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# The Trumpeter

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



Sharon Tripodi Photo

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## TRAVEL ALERTS (HURRY — DEADLINES LOOM!)



Tracy MacGeorge photo

### *DRIVERS Requested for Father Phil -*

I am lining up drivers to chauffeur Father Phil on the remaining House Blessing routes. From 4:30 - 7:30 pm on the following Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: February 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19, and 20. Please contact me if you can help at [elesniak@mac.com](mailto:elesniak@mac.com) or 908-420-3613.

It's a great opportunity for uninterrupted one-on-one time with your priest and perhaps a chance to explore some of the county that you haven't seen before!

*Eva Lesniak*

### *Reserve a Seat on the Bus (deadline February 7th; Concert Monday evening February 24th)*

Did you know that Alexei Tartakovsky, our very own director of music, is working to complete his PhD. at CUNY? He has a recital pending in New York as part of his degree requirement. Here's an opportunity to hear him play in a concert setting. Admission is free. Jane and Jeff Anderson have reserved a bus from CHS to the concert hall and return — for only \$30 per person. The catch? We must guarantee at least 35 of the 55 bus seats to reserve the CHS music bus. (Can we fill every seat?? — bring friends!) Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meet at CHS for a 3:30 pm departure. Alexei's recital is at City University's Elebash Recital Hall, 365 Fifth Avenue (at 34th Street). The Recital begins at 6:00 pm with a reception to follow. We will leave for home by 8:45 pm.

To reserve your seat, please call or email Jeff or Jane Anderson at 439-2532 or [janderson4244@gmail.com](mailto:janderson4244@gmail.com) prior to Friday, 2/7.

Cost per person is \$35.00. Checks should be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit and are due no later than **Sunday February 9th**. If we meet the minimum of 35 on 2/9 we go; otherwise all checks will be returned and the bus cancelled. Additionally, if we meet the minimum, there will be 20 remaining seats and reservations will continue to be accepted, along with check, on a first-come, first-served basis.

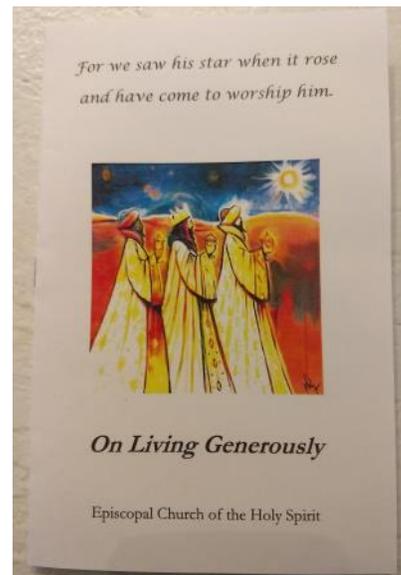


**W3K — We Three Kings [Area House Blessings and Parties]**

We hope you found the "We Three Kings" House Blessing both meaningful and fun! [If you've not yet been visited by Fr. Phil and had the opportunity to mix with other folks in your area, stay tuned: your turn will come!]

The Estimate of Giving card and return envelope can be found tucked in the back cover of the Stewardship 2020 booklet included in the W3K Folder you received during your house blessing. The booklet is pictured here.

**Please return your Estimate of Giving to the Pledge Clerk by February 18 in the envelope provided.** Or you can use the form included below. Your estimate is kept confidential by the Pledge Clerk and can be revised at any time during the course of the year. Thank you in advance!



*Eva Lesniak*

 **W3K 2020 Stewardship Campaign**

Name .....

Address ..... My/Our Estimate of Giving for 2020 is: \$ .....

City / State / Zip ..... Per Week / Per Month / Per Quarter / For the Year

Telephone(s) ..... I/We are unable to provide an Estimate at this time.

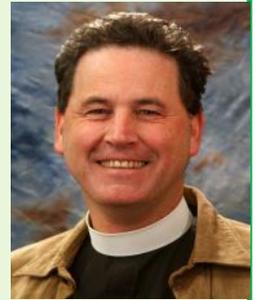
Email(s) ..... I/We do not want a book of envelopes.

Please return to Pledge Clerk, Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

*If you have recently moved or changed your email, or are new to the parish, PLEASE make sure we have current data for you so that you receive quarterly statements of your giving. Needless to say, please print clearly to help avoid errors on our part.*

### ***From the Rector's Desk:***

"Faith is that which, knowing the Lord's will, goes and does it; or, not knowing it, stands and waits, content in ignorance as in knowledge, because God wills; neither pressing into the hidden future, nor careless of the knowledge which opens the path of action. It is its noblest exercise to act with uncertainty of the result, when the duty itself is certain, or even when a course seems with strong probability to be duty." George MacDonald 1824-1905



MacDonald was a Scottish author, minister and mentor to Lewis Carroll and inspiration to C.S.Lewis.

He uses the word ignorance in the quote above but be not dismayed by it. He doesn't mean, I'm quite sure, not to try and learn, question and discover, but simply in those moments when we cannot discern a future, that we stand and remain constant. The noblest act occurs in uncertainty. We remain in an agile stance, nimble in Spirit, though our bodies age, while hound lives have much to learn. We approach the mystery that is faith on the balls of our feet.

MacDonald was a proponent of a loving God that would, in the end, redeem all things, this God, this Hound of Heaven. In our world of fractures and fault lines, the larger vision of the Perfect, ultimately dragging all wayward souls by way of an eternally loving Christ, to some vast realm of bliss, though not without some harrowing purification along the way, is salutary. I am motivated by love not fear. I wish to tell the story of Grace not to spare others some freakish weird alien idea of torment, but that that very Grace may more abound in accordance with the very prayer Jesus taught. Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

It is well for our souls to have the promise of Grace for all people ready on our minds, so that our words will align with that meaning and our actions with thus be kinder, and of more infinite patience, as we wait with God for others to join us here and now. Can you catch this glimpse of faith that will brighten not just your life but strengthen others? Can you remember to be nimble even as the brittleness of our bodies tries to convince us to retreat into protection, or the overwhelming circumstances of life exasperate is to exhaustion? We can live in light. We can live lightly. We can touch gently. We can have faith. We can have faith even when we know not how.

*+Philip*



### ***Mirota House 3rd Annual Luncheon: New Date February 15th***

Mirota House luncheon has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020 from Noon to 1:30 P.M. The theme will be Valentine's Day and everyone is invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to exercise our CHS message statement: to follow Christ as we serve others, profess God's love and grow in the spirit.

Please look for the sign-up list in the Narthex for needed baked items or if you wish, a cash donation for necessary purchases.

Any questions? Please talk to or call Jeff and Jane Anderson at 908-439-2532.

*Jeff Anderson*

## Treasurer's Report



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

	YTD 2019	Budget YTD 2019
Operating Revenue	\$ 323,351	\$ 297,195
Total Expense	\$ 316,872	\$ 319,721
Net	\$ 6,479	(\$22,526)

Church of the Holy Spirit finances were managed throughout 2019 under the leadership of the Finance Committee and Vestry. The members of the committee are Sally Bird, Gabrielle Bolarakis, Ed Filipski, John Higgins, Oscar Jones, Eva Lesniak, David Marlow, and Linda West. An internal audit of the books for 2017 and 2018 was conducted in December by Oscar Jones and David Marlow. Linda West volunteers by coming into the office weekly to enter items into QuickBooks and to cut checks. A special thank you goes to Oscar, who creates and manages our spreadsheets on a monthly basis.

In 2019, 66% of our revenue came from pledging parishioners, as well as regular givers. The rest was made up by our annual auction, Rectory rent, First Step rent, Meals on Wheels rent, seasonal offerings, plate and other smaller income. Our income total was over budget by about \$25,000 due to the service auction revenue and pledge donations coming in over budget.

On the expense side, many of these items are somewhat fixed. Our end of year expenses came in under budget by about \$3,000. We did use about \$12,000 of our savings account to finish the elevator, which was anticipated in 2018 after a final review of the project. Our end of year revenue over expenses was just under \$6,500 against a budget projected loss of just over \$22,500.

For 2020, our budget includes a deficit of just under \$11,000. Since our stewardship drive is being incorporated this year in the Epiphany visits, We Three Kings (W3K), we averaged the past three years' actual pledge amounts to arrive at the calculated number. After the final accounting is in, we most likely will need to adjust that line and will bring a revised budget to Vestry, if needed.

On the expense side of the budget for 2020, we have included no salary increases at this time due to the uncertainty of income totals. This may change after pledge numbers are in. We have increased our Fair Share in 2020 by 20%, up to \$30,000 to reflect our commitment to our Diocese.

We thank all of you for your support to CHS throughout the year by giving of your time, talent, and treasure.

*Sally Bird*

## CHS Café

Join us after the service for coffee and conversation. Now that the Christmas rush is past and the greens recycled, we have room once again in the Narthex to put out small tables and chairs so we can linger comfortably with a hot beverage and a nibble. Can you help with the treats? we are asking for volunteers to bring a snack to share, whether homemade or store bought; the coffee/tea setup is done by others. Suggestions: bagels and cream cheese; donuts; cookies; anything sweet or savory, but keep it simple. Offerings should be finger foods so we don't need plates and forks. We have white catering trays for plating and are using the table under the Dove for service. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you can take a turn bringing goodies some Sunday, we thank you in advance! Stay and meet a new friend or two.



**HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH OUR TERRIFIC YOUTH GROUP WILL BE PROVIDING PANCAKES BETWEEN THE SERVICES.....HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THEM ! IF YOU WANT TO BRING A TREAT TO SHARE DURING THE FEAST, PLEASE DO!**

## Welcome to the CHS Master Calendar

The CHS Master Calendar was created to consolidate the multiple calendars that were being used previously. Not all those calendars were up to date; many did not have the same events listed. The ability to see details on the many events happening at CHS was not available on all the calendars.

Google calendar became the obvious choice: it allows us to access one site for all events, to manage those events in one place, including details as needed; embed the calendar on the CHS website; and allow for dynamic changes. A change made on the master immediately becomes visible on all linked versions. If a change is made to the master, it appears immediately on the web version and it will appear on your version as well.

You can access the CHS calendar from your computer, laptop, smart phone or tablet. To see the calendar on the website, go to [www.churchholyspirit.org](http://www.churchholyspirit.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Use the arrows below the header to see future or past months. Move to the far right and select if you wish to see a week or month at a time or click Agenda for a listing of events. Details are available for many events.

To have the calendar on your computer or other device, copy and paste or type this URL into your browser:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=chs.calendar%40churchholyspirit.net&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=chs.calendar%40churchholyspirit.net&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

A limited number of people have administrative permission: Marge Keller, the Office Admin, Webmaster and CHS News editor. If you wish to have an event added to the calendar, contact one of them. To check facility availability, please contact the Office Admin.

*Marge Keller*



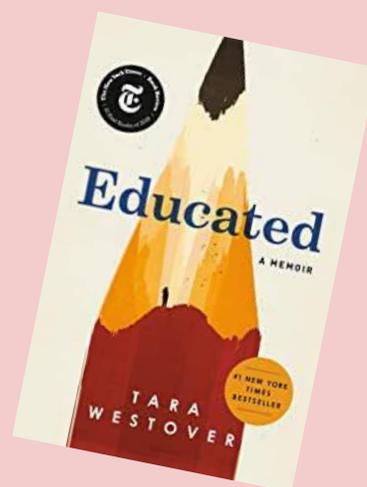
## *Eggzotic - A Celebration of Pysanky*

Our own Wendy Hallstrom is a multi-talented artist, as many of you are aware. Her lovely pysanky creations will be on display at the North Branch of the Hunterdon County Library during the **month of February**. Pysanky are elaborately decorated Easter eggs found in Ukrainian, Polish and other central European traditions. Wendy will be demonstrating the technique on **Saturday, February 15th** at 11 am and again at noon. If you are interested in learning the technique, she will be offering several workshops in the area, which are listed on her website, [EggzoticArt.com](http://EggzoticArt.com).

## *Spirited Readers Book Club*

Because the previously announced *Hillbilly Elegy* won't be available until the summer, our next book selection will be *Educated*, by Tara Westover. This memoir details Tara's childhood in the mountains of Idaho. Her survivalist-minded parents did not consider a "traditional" education to be valuable; yet, after one of her siblings entered college, she decided to pursue an education as well. Her quest took her to Harvard and, ultimately, Cambridge. Published in 2018, *Educated* became a national bestseller.

I have reserved the kit for February 1; **March 22nd** will be our next meeting (following the 10:00 service).



*Suzanne Higgins*

## *Got Change?*

The Got Change collection takes place on the second Sunday of each month. Have you seen Hal Murray's handcrafted bowl in the Narthex and wondered about Got Change? What is it for? Why should I put money in that bowl?

Got Change was started by our former Deacon, Johnine Byrer, who correctly surmised that people would not mind donating loose pocket/wallet change to a good cause. Small donations add up and augment the budget of CHS's outreach ministries. Today we continue the Got Change collection that Johnine started and we use it to help those ministries.

Your donation truly does help those in need. Please keep Got Change in mind on the second Sunday [do you have a coin bank that needs emptying?] Together our donations can make a big difference. Please call me (908-797-0020) with any questions.



*Liz Cannizzaro*

## Red Wagon



Our Food Pantry needs for February continue to be canned fruit and vegetables. In addition, for the month of March, please include canned soup, as this is now the second listed "current need" by the Open Cupboard Pantry. Any household cleaning supplies also are welcome as are toiletries and personal hygiene items. There are so many individuals and families in our area who depend upon the generosity of their neighbors, and your continued support is deeply appreciated.

The Open Cupboard also has a shop and welcomes appropriate donations to fill it. Their website has suggestions:

[:www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org/](http://www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org/)

*Katie Higgins*

*Ed. Photo: In August 2018 the Babek family presented the Red Wagon donations on their last Sunday with CHS prior to emigrating to Hong Kong. Keep them in your prayers as the Coronavirus spreads in Asia. Schools are now closed in Hong Kong and the family is home schooling Liam and Hazel, with expert telecommunications help from the Wagner family back in New Jersey.*

## Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower donation envelopes will be available on the table in the Narthex during Lent for those of you who would like to make use of them. Please submit the names of loved ones,



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memorials, or thanksgivings, with your donation (\$35 is suggested) by placing the envelope in the Sunday collection plate or the Altar Guild mailbox by the door in the undercroft **no later than Palm Sunday, April 5, to guarantee that the names are included in the Easter bulletin.** (Checks can be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit Altar Guild). Thank you!

*Sue Landgraf, Altar Guild Directress*

## Pulse of the Parish

We welcome Finley Joseph Tiefel, Son of Chris and Jenny Tiefel, grandson of Ron and Linda Schroeder. Born 1/10/2020. Joins big brother Owen (3 years old).

Thanks Floriene Garrabrant, Marge Keller and Mary Scott for your faithful, time-consuming work for November's jewelry sale, which raised close to \$1,000 for CHS's outreach ministries! And thanks to the generosity of the CHS members who made it possible with their donations and purchases.

**Aaron Murray** has a new mailing address. He has transferred from Scouting Adventures Gilwell (northeast part of London) to another Scouting Adventures site called Great Tower — a 6-7 hour drive north from London and in the Lake Country. His new address is: Aaron Murray, Scout Adventures Great Tower, Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria LA23 3PQ, UK. He can also be reached by email: [aakmurray@gmail.com](mailto:aakmurray@gmail.com). Aaron would love to hear from his CHS friends.

## HOLD THE DATES

FEBRUARY		MAY	
4	<b>Diocesan Convention preliminary hearing at CHS; 6-9 pm</b>	2	CHS Fundraiser (tentative date )
6	Keller Sacristy Dedication	25	Memorial Day Parade
9	Scouting Sunday	30	Pentecost Celebratory Event
15	Mirota House Luncheon ( <b>new date</b> )	31	Pentecost Sunday
16	Estimate of Giving cards due		
23	Mission Trip meeting		<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>
21	Tartakovsky Concert NYC (see website)		First and Third Mondays, 4:00 pm, Culinary Angels,
24	Tartakovsky Recital NYC ( <b>bus trip from CHS</b> )		Second and Fourth Mondays, 10:00 am, Knit & Chat
25	Mardi Gras Pancake Supper		Tuesdays, 6:00 am, Bible Study at Spinning Wheel Diner
26	Ash Wednesday Services		Tuesdays, 7: 00 pm: Theology on Tap at Courtyard Marriott
	<b>MARCH</b>		Wednesdays, 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist [Burton Chapel]
7	Diocesan Convention, Cherry Hill NJ		Third Thursday, 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting except as noted
22	Spirited Readers Book Club		Saturdays at 7:00 pm: Youth Bible Study
	<b>APRIL</b>		Mid-week evenings until Lent: House Blessings (see article p. 3)
5	Palm Sunday (Easter Flower donations due)		
9	Maundy Thursday Service/Dinner		
10	Good Friday Service Day		
11	Easter Vigil		
12	Easter Sunday		

## *Snapshots: Annual Meeting*



### *Annual Meeting Held January 26th*

The CHS annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 26th as part of a combined worship service. We began in Dove Hall with prayer and a lovely prelude provided by Alexei and dear Jane Roxbury, returned for a visit from Utah with golden flute in hand. Following the meeting we processed to the Sanctuary for Holy Communion. Thanks to outgoing Senior Warden Cate Mattison for the breakfast bagel spread!

In addition to presentation of the annual reports and approval of the 2020 budget, the following elections were held and approved unanimously:

Tracy MacGeorge, Senior Warden  
 Marianne Van Deursen, Junior Warden  
 Dale Dabour, member  
 Cate Mattison, member at large

There are still two seats open on the vestry for this year. If interested, please contact Fr. Phil, one of the wardens, or the CHS Admin. (see page 12 for contact information).



## Snapshots



*Every newsletter editor needs a muse. I'm "furlunate" to have two. Gracie (l.) and Seri (r.) were keeping me at my desk on Tuesday morning (February 4), encouraging me to finish this issue of the Trumpeter. - Ed.*

Fr. Phil recently mentioned that the prayer shawl knitters at both CHS and Edna Mahan Correctional Facility are taking a break from shawls to knit and crochet soap sacks for the folks in detention camps. When there is more specific information about the project, it will get posted, but meanwhile, you can do this! Even Father Phil can crochet these because they are small and quick. Download the pattern of your choice from the CHS website ([churchholyspirit.org](http://churchholyspirit.org)). Please use cotton yarn.



## Church of the Holy Spirit — Who's Who

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**The Rev. Dorothea N. Hospador, Deacon**

**The Rev. Michelleslie Maltese-Nehrbass, Deacon**

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Check the CHS calendar on the website, Sunday bulletin and the Friday email news for updated information: [churchholyspirit.org](http://churchholyspirit.org) And a reminder to make sure that you register on the 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! And don't assume that we do — nobody's perfect!