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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.



Late-breaking News

Just in time for Advent and our Holy+Formed Module 3: Papa Panov, the CHS website has a whole new look! It's still at www.churchholyspirit.org but with a new, modern look and easier navigation. Navigation on your smart phone or tablet will also be easier!

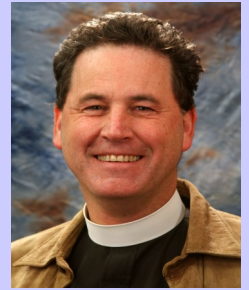
We'll be adding and revising content as we go along, but meanwhile, visit soon and visit often. It is your window into what is going on! To be added to the CHS email list to receive the weekly news on Friday [and periodic bulletins at other times], sign up by clicking on the "Join our Email List" box.

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From the Rector's Desk



Dear Lord,

You were hungry and I asked for your green card,

You were thirsty and I said you didn't speak English,

You were homeless and I said, "get a job!"

You were sick and I ignored you because you weren't straight;

You were naked and I complained about too many taxes; You were afraid and I told you to buy more guns; You were in prison and I said "throw away the key."

Cast us not away from your presence anyway.

Have more mercy upon us than we have for the last, the least and the lost.

We have become the Pharisee and call ourselves by your name.

Convict us of our perfidy,

But most of all we pray for a different mirror than one we pray into; a mirror than shows us:

The absence of humble self-reflection,

Our lust for certitude and rightness,

A reliance on empire's might,

And the velocity of our blame.

Convert us again, unchained from the bigotry of a small mind, that we may be citizens of your Kingdom above all else. Amen.

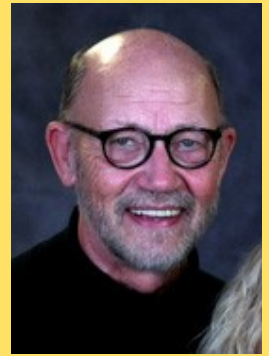
Philip+

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — *Book of Common Prayer p. 825*

[From Father Phil's letter to the congregation, emailed on November 10th. If you did not receive his letter, you can access it in full on the newly designed CHS website at <http://www.churchholyspirit.org/news/a-pastoral-letter-to-my-congregation-on-the-election-of-2016> At the same time, you may want to sign up to receive future email bulletins that are too time-sensitive to make it into this newsletter.]

Words from the Senior Warden

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122)



I am glad the house of the Lord for me is Church of The Holy Spirit.

Now 2016 is drawing to near closing but what an end, with the celebration of 50 Years and the confirmation of 19 of our own young people!

Before I spend too much time reviewing this year now is the time to look forward to 2017.



As you are aware our church has developed modules, each with its own theme and lasting from 4 to 6 weeks. The first was **Welcome**, dealing with hospitality, and we have just finished **Harvest**, dealing with gratitude, generosity and plenty. We will now begin **Papa Panov**, dealing with Advent and the Coming of Christ.

Each module expresses the biblical themes in the church year. Our whole church is meant to be involved, not just the clergy or vestry members. It is all of us, including youth of all ages. You will soon be sent a list of the modules for 2017, explaining what is involved in each one, and at the annual meeting you can choose to which you would most like to give your ideas and talents. We are an involved church! We have people who are part of the We Care, Culinary Angels, Food Pantry, Prison and other ministries and many of you participate in the Good Friday Day of Service. We ARE an involved church and we will continue so to be.

I am glad God called me to this house of the Lord; I pray you are too!

Arden Olson

Words from the Junior Warden

November 20: Save the Date!

Guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. David L. Snyder, Rector,
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Mount Holly



Rev. Dr. Snyder will deliver an inspiring sermon at both the 8 and 10 o'clock services. A Catered Brunch will follow each service. **Reservations Required.**

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events. Below is an article (not mine) from the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* that you may find of interest prior to the event.



Eva Lesniak

Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Formation Module 3 — Papa Panov

"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me water. I was naked and you clothed me. I was cold and you took me in. These people you have helped today—all the time you were helping them, you were helping me!" Papa Panov, adapted by Leo Tolstoy

Beginning with our extended Advent season, children and youth will be learning about Advent and Christmas through the story of Papa Panov. *Papa Panov's Special Christmas* is a French folktale originally written by Ruben Sailles and adapted by Leo Tolstoy. It is a classic tale of an old shoemaker seeking Jesus on Christmas day. The story demonstrates the virtues of kindness and is centered on the Bible verse Matthew 25:35. To read a version of this heartwarming tale visit <http://americanliterature.com/author/leo-tolstoy/short-story/papa-panovs-special-christmas>.

In addition to hearing the story, we will learn how CHS members bring the story alive in our time and will create and participate in a dramatization of Papa Panov to share with the congregation. Additionally, we will make our own contributions through weekly outreach projects related to the story.

More information about the drama our young people will perform is available, and any assistance to lead them through this process during the seven Sundays of our expanded Advent is welcome. There are many ways both large and small to contribute your time and talent. For more information, contact Michelle Marlow at 908-884-6932; michellekmarlow@gmail.com or speak to Father Phil, Deacon Dot or another vestry member.

Among the ways the Papa Panov story will be integrated into Formation Module 3 are the following:

November 13 — Children to make a simple meal for Culinary Angels outreach.

November 20 — Introduce the Jesse Branch and the Meaning of Chrismos

November 27 — Thanksgiving weekend Sunday service

December 4 and 11 — Knotted fleece blankets begun for outreach ministry; smaller children color pictures for those who need a smile or decorate bags for Meals on Wheels

December 18 — Lessons and Carols

December 24 — Papa Panov story performed (photos below from last year's debut performance)



The
Trinity
Chorale



Holiday Concert

December 4, 2016 - 4 pm

Featuring

- Premiere of *Allegretto Magnificat*
- *Kyries* by Beethoven, Gounod, Liszt, Mozart and a Gregorian Chant
- Christmas arrangements by John Rutter, Larry Shackley, Trevor Manor and Greg Gilpin
- "Spheres" - a *Kyrie* by Ola Gjeilo

at

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under the direction of

Chris A. Williams

A free-will offering will be accepted
to benefit the church's Organ Fund

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the concert

The Christmas Giving Branch

"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 descendent 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.

This year the Giving Branch will include tags 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), and local needy families. Each tag will contain information about the recipient such as gender, age, requests, sizes, and needs.

The Giving Branch tags will be available on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (11/20).

There will be enough tags on the branch so that each family may choose one or more as they are able. There will be a printed registry for each group on the table below the dove in the Narthex. After you choose your tags, please **sign your name and phone number on the registries next to the tag numbers that you have chosen**. We ask that you **limit the amount you spend on each person to approximately \$25** to make it equitable for all – givers and recipients. Additional instructions will be available when you take your tag(s). **Please be sure to read and follow the instructions carefully.**



Please bring your gifts to the Narthex **with the ORIGINAL TAG SECURELY ATTACHED by Sunday, December 11th** to provide time for sorting, tracking down missing gifts and delivering them to their designated places. If you have any questions, please contact Deanne Altom at 908-534-3425 (deanne.altom@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping to make the holiday a bit happier for someone less fortunate!

The Thankful Tree

As part of the Harvest Module's focus on gratitude, the congregation made a Thankful Tree that is hanging in the hallway across from Dove Hall. May we continue to remember each day all the gifts God has blessed us with and all that we have to be thankful for.

Michelle Marlow

Contribute to the Greening of the Church

Christmas flower donations are due by December 11

Christmas flower envelopes for your donations towards flowers and greens for the “greening” of the church on December 18 are available on the table in the Narthex. Donations are due by December 11 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 donation 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, or you may leave it in the office or in the Altar Guild mailbox in the hallway by the lower entrance.



Greening of the Church

Sunday December 18

Join us after the 10am service on December 18 to help decorate the church for Christmas! The Altar Guild orders the greens, wreaths, poinsettia plants and bows and will provide 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 see how beautiful the sanctuary looks when we are finished!



Sue Landgraf



Culinary Angels

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. . .”

Culinary Angels is an Outreach ministry at Church of the Holy Spirit that provides prepared meals to clients of Family Promise who are transitioning out of homelessness. This non-profit organization of congregations in Hunterdon County ministers to the needs of homeless women and their families. Currently, we are providing meals for about 80 people twice a month.

We have a small core group of people who package the prepared meals to be delivered to Family Promise on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. **However, there is a big need for Assisting Angels to help provide the meals.**

There is no long-term commitment for this ministry, but if everyone could occasionally prepare a meal that we will individually package, it would help our church to feed the hungry right here in Hunterdon County.

We would love to find the CHS kitchen refrigerator filled with entrees and side dishes that parishioners have prepared. **Please mark for Family Promise, say what it is and date it.** Remember that food should be brought in the Sunday before the 1st or 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Monetary donations and Shop Rite gift cards to purchase food are also appreciated, but we'd love it if you could assist with the food preparation. Thank you!

Our scheduled delivery dates for the next few months are:

November 15
December 6 and 20
January 3 and 17

Menu suggestions – Good, simple food.

Main courses: any type of casserole; rice and beans; chili con carne; meatloaf; mac and cheese; baked chicken; hearty soup or stews

Side dishes: mac and cheese; potatoes; pasta/rice salads; cooked vegetables; fruit salads

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 suggestion for November are toilet paper and apple juice; for December, canned fruit would be appreciated. Or access the web site: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/> and click on the "Current Needs" tab for ideas. Additionally Shoprite in Clinton will donate your qualifying Thanksgiving turkey, ham or lasagna to the Open Cupboard if you don't need it. You can leave it to the good folks at Shoprite and the Open Cupboard to choose which of the entrees is most needed, and of course Shoprite gift cards are always welcome.



Suzanne Higgins

Time Capsule Buried after Confirmation Service



The children and youth had the time capsule they created buried on Sunday, October 30. Father Phil blessed the capsule and our young people, reminding them to be grateful for the gift of time that God has given us and the memories that we make together. A brass plate will be placed on the rock in the back corner of the memorial garden where the capsule is buried. The hope is to unveil the capsule at the 100th year anniversary. We can all put September 2066 on our calendars now to be able to attend the celebration!

The contents of the time capsule include:

Chrismons created during Advent 2015

Thankful leaves written by 3rd-5th graders during the fall 2015

Script of Papa Panov skit performed Christmas Eve 2015

Prayer Jar with written and illustrated prayer requests

Handprint banner painted September 2016

Frisbee and water bomb as a symbol of Vacation Frisbee School, August 2015 and 2016

Cross pins given during the Commissioning of Volunteers Service, Good Friday, March 25, 2016. [Two pins were given to each volunteer: one to keep and one to give away.]

Palm Sunday cross

Cross worn by Acolytes

Photo album of pictures taken during the church's 50th year

Photo Directory

USB with a photo of everyone in attendance on October 30, 2016 [see next page for more photos of Confirmation Sunday: top two photos this page taken by Michelle Marlow]



Michelle Marlow



Photo by Dave Dabour

From the Acolyte Corner:

Many of our Acolytes experienced the moving sacrament of confirmation on October 30th. It was a wonderful ceremony and celebration with standing room only. Some of the many expert photos taken by our own parish photographer, Dave Dabour, to commemorate the happy event are displayed on this page. Many others can be accessed on the CHS website under the Photos link. Our dear retired bishop the Rt. Rev. George Council, confirmed nineteen children and young adults, and these photos are one reminder of how quickly they are growing up. Soon they will be moving on to adult roles at CHS, leaving room for others to fill their shoes. But we are always looking for new acolytes. The training is free, there is generally one raucous overnight held at the church, along with some other fun times. Please consider serving in this capacity, even if it's only once every several weeks or as a standby in case we need someone to help out. Contact me either by email or phone if you have any interest or questions. 908-337-3228 or jdaniels_fire@yahoo.com

Jack Daniels





WE CARE

At the time of writing all seems to be well with "WE CARE". However, we are always available on an "as needed" basis. If transport is required we work together to provide this. If groceries are needed we can transport to the store or even do the shopping! We can provide meals for anyone who is unable to cook for themselves. We can visit for a chat. We can hold a hand or send a note of encouragement. At this point I'd like to remind everyone that Greta Tump is ALWAYS up for a visit. Greta was our Organist for many, many years. She is bright and cheerful and a joy to spend a half hour with. You'll find her at

Group members don't always remember to wear our "WE CARE" blue badges (I am the main culprit here) to let folks know who they can turn to within our faith community for some assistance. Father Phil once said of the WE CARE group...."It doesn't mean the rest of you DON'T CARE"!!!!!! Also a gentle reminder that the black box in the office is sometimes empty. For those who signed up to "stock the box," please be aware winter is coming and a tight budget is always a challenge for families.

A get-together was held for the "WE CARE" group this month and many of the members were in attendance. We were not aware of any current pressing needs but are ready to CARE at any time. My contact number is: 908-528-1788.

I was recently walking to my car in the church parking lot when I stopped to chat to a lady I had not seen before. Turns out she was a past member and is now back amongst us. She told me she instantly felt the warmth as she entered our church again. The feeling of caring, loving compassion surrounded her. Those words were music to my ears. I am very proud of our faith family!

Susan Kane

Spirited Readers Book Club November 13th

Our next book selection is *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. We will be meeting on Sunday, November 13, following the 10 am service, in the St. Martin Room.

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

June Filipski Photo



Suzanne Higgins

The Pulse of the Parish



Happy Birthday!

To our dear Jean Wallace, knitter extraordinaire, who turned 92 years young on November 11 and continues to run rings around the rest of us. Members of the shawl ministry surprised Jean during "Knit and Chat" on the previous Monday evening. Needless to say the knitting was superceded by the chatting (and eating) that night! [Photo by Mary Scott]

Weddings:

Cherylin Tiefel and Matthew Schettino were married on October 8, 2016. Cherylin is the daughter of parishioners Linda and Ron Schroeder and the older sister to Amy and Greg Schroeder.

Alyxandra Mattison and Iain Wilson were married on October 15, 2016. Alyx is the daughter of parishioners Cate and Tom Mattison. Some of you may remember Alyx in her teen years at CHS on Christmas Eve, accompanying the congregation on her harp during the singing of "Silent Night".

Maryanne Lanni and Michael DeVita, new members at CHS, were also married on October 15, 2016.

Death:

Heartfelt sympathy to the Cagno Family on the death of Wayne's father, Lorenzo (Larry) on November 1, 2016. May the dear departed rest in peace.

Barbara Burton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HOLD THE DATES

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER (CONTINUED)
15 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Giving Branch Gifts due today
20 Consecration Sunday with special guest speaker at both Services. (Catered breakfast/lunch after each service)	18 Greening of the Church
22 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at R.V. United Methodist Church	24 Christmas Eve Services (at 4, 7:30 and 11:00)
24 Thanksgiving Day (no service at CHS)	25 Christmas Day (on Sunday this year)
DECEMBER	JANUARY
4 Breakfast between the services	1 New Year's Day (on Sunday this year)
4 Trinity Chorale —4.p.m. with reception following	17 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.
11 Contributions for Christmas greens due today	22 Annual Meeting
	27-28 Vestry Retreat

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.

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Confirmation Sunday at CHS — October 30, 2016
Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. George Council
Photos by Dave Dabour





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What a wonderful celebration this was! Thank you to Pat Egan and all of the confirmands, their families, their sponsors and everyone else who helped to make this day such a joy!