and filled with loving people. At this point in my developing wisdom, I no longer need to fear a "shoe to drop," or create a problem in order to solve it. My personal life is pretty stable. Parish life is pretty stable. We have a mission to do and we are doing it. Various character flaws such as motivation to do paperwork, organization and timely communications will repeat on into the future. As sometimes hurtful as they are to myself and others, one hopes these will be judged kindly when taken in the greater picture. On the parish side, this community is filled with interesting people – a euphemism for folks who are complicated and complicating. Happily, there is a high level of both tolerance for the unique and the self-awareness of our own humanity which allows and supports a humility among us. Some of you drive each other crazy. And then we pray together. That works for me. The formative conflict is discerning being comfortable from being lazy, finding contentment while sensing the need to go deeper.

This parish has been at least five different congregations since I came aboard in 1987. It's not about size but kind. Sometimes size has much to do with it, but not determinatively. Initially, we were a family church, thinking about inviting other families to join us. Then they did, and we became an evangelizing church. Then we became a building church. Followed by a plateau of what do we do next church. External events (a gay Bishop) resolved that and we became the controversial church, biblical conservatives left en masse, which was fine in the end, since they are wrong about much (especially concerning their fellow human beings).

From the Rector's Desk (continued)

But crisis is crisis, whether that's outside the family or inside it and when that comes, all bets are off. Wandering followed. Then about five years ago, with identity issues resolved, off we go into the next iteration of Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. I am still here, scarred but not limping — in truth, joyfully bounding on to the next moment. Many have made that same journey and hung in there. Now what?

I have regularly asked the Vestry (your governing body) if they think I should stay. One shouldn't say yes out of fear of change, and I tell them this. So it would seem they prefer I stay. But never out of fear of grieving but a longing for what could be a possibility. Here it is:

Over the years I have some lingering sadness about not getting in place aspects of parish life that could be brilliant. Staying on means another chance to get that right.

The areas I'd like to work on:

- * **Create a Center for Christian Spirituality.** Hunterdon County is wasteland when it comes to the practice of ancient mystical traditions of the Church. Mostly, it's biblical fundamentalism and scared moderate churches trying not to rock the boat, hoping to survive the culture shock of an era shift in our humanity. (Look, there is no way we will turn back from offering equal hospitality to all people. Get another priest if you want me to stop performing same sex marriages — which you don't, thankfully, praise the Lord!). Our Episcopal Church has within it such a fantastic heritage of devotional exercises and practices and we could move forward in so many ways.
- * **Truly blended ritual worship that is dignified, ancient, modern and fun.** That's a packed sentence needing more space to unravel it, but for now it would suffice to note that what we did at the Easter Vigil this year and Christmas Eve just past is about where we could go, along with more regular various genres of music and instrumentation at principal services.
- * **A lifelong curriculum for Christian Formation.** Sunday school, teen groups, adult programming. Having a substantial, consistent, and enthusiastic kind of programming with quality and sophistication. We do ongoing and time to time, season to season excellence. But to move from good to great in this arena is real urgency in my heart, especially with our teens.
- * **More resourcing.** Much of our limitation to address these things is tied to resourcing. Just think about what would happen if we had an endowment to support musicians and singers. I would love to have scholarships for young singers to support our lovely choir. Imagine supporting high school and college music majors from Westminster or Rutgers. Get a drummer or blues guitarist on a regular basis, maybe a brass quartet a few times a year. Have speakers and retreat leaders offerings such a host of intriguing events that the whole community would benefit. A lifelong curriculum of formation and a hearty youth group requires a body to get that done. Establishing resources to move from the wonderful but intermittent efforts of a few to a different community of continuity and excellence grounded in Anglican thoughtfulness and open-mindedness, is a serious goal. Quite frankly, Deacon Dot and I, among others, stretch to try to offer these things, and we do a pretty fine piece of work. But if we want to go deeper, it means more support.

In the end, there are too few out there in our county that are offering this vision, too few in the Episcopal Church realizing it, and I am still believing you and I can take a good shot at it this time round.

So, I have one church left in me. It is here. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Our door is always open. Real Bread. Real Wine. Real Presence. Every week. Where the hospitality of Christ is offered without exception.

Faithfully,

Philip+

From The Deacon's Corner

Ed. Note: A wonderful introduction to the longest season of the church year, given by Deacon Dot on the Second Sunday of Pentecost (May 29). Worth reconsideration if you heard it, and for your information if you couldn't be with us.



Well, here we are.

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost are all behind us.

We've walked together from the mountain top of Christ's birth, to the valley of his death, and back up again to the pinnacle of his Resurrection.

The Episcopal Church uses a myriad of symbols as a way to tell our faith story. One way we recognize the different seasons in the church year is by the color of some of our altar hangings and priests' vestments. We see a rainbow of color as we pass from one important season to the next. Our church year begins with Advent and the color blue which represents Mary and is used as we prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ as well as the birth of Christ.

The Christmas season is celebrated using white, which symbolizes joy, purity and truth.

The day of Epiphany is celebrated using white as well, but the rest of the Epiphany season is celebrated in green, representing the color of all living things and God's creation.

Lent moves us into the color purple which represents penitence or expectation, as we prepare for Easter.

The entire Easter season is celebrated in white.

Red, the color of fire and blood, is the color for the day of Pentecost. Red can also be used for Palm Sunday, feasts of the martyrs, ordinations, and sometimes, confirmation.

White is also the color for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Black is used for Good Friday.

And now all of that is over, and all that we can see stretching ahead of us is a sea of green.

Out on the horizon lies week after week of "the Season after Pentecost" coming in an endless succession until we reach the next year in the life of the church and begin the cycle again. How silly it is that this time in the church year doesn't have a name with more importance; it is merely called "the season after Pentecost." The time itself is not given the importance of being named, but instead is marked only in relation to Pentecost, a day of actual importance.

And this lengthy, unnamed, seemingly unimportant season is also called "Ordinary Time." Rather than meaning "common" or "mundane," this term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means "counted time," because we number the Sundays from here on out, in order, from the First Sunday after Pentecost, all the way up to the Last Sunday after Pentecost, for a total of twenty-eight consecutive Sundays.

That's right; twenty-eight weeks of this church year will be spent in Ordinary Time. And in some ways, it might be right to think of this time as common or mundane. This is the time in the church year that is not marked by a constant stream of high points and low points, ups and downs, but is instead the normal, day-in, day-out life of the church.

From The Deacon's Corner (continued)

It is a time to grapple with the nuts and bolts of our faith, not coasting on the joy and elation of Christmas, or wallowing in the penitential feel of Lent, but instead just being exactly where we are, and trying to live our faith in that moment.

Traditionally the color for this season of "Ordinary Time" has been green, and it is a fitting choice. Green has long been associated with new life and growth. Even in Hebrew in the Old Testament, the word for the color "green" also means "young."

The green of this season speaks to us as a reminder that it is in the midst of ordinary time that we are given the opportunity to grow. Only when the hustle and bustle of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost have calmed down can we really focus on what it means to live and grow as Christians in this ordinary time, in this ordinary world.

It is a time to nurture our faith with opportunities for fellowship and reflection.

It is a time to feed and water our faith with chances for education, and personal and spiritual study.

It is a time to weed and prune our faith, cutting off the parts that may be dead and leaving them behind.

And we have a lot of growing to do, so God has given us most of the church year in which to do it.

The very fact that the church has a time called "Ordinary" is a profound theological statement. It is a reminder of the presence of God in and through the most mundane and ordinary seasons of our lives. God is not only on the mountaintop or in the valley, but walking alongside each of us when the flat, green road stretches endlessly to the horizon.

In fact, the gospel reading for one of the first Sundays in ordinary time reminds us of this very fact. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us to remember the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. They are ordinary and seemingly insignificant parts of the natural world, small and unimportant compared to us. And yet God remembers and cares for each of them.

It is a reminder that when God came and lived among us in the person of Jesus Christ, He experienced the same ordinary reality that we all experience. And that God, in Christ, offered us the opportunity to transform the most ordinary, mundane experiences into extraordinary events infused with the presence of God.

God is there, present in the midst of the ordinary, just waiting for us to recognize Him.

Peace, Deacon Dot



Frisbee!!! Vacation Bible School

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for our unique VBS running 9 am-Noon, **Monday-Friday, August 1-5**. Cost is a minimal \$10 per family.

Please register by sending an email to the parish office: admin@churchholyspirit.net. Include age of child(ren), and t-shirt size!

If you need nursery care for your youngest, please advise. We will send along medical release forms and other information to help your family prepare for a fabulous and lively week.

Throwing and catching Frisbees will be the means by which we learn about the Kingdom of God!

No previous skill of any kind will be needed for this event. This is not a competitive sporting event in any way.

Frisbee VBS = Fun, Joy and Grace!

Teen and parent volunteers are working with Fr. Phil. If any would like to help out for any one or more days, please make your interest known to the office.



A New Thing! Reaffirmation Camp! (Commonly called Confirmation)

- ⇒ For Students Entering 7th Grade and beyond (teens previously confirmed are encouraged to participate)
- ⇒ Starts **Sunday August 21st** at 6 pm with dinner and bonfire kick-off [Parents also expected to attend the Sunday kickoff (only) for their own separate adult session]
- ⇒ Camp **Monday—Friday August 22-26**; 10 am to 6 pm for the teens
- ⇒ There will be a few more classes and a special event in the Fall.

- ⇒ Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, commonly called Confirmation, with the Bishop will occur on **October 23rd**.

For information and registration, please contact Deacon Dot Hospador: dnhospador@optonline.net or 732-406-8551

Words from the Junior Warden



The Fund the Need for Accessibility campaign during the Golden Reflections Auction Gala was a phenomenal success! We are so blessed that a very generous patron made a sizable donation toward our campaign and pledged to match additional funds contributed by the congregation and attendees toward this very important project. Because of your *absolutely overwhelming* response to our "Fund the Need for Accessibility" -- coupled with our sponsor's matching grant -- this project is now truly achievable for Holy Spirit! The "Elevator Committee" is actively planning the installation of the Wheelchair Lift between our church's two floors and a Motorized Door into and out of Dove Hall. Sincere appreciation to **Chris Gnash**, who is working on the architectural designs and will be issuing requests for competitive bids to a number of firms. We have a trifold poster on display in the Narthex to give you an idea of what the "elevator" will look like. If you have any questions about the project, please don't hesitate to ask fellow Vestry member John Higgins, Treasurer Oscar Jones, Father Phil or me. We look forward to providing more updates as the project progresses .

Property - We hope you have noticed the floors *gleaming* in Dove Hall, the Narthex, the kitchen, all of the classrooms, and the hallways! White Tornado has just finished washing, stripping and waxing the floors upstairs and downstairs, something we have them do for us twice a year. By combining White Tornado's deep cleaning with the weekly cleaning performed by Papics Janitorial Service (Saturdays) and our Sunday Sextons (the Shallos), we make a concerted effort to keep our building looking its best.

Bylaws - As you may recall, our Annual Meeting was "snowed out" in January. Our Bylaws -- last adopted in 1988 -- did not have a provision for inclement weather. The Vestry took this opportunity to commission the Bylaw Committee to review and revise the 28-year old set of rules we use to govern our internal church affairs. What was a typewritten (as in 'by a typewriter') hardcopy is now an electronic document. We recommended several key changes to the Bylaws: provisioning for inclement weather or other emergencies when holding the Annual Meeting, aligning the minimum age of Vestry members from 18 to 16 to mirror the Diocese of New Jersey, and leveraging of new forms of communication for notifying the parish of official meetings. Additionally, there was the arduous and painstaking updating of Bylaw references to new Diocesan Constitution, Canon Law, and New Jersey Statutes. (Thank you, Marge!) It was really great to work with Marge Keller and Sue Quinlan, and to consult with Jim Keller, on this necessary project. Thank you, all, so much! The Vestry adopted the Bylaws Committee's recommendations on May 17th and the revised bylaws can be accessed from our website.

Diocesan Stewardship Workshop - Finally, on April 30th, John Rivers (a member of CHS's Endowment Fund Committee) and I attended a workshop on stewardship that was offered by the Diocese of New Jersey and held at St. Andrews Episcopal in New Providence. The workshop was very well attended by representatives of approximately a dozen churches in our diocese. John and I are looking forward to bringing a number of new ideas to the Stewardship Committee and to the Vestry for consideration in the upcoming months. We hope you will stay tuned . . .

I'm always open to feedback, so please don't hesitate to reach out . . .

Eva Lesniak

Whole and Holy Formation for the Whole Community

Holy+Formed® offers a new understanding about how we will build our church in today's society. We are challenged by changes in demographics, cultural shifts, and the evolution of an internet-based lifestyle. In response, our diocese is helping to change the way we do church to be intergenerational (integrate all ages) and to include web-based resources. It's a very different way than what we've done in the past; it's relationship-building for our kids and adults and it will take work on our part to make sure there is content for all age levels.

CHS has some excellent education programs but we are being asked to move beyond discrete age-learning structures and especially to engage in experience-based formation rather than attempting to recreate a traditional school setting.

We have some fantastic worship experiences like the Triduum: Maundy Thursday-Good Friday-Easter Vigil. We are asked to incorporate those experiences beyond the Church. We will integrate all the activities and events of the church into discrete modular programs that connect how we worship, and what we believe with what we do. We are looking to embody the purpose that shapes our community life.

We are already running programs both at the church and outside, say mission projects at the prison. We need to look for programs that can lead to parish community gatherings in homes where people live as well as how we celebrate as the Body of Christ on Sundays. Projects will be module-based with 6-7 events over the year (break in summer). We will do experience-based encounters that involve our stories as Christians, but in new ways (not only sitting around a table with a curriculum).

New relationships will be created that are not strictly based on the Sunday service. We will take content from the home gatherings to share on the website for those who were not there. There will be music, worship, prayer, church history and sacrament, life-cycle of Jesus, what the church is, and who we are.

Example: Papa Panov Advent – Christmas 2015

A special, very talented team created a module using a Tolstoy story, Papa Panov. They enrolled the children together to make a play out of the story and enrolled adults who were not currently involved in Sunday School and had them come in to talk about their ministries (shawl ministry, Meals on Wheels ministry). It was also crafted as part of a worship experience for Christmas Eve that included special music for the occasion. It was a wonderful, rounded

experience. It needed a couple more things to fulfill the points above, namely, it needed to be effectively "documented" that is, recorded in a way to upload to the web, and secondly, a mid-week event in the homes with multiple gatherings from across the parish.

We began the new approach by having start-up sessions in May and June. We will create a whole Parish Life in terms of formation.



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Whole and Holy Formation for the Whole Community (continued)

We will identify modules; each module will have a champion, team, web and other resources and timelines, enabling each team to make a custom build. Anywhere from 3 to 6 Sundays in length, a single mid-week, in-home event per module, building to a focal event at the church. The material does not have to be created out of nothing: so much is available online and being done in our church already. The things we are already doing can be imbedded into the content: sacred music, choir, etc. This will help both kids and adults to feel different aspects of our church life. One great benefit is the ability to invite people who aren't members of the church to be involved in the home gatherings.

All regular church activities need to be integrated into this approach – stewardship, fundraising, fish fry, Trinity Chorale, Art, We Care... so there is an integrity to all our programming and all programs are integrated back into the church community. And they need to be recast to be intergenerational, and re-invested in web work.

We will kick off Whole and Holy Formation with Vacation Frisbee School (see page 6)

So the work has begun and you can see a very preliminary schedule in the spreadsheet which is available on-line <http://www.churchholyspirit.org/cmsAdmin/uploads/CHS-Holy-and-Formed-June-1-2016.pdf> We welcome your ideas and/or the gift of your precious time. If you are interested in providing either or both, please contact Father Phil or one of the wardens. Thank you!!!

Philip+

Musical Notes

Summer Request:

Beginning or advanced musicians of the Parish have an opportunity to play/sing to the Glory of God during the summer months when the Choirs are on hiatus. Contact the Director of Music for scheduling or more information. At least one rehearsal is needed before playing at the summer service. You can choose between the 8 am and 10 am services or participate in both if so inclined.

Chris Williams, Director of Music



Were you there? Glorious music was heard at our Spring Chorale on May 1st. A lovely way to usher in a lovely month.

A Message from the Treasurer



Dear Friends,

Our Finance Committee continued to meet monthly since the last update to review our income and expenses. As we enter the second third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the year, here is an update on the 2015 financial position. As I write this message we have four recorded months of financial activity; Jan – April 2016.

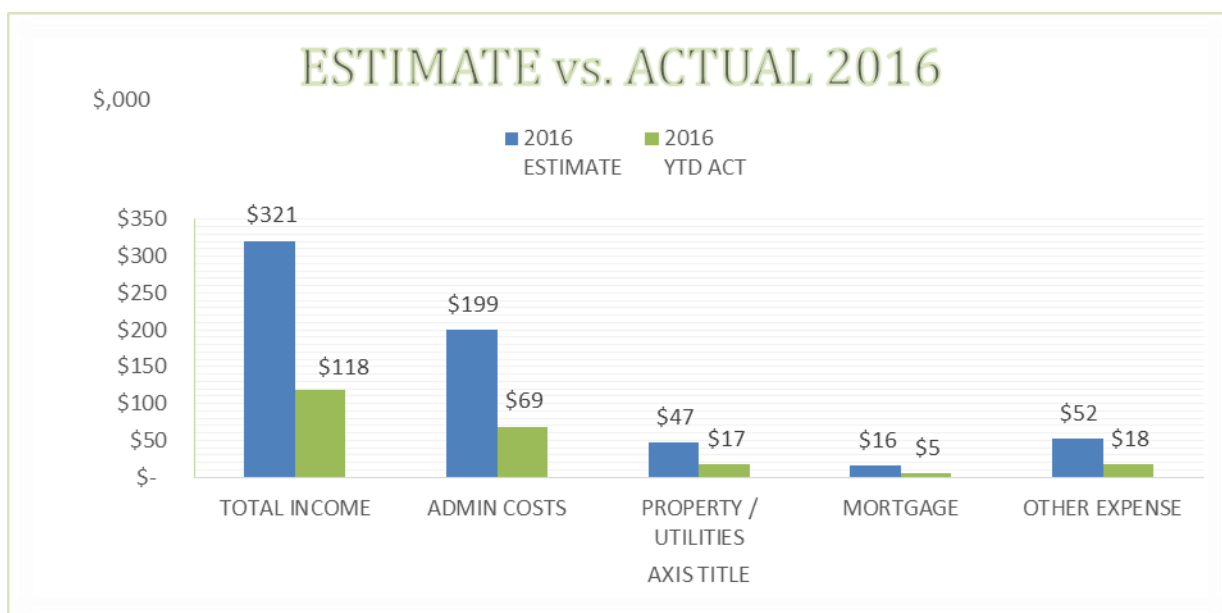
Our primary source of revenue is the pledge income we receive from those of you who made a pledge, and who have made non-pledge and plate contributions. Over the last nine weeks, the rate of contribution of pledges has begun to align with the budgeted “smooth” contribution schedule:

	Pledge	
Weekly budget goal	\$4,100	
Year –to-date budget goal	\$69,840	
Year-to-date actual offering	\$76,344	

With this rate of contribution, we are now only \$6.5k ahead of schedule. Some pledges are paid up for the fiscal year creating a temporary cushion, this should even out as the year progresses. Well done! As we approach the summer holidays we encourage the maintenance of a stable pledge and non-pledge contribution schedule (weekly, monthly etc.) to meet our annual goal. Please make every possible effort to bring and keep your pledges up to date.

Our Auction Gala was held on April 24th, 2016, please refer to the Gala Committee’s report on pages 16-17 for this event. The numbers presented therein will be finalized and incorporated into future Treasurer’s reports.

On the expenditure side, the church staff and budget holders continue to be diligent stewards. The operating costs which are mostly fixed are being well managed. The chart below shows how we are performing against our operating budget.



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A Message from the Treasurer (continued)

If you are new to our church community and would like to make a pledge at this time, please contact our pledge clerk, Ed Filipski (all pledges are confidential — held closely by Ed and not shared with rector, deacons or vestry). Likewise, if you made a pledge for this year and need to amend it or if there is a pastoral concern, please notify our Senior Warden, Arden Olsen. (See last page of this issue for contact information.)

Our church is a beautiful worship space that is supported by all of you in many ways – financially and with your time and talents. We would like to keep it running smoothly through the rest of the year and we thank you for your participation in our mission.

Oscar Jones

The article below is a good read. At CHS we are blessed with both good parents and patient parishioners; this article is just a reminder of why we should try to keep it that way. — Philip+

Children in the Sanctuary

I share these words in response to something disturbing that has taken place in my synagogue's sanctuary twice over the last month.

In both cases, a child in the sanctuary made child-like sounds, and in both cases, someone asked the child's parents to take the child out of the sanctuary. In one case, the person said to the parent, "*perhaps your child doesn't belong in synagogue.*" Besides my sense of (and agreement with) the parents' hurt, these words are also the least synagogue-ish I've ever heard. This sentiment has no place in our faith communities, and my response is one of outrage that they were said in the first place.

My response to these wrong reactions to the presence of children within holy space is simple and core to who we are called to be as faith communities: **Our sanctuaries are not sanctuaries from children. They are sanctuaries for children.**

Parents are the only ones responsible for their children, in a sanctuary and in general. We expect them to use good judgment, knowing that children have a hard time being quiet and that there are some quiet moments of solemnity. So while parents should be responsible for exercising wisdom, only parents are entitled to make that decision.

If you feel the urge to react to the sound a child makes in a sanctuary, please know that you are welcome to walk out until that feeling subsides. Children are cherished parts of our spiritual lives, not distractions from it. Just this morning in the sanctuary of my synagogue, I wept at the cries of a new baby, held in his grandfather's arms. Those cries (and the ruckus I pray he causes in that same space in years to come) spell out a glorious, vital future for my community and for people of faith.

After all, we are only older versions of the children we see. We cry. *Why shouldn't they?* They play. *Shouldn't we as well?* Those children will, one day, please God, take our places as leaders of faith communities. That is, they will be the next generation of faith leaders unless we inform them that their whole selves aren't welcome in our sacred spaces.

Jewish tradition teaches us that the Gates of Heaven are only open because of the cries of children. *How can our prayers be acceptable if we exclude our most pure sound?*

And so, I close with the simplest way I can state this, and invite you to remind each other if the need arises: A sanctuary is not a sanctuary from children. It is a sanctuary we've built for our children, and their children after them.

- - Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Congregation Netivot. Published originally on huffingtonpost.com in July 2014

The Pulse of the Parish

We welcome into the household of God Julie Stine and daughter, Nancy Cranell, who were "sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever" on May 15th. They have been attending services at Holy Spirit since the fall of 2015 and Nancy sings in the Junior Choir.

Congratulations to all our graduates, whether from Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, or College at whatever level. You are wonderful and we salute you!

We also salute Alyssa Van Veldhuisen, recently presented with her Girl Scout Gold Award. Brava, Alyssa!

We have been experiencing a small "Baby Boom" at CHS. Congratulations to all!

Colin Patrick was born on May 4th to Jaime Lynn and Jeff Gora and he joins siblings Erin and Joseph (who are acolytes) and little sister Molly (who often entertains us at Sunday services).

Parishioner Sue Quinlan welcomed a new granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was born on May 16 to daughter Amy and her spouse, Missy.

Also, Sally and Howard Bird have just welcomed another granddaughter, their 4th grandchild. On Tuesday, May 31st Aubrey Kay Shive arrived, joining her mom (Sarah), dad and her big sister. Mother and baby are doing very well!

Our heartfelt condolences to:

Bob Jones and Carol Crawford-Jones on the death of Bob's brother, William, on March 24th.

Our CHS Administrative Assistant, Linda Romanoski and her family on the passing into larger life of Linda's mother, Theresa D'Angelo, who died peacefully at age 93 on May 14th.

May the dear departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Barbara Burton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HOLD THE DATES

June	September
12 Sunday School Recognition Day—Picnic Included	5 Culinary Angels
20 Culinary Angels	19 Culinary Angels
21 Vestry Meeting	25 50th Anniversary
July	October
18 Culinary Angels	3 Culinary Angels
August	16 Culinary Angels
1 Culinary Angels	23 Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows with Bishop visit
1—5 Vacation Bible School	
15 Culinary Angels	
21-26 Reaffirmation Camp	

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.



Prison Ministry

This is a recent lap blanket created by Jenny in Maximum Security at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton. It illustrates Moses' parting of the Red Sea. Jenny's artistry moves her to create these beautiful yarn paintings with only her faith as a guide; she uses no pattern. Those of us who are privileged to contribute to the shawl ministry are in awe of the talent of Jenny and the other women at Edna Mahan, who use their minimal time with us to create wonderful examples of God's grace. They are spiritually aware and hungry for God's word and sacraments [bible study and services are also part of the ministry, as is tutoring]. It is a

privilege to share several hours a week with these women.

We currently have the opportunity to add several volunteers to this important and rewarding ministry. If you are interested, please let John Andrews know. andrewsjohnt@comcast.net

I can personally attest to the rewards we receive from our visits to the women at Edna Mahan. They look forward to the few hours a week that they spend with us, but we are so much more blessed to be able to spend the time with them! We meet at the prison in Clinton, in either Maximum Security (crochet only) or Grounds (knitting or crochet) on Monday or Wednesday from 1-3 pm. It takes a while to wait for approval by the Department of Corrections once you've submitted the required forms, but it is well worth the effort. I hope you will consider joining us. [Don't worry if your needlework skills are rusty or even nonexistent — we'll teach you!.]

Vick Brooks

Dear Reverend Philip and Compassionate Church of the Holy Spirit,

My friend, Jane Paradiso, has shared the incredible outpouring of prayers and support from the good people of the Church Of the Holy Spirit for our darling grandson, Logan Asher Kinkin, and for our entire family. Hearing that you prayed for Logan from the first days of his devastating diagnosis to the very day he received his angel wings on Palm Sunday, lifted us up and gave us the strength we needed to endure those most difficult days.

Not knowing us personally, you chose to travel this agonizing journey with us. We felt that spiritual warmth and were able to share those events with our son and our daughter-in law. We are 100% convinced that this overwhelming spirituality was transferred to them; it helped prepare the way for Logan's return home to our eternal Father. We were asleep in our faith, but we have been awakened...because of you. We are forever touched, forever changed. The poem below provides the words we want to express...

We just want to say thank you
 For lifting us up in prayer,
 Interceding on behalf of us
 And for letting us know you care
 For our spirits are knitted together
 Through our faith in Jesus Christ
 And we are truly the family of God
 When, through prayer, we can unite
 So we give thanks unto the Lord
 For our fellowship with you
 For all your prayers have carried us,
 As God was bringing us through. — [© By M.S.Lowndes](#)

God Bless You All, Mary and Fred Kinkin [Logan Asher Kinkin's Grandparents]



How fortunate we all are to be in such a loving faith community where we ALL care. Something is always happening and we all know our CHS family will be there to help in any way possible.

In any crisis our faith leads us through, together with church members who act as the hands of our Lord.

As the days, weeks, months and years pass by it seems the greatest need (apart from a hand to hold or a prayer to be shared) is meals and transportation.

Knowing a meal is going to be placed on the table without the worry of shopping/preparing is a great relief and comfort to anyone unable to do this for themselves. Sometimes simply to take a meal from the freezer in the St. Martin room alleviates a troublesome concern.

As you prepare a meal for your own family please consider setting aside a portion or two for the St. Martin room freezer. We don't want anyone to go there who is in need only to find the cupboard is bare. That would simply compound a difficult situation.

Getting to the doctor's office or hospital is another area of great need. Anyone going to see a doctor is often already a little anxious. Someone picking you up at your door to get you to your appointment and then delivering you safely home again can be a blessed relief.

Many of us are capable of providing transportation/meals but only a few seem to really hear the call. We always think someone else will "step up to the plate" but if we all think like that the "plate" will be empty and nobody wants that to happen.

So...I guess my appeal is to keep the freezer in the St. Martin room well stocked and the offers of transportation pouring in. I know we all want to help one another and this is a wonderful start ... to simply show WE CARE.

Susan Kane

*Ed. Note: Can I add you to our list of volunteer **We Care** drivers? Many wheels make light work! Email me if you think you might be available during the day once in a while..... Vicki gracehappens@centurylink.net. And on the same subject, see below for the request from Meals on Wheels. Summer is particularly difficult, with many regular volunteers on vacation. Thank you!*

Meals on Wheels is very much in need of volunteer drivers. Please consider giving a couple of hours on a weekday ONLY ONCE A MONTH to take a hot meal to a homebound senior. All new drivers are given orientation and printed directions. For more information call the MOW office at 908-284-0735 Or visit the website at <http://mowih.org>. Since CHS is one of three places in the county that hosts the folks who put meals together for those in need and are pleased to have them as tenants, wouldn't it be lovely to reciprocate in this way?



Acolyte Pride!



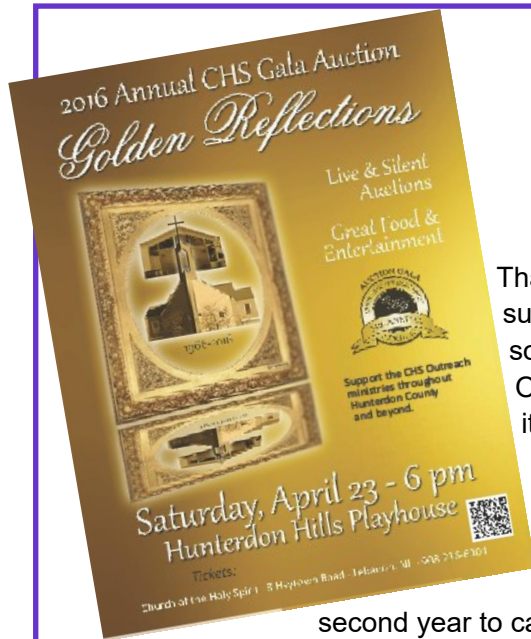
The Acolyte Ministry is such an important and joyous part of my Church experience. I enjoy guiding and directing these special youngsters each Sunday and during the other activities that we do. It is fulfilling and I pray that a difference is being made; for I know they have made a difference in my life. To honor them in a small way, I would like to share with you and recognize the time they have served to date toward this ministry. Our children are our future. Please share with me in celebrating all of the efforts of the Acolytes! When you see them, please thank them. If anyone feels an interest in joining our ministry, please let me know; there's always room for more.

Alyssa van VeldHuisen	8 Years
Amy Schroeder	5 Years
Gregory Schroeder	5 Years
Ellie Curtin	4 Years
Charlie Curtin	3 Years
Tiffany Daniels	3 Years
Destiny Daniels	3 Years
Melissa Olsen	2 Years
Will Altom	2 Years
Jordon Altom	2 Years
Jake Altom	2 Years

Blessing Fofana	2 Years
Bintou Fofana	2 Years
Caroline Fofana	1 Year
Lossenie Fofana	2 Years
Andrew Tevebaugh	1 Year
Erin Gora	1 Year
Joseph Gora	1 Year
Nancy Crannell	6 Months

Jack Daniels





Auction Reflections

Thank you all for making Holy Spirit's 34th Gala Auction a wonderful and successful event! Parishioners and friends enjoyed an evening of socializing, dining, listening or dancing to music provided by The Justin Odom Group and, of course, spirited bidding on a wide array of auction items.

Despite being the 34th year for the auction, there were several new twists this year. Everyone seemed to like the new venue of the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse and especially having a served dinner rather than a buffet. Doylestown's Michael Ivankovich returned for his

second year to call the auction. He provided input to the committee pre-auction as well as engaging the audience during the bidding.

Auction packages always change and this year a few of the new live auction items that created much bidding interest included, Father Phil's Seven Course Dinner for Eight, Janet Wulster's Errand and Shopping Service, June Filipski's Mural Mile Walk in Philadelphia and the Burtons' Balloon Flight. Even for those not bidding, it's great entertainment to watch the antics, angst and delight of those who are.

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the auction in any way. The planners, solicitors, ticket sellers, packagers, luggers, attendees and, of course, the bidders. A special thanks to our youth and their friends who gave up a Saturday evening to support the church and auction.

The 2016 Auction Committee, Vicki Brooks, Cecilie Bulcha, Ed Filipski, June Filipski, Suzanne Higgins, Susan Kane, Eva Lesniak, Jan Paxton, and John Rollins worked tirelessly for many months and appreciated the help of many others closer to auction day.

Besides being a fun evening, the whole reason for the auction is to serve as the major fund raiser for CHS to assist with our far reaching program of Out Growth. Although some accounting still remains to be done, our Treasurer, Oscar Jones, has estimated that the auction had a net profit of \$31,000, which includes restricted income for Fund the Need. This year's designated project went towards the installation of a lift between floors of CHS. Read more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

As for next year's auction, we are looking for new people to take the lead. Jan Paxton and I have headed the committee for 5 years and think that fresh, creative ideas are out there just waiting to be tapped. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact any vestry person. It's an important fundraiser for the parish and those we serve, and we don't want to lose it!

June Filipski





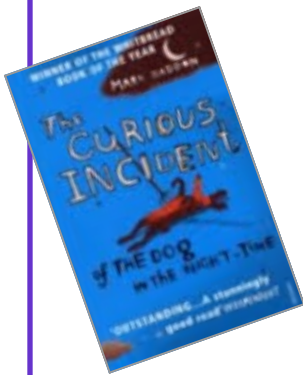


Filling the Red Wagon

Katie Higgins and Julie Schmidt are continuing the collection of food donations for Clinton's Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Our food collection gift suggestions for the summer are ShopRite gift cards (Your donation of gift cards enables us to purchase perishable items such as Meat, Fish, Milk, Eggs, Cheese). Alternately, the Pantry can use

CANNED SOUP: Chicken Broth, Vegetable, Lentil, Pea, Beef; CANNED FRUIT: Peaches, Pears, Oranges & Pineapple; CANNED VEGGIES: Spinach, Potatoes, Black Beans & Carrots; Baked Beans; Coffee; Sugar; 100% Apple Juice; Plain Crackers (e.g., Ritz, Saltines, etc.) or you can access the pantry's website: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/>. Click on the "Current Needs" tab for ideas. Please help stock the Food Pantry shelves. Thank you!!!

Suzanne Higgins



Spirited Readers Book Club

Our next book selection is the best seller, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, a first novel by Mark Haddon, which is currently a very successful Broadway play. Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. We will be meeting on **Sunday, June 26**, following the 10:00 service, in the St. Martin Room. Join us!

Suzanne Higgins

First Sunday Breakfasts

April — The men of the parish treated us to a delightful breakfast. Bob Jones was the coordinator and donated farm-fresh eggs from his chickens. Sky Van Ness prepared his famous scrambled eggs; Ricky Waller baked quiche, spinach/mushroom and seafood; David Livingston, ham & Swiss omelet; and Arden Olsen cooked waffles. A cheese puff with spinach was donated. Sausages completed the array.

May — The Tevebaughs (Anne, John and AJ) and Taylors (Andra, Patrick and Greg) hosted a lovely breakfast on May 1. Chef Patrick cooked pancakes to order while we feasted on a spread of breads (pumpkin, lemon poppy almond, and cranberry orange), banana oatmeal chocolate chip bars, vegetarian egg bake with raisins, hash browns, sausage cheese egg casserole, gluten-free egg vegetarian casserole, bananas and clementines.

Many thanks are extended to all our breakfast chefs who served us this past year. Please consider being a host after the summer hiatus; get a team now and then sign up after the sheet is posted or e-mail me at carolcj@prolog.net. Thank you!

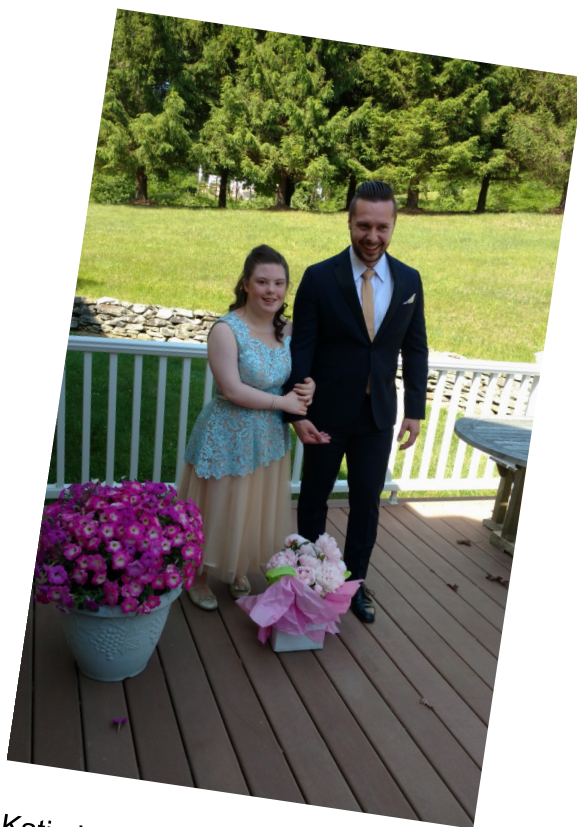


Carol Crawford-Jones

Seen at CHS and environs since the last Trumpeter:



Julie Stine and daughter, Nancy Cranell Baptized on Pentecost



Katie Hggins and Ian Isbitski off to the NHHS Senior Prom



Alyssa Van Veldhuisen receives her Girl Scout Gold Award.



Father Phil's wonderful shot of the spring's exquisite redbuds

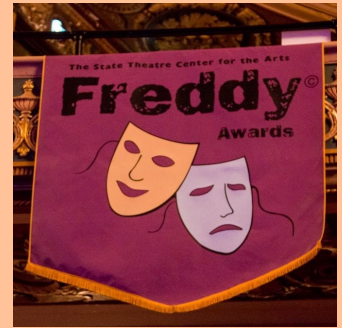
Of Interest Around Our Area

State Theatre, Easton

A gallery featuring photographs from the 2015 Freddy Awards opened at the State Theatre for the Arts in Easton, PA in April showcasing our own **Dave Dabour's** favorite photographs from the 2015 Freddy Awards. The gallery is open to the public and a show ticket is not required for entry. Metered street parking is available as well as a nearby parking garage that offers a courtesy shuttle to the theater.

As most of us are aware, Dave is an award winning photographer who has been photographing theatre for many years. The FREDDY© Awards program recognizes and rewards exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theatre in local high schools in eastern PA and western NJ.

The gallery is open 90 minutes before a show starts until July 9th . Check the theater's web site www.statetheatre.org for show information or contact Dave at dave@dabourphotography.com or (908) 995-7273 for more information. (If you are planning on attending, let Dave know. If he's available he will meet you there and give you a guided tour.



Meanings of HOME at HAM

Hunterdon Art Museum (HAM) is hosting an exhibit of artwork created by the clients of HomeFront, an organization in Mercer County that uses a holistic approach to helping homeless families overcome the cycle of poverty. For the past six months, HAM has been leading workshops exploring the meaning of home. These workshops, for both adults and children, use art therapy to help improve the participants' perceptions of themselves. Professional artists and poets guided each workshop. Much of the artwork was completed in the clients' spare time in ArtSpace, a studio on the HomeFront Family Campus and SewSpace, a

fabric arts studio at their main offices in Lawrenceville. The exhibit was made possible by a grant from the Bunbury Corporation.

An opening reception will be held on June 11 from 2 to 4 pm at Hunterdon Art Museum. Many of the HomeFront artists will be present at the reception, which is open to the public. The exhibit runs from June 5th through September 4th. **Wendy Hallstrom** has been managing the program for HAM. Please join her at the reception and meet some wonderful artists. Postcards about the event can be found in the Narthex and in the lobby of the Hunterdon Art Museum. Check the museum's website for interesting details about this exhibit and other current offerings. <http://hunterdonartmuseum.org/future-exhibitions/>



Children's Yoga at CHS

For children 7 and up who have a family member affected by a diagnosis of cancer. Monday afternoons starting June 6th from 4:15-5:15. Practice led by our own **Mary Haspel**. Offered through Yoga for Cancer Care at Church of the Holy Spirit. Contact mary.haspel@gmail.com for more information.

Of Interest Around the State

ANOTHER CELTIC JOURNEYS EXPERIENCE...

HIDDEN IRELAND

may 16~27, 2017



Dublin (St Patricks Cathedral, Book of Kells)
 Glendalough Kildare (St Brigid's Well)
 Clonmacnoise Westport (Croagh Patrick)
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Church with Big Hands

It is with joy today that I can fondly recall a specific Pastor, congregation and church that played a pivotal role in my returning to and reaffirming my Christian faith as a young adult. First English Lutheran Church is located in an urban setting in the Fan District of Richmond, a few blocks away from Virginia Commonwealth University, where I received my Bachelors degree in Psychology (1976-1982). What was striking about this congregation is how warm and welcoming the members were to my wife, Gloria Jean, and I while we were dating, students at VCU, and neighborhood residents. The lasting impact of having been a part of this particular fellowship is still with me today. I will always think of First English Lutheran Church as the "Church with Big Hands."

First English Lutheran Church began in 1875, towards the end of southern reconstruction following the Civil War. The initial pastor included the word "First" in the church's title because there were no other Lutheran congregations in the Richmond area that spoke English at the time. The church was built of large gray stone in traditional Gothic style. Both the narthex and sanctuary are full of deep, rich wood tones with beautiful stained glass panels in each window. The sanctuary was built in a traditional cross shape, decorated with beautifully carved wood and crossbeams reflective of Tudor design. A large wooden cross is set above the altar. Most services followed a traditional ELCA liturgical format.

The Pastor of First English during the time Gloria Jean and I were members was Rev. John F. Byerly. After accepting a call to this church, Pastor Byerly quickly established several strong neighborhood outreach programs, including a dynamic campus ministry at VCU. He realized these types of local ministries were crucial in extending the "welcoming hand" of God's spirit of love, help, hope and Christian fellowship to the surrounding community. Pastor Byerly recognized that First English needed a renewed, outwardly focused mission if the church was going to revitalize its aging congregation. I recall three specific ways these efforts affected me.

I. **Welcoming hands to visitors:** Having made a mutual and personal commitment that our relationship and life together would be Christ centered, Gloria Jean and I explored several local churches near our campus in search of a place to worship. Whether by effective use of congregational talents or by spiritual design, Pastor Byerly appointed a man known as "Mr. Bob" to serve as a permanent greeter at worship services for congregational members and visitors alike. Mr. Bob was a tall, robust, elderly gentleman with a welcoming smile as wide as he was tall. Entering the church from the street level required walking up 6-8 long, stone steps and every Sunday Mr. Bob was there to open the center door, extend one of his giant hands with a smile and pull you up the last 3 steps into the church. Once he grasped hold of you there was no letting go, nor did you ever feel like you wanted to turn back.

II. **Loving hands of sponsors:** Another example of effective use of congregational talents by Pastor Byerly was at the time we indicated we would like to join the church. We were paired with a lovely elderly couple who had been long-time members of First English, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Busch. Despite our age difference we shared many similar hobbies and interests. This couple helped us spiritually and socially transition into the church, often helping us follow the format of service that was unfamiliar to us at the time (I had been raised a Southern Baptist and my wife was Episcopal). They also welcomed us into their home on many occasions for a specially cooked meal (much appreciated when a student!) and sharing talents such as woodworking and sewing. They were like an extra set of grandparents to us. They remained a vital link for us, and this congregation, over the years, even when we moved away from Virginia. We often visited them on return trips home until they passed away.

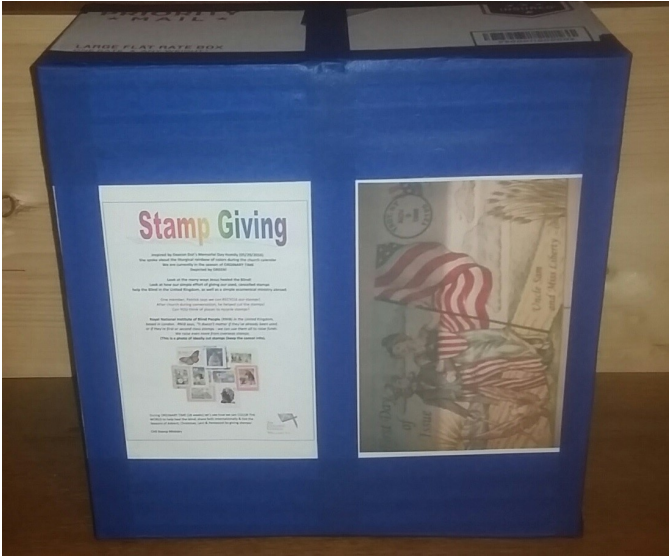
III. **Inclusive hands for students:** First English had a vibrant outreach and mission for the student population at VCU. They made full use of the Lutheran Student Movement program (LSM) that is part of the national ELCA organization and is present on many college campuses around the country. The goal of this ministry is to provide a Christian community on college campuses and through local church affiliation for students to be spiritually supported. In addition, it helps students to grow together in faith and to have a venue to share personal witness of God's love. Pastor Byerly appointed his assistant pastor, Rev. Bob Mordhorst, to be the primary liaison for this ministry at VCU. Pastor Mordhorst spent much time and effort reaching out to the student community to participate in a weekly fellowship at the church, special outreach dinners, and other events that were held both on campus and at the church facility. Many of the students who were part of our group became permanent church members. It is refreshing to see the lasting effect of these efforts; many of the people from our group are still active members and we enjoy these friendships whenever we go back to First English for a visit.

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When I reflect on my time as a member of First English Lutheran Church, I recall a pastor and congregation and a Christian ministry that lovingly embraced me much as the father did for his wayward son in Jesus' parable of the "prodigal son" in Luke, Chapter 15. We are at a point in history where many people are scared and frustrated with the way the world, society and their personal lives are going and are seeking answers for a meaningful life. I'm "gratefully alive" because I found that answer at First English and I was challenged to grow spiritually again. I am blessed to have found an active, vibrant faith community that had "big enough hands" to pull me in at such a pivotal time in my life.

Today, Gloria Jean and I have found a new church home in Church of the Holy Spirit, a place whose mission is **"to know Christ, as we serve others, proclaim God's love and grow in The Spirit."** I feel the reality of that stated mission in weekly worship, special programs, activities and fellowship with my church family. I am anchored once again for the new works God is doing my life. My prayer is the same today as it was then; that God grant all believers and workers in the Christian faith, in whatever level they serve, the strength to push on for the glory of Christ and the advancement of his kingdom, to reach those who are in need, struggling or lost, the same way this church in my past did so beautifully for me.

Ricky Waller




Stamp Giving

Inspired by Deacon Dot's Memorial Day Homily (05/29/2016)
 She spoke about the liturgical rainbow of colors during the church calendar
 We are currently in the season of ORDINARY TIME
 We are currently in the season of GREEN!

Look at the many ways Jesus healed the Blind!
 Look at how our simple effort of giving our used, cancelled stamps
 help the Blind in the United Kingdom, as well as a simple ecumenical ministry abroad.


One member, Patrick says we can RECYCLE our stamps!
 After church during conversation, he helped cut the stamps!
 Can YOU think of places to recycle stamps?

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.
 (This is a photo of ideally cut stamps (keep the cancel info).)



During ORDINARY TIME (28 weeks) let's see how we can COLOR THE
 WORLD to help heal the blind, share faith internationally & live the
 Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent & Pentecost by giving stamps!

CHS Stamp Ministry




Stamp Giving OPPT!

Going on Vacation?
 Visiting a State Park?

Send a Postcard to CHS &/or
 Stop by the local USPS & ask for the State Stamp!

During ORDINARY TIME (28 weeks) let's see how we can
 COLOR THE WORLD to help heal the blind, share faith internationally &
 Practice Deacon Dot's Memorial Day Homily: Live the Seasons of Advent,
 Christmas, Lent & Pentecost... Simple Way: Stamp Giving!

CHS Stamp Ministry



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