



The Dove

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OUR MISSION: *to become like Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit*



Photo created specifically for this joyous Easter season by Staff Photographer Dave Dabour. We thank him for this lovely composite of Tessa, a member of CHS and one of the ballerinas he captures so well.

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Lent III: March 3, 2024

The Ten Commandments - the Ten Words of the Hebrew Faith - are perhaps the most cherished, most sanctified, most misunderstood, and most ignored concepts in all of history. And they are before us again today. [*Exodus 20: 1-17*]

The giving of the Ten Commandments is read every Lenten season. An old custom in some churches had the Ten Commandments read as a preparation for the Confession of Sin during penitential seasons. In some churches they are displayed prominently in the worship space. And not so long ago, they were in the news, as legal battles have been fought over whether they can be displayed in public courthouses without violating the Constitutional separation of Church and State. They are part of the current skirmish over whether America is a Christian nation.

The Commandments need to be seen in a larger context, as part of God's covenant with God's people. Freed from the slavery in Egypt, God saw that the Israelites needed the 10 commandments to stay free, to know and understand and appreciate their liberation, so they wouldn't fall into a situation where they would be vulnerable to slavery again. The passage in Exodus that we read today is the conclusion of God inviting Moses up to the mountain and then agreeing to address the people of the Exodus directly, even though the message was cloaked in thunder, fire, and smoke.

Even amidst the noise and fear of God's speaking, the reader is struck by how passionately God cares for the people and how much God's desire to have a relationship with them shapes the giving of the Commandments. These aren't just the house rules of a stern parent, they are the terms of relationship for God's people who are loved and cared for by their creator. It's almost as though God is saying, "Look, I know what will make you miserable, and here are ten things to avoid that will keep you from misery and from falling into slavery again."

A helpful way of understanding the meaning of the Ten Commandments - the Ten Words - can be found in our Book of Common Prayer's Outline of the Faith. It is two-fold: our duty to God and our duty to our neighbors.

The first four Words pertain to our duty to God: to believe and trust in God:

1. To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;
2. to put nothing in the place of God;
3. to show God respect in thought, word and deed;
4. and to set aside regular times for worship, prayer and the study of God's ways.

The next six Words pertain to our duty to our neighbors: to love them as ourselves and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us:

5. To love, honor and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;
6. to show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice, prejudice or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;
7. to use all our bodily desires as God intended;
8. to be honest and fair in all our dealings; to seek justice, freedom and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;
9. to speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;
10. to resist temptations to envy, greed and jealousy; to rejoice in other peoples gifts and graces; and to do our duty for the love of God who has called us into fellowship with Him.

Jesus collapsed the Ten Words into Two. According to Matthew, Jesus was asked: 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Love of God covers the first four commandments; love of neighbor covers the last six.

It's important to remember that the commandments about loving God come first. The commandments about loving each other come second. Jesus identified the first and greatest commandment as loving God, and the second as loving neighbor. Our love for others comes out of our love for God. But we have to love God first.



Using Pharaoh as a symbol of subjugation, the theologian Walter Brueggemann said in his essay on the 10 Commandments, "Thus, the Ten Commandments are strategies for staying emancipated once you get away from Pharaoh. This new strategy, first of all, says you have to honor God - that's the first three commandments - to the exclusion of every idol, every "ism" such as racism, or sexism, or nationalism, or the worship of stuff that is rare or precious or attractive or beautiful or empowering.

"The new strategy means in the Ten Commandments to take the neighbor with utmost seriousness. So, the last five commandments are all about the neighbor and treating neighbors with legitimacy and dignity and viability and especially disadvantaged neighbors - not to violate the neighbor for the sake of greed.

"And between these two commandments of honoring God and taking the neighbor seriously, at the center of the Ten Commandments, is Sabbath day. Keep Sabbath: take a break from the rat race of busyness and exhaustion and do not let Pharaoh define your life."

Here is where we need to turn to our own lives and our own situations. First, what interferes with our loving God with heart, soul and mind? What are the things we allow to take the place of God in our lives - the idols we invent, the shiny things which distract, the false gods with false promises? I can think of some in my life - you will want to make your own list.

And what interferes with our loving our neighbors as ourselves? Fear of the other? Concern over getting our share if things are scarce? Feelings that God favors others more?

I am particularly concerned about the current swirl of ideas that imply that the almighty God is America's exclusive God, and by extension, America is a Christian Nation. I believe this is a heresy, which taken to the extreme perverts the true meaning of the commandments. I think it is more accurate to say not that we are a Christian nation, but that we are a nation in which we are free to be Christians - and Jews, and Muslim, and Buddhists and even agnostics - and to worship and love and serve God according to our own faith.

Making God universal instead of particular helps when we consider loving our neighbor as ourselves. Then we are able, using the words of our Baptismal Covenant, to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being".

Some want to say that loving one's neighbor as oneself is really applying the Golden Rule. Luke quotes Jesus saying "Do to others as you would have them do to you." It's a guideline found in most if not all the world's religions. And as a rule of life, there is much truth in it.

Recently, listening to an excellent Episcopal Church Parish Network webinar, I learned of a powerful alternative to reflect the reality of love of neighbor in our modern world.: "Do not withhold from others what you would not want withheld from you."

If asked, most people will say that they want a nice home, or a fair wage, or a chance to make good in life, among many things. We would not want those withheld from us. So let it be our mission to see such things not be withheld from others.

For the love of God, for the love of neighbor, following the prophet Micah, let us do what is right, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Fr. John Rollins

Sunday March 10

Search Committee: At the 10 o'clock service, Father Phil and Senior Warden John Andrews commissioned the members of the committee. In case you missed prior announcements, its members are Pat Egan, Andy Follansbee (Vestry Representative), Wendy Hallstrom, Marge Keller, Jane Paradiso, Alison Schnaudt, Anne Simpson, Rex van Veldhuisen (Chair) and Lindsay Wyglendowski.

Their first task is preparation of a Parish Profile that will be posted after Father Phil steps down as Rector on June 30. The Profile will provide information to potential candidates about who we are as a church, where we want to go as a church and what we are looking for in a new Rector. The Committee will involve the congregation in the development of the Profile. Each member will wear a special dove pin indicating their inclusion in the group. Once the Profile is approved and posted publicly, applications from candidates will be accepted and reviewed. It is hoped that three candidates can be chosen to present to the Vestry, whose members will select the candidate for our Bishop to call as the new Rector.

Diocesan Convention: At the same service, Rex van Veldhuisen (right) reported on the annual convention, held on March 9th both at the Cathedral in Trenton and on line. More than 450 clergy and lay delegates attended. Full reports are available on the diocesan website, dioceseofnj.org. [Eva Lesniak photo]



Wednesday March 13: Ecumenical Soup and Study



CHS hosted this weekly Lenten program on March 13. Thank you to all the soup and bread chefs and to the setup and cleanup crews. It was a great opportunity to meet with neighbors who worship at other churches in the area.

Saturday March 16



Quiet Day: Sponsored by Daughters of the King (and available to all), a quiet morning of meditation was held in the Sanctuary. It was a time of quiet time, prayer, and a labyrinth walk.

Charcuterie Game Night: That evening, folks gathered for a reprise of last year's very popular night of fun and games, and food, of course, for the church of the holy appetite! A great time was had by winners and losers alike. Thanks to Dale Dabour for arranging the event.

Sunday March 23: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion are key to the power of this service, which this year was complemented by *Go to Dark Gethsemane*, postlude by the CHS Bell Choir. Such a blessing!

Thursday March 28: Maundy Thursday Eucharist

A simple potluck supper was held prior to Maundy Thursday worship, which included washing of feet and cleansing of the altar in preparation for the solemn Good Friday prayers.

Friday March 29: Good Friday Service Day

Beginning early in the morning, many parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit spend their Good Friday both in prayer and in service to the community. This annual tradition is decades old; the focus this time was on cleaning and polishing our own church building, in addition to fanning out across the area to visit homebound parishioners and complete Mr. Fixit yardwork chores. The hourly prayers this year were focused on the Stations of the Cross, and those illustrated (left) were carved by Fr. Phil and David Scott, son of Mary and Gary, when he was in high school. Their display on the altar was a lovely addition.



Photos: Illustrated here are pictures by Dave Dabour, John Rollins and Sally Bird. Note that our doyenne of knitting, Jean Wallace, was able to be with the group that produced a dozen headbands for girls at Hunterdon Central High School. Shown here are commissioning of the volunteers by Phil, Pat Egan and Karen Murray, a busy group of needleworkers, their output, and mending of hymnals and prayer books by David Cahall (Fr. John Rollins was also involved in this effort.) Forgive your editor for losing track of who took which photo. There were so many contributors! Check the website for many more: churchholyspirit.org



Saturday March 30: Holy Saturday

Liturgy of the Word was held at 9:00 am; Easter Vigil began at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 31 —The Lord is Risen. *He is Risen indeed!*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

What is happening? An ancient homily for them the first century sings to us:

There was a great silence over the earth yesterday,
a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the Lord slept;
the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh
and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages.

God has died in the flesh, and the underworld trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep;

he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross.

I am your God, who for your sake became your son,

who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness:

Have light, and those who sleep: Rise!

Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead.

Arise, O, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you,

together we are one undivided person.

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

The women on their way to the tomb had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep;

he wishes to visit those who sit in shadow

For you, I your God became your son; for you,

I your Creator became a slave; for you,

I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth;

for you, who left a garden, I was betrayed in a garden

and was crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you,

in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation.

See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to reshape your distorted form into my own image.

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted

in order to disperse the weight of your sins which was laid upon your back.

See my hands nailed to the tree for you,

who stretched out your hand to the tree.



Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven.

I denied you the tree of life, which was just a figure, but now,

I myself am united to you, I who am life.

An Easter Life that inspired St. Chrysostom:

For Christ, having risen from the dead,

has become the first fruits of those that slept.

Therefore

No one need lament poverty,

for the kingdom is universal to all and to all equally.

No one need grieve over sins;

forgiveness has dawned from the tomb.

No one need fear death; the Savior's death has freed us from it.

While as its captive, He stifled it.

He despoiled hell as He descended into it;

and Hell was angered when it tasted His flesh.

Foreseeing this, Isaiah proclaimed:

"Hell was angered when he met You below."

It was angered because it was abolished

It was angered because it was mocked

It was angered because it was slain.

It was angered because it was shackled.

It received a body and encountered God.

It took earth and came face-to-face with heaven.

It took what it saw and fell by what it could not see.

Death, where is your sting? Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen and you are overthrown.

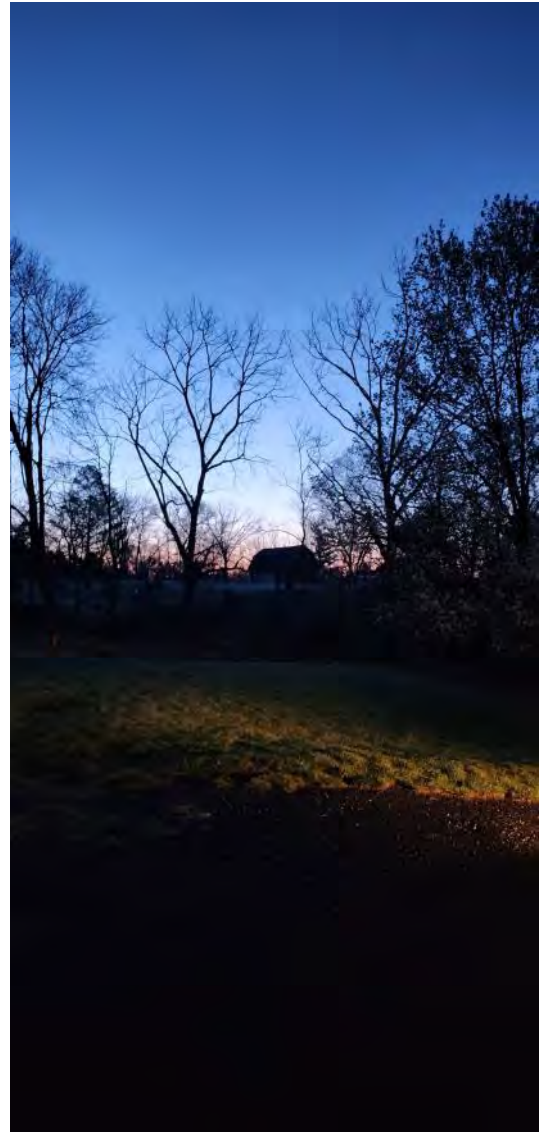
Christ is risen and demons have fallen.

Christ is risen and angels rejoice.

Christ is risen and life rules.

Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the tomb.

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!



Easter Sunrise Service 3/31, Readington Reformed Church. Dianna Stone photo

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

Oh of course, there is a world and an empire
which runs the world about us even now . . .
and even sometimes within us;

An empire on some days not much less capricious and cruel
here in Clinton as it was in Capernaum.

And it would have you object,
it would have you confused,
it would have you convinced that there is only death at the end.

See the tombs all around you:

The tombs of pride

The tombs of lust and greed

The tombs of anger and retribution

The tombs of gluttony and sloth

The tombs attractively advertised to get us to seek them as virtues.

Frauds dressed up and designed to enforce our denial of true life.

Look now, see now, here, this Easter, that in this place - death stands empty.

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him, just as he told you.

If there are devout and God-loving people here,
let them enjoy this beautiful, radiant festival.

If there are usual servants, enter joyously into the Lord's joy.

If there are long absent friends, be welcomed with equal hearty greeting

If there are new arrivals curious or even cautious and circumspect

Find joy and embrace among the courteous kindness
that shall be lavished upon you.

For to look to either side of you, behind or before,
there you will see Christ.

There you will see him. Just as he told you.

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

Here, you see, is our mission to become like Christ as we serve others, proclaim Gods love and grow in the Spirit. We are fashioned in community

To look for Christ, not some shiny idol to fix a jynx or align the dice to roll a sure and certain way, but to look and see and find Christ when there is no light, no justice, no kindness, no meaning, no purpose,

Only, ha, the word "only"

Only because you are looking at the light,

you are looking at those who search, demand and engage justice,

you are looking at kindness that mutes cruelty,



You are looking at people of purpose
 You are looking at persons of such depth
 There is no sunken place in your life these people will not go
 To raise you up for fresh breath.

There you will see him.

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

Are you looking about your world and only see foolishness,
 and many oh such a word many too, too many,
 craven models of Christ,
 exploited for power,
 corrupted for gain and profit,
 misused as justification for bigotry of many and sundry kinds.
 But not here. Here you will see him.

Oh now, death where is your sting, Hell where is your victory
 You have no power here, in this place, we are freed.

Be free then and see with new eyes,
 love with fresh hearts,
 think with open minds
 reach out and hold the Christ that sits and sings beside you

Here you will see him

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

...

there you will see him just as he told you

Wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!

...

The table is full, everyone feast sumptuously.
 The meal is abundant; no one goes away hungry.
 Everyone, savor the banquet of faith;
 relish the riches of God's goodness.

For wonder upon wonder and every wonder true!



*Very Reverend Philip Carr-Jones†
 Resurrection Sunday, March 31, 2024*



Photos this page: Top—Fr. John Rollins; Middle—Andy Follansbee; Bottom— Jan Paxton [Fr. John presiding at the Convent of St. John Baptist, Mendham, on Easter Monday evening].

Other Goings-on Around the Parish

Shawl Ministry Update

I have offered to head this ministry because it is very close to my heart; I have seen first hand the care, love and compassion expressed through these shawls. Since the pandemic and the expulsion from Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, our Prayer Shawl Ministry lost its anchor.

I recently attended an Episcopal Church Prayer Shawl Ministry here on Hilton Head Island (I am a snowbird!). My idea was to see how another church ran their Ministry.



Our “Knit & Chat” gatherings from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Mondays at church work on making shawls. Various others make them at home in their own time. As far as I know we never had a specific size requirement and I don’t feel that is necessary. It is the love/prayer in each stitch that counts.

The Ministry needs clarity and I intend to work on that upon my return to NJ next month. I am aware of our disarray! We presently have an abundance of lap shawls for which I plan on finding a home. I am looking into nursing homes who may like them. I feel we should concentrate on shawls but am very open to suggestions as I fine tune this most worthy cause.

So, needleworkers, continue to knit/crochet these precious items and if you can join us on Monday afternoons, so much the better!

Susan Kane

Vestry Information

The Vestry meets from 7:00-9:00pm on the third Thursday of each month (changes will be posted as needed to the news blasts and the Sunday bulletin). Each meeting will begin with an Executive session which should last about 30 minutes. The Vestry will need this time for confidential discussions related to the rector search and the hiring of interim support during this period of transition.

Following the Executive Session, the regular Vestry meeting will begin (open to all). There is a Zoom link on the website for Vestry, which includes a Waiting Room available for those folks who would like to join the regular session when it begins.

More on Good Friday



This year’s Good Friday day of service: yard clean-up at seven houses, visits and prayers. Today’s memories remind me that we helped at one of the homes six years ago. The groups have changed over the years but the hearts of the young people who spend their day serving others in the name of Christ are the same. ❤️

Michelle Kerdonik Marlow

Getting to know Hunterdon Helpline

I have always been interested in learning more about the type of help available in Hunterdon County for disadvantaged people. Living in poverty in one of the most prosperous counties in the U.S. can be particularly isolating, with fewer support systems and no public transportation to access whatever services are available. When I learned that Hunterdon Helpline was looking for board members last year, I was drawn. An “empty nester” for the first time, I saw the organization as an opportunity for me to give back and support a cause I believe in.

Until then, I had no idea Hunterdon Helpline even existed. The agency began as an information and referral resource, a service it still provides. Staff answer the phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to make sure callers get the help they need. This “First Assist” model has since grown to include a warming center for homeless individuals during “Code Blue” weather, literacy programs for English and non-English speakers, telephone reassurance (placing daily calls to the homebound), and volunteer shoppers.

Last spring, Church of the Holy Spirit provided space for an open mic fundraiser for Hunterdon Helpline -- a great time for a great cause. As always, I felt both appreciative and proud of our beautiful Dove Hall and the parishioners who are always ready to help.

I want to continue to spread the word about the telephone reassurance program to anyone who may have loved ones who could benefit from it. Staff make daily calls to check in on seniors and remind them to take medication as needed. If there is any cause for concern, they reach out to the registered emergency contact to do a wellness check.

Of course, Helpline is always looking for volunteers, donations, and new board members. If you are interested in learning more about the program, feel free to reach out to me at simpsoncurtint@yahoo.com; 908-310-2782.

Tricia Simpson-Curtain

Artists in our Midst



Cate Brome Mattison is an extraordinary quilter. This is but one of her many creations. It's always a treat to show the work of our friends in the parish. Thanks for the beauty you offer, Cate!

Wendy Hallstrom recently conducted a Pysanky class as a fundraiser for our service auction. Eggs created by Eva, Diane H., Roberta, and Janet and her sister Susan, and neighbor Maria. What a terrific teacher and very fun afternoon! [Photo and commentary by Janet Matz].



Flowers by the River is a wonderful florist in Califon, and was owned for many years by our own **Pattie Bierwirth**. She has recently sold the shop, but remains on board through the transition. Artistry in flowers, indeed! Thank you, Pattie, for the many beautiful arrangements you have provided to Holy Spirit over the years and for sharing your talent with us. Blessings to you as you enter a new phase of life. Enjoy, enjoy!

Artists in our Midst, continued

You may recognize the work of **Linda Schroeder**, as one of her beautiful fabric paintings hangs in Dove Hall (from a design by Sharon Tripodi). Or from the handpainted glasses that some of us have in our collections. She recently completed this lovely portrait of her four grandsons. What a treat!



Dave Dabour is our parish photographer, and many of his works can be found on the CHS website (churchholyspirit.org) and on Facebook and other social media. You won't have missed the lovely composite he created especially for the front page of this issue, and other Dabour photos appear throughout. The State Theatre of the Arts in Easton is currently featuring his beautiful work in a retrospective of the FREDDY© Awards in a special gallery. It will be open on show nights one hour before performances (admission with show ticket).

The FREDDY© Awards program is designed to recognize and reward exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theatre in local high schools. It is estimated that this program directly affects over 2,900 students in our area each year. 29 schools in Northampton, Lehigh, and Warren Counties participated in 2023. In addition, hundreds of thousands of people experience the students' hard work and dedication to theater arts by enjoying the FREDDY© Awards Ceremony, which is broadcast live on WFMZ-TV. Congratulations, Dave!

What Else is our CHS Family Up To?



Katie Higgins is a busy young woman, with her dedication to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry's Red Wagon collection and many other activities. Among them is her participation in the Mane Stream riding program. Mom Suzanne contributed this photo of Katie being interviewed by a Fox News producer prior to a special that was aired on the program a while back. She has been riding for five years now.

Father Phil took a break this winter for a brief ski trip to Breckenridge, CO. Of course he had to try the highest ski lift in North America. "High Five" rises to a level of 12,840 feet (3.914 miles). Remember when he climbed Kilimanjaro? Height fright, anyone? Not to mention lung capacity! You go, Rev.!



Around the Area

The Clinton Community Farmers' Market has recently closed for good, unfortunately. Many of its vendors are present at the **Stangl Factory Farmers' Market** and the **Two Barn Farm Stand**. The Stangl Market, as previously noted in these pages, is open year-round on Saturdays starting at 9:00am. Give them a try! Needless to say there will be many more markets opening in the coming months as the growing season gets into gear. And on a side note, the crops certainly have had enough rain lately!

MARKET CLOSED



Michael Cannizzaro, son of Liz and John, and his girlfriend Zoe Wise, were on a quick trip to Brazil in February and posted this gorgeous photo of the sunrise in Ubatuba. I thank them for letting us share it, though it's not in our area! It reminds us that even though spring seems a bit late here, summer will eventually reach us from south of the equator. Courage!

Open Cupboard Food Pantry News: Hundreds of folks visit the food pantry every week and its recent destruction by fire has been devastating to them. But congratulations to the pantry staff and volunteers and to those who have opened their hearts and facilities to provide temporary space for the pantry's clients.

The current arrangements, as your editor understands them, are as follows:

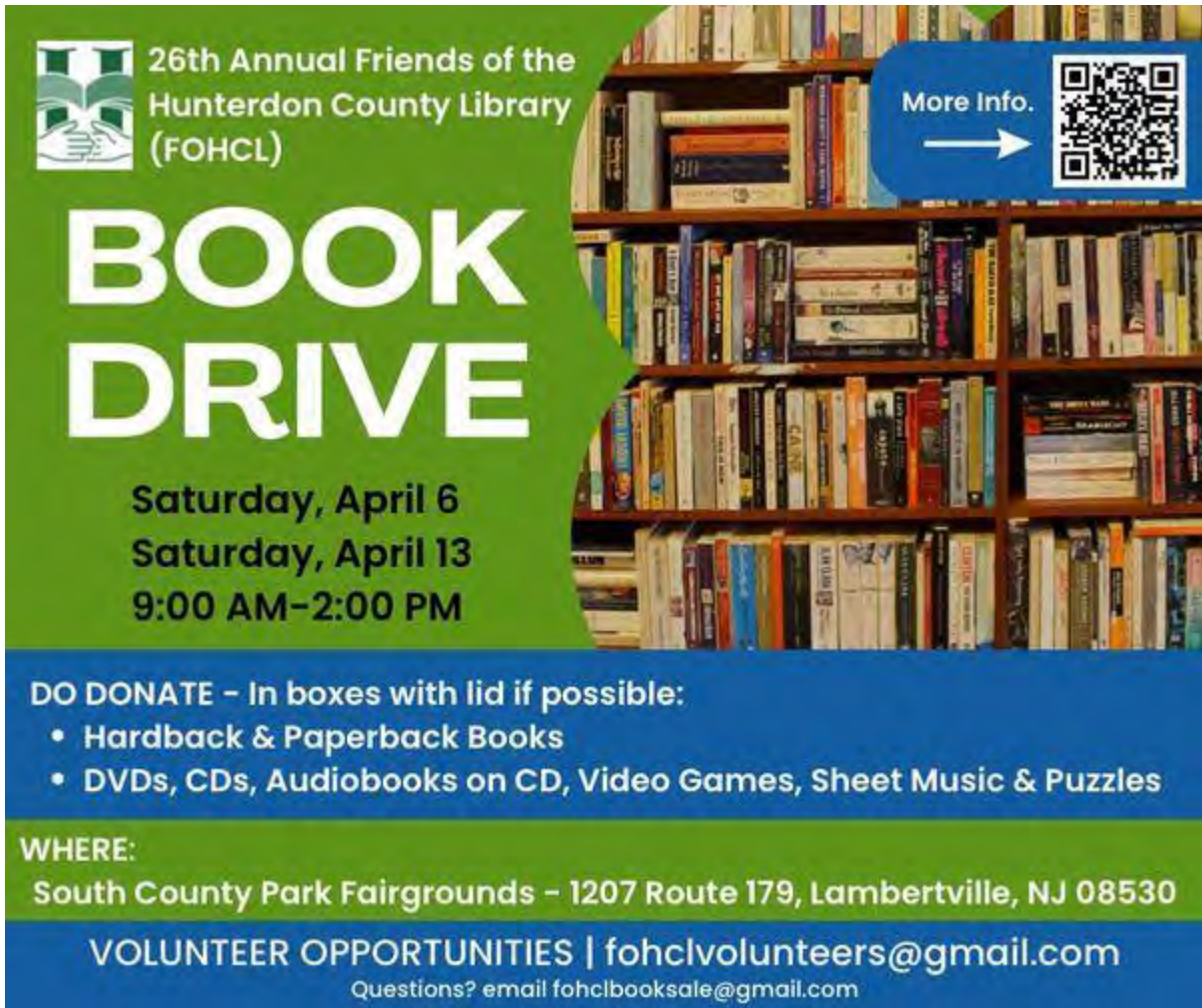
Open Cupboard THRIFT Donation HUB opens to the public Tuesday April 9, 9:30-12:30. Hours will be the same from Tuesday-Saturday ongoing. Help them restock and rebuild. Former UPS store at Grayrock Plaza 1802 Route 31 North, Clinton, NJ. Rear entrance.


April 15th the food pantry opens in a space provided by the Hunterdon Wellness Center on Route 31 north. The Pantry's staff are actively searching for a new permanent home in the meanwhile.

The Red Mill Museum Village is the venue for a fundraiser coming up next Thursday, April 11 from 5:30-7:30pm. Admission is \$25.00. The pantry itself has announced a May Gala, which we will cover next month.

It has been heartwarming to see the outpouring of support and concern from our wonderful community. Blessings to all!





 26th Annual Friends of the Hunterdon County Library (FOHCL)

BOOK DRIVE


Saturday, April 6
Saturday, April 13
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

DO DONATE - In boxes with lid if possible:

- Hardback & Paperback Books
- DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks on CD, Video Games, Sheet Music & Puzzles

WHERE:
South County Park Fairgrounds - 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

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BLOOD DRIVE Help accident victims like Jeff.

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Thursday, April 11
1:00pm – 7:00pm

Church Of The Holy Sprit
3 Haytown Road Lebanon, NJ

To make an appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/zf7at9bk>

Please scan QR code or call 1-800-933-2566



Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nycb.org/coronavirus.

APRIL DATES TO NOTE [Community Events in Bold]

- 1 — Caregiver Support ZOOM meeting
- 6 — **Book Sale Donations, South County Park Fairgrounds, 9:00am-2:00pm**
- 8 — **Solar Eclipse 2:00-4:00pm**
Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm
- 10 — Theology on Tap resumes in the St. Martin Room, 7-8:30pm
- 11 — **Blood Drive at CHS, 1:00-7:00pm**
Donation Hub for Open Cupboard retail shop opens at Grayrock
Fundraiser for Open Cupboard at The Red Mill
Dinner, then Choir Rehearsal
- 13 — **Book Sale Donations, South County Park Fairgrounds, 9:00am-2:00pm**
- 14 — Second Sunday Breakfast between the services (?)
- 15 — **Open Cupboard Food Pantry reopens at HMC Wellness Center on Rte 31 North**
- 18 — Vestry Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
- 19-22 **Friends of the Hunterdon County Library Book Sale, South County Park Fairgrounds****
- 21 — Youth Group Meeting, St. Jonathan Room, 6:30-8:00pm
- 22 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm
- 28 — Youth Group Movie Night, St. Jonathan Room, 6:30-8:00pm
- ** Times and admission vary; see hclibrary.us/friends/booksale for details**

Recurring Meetings

Mondays — 1:00-3:00pm, Knit/Crochet and Chat at the church

Tuesdays — 7:00am, Bible Study at The Spinning Wheel Diner

9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours

Wednesdays — 9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours

10:00am-2:00pm, Deacon Dot Office Hours

Fridays — 10:00am-2:00pm, Deacon Dot Office Hours

10:15am, Second Friday Prayers with CSJB

Thursdays — Vestry; 7:00-9:00pm Regular meeting open to all—see article p. 10

Sundays — 8:00 & 10:00 am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).

9:30 & 11:15am, Choir Rehearsal, St. Francis

Ed. Note: Many congratulations to all who were responsible for the beauty that was our Easter Sunday (at least my experience, at 10:00am): to the musicians, the vocalists, the celebrants, the altar guild, the congregants, the technicians. WOW. And mostly, of course, thanks be to GOD!

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