



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*



It's Spring! And what better time to feature some of the beautiful blooms that Jan Paxton's green thumb nourishes?
Photos by John Rollins, of course! Left to right: Tulip, Toad Lily, Cherry Blossom and Columbine.

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HEADS UP:

Honoring Our Graduates:

Each Spring we like to congratulate our high school and college graduates. Without your assistance we can't do it properly. So if you or your child is off to college or to the world (from either grade 12 or higher education), please let us know so that we can recognize this achievement at a 10:00am service in June (date to be determined). Send an email to admin@churchholyspirit.org with the name of the school you are leaving and/or attending in the Fall. What did you study or plan to study? What are your goals? We are a part of your church family and we want to cheer you on!!!

Building Use: Room Availability

Need to reserve a room at CHS? To check availability of the various rooms on specific dates, use this link: <https://churchholyspirit.skedda.com/booking>. You'll be able to see the availability of each room but not who is using the space. To book and get details on usage, please contact Marge Keller or send an email to admin@churchholyspirit.org.

Marge Keller

Photos — Please, Please, Please!

Tempus Fugit. The reception honoring Father Philip will be here in roughly eight weeks. 56 days. And we are all busy, to say the least. I was struck on Good Friday, as I sat among the knitters, how many years each of them had been members of CHS. It amounted to several hundred. Some more than Father Philip. I know that digital photos are fairly easy to send, so where are they? And film photographs can easily be transposed to digital by those in the know. Please be selective. You can email me at vicki.brooks24@comcast.net or phone/text 908-752-3062 for my snail mail. Drop at church for me if that's easier. We promise to take good care of treasures and return them unharmed.

As a reminder, these will be used in a slide presentation that will run on a loop during the reception, and we also plan a memorial book that all can sign for the good reverend. But those things can't be done overnight. I throw myself on your mercy. And don't assume that I have photos from the Trumpeter/Dove over the much lesser time I've been editor. I don't. And I wouldn't presume to select photos for you anyway. Thank you.



Vicki Brooks

Care Packages for Discharge Patients at HMC

Check the regular announcements in your email, on the website, or in the Sunday bulletin for Suzanne Higgins's latest good work. She is gathering specific items to put in drawstring bags and given to folks who have little to nothing as they exit the hospital after receiving care. She and John are providing the bags. She's looking for your assistance/donations for the items. The youth group will likely assist with filling the bags.

Andy: Born Again

Back in the late 1980s and 1990s I worked for several years as an editor for an old gentleman from Prussia who came to the U.S. after WWII, a refugee from Hitler's holocaust. He needed help writing his autobiography.

We became good friends. His son, he confided in me, was a big worry. Andy was in his 40s but still lived at home, sleeping in his boyhood bedroom. He had few friends and no serious girlfriend, in spite of the efforts of his Jewish relatives. He seemed satisfied to spend his time with his Momsie and Poppsie.

Like his father, Andy was a non-practicing Jew and had never set foot in a synagogue or celebrated any Jewish holiday. Father and son were avid atheists – very sure of themselves. The father couldn't understand how I could believe in God and questioned me closely about my church attendance. What I had to say on the subject was greeted with condescending smiles.

Time went by and what the father feared came to pass. Andy took care of his parents through their old age and final years until suddenly he was on his own.

He wasted no time in mourning, sold the family home and contents, and relocated to Old Town, Maine. No more sweltering Virginia summers for him! He bought a little house and thought he would enjoy life free of caretaking responsibilities.

I kept in contact with him through these years. After the first excitement of a new place, he admitted to me that he was lonely. After all, in Maine he was "from away." I believe that this was the first time he had questioned the trajectory of his life and beliefs.

The situation called for expert handling, so I suggested that he talk to a Rabbi. To my amazement he finally agreed. I don't know what the Rabbi said, but soon Andy was persuaded to attend a synagogue. Wonder of wonders! Gradually he was drawn into worship and social events, let go of his aggressive atheism, and became a practicing Jew. In fact, later he traveled to Europe to research his Jewish roots.

I can't take any credit for this transformation. What I believe happened to him is summed up in the words of Hymn 689: "I sought the Lord and afterwards I knew, he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me." It was God that *moved* Andy's soul to seek him. The impetus came from God, not from Andy.

We talked, "What would my father think," he mused. I wondered too. But something was still missing: a girlfriend. The Rabbi encouraged him to try Internet dating, and Andy met an attractive, youngish widow, an active observant Jew who lived in Kansas City, Kansas. Her name was STELLA (you can't make this stuff up).

As the French say, he was struck by lightning. He drove a marathon 1,650 miles straight through (with gas and pit stops only) to see Stella in person. After all, it was his first date, and she turned out to be the most wonderful woman in the world.

Larry and I attended the wedding a few months later and found Andy's synagogue to be as friendly and welcoming and fervent as CHS.

Andy understood exactly what had happened to him, and so he changed his email address to announce it to the world: he became and still remains: thenewandyreborninme2015@gmail.com.



Diane and Fr. Philip led off the first "Easter Chat" of 2024. Diane spoke of resurrection by recalling a personal event that perfectly illustrates how God can work among us to achieve rebirth. [Photo is of Resurrection Window in the Sanctuary]

Diane Bendahmane

Welcome Newcomers!





On the afternoon of April 21st, Fr. Philip hosted a mixer for some of CHS's newest members. He delivered a presentation of the history and character of CHS with a question-and-answer period. Participants were newcomers Julie Landgraf, Jennie Ayer, Linda Derrico, Loren Savage and Brian Savage. Deacon Dot Hospador also was in attendance. Nancy Bollig and Glenn and Kerri McMillan were unable to attend. Janet Matts, a member of last year's newcomers "class", helped with refreshments and setup. At the 10:00am service on June 2nd, these newcomers will be officially welcomed into the parish and there will be a special coffee hour in their honor following.

Diane Bendahmane

Presiding Bishop Election is Near

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is scheduled for June 25th. Four nominees chosen by the committee are illustrated below. Others may be nominated by petition by bishops or deputies to general convention. All nominees will address the General Convention on June 21st. The addresses will be available on line. For further information: www.episcopalchurch.org. Current nominees are illustrated here.

Nominees for the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

 <p><i>The Rt. Rev.</i> J. Scott Barker <i>Diocese of Nebraska</i></p>	 <p><i>The Rt. Rev.</i> Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez <i>Diocese of Pennsylvania</i></p>
 <p><i>The Rt. Rev.</i> Sean Rowe <i>Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania Diocese of Western New York</i></p>	 <p><i>The Rt. Rev.</i> Robert Wright <i>Diocese of Atlanta</i></p>

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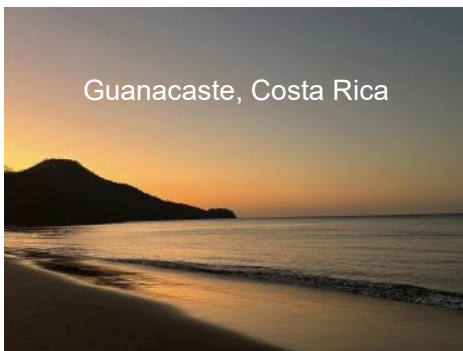
CHS Folks Have Been Traveling!

As some of you know, Ellie Curtin is spending a semester in New Zealand as part of her college education. I'm very envious [yes, I know it's a sin, and ask for forgiveness]. Mom **Tricia** flew down for a week in late April and posted a bunch of great photos on Facebook. A few are reproduced below. What a wonderful experience for them both! From left to right:



Mt. Victoria Lookout, Wellington; Zeelandia Wildlife Sanctuary, Karori; West Wind Wind Farm, Wellington.

When **Jaime Lyn** isn't at home in Hunterdon County caring for Mollie and Colin, and checking in with Joseph and Erin, not to mention husband Jeff Gora, she sometimes gets a great layover in a faraway land because of her job as a United flight attendant. Here are a couple of pics from trips she has had this year that gave her an opportunity (generally one day) to see a few of the sights. [Also reproduced from Facebook].



John, Liz and Michael Cannizzaro were in Mentor, Ohio for the Eclipse on April 8th with Michael's girlfriend, **Zoe Wise**, who took the photo at left.



Around the Area

Farm Stands Abounding

Spring has definitely sprung across the county! Some seasonal stands are reopening. Plan a visit to your favorites soon. Among your editor’s favorites are

Cervenka’s on Klinesville Road outside Flemington (opened May 2!!). My favorite for corn, as you might know. First crop has been sown already. Yum!



Phillip’s Farms on Milford-Warren Glen Road just below Church Road. Open year-round every day and great for self-picking in season.

Stangl Factory Farmers Market, Flemington. Open year-round on Saturdays, 9-3. Many of the vendors who formed the now defunct Clinton Sunday Market at the community center can be found there.

Let me know what your favorite summer markets are and I’ll add them in the next issue.



Just Published

Judy Linger has mentioned reading *St. Thomas’ Alexandria: 300 Years of Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith* by local resident/former ExxonMobil scientist Roger Prince. The book is about the early history of NJ and the history of our neighbor, St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sky Manor Road in Alexandria Township. It’s available on Amazon if you are interested. Judy was fascinated to read a lot of early history about the county that she had not known previously. Thanks Judy!!

A Reminder: Open Cupboard is Back in Business!!

Two semi-permanent homes are now open for this popular shop and food pantry destroyed by fire recently. Until further notice: Grayrock Shopping Center for the shop; Hunterdon Wellness Center for the pantry.

OPEN CUPBOARD THRIFT SHOP DONATION HUB
NOW
ACCEPTING DONATIONS
 GRAYROCK SHOPPING CENTER - REAR OF BUILDING
 1802 NJ 31 NORTH CLINTON, NJ 08809
 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, &
 SATURDAY
 9:30AM TO 12:30PM

Open Cupboard Food Pantry
New location!
 Hunterdon Health & Wellness Center
 1738 NJ-31
 Clinton, NJ 08809

Hours (by appointment only)	Non-perishable food donations
Tuesday through Saturday	accepted at the storage unit in
9:30am to 12:30pm	the parking lot
Wednesday	Thursday and Saturday
4:30pm to 6:30pm	9:30am to 12:00pm



Carol Johnson forwarded information about this wonderful May festival. While the first concert took place May 4, there are still more to come this month. All by wonderful musicians who will be playing in historic venues.

Hot Club of Philadelphia

In Django's Footsteps: Paris 1935

Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 PM
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo, Featuring Celil Refik Kaya and João Luiz

More Music from Raritan River New Commissions plus Leo Brouwer 85th Celebration

Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 PM
Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse

Manhattan Chamber Players

*Brahms & Dvořák:
Titans of the Romantic Era*

Saturday, May 25 at 7:30 PM
Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

For information and tickets, please go to [Raritan River Music](#)

And Speaking of Music, Clinton has announced that the **Come together Live Friday Night Music Series** debuts on May 24, Memorial Day Weekend, and runs to August 30th, Labor Day Weekend. Four bands are spread along Main Street each Friday, from 7:00-9:00pm.

Clinton Fire will be hosting a **Barbeque Fundraiser** on Friday, May 10th, Jack Daniels tells me.

Finally, on Sunday, May 19th, you might be interested in a **Clinton Street Fest**: Alas, I couldn't find out more information at press time, but I'll bet it will be lovely. Sadly, it will be without the contributions of Maine on Main, whose lovely lobster rolls we enjoyed for far too short a time. They have closed.



A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

— Robert Frost



*Vernal Pool, Michigan. Heather Cox
Richardson Photo*

Loveliest of Trees, The Cherry Now

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

— A.E. Housman



April Eclipse. Francesco Vaira Photo

We Had an Earthquake on April 5th


What an experience it was! At first your editor thought that it was the dynamiting that's been going on at Jugtown Mountain; or a very bad crash on Route 78 (I'm within earshot).

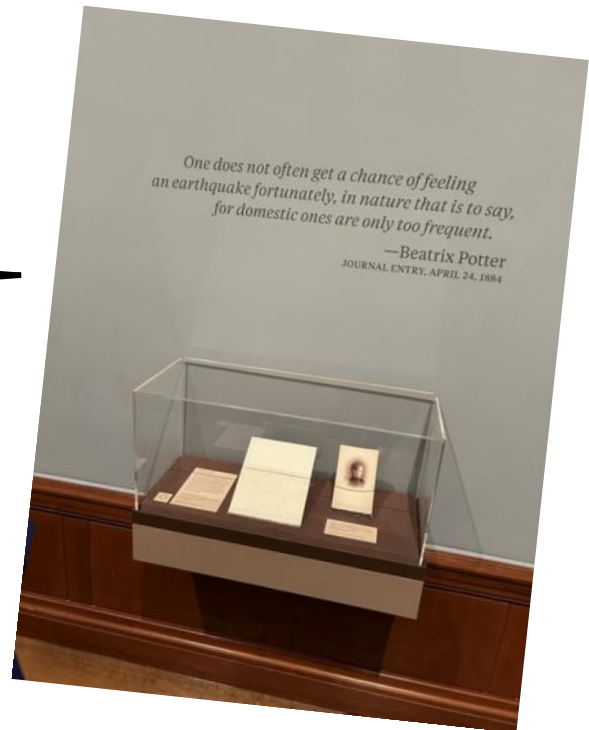
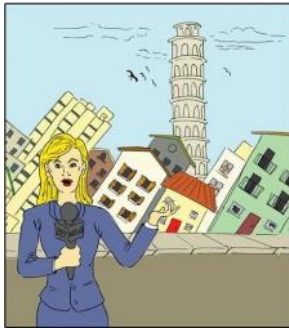
But no. Those guesses were almost immediately replaced. And how many aftershocks have we had? Mother Nature sure has a way of making us humble, doesn't she?

Father Philip had a bit to say about this (on Facebook).

8 Seconds of earthquake —
Shaken not stirred.

Report on our earthquake: No real damage seen thus far.
Books off the shelves and the nursery cribs were rolling
around. But crazy.

And coincidentally: at  the Beatrix Potter Exhibit



Courtyard Luxury Senior Living

You may have heard that the Holiday Inn on Route 73 in Clinton is being transformed into a Senior Living Facility. Along with a couple of friends, I did a tour of the facility the last week of April. Just because I was curious and I'm a senior. Most senior living facilities I'm aware of are buy-ins. This one is a rental, which presents several differences. Because it's a rental, Medicare doesn't cover expenses. [I don't know if Medicare would cover hospitalization if needed.] The monthly rental can go up in the way that other rentals do. It does include most services of other senior residential facilities, such as all meals, nursing care, transportation, cleaning, laundry, nurses on staff, an adult day center, activity rooms, a lounge/café, dining room, memory care rooms, The room offerings are studios and one-bedrooms, some of those with two baths, all with mini-kitchens. And the wonderful Holiday Inn pool remains.

If you have any interest in checking out the facilities, contact Christine Arway, Community Relations Director. Her email is christine.arway@courtyardSL.com. Cell is 732-925-8389. Move-in will probably be some time in November. A deposit would hold a room you selected and would be refundable.

Birthdays

MAY

Cynthia	Schneider	5	1
Colin	Gora	5	4
Debbie	Parker	5	4
Judy	Cahall	5	12
Matthew	Cagno	5	13
Peter	Wester	5	13
Joe	Gerish	5	14
David	Livingston	5	14
Chloe	Shive	5	17
Jake	Altom	5	20
William	Altom	5	20
David	Schnaudt	5	20
Alice	Hrebella	5	23
Gary	Scott	5	25
Katie	Higgins	5	27
Denise	Shaughnessy	5	27
Marianne	Van Deursen	5	27
Aubrey	Shive	5	31

JUNE

Owen	Feeley	6	3
Jasmine	Marlow	6	3
Cate	Mattison	6	6
Paul	Chardoussin	6	9
Barbara	Livingston	6	10
Chris	Wygłendowski	6	11
Jordan	Altom	6	16
Tracy	MacGeorge	6	16
Suzanne	Higgins	6	18
Jennifer	Feeley	6	19
Bintou	Fofana	6	20
Lossenie	Fofana	6	20
Robert	Zeh	6	21
Karen	Chardoussin	6	24
Andy	Follansbee	6	24
Evan	Wygłendowski	6	25
David	Cahall	6	30



Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

What a crowd was feted after the 10:00 service early in April! We all sang lustily and well, thanks to the choir members and a couple of really fine “ringers” in the congregation (you know who you are). What fun!!

MAY — JUNE DATES TO NOTE [COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BOLD]**MAY**

5 — We Care meeting, Dove Hall at 9:15am

6 — Caregiver Support ZOOM meeting 7:00pm

9 — Ascension Bonfire and Picnic Dinner; then Choir Rehearsal

13 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm

16 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm

Open Cupboard Gala at Little Ridge Vineyards, Harmony Township, 5:00-9:00pm

18 — **Confirmation at the Cathedral, 10:00am. Four CHS congregants attending**

19 — **Pentecost Sunday**

Lobster, Steak and Street Fest to benefit South Branch Emergency Services, 4:00-7:00pm, Clinton

27 — **Memorial Day**

Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm

JUNE

1 — **Feed My Starving Children, Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick**

2 — Special Welcome Newcomers service and coffee hour following; 10:00am

3 — Caregiver Support Group ZOOM meeting, 7:00pm

10 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm

16 — Father's Day Breakfast, 9:00-10:00am

19 — **Juneteenth**

20 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm

24 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm

25 — **General Convention of the Episcopal Church with Election of the new Presiding Bishop**

29 — **A PARTY TO CELEBRATE 37 YEARS, 4:00PM**

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

7:00-8:30pm Theology on Tap, St. Martin Room and Zoom

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—check website for special Zoom link.

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

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