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



Jeff Gora Photo

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From the Rector's Desk

Advent is upon us. Around the world it is usually just four quick weeks. For several years, we've enjoyed an expanded Advent of seven, beginning the second Sunday in November. You can find our more information about it here: www.theadventproject.org



I have some additional thoughts about a spiritual practice to adopt over the seven weeks:

- † Week 1: Draw up a list of anyone who has affected you lately. Spend this week writing letters to them which tell explicitly how God has worked through them in your life. Draw crayon cartoons for those who can't read. No emails. Handwriting. Slow. Postage stamps. Finding earthly addresses.
- † Week 2: Identify something in your home that you like a lot and think of someone who could use it more, then give it away.
- † Week 3: Exercise every morning this week. Use lots of moisturizer on your skin after bathing. Use perfume or cologne every day.
- † Week 4: Find an image of Jesus (or a cross) and gaze on it quietly without words for three full minutes every day. Set a timer if you need to.
- † Week 5: As you brush your teeth in the morning look in the mirror and silently pray the Jesus Prayer: Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.
- † Week 6: Invite someone to eat a meal with you.
- † Week 7: Mention that you are a Christian and why you find it meaningful in the spheres of life other than church.

You may encounter these facts: One, you are loved. Two, you are free. Three, you are precious. Four, you are not alone. Five, you can ask for help at any time. Six, you really, really, really are not alone. Seven, sharing the most meaningful thing in your life is not as hard as you think.

+Philip

ALL SAINTS and Confirmation with our Bishop!

This Friday, Nov 1 @ 7 pm. Come for a party. Bring a photo of a loved one who has gone to God and place it on or near the altar. Bishop Chip will be with us to celebrate. A reception follows in the Parish Hall. Let's find joy together. Great music, too!

CaféCHS 

Every Sunday starting this Sunday, Nov. 3 from 9:00 to 9:30 am and 11:00 to 11:30 am.

Café tables arranged in the Narthex. Please stay if you can—our lives can be too rushed and it's wonderful to spend some casual time together after worship. We serve fabulous boutique roast coffee (tea is available too) and your fellow parishioners/neighbors are well worth getting to know better. We'll gather around tables for short TED talks (live) and a conversation among friends.

Musings from the Senior Warden



There, but for the grace of God, go I.

Here, because of the grace of God, I am.

The Lesson in Fr. Phil's sermon last Sunday (10/27) keeps rolling around in my head. While his point was more about being together with people as opposed to standing apart, after mulling it about, I've taken it a step further. Here, because of the grace of God, I am. Am I being fully aware of this moment? Am I where I am because of God's purpose? I thought back to when I first joined Holy Spirit. A friend of my older daughter's invited us. It was an instant fit, so we stayed. I'd grown up in a church that felt similar, but like many young adults, had drifted away as I moved from place to place. After a while, it didn't feel important. But, shortly after we joined, my parents were struck with various serious illnesses and I was in emotional pain. I would sit in the church and pray and cry and pray some more. Talking to God while sitting in His house gave me comfort and strength. It was fortunate that we had been introduced to this church. Or was it? Here, because of the grace of God, I am. If we pay attention to the little synchronicities in our daily life, I believe we will become more aware of God's hand and of God's love.

Vestry Notes:

We have been working very hard to try to come up with a church calendar that is full of meaningful activities. Our discussions have centered on including more time for fellowship as a whole community, not just small splinter groups. We are starting Café CHS along with Advent. Think of it as a coffee hour with purpose. We are trying to make it more welcoming, and it will include a topic of focused discussion. Our current habit is to chat with people we need to see or say a quick hello and run out. We know life is busy, so this isn't designed to be lengthy. But, it will hopefully give each of us a chance to connect with someone new or connect with someone you know on a deeper level. This will happen after both the 8 and 10 services, so all will be included. We will be including coffee and baked goods, so please let us know about any dietary needs. We will be providing Gluten free options, but are unsure about the need to provide nut-free, sugar-free, etc. Looking forward to seeing you there!

And – so you know who you are speaking to, we are bringing back name tags. Initially we will just be writing them on sticky tags but are working on a more permanent option. You may think that everyone knows you, but sometimes we just know a person's face and are too embarrassed to ask their name for the tenth time.

In addition to fellowship within our congregation, we are also trying to raise our visibility in the community. We had a great time at the Lebanon July 4th parade, so we are participating in the Clinton Christmas parade this year on **December 6th**. Be on the lookout for announcements as we pull it together.

Our second community event will be the Evening Choral Service on **December 22nd**. Invite friends and family – it should be a wonderful event full of joyous music.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Advent.

Cate Mattison

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of September, our financial results for 2019 are as follows:

	YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Revenue	\$ 247,950	\$ 222,896
Total Expense	\$ 268,050	\$ 239,791
Net	\$ (20,100)	



Our increase in operating revenue compared to budget is due to pre-paid pledges for the entire year paid in the first quarter of the year and carryover from auction income in May. Expenses are over budget due to some line items having higher expenses vs. budget at this time of year and donations toward expenses gifting in the month. Some expenses will correct out over the course of the rest of the year.

The Vestry and finance committee wish to thank all parishioners for their ongoing support of CHS, especially as we near the end of 2019. Please take time to review the third quarter statements that were just issued. If any variances are noted, please reach out to the pledge clerk for corrections, so that the 4th quarter statements reflect the true giving amount of each parishioner.

Our Stewardship campaign will be incorporated into the area house blessings during Epiphany in January and February of 2020. The budget presented to Vestry for 2020 will reflect estimated pledge and giving amounts. The 2020 budget will be updated, as needed, after all pledge cards are returned by the end of February.

Thank you.

Sally Bird

Estimate of Giving for 2020

While the Fall is normally a time to consider our support of the mission of CHS for the coming year, we are changing things up and offering a time across the Season of Epiphany to revise our yearly estimate of giving. You may choose to increase your giving at any time according to your own needs and calling. Changes to estimates are communicated directly to the Pledge Clerk, Ed Filipski. Your support is not communicated to the vestry at large or to the ministers or wardens.

+Philip



JEWELRY SALE

Every Sunday in November

Narthex, CHS after each service

We have over 100 pieces of jewelry for your choosing. Everything is priced to sell at \$5, \$10, \$15, and a few \$20 selections. There will also be a \$1 table so our younger customers can shop for something for Mom. All monies earned will be donated to the church.

Cash and checks only, please.

Marge Keller

Theology on Tap

We continue to meet on Tuesdays at the Courtyard Marriott Bistro in Lebanon from 7 to 8:40 pm.

Our new book for Advent is *That All Shall Be Saved* by David Bentley Hart, available from Amazon in hard copy and Kindle editions.

A stunning reexamination of one of the essential tenets of Christian belief from one of the most provocative and admired writers on religion today.

The great fourth-century church father Basil of Caesarea once observed that, in his time, most Christians believed that hell was not everlasting, and that all would eventually attain salvation. But today this view is no longer prevalent within Christian communities.

In this momentous book, David Bentley Hart makes the case that nearly two millennia of dogmatic tradition have misled readers on the crucial matter of universal salvation. On the basis of the earliest Christian writings, theological tradition, scripture, and logic, Hart argues that if God is the good creator of all, he is the savior of all, without fail. And if he is not the savior of all, the Kingdom is only a dream, and creation something considerably worse than a nightmare. But it is not so. There is no such thing as eternal damnation; all will be saved. With great rhetorical power, wit, and emotional range, Hart offers a new perspective on one of Christianity's most important themes.

Obviously we will be having great conversations about all this, especially in the context of what it means for followers of Jesus and whether or not justice, free will, and obedience have any place in the argument.

+Philip

DAVID BENTLEY HART
Translator of *The New Testament*

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HEAVEN, HELL,
& UNIVERSAL
SALVATION

Calling all Voices



CHS choir is recruiting singers to join us in performing selections from the Bach Christmas Oratorio!

Special rehearsals will take place on Thursday evenings starting **November 14th** (no rehearsal on November 28th — it's Thanksgiving!) from 7:00-8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

The performance will take place on Sunday, **December 22nd** at 4:00 pm.

Sign up with Meg McKenna (ladybassist@comcast.net); please include your name, email address, and voice part. Spread the word!

Bach Christmas Oratorio with Advent Evensong

Music Director Alex Tartakovsky will lead an expanded CHS choir and small orchestra in selections from this glorious work.

Sunday, December 22nd at 4:00 pm

[NB — one service of Holy Eucharist that morning at 9:00 am]

A Few Notes on Beauty, Buildings and Grounds

New Icon of Christ Praying

Last year we created a contemplative prayer space on the eastern transept of the church (fancy church word for wing of a building) complete with votive candle stand in memory of Bishop George Councill, along with optional incense offerings. The transept is newly graced by a carved icon of Christ in Prayer. Not a classic orthodox icon in form and material, as are others in the Sanctuary, but stunning nonetheless.

Please offer your thanks to Gabrielle Bolarakis for its presence among us. We are so grateful for the various works of art that draw our hearts deeper into the mystery of God, and for the artists, both near and far, who create them.



Keller Sacristy

Starting **Sunday, November 10th**, the back storage room behind the Nursery is being enlarged to create space for the Keller Sacristy – a room for the altar party to vest and prepare for worship. After services on that morning, you are welcome to help clear out the nursery as we break over some walls and move a doorway. The nursery will only lose a little footage, but the acolytes and clergy will gain a proper vesting and storage space.

Eagle Scout Project

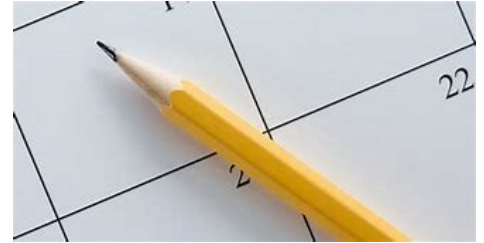
Greg Schroeder directed his troop in the building of an octagonal platform just hovering above the retention pond which will make for a neat space for services, possibly musical events in warmer weather and a good place to pop your skates on when we get a frozen pond again. Thanks Greg and all those who contributed to the effort. Nicely done!!

Elevator

It's not an elevator. It's really a lift. And it works beautifully. There are directions for use posted on each floor, but here's the [somewhat counterintuitive] skinny. If you're in the undercroft (fancy church word for basement) press and hold the **down** arrow button until the carriage arrives. You'll see it descending through the window in the door. Let go of the button and the door will open automatically. If you're in the Narthex (fancy church word for foyer – fancy French word for entrance hall) press and hold the **up** button in likewise manner. Once on board, press and hold the button in the direction of your desired destination. Once the carriage stops, let go of the button and the door will open. It is not a speedy operation, as intended. No children will be able to play on it — a result of its being as incredibly safe and smooth as it is slow. And it works perfectly. Thanks to all who donated to the cause many years ago, meeting the generous challenge grant of the Emmitts; the donation of architectural services by Chris Gnash; and the patient follow-up efforts of Chris, Gary Scott and John Higgins, among others, who helped to bring this long-anticipated improvement to fruition.

+Philip

New Scheduling System Planned



Received from Dave Dabour: request for input (asking those involved in prison ministry at Edna Mahan to complete the information if they aren't included in the current system).

We are pleased to announce that we are putting into place a new system that will make scheduling much easier for everyone! Using this online system you'll be able to specify exactly what times do and do not work well for you to serve. You'll also be able to check your schedule from anywhere and easily find a substitute when you can't make one of your scheduled dates. We'll be sending you more information about how to use this new system in the near future. For now, we'd like you to please ensure that the information we have on file for you is accurate.

Please log in to the "Web Terminal" using the link below and update your general information, service preferences and unavailable times. Please make sure that you enter all the dates for which you are not available between December 2 and March 8.

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com//web-terminal/my-profile?user=chs>

Once you are logged in, you can click on the "Help" tab at the top of the screen to see [a short video](#) and [printable guide](#) that will explain step by step how to update your information.

If you have an iOS or Android device, you can download a free app that will make it easier to view your scheduled dates, request and accept subs, and update your profile from your mobile device! Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to the [App Store](#) or [Play Store](#) on your device and download the "Ministry Scheduler Pro" app.
2. Open the app and enter the following under Organization ID: **chs**
3. Enter your Web Terminal Username and Password to log in.

Then, all you need to do is open the MSP app to see your scheduled dates, request and accept subs, and update your profile!

You must submit your updated preferences and availability for the next schedule (December 2nd to March 8th) by Monday, November 18 in order for them to be considered.

If you have any questions, please let me know. We look forward to sharing more information about the benefits of this new system with you in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your service!

Dave Dabour (<mailto:dave@dabourphotography.com>)

NEWSFLASH: SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

Newsflash: First Sunday Breakfasts have become SECOND Sunday breakfasts (in addition to Café CHS, which begins November 3.) With the exception of April and June, simple repasts will be held between the services. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. And keep it simple. You don't need to fuss. Eggs are good for the gluten-free folks, of course.

The October breakfast, hosted by Carol Crawford-Jones/Bob Jones, Alice and Andy Hrebella, and Judy Linger, featured a simple assortment of scrambled eggs, sausages, and breads.

Please e-mail Carol Crawford-Jones at carolcj@prolog.net for more information.

Carol Crawford-Jones

We Care Group

Well, we have two knee surgeries over, with another one, possibly two, to go. There must be a sale on knees going on which I don't know about!

The first two surgeries were a great success with amazingly rapid recovery.

Going to press; all seems quiet although I don't like to tempt fate! However, WE CARE is always at the ready to help wherever we can. Please let me or Dot know of any needs.

We are in the process of compiling a list of folks willing to drive for doctor/hospital visits/PT, etc. The trips are mainly local. Let me or Vicki Brooks know if you can be available.

It has come to my attention that meals would be appreciated by a faith family of five. If anyone is willing to prepare a simple meal/casserole, I am happy to deliver. Simply place in the kitchen fridge clearly labeled with my name and let me know: 908-528-1788.

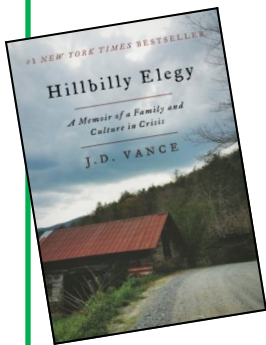
WE CARE has been such a support to many over the past few years and it is rewarding to know the help is very much appreciated.

Finally, I must mention Greta. The times I shared with her have sadly come to an end but what a joy they were. She was a wonderful lady. Her faith was an inspiration. I shall miss her. Unfortunately, I was out of the country at the time of her funeral but I hear it was well attended and beautiful. May God Bless her.

Susan Kane



Spirited Readers Book Club:



Our next selection will be "Hillbilly Elegy," by J. D. Vance, a portrait of the poor, white, American class structure. It is the true story of a family's struggle to rise up and away from Kentucky's Appalachia region, to escape alcoholism, poverty, abuse, and the trauma associated with abject poverty. It has been lauded by several reviewers, with "The New York Times" citing it as one of "6 books to help understand Trump's win." Apparently, a movie based on the book is in the works, directed by Ron Howard.

Because of the holiday season, we have decided to hold our next discussion on **Sunday, January 12, 2020**, following the 10 am service. As such, I'll be getting the books to you in mid-to-late November.

Suzanne Higgins

Red Wagon

With the holiday months of November and December upon us, we are asking for donations of canned fruit, applesauce, and sugar for the food pantry. While these items are listed among their most current needs, remember any donations of cleaning supplies, toiletries, or non-perishable food always are welcome. PLEASE, do not send in holiday goodies — cookies, cakes, candy — because the Pantry tries very hard to donate nutritious items. Those items can be donated in the appropriate box at CHS to the veterans we support. Thank you for your continuing help for the seniors, families, and individuals in our community who depend on our generosity for wholesome meals, and on behalf of Marge Keller, blessings for your overwhelming response (more than 700 pounds of needed foods and household items) to her birthday Open Pantry challenge. [And thanks to John, Suzanne and Katie Higgins, who faithfully transport this largesse to the pantry every week! There but for the grace of God. — Ed.]

Katie Higgins & Julie Schmidt

Branch of Jesse



"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots"

Isaiah 11:1. Jesse was King David's father. The image of a branch growing out of the roots of Jesse points to a new king in David's line. We know that this is fulfilled in Jesus, the King of Kings, who is a descendant of Jesse.

During the Advent season, a symbolic Branch of Jesse will be decorating our Narthex. The Branch is a representation that connects God's faithfulness through the Old Testament to the newness in the form of the birth of Jesus. Just as God gave us the gift of life through Jesus Christ, we will share this hope with others in our community through the giving of Christmas gifts.

The Giving Branch will hold approximately 125 tags with gift requests for our friends at Freedom House (a half-way house for men) and their Family Afterward program, Good News Home (a drug/alcohol abuse treatment center for women), Anderson House (a half-way house for women), Cristo Rey, and Binnacle House (a group home for boys ages 13-18). The tags will be available starting on **Sunday, November 17th.**

Deanne Altom



HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Christmas flower donations are due by December 8

Christmas flower envelopes for your donations towards Christmas flowers and greens for the "greening" of the church on **December 15th** will be available beginning **November 17th** on the table in the Narthex. **Donations are due by December 8th** to ensure that the names of the people for whom the donation is being made are included in the Christmas bulletin. To submit your donation:

On the envelope include your name and the name(s) for whom the donation is being made and whether it is a memorial or in thanksgiving. **Please write clearly.** Put your donation (\$35 is suggested) in the envelope and place it in the collection plate on any Sunday, in the Altar Guild mailbox (in the hallway by the lower entrance) or return it to the office.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 15

Join us after the 10 am service on **December 15th** to help decorate the church for Christmas! The Altar Guild supplies the greens, wreaths, Poinsettia plants, bows and some guidance to decorate the sanctuary. You don't have to be an interior decorator to help; every pair of hands is welcome. We'll also set up the Christmas tree and the nativity scene. Come join the fun and be amazed at how beautiful our sanctuary looks when we are done!

[Ed. Note – because of our special Evensong service on December 22nd we are breaking with tradition and greening the church a week before the end of Advent. To do otherwise would be to invite chaos....and a further reminder of chaos avoidance that on the 22nd there will be ONE morning service of Holy Communion at 9:00 am.]

Sue Landgraf, Altar Guild Directress

Pulse of the Parish

Farewell to Linda Canulette and John Lafayette, who've just moved to a brand-new house in Virginia (near Winchester). Address is now 114 Bleeding Heart Drive, White Post, VA 22663.

And regarding snail mail, Aaron Murray is currently in residence across the pond. His address is The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW and he'd love to hear from his friends at CHS.

Congratulations to: Barbara and Sandy Burton on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary in September!
Jane Paradiso on the birth September 29th of her first grandchild, Alexa Nicole Paradiso.

Sue Quinlan on the arrival October 14th of her 4th grandson (6th grandchild) in western Massachusetts. Amy and Missy Quinlan report that William Augustus (Gus) is great and big sister Mary is delighted.

Thanks to Rev. Ann Holt, Rector Emeritus of St. Thomas' Alexandria, for presiding and preaching at both services on September 15th to allow Fr. Phil to recuperate from:

The marriage of Victoria Faith Carr-Jones and Ryan Boyer Lovering, September 14, 2019 at CHS. Blessings and happiness to Tori and Ryan!

Thanks also to the Carr-Joneses for offering their lovely wedding tent and décor to the church the next day for a welcome-back picnic. A good time was had by all — two days in a row for some!

Condolences to: Sally and Howard Bird and their family on the death of Sally's mom, Jane Carpenter, on September 13.

Robert Kuchta on the death of his wife, Linda, one-time CHS parishioner (and sexton), in September after a long battle with cancer.

The family of Greta Tump, who died on October 9th at Independence Manor in Flemington, where she had continued to play the piano after many years of music at CHS. A Celebration of Life and Resurrection was held on October 14th; committal in the memorial garden will be private.

The family of Jo Quinton, longtime former parishioner of CHS, who passed away recently.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



Photo credits left to right: Vicki Brooks, June Filipski, Deacon Michelleslie
Welcome Back Picnic; Greta's Funeral; Greta on her 99th birthday weekend in July

HOLD THE DATES (AND NOTE THE CHANGES**)

VESTRY MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD MONTHLY ON THE THIRD THURSDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET ON SATURDAYS

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER (cont'd)	
1	(Friday) All Saints Day — CHS Confirmation Service with Bishop Chip at 7:00 pm. Reception follows.	6	Clinton Christmas Parade
3	Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks back) Café CHS after each service—stay for coffee and conversation if you're able.	12	Oratorio Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 pm
5	ELECTION DAY	14	Caroling at Independence Manor and HMC
6	Extended Advent begins	15	Greening of the Church
10	Guest celebrant Rev, Beth Sciano from St. Bernards in Bernardsville Breakfast Between the Services MOVE NURSERY FOLLOWING 10 am service	19	Oratorio Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 pm
11-14	Prepare Keller Sacristy	22	Single Service of Eucharist at 9:00 am; Advent Evensong 4 pm with reception to follow
14	Oratorio Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 pm	24	Christmas Eve services at 4, 7:30 and 10:30 pm
21	Oratorio Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 pm	25	Christmas Day single service at 10:00 am
24	YOUTH SUNDAY (Older group to participate in all aspects of the service)	JANUARY 2020	
28	Thanksgiving Day	26	Annual Meeting (with single service at 9:00 am)
DECEMBER		ONGOING EVENTS	
5	Oratorio Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 pm Alexei recital in NYC — 6:00-7:30 pm	First and Third Mondays, Culinary Angels, 4:00 pm Second and Fourth Mondays, 10:00 am, Knit & Chat Tuesdays, 6:00 am, Bible Study at Spinning Wheel Diner Tuesdays, 7: 00 pm: Theology on Tap at Courtyard Marriott Wednesdays, 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist [Burton Chapel]	
		Third Thursday, 7:00pm Vestry Meeting except as noted Saturdays at 7:00 pm: Youth Bible Study	

December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm – A Child's Christmas Pageant, Where EVERYONE gets a costume :
Can You Tell Me How to Get to Bethlehem Town?

7:00 pm – Carol Sing

7:30 pm – Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Light Meal for the Krewe to follow —All are welcome but RSVP to Fr. Phil

10:30 pm – Carol Sing

11:00 pm – Candlelight Holy Eucharist

December 25 10:00 am – Impromptu Holy Eucharist with Carols by request!

(Pajamas have been known to be proper attire for this occasion)



Caroling Outreach —Saturday December 14th

Join a group of enthusiastic participants as we serenade residents of Independence Manor, beginning at 10:30 am on 12/14, followed by caroling at Hunterdon Medical Center (HMC). Independence Manor is located behind BJ'S and HMC is located across from BJ'S on route 31.

The Independence Manor sing-along places our group with the residents in a very informal livingroom setting where they are encouraged to join in with us. Be friendly. Conversation is just as important as singing. Don't worry about how you sound. Just being there provides a very important confirmation of: "to follow Christ as we serve others and live and grow in the spirit."

Two violins will carry the melodies of familiar traditional carols. Merry Christmas to everyone. Hope to see you there!!

Jeff and Jane Anderson

Email: janderson4244@gmail.com Phone:(908) 439-2532
(H) (908) 246-0479(C)

Greetings by Snail Mail (hint: Christmas is around the corner!)

While much of our correspondence is electronic these days, there are still occasions both joyous (births, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations) and sad (illnesses and the inevitable passing into larger life) which prompt cards with real stamps. It's likely that most of these cards will be received at Christmas and New Year's. So here's a reminder that 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."* For several years now Patrick Birdsall and Gloria Jean Waller have been patiently trimming the stamps we bring in and making sure that they get to the RNIB.

So keep your cancelled stamps and bring them to CHS. There's a basket in the Narthex to collect them. And thank you!



Scarves and hats for the Seafarer's Institute at the Port of Newark, ready for delivery. Knitted and crocheted by (left) Jean Wallace and her Mirota House friends, and (right) Edna Mahan residents and the shawl ministry volunteers. Join us! We will teach you! Photos by (and further information available from) Karen Murray:

kjbmurray@embarqmail.com, or

John Andrews, at andrewsjohnt@comcast.net for our prison ministry at Edna Maham. We are looking for more volunteers. You won't be sorry!

Wondering Winter Wednesdays

Every Wed in Jan/Feb : 6:00-8:00 pm Soup supper and table talk among friends on a topic that you care about — more on that coming up.



W3K — We Three Kings [Area House Blessings and Parties]

This year we will be blessing all homes in groups of 12 across the Season of Epiphany in January and February. We will bless homes in the early evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and then gather all together at one of the homes in that area for a conversation about our hopes for the church and a light social to conclude. We have not yet designated areas with dates, but just so you know, the priest will be out and about on 11 nights this coming winter: 1/7, 1/9, 1/14, 1/21, 1/23, 1/28, 2/4, 2/6, 2/11, 2/13, 2/18. Needless to say if you'd like to host the afterparty, please let us know.

As in years past, we'll be chalking the door and sprinkling clean the home with holy water, adding the aroma of frankincense and lighting candles in each home. It's a simple ceremony but moving and meaningful. The gatherings which follow each area blessing will go from about 8:00 to 9:00 pm to allow for a short conversation, and a Q & A with a seasonal toast and cheer to warm our hearts. All members of the household are invited to the area gatherings.

This should be a lot of fun and though there was something thrilling about doing a 24-hour gig on the actual Feast of the Epiphany last year (January 6), spreading it out across the full Season will give us more generous conversations.

+Philip

Mini Snapshots



Photo Firsts: (left to right) — Alex's first Sunday with us; Levi's first Sunday as Crucifer; Marge's first (but we're sure not only) celebration of her 75th "tour around the sun". Fabulous paella by the master chef! Photos (l & r—Ed.; Center—Jack Daniels

Did you ever wonder how to...

- Get your event onto the website, the bulletin or the Trumpeter?
- Book a room for a meeting or Dove Hall for a party?
- Notify the appropriate person about needed repairs at CHS?

Hint: none of these should involve Fr. Phil.) Here are the answers.

Procedure for Inserting Notices in Bulletin, Website or Trumpeter

Are you or your group sponsoring an event, want to get your word out to the parish? Here is a simple guide for your use.

- Write up your news. Be sure to give it a title, time and date, who it is best suited for or if it is a parish-wide activity. Include the location where the activity is to occur (at church or off-site). (What, When, Where, Who)
- **For the Trumpeter**, your article should be sent to Vicki Brooks (gracehappens@centurylink.net). The Trumpeter is published about 6 times a year and Vicki will announce the deadline well in advance.
- **For the bulletin**, send your news to Linda Romanowski, our Administrative Assistant (Admin@churchholyspirit.net). Your article should be received in the office by the Wednesday morning before you wish the article to appear in the bulletin. Make sure you tell Administrative Assistant how many weeks your article should appear.
- **For the website**, send your article to Jan Paxton (Webmaster@churchholyspirit.net). Include information on when the article should begin appearing and when it can be taken down.
- **For the calendar**, send information (Event name, date, time, location) to marge.keller@churchholyspirit.org.

Procedure for Use or Rental of Church of the Holy Spirit Facility

If you wish to use the church facility for church-related events/meetings, private parties or for a commercial enterprise, follow these guidelines to ensure space is available when you need it:

Is this a church-related event?

- Contact Administrative Assistant (Linda Romanoski) to check for availability
- Confirm the date and specify what area of the facility you wish to use, i.e., Dove Hall, kitchen, classroom, etc.
- Will you need a sexton for clean-up?
- If you are having a dinner, will you require use of table settings?
- Required: follow the rules regarding safety, parking, use of alcohol, gambling and clean-up.

Is this a private affair?

- Contact Administrative Assistant to check for availability'
- Confirm the date and specify what area of the facility you wish to use; i.e., Dove Hall, kitchen, classroom.
- Complete the contract form, procure liability insurance (your homeowner's policy should cover off-site events) and pay the rental fee.
- Do you wish to hire the sexton for clean-up? This is an additional fee; ultimately, you are responsible for leaving the areas you use at least as clean as you found them.
- Required: following the rules regarding safety, parking, use of alcohol, gambling and clean-up.

Are you renting space for commercial purposes?

- Contact Administrative Assistant with details of your enterprise, days and times you wish to occupy space and what specific area you wish to rent, i.e., Dove Hall, kitchen, classroom, etc.
- Your commercial use must be approved by the Vestry at their next regular meeting. Understand that church events take precedence and you may be moved to a different room or be rescheduled if necessary.
- No part of the facility may be used during Christian holidays or earlier than 1:00 pm on Sundays.
- Your fee will depend on the amount of space rented and length of time you occupy the space.
- You must provide liability insurance, complete the contract form and pay the first month's rent. There will also be a security deposit which will be used to repair any damages. If there are no damages caused by you or your clients, the fee may be refunded.
- Required: following the rules regarding safety, parking, use of alcohol, gambling and clean-up.

Contacts for Repairs to Property

We are fortunate to have three people to handle repairs, or at least, troubleshoot or diagnose problems.

- Gary Scott is the vestryperson for Property: gary.scottnj@gmail.com
- Eli Jones serves with Gary on this committee: elijns2@aol.com
- John Higgins also handles many of the repairs at church: j24higgs@gmail.com

The team will handle most minor repairs and know when to call for outside repair/contracting.

For questions to the church administration (Linda Romanoski, assistant) , here again is the link:
admin@churchholyspirit.org.

Marge Keller

What time is the?

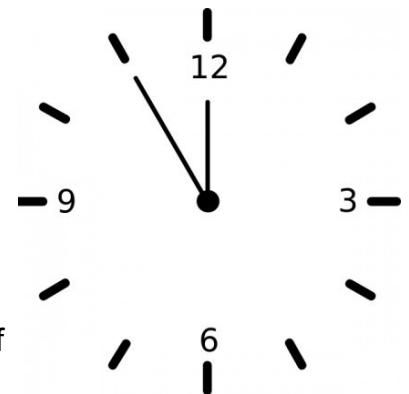
Didn't catch the time, or the date, for particular event you are interested in attending?

No need to call the office... or hunt for last Sunday's bulletin... or the latest edition of the Trumpeter. Simply go to www.churchholyspirit.org or search for Church of the Holy Spirit Lebanon.

Click on the CALENDAR link (if using the website, scroll to the bottom of the page). Either link will show the CHS Master Calendar, live and dynamic, meaning that as new events are added or edited, they will show up immediately.

At the top left, use the ARROWS to scroll to the coming months. On the right, the tabs give an optional display format. Week and month are as expected. Agenda shows the calendar events in list format. And, you can print the calendar as a handy reference.

Have an event to add or modify? Contact marge.keller@comcast.net .



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Check the CHS website, Sunday bulletin and the Friday email news for updated information:
churchholyspirit.org And a reminder to make sure that you register on the church website so that you don't miss
 the most timely news from CHS. Especially if you're new to our parish, make sure we know how to reach you!