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# The Trumpeter

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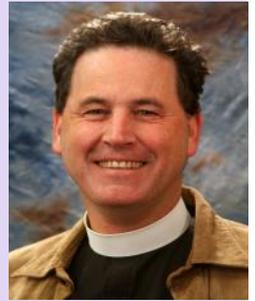
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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Blessings and peace as we journey on the way to something we once considered regular time after a once-in-a-hundred-year pandemic.

I'm thinking about how we bounce forward, not just bounce back. Merely bouncing back means decline, emotionally as well as spiritually, and, well, basically in all ways. We cannot even consider just going back to "the way it was." Frankly, given all the stress of an 18-month lock-down, my memory is shot anyway!



*It is hard to think it through, to pray it through, to love it through.* But that is our calling now. And I believe we should be excited and hope-filled as we approach a new beginning together at CHS. And one of the blessed reasons for this "hope-filled-ness" is the not-so-subtle shift that has taken place within our hearts and minds: we are an adaptable people.

From a place of proper humility, this change and rebirth will not so much as register a quiver from the point of view of 2000 years of church history. It is not as if the Church hasn't seen such times with regularity and frequency. Even our more ancient forbears were always on the move. Sarah and Abraham moved all over North Africa. Moses and Zipporah went wandering about for 40 years. Building a fixed Temple didn't settle David down very much, and when things did get settled down with Solomon, they all went south! Fast forward to the Jesus Movement and there never was supposed to be anything but change. Homes were the gathering tents of the faithful. During three centuries of persecutions, we simply borrowed buildings and old pagan temples to use for temporary houses of public worship. The goal was not to stay put, but to move around.

Still, we need a place to call home -- and we have it and from it we move around quite a bit. Having a centering ground for worship which prompts us to go out in sacrifice and service to the universe is a wonderful gift -- and never to be underestimated. The building is a place to support movement -- the movement of the Holy Spirit animating our lives to love and serve the Lord in those we meet along that way.

And we even move within our building in ways that are unique and in symmetry with the history of our faith. This has stood us well for the unhappy occasions of the many months just past. While some have murmured (with what I'd describe as convivial lament) about the way we move our seating around seasonally, I will argue that such a discipline has kept us open and free and willing to embrace a new mode of being church during such a difficult time as 2020-21. We gathered in theological union with the themes of the various seasons of the Liturgical Year and the very act of moving about has formed us. We are used to dislocation and movement and that has been a strength. Here's an example or gauge of it: Our musicians (Alex and Meg) have been selecting hymns -- many of which we've never sung before (odd, when you think it's a hymnal published 40 years ago!!!) -- yet rarely have I heard any complaint! And mostly I've heard comments about the novel surprise of enjoying the poetry of a new-to-us hymn or the pleasing melody initially encountered and ultimately enjoyed by the 4<sup>th</sup> verse. Feel free to disagree on my assessment, but I think the fluidity and grace of our community is a mark of the work of the Spirit. Of course, given the massive threat and challenge of a pandemic, such considerations of hymn selection are pretty minor. Perhaps, when the smoke clears, we might all return to a level where we can make a bigger fuss about smaller things.

Let's bring it home.

Yes. It is hard to think it through, to pray it through, to love it through. But that is our calling now. Here's where we start anew. The innovations will continue and improve. We will pick up some things that got underserved (i.e. our Sunday formation program for all ages). And we will be able to articulate the gift a community of faith has to offer those who are coming out of this mess and needing a bigger, more reliable **circle of trust**. That's what we are. We think it, pray it and love it through together.

### *From the Rector's Desk (continued)*

P.S.: Did you catch the Zipporah namedrop? Look her up. Zipporah is Moses' Ethiopian wife. We read of Joshua's condemnation of Moses' marriage to her because she was black – a dark-skinned Cushite. It's one of the first recorded instances of such prejudice. I'm glad to be part of a community that stands with others who might be different from the main, and understands itself to be among the very same folks who are not "others," but us: equal sharers of grace and hope in Christ. We do a lot more than just "stand," and as we return to Cristo Rey and Edna Mahan and other ministries, we hope to build on the central understanding that we are one. And that we need to grow our circle of trust.

Blessings and hope for a glorious summer,



*Philip+*

### *What's Happening This Summer (Part One)*

#### **BLACK BAG WITH FATHER PHIL**

Children of all ages are encouraged to volunteer for the Black Bag chats at the 10:00 am service starting **June 6th**. For the past several years, children (and some not so young anymore) have brought an object with special meaning to be presented just before the sermon. Fr. Phil will discuss the presentation with the child and find a connection between it and the Gospel. This will be a **live-only** project; no Zoom presentations. Want to sign up? Send your name and the date you would like to participate to [Admin@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:Admin@churchholyspirit.org)



#### **PARABLES, POEMS, PLAYS, PRAYERS AND PROSE ON THE PORCH (P6) - ORAL INTERPRETATION CLASS**

Are you looking for an enjoyable summer evening filled with witty, fun, thoughtful, meaningful and entertaining readings? Father Phil has come up with a great social opportunity, post-Covid, to visit with one another in person and discover ways of reading the beauty of words written for fun, praise and prayer, and pure pleasure. There are no limits...a special poem, a children's story, a favorite author...

Join us on the porch at CHS on Tuesdays this summer. Dates are **June 15th, July 13th and August 10th** from 7:00-8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome to participate and/or listen to the many voices who will share interesting readings and discuss more about how to best interpret the works chosen. As part of the CHS school this year, there has been a group that has been doing just that and would like to share with you as well as have you join us in reading what is meaningful for you. All CHS readers or others are also welcome to read from the BCP, a prayer, a collect, or a parable.

If you would like to share something for one of the sessions, please send it to Janet Matts [janet@janetmatts.com](mailto:janet@janetmatts.com) to be included in a booklet that we will distribute to all attendees. Include your name, the piece you would like to read, as well as the reason that you chose it. All entries to be included in the booklet need to be received no later than **June 1st**. If you would like to share something at a later date, just bring copies to share.

If you would like to participate, but don't have a reading, no worries. We will provide selections that you can choose from.

*Janet B. Matts*

## Gathering of Voices: Key ideas and dates

Music is central to our lives and the heart of our worship. We are deeply grateful for the consistent, sustaining music so beautifully offered during this very challenging time. Yet the fullness of our offerings has been necessarily limited. We *will* come together in strength for song again over the summer months to build a new music ministry leading our worship each week. We expect to begin formally on **September 19th**.

That seems pretty far away, but we want to rebuild a strong foundation that gradually swells to include many more people and many more genres of music — new opportunities to offer beauty before the Lord and God's People.

### BLUE BOOK 2ND EDITION

One way to begin the rebuild is to gather a bunch of new music from a variety of sources in order to redo our own blue hymnal. It is over 20 years old and more than half of it didn't hold up. That's ok. We want you to get your favorites together and send them in to the office here: [admin@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:admin@churchholyspirit.net). Please include title and author, though if you have a PDF to attach, that will help. We need music from all traditions, eras and cultures: modern, R&B, RC, folk, bluegrass, power ballads, you name it. Please get suggestions in by **June 20th**, because we're holding a big songfest for everyone interested on **June 24th**.

### SONGFEST: THURSDAY JUNE 24 AT 7 PM

You can zoom in to hear some things, but we'd really rather have you here to sing together. We will go through as many suggested songs/hymns as we can, keeping notes on preferences and thoughts. We will likely need a couple more nights to sing away over the summer and then it will be a rather large task to print and repopulate the three-ring binders. More on that as things develop.

### VOCAL FITTINGS: ONE ON ONE SUNDAY JUNE 27 AT 11:15 AM

Yup. I'll go first! I'll be sitting with Alex at the piano. He will take me through some brief exercises and help me figure out where I should be singing in chorus and give me some pointers. It's a singing conversation, not a tryout.

We are inviting everyone with even a passing thought of singing to attend. It will give each person a chance to share their gifts and offer suggestions and ideas for music ministry. And being one-on-one for just a few minutes, no one has to get nervous about singing in front of others. Festive lunch will be provided.

### Instruments and Youth

Go big. Which means go wide and go deep. We can think about having various instruments with different styles of music every Sunday. And more: various ages. Younger ones in small groups could offer songs across the year at seasonal occasions.

### Orchestral Works

It seems ages ago that we offered a Christmas Oratorio, but we feel we should do so again, along with a Lenten/Easter masterwork.



## *Musings from the Senior Warden*



Happy Spring everyone! (Although on some days it has certainly felt a lot more like summer for sure!) As the weather has been warming up and more people are getting vaccinated each day, I find myself filled with increasing JOY and HOPE! The joy of (finally!) getting to visit with more of my friends and family. Of sitting outside on my deck with the sun on my face and the birds flitting about. Of taking a Sunday drive with my husband in our Jeep with the wind in my hair and the smell of freshly cut grass. Of walking my precious pup, Gunner, down the street and chatting with neighbors. And I feel the HOPE that we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and pushing through the worst of the pandemic, which has taken so much from all of us.

And something that gave me particular JOY last weekend was the fantastic 'Picnic Palooza' at CHS on Saturday! Thanks SO much to Dale Dabour and Marge Keller for all of their planning and for helping make the event a huge success. Everyone who came brought their own 'picnic' dinner and gathered around on blankets and in camping chairs. There was yummy ice cream and fun games, such as ladder ball, cornhole, hula hoops and frisbee. There was lots of conversation, laughter and awesome live entertainment, courtesy of Ed and accompanied by Fr. Phil on both the harmonica and bongos! (I especially enjoyed the rousing rendition of 'Werewolves of London' in which the audience enthusiastically participated!)

But what made the event most joyful, hopeful and inspiring was the fact that we were all gathered together physically, not a Zoom screen in sight! I gave and received many hugs from people I hadn't seen in person in over a year. It was absolutely spectacular and it did my heart and soul good to have that physical connection again. Given the success of the event and the wonderful feedback from those who attended, we will be planning additional picnic gatherings throughout the summer, so stay tuned!

And fortunately, there are more opportunities coming up in which you can participate without a computer screen!

*Recognition of Graduating Seniors – May 30*

*Holy Hike – June 12*

*Parables, Poems, Plays, Prayers and Prose on the Porch (P6) – June 15, July 13 & August 10*

*Sing-Along (to revise the Blue Book of hymns) – June 24*

In addition to these events, I also urge everyone to join the **All-Parish gathering** on **June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm** where we will discuss and share ideas to plan for the future of CHS. Details to follow on the website.

So I hope that all of you can share in my renewed sense of JOY and HOPE and that I get to see you (live and in person!) at one of our upcoming events. Until then, please continue to be well and stay safe!



*Tracy MacGeorge*

## Treasurer's Report



As of the end of April our financial results for 2021 are as follows:

	YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Revenue	\$ 123,952	\$ 92,657
Total Expense	\$ 105,246	\$ 110,034
Net	\$ 18,706	\$ (17,377)

A couple of notes regarding our finances:

- † Our revenue number is slightly high due to the fact that all prepaid 2021 pledges that were donated in 2020 are applied to the books in January. This amount is almost \$15,000. We also have several additional parishioners who have paid their entire 2021 pledge in the first 4 months of this year.
- † We applied for a second PPP loan in early March and were approved for \$20,210. Again, these funds will be used for salaries in 2021. We expect to be able to apply for loan forgiveness in the next month or so. This new loan will be a liability and will not show on our monthly financial reports per Diocesan guidelines.
- † Our annual Workman's Compensation report was submitted to our insurance company in May.
- † Please try to keep your pledge up to date during the summer months, even as you have the opportunity to travel and spend time away with family and friends. Summer months tend to have less income; however, our expenses continue.

Thank you to all for your continued support of CHS. Many of you have given of your time and talent as well. During my bi-monthly treasurer calls with Phyllis Jones, CFO of the Diocese, I realize how truly blessed we are to have such generous and giving parishioners. Some churches in our Diocese have not opened up for in-person worship yet, due to the cost of maintaining their large buildings. They do not have the support they need to carry on their mission.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Sally Bird, Treasurer*

**Year-End Giving Statements** were mailed by January 31st and you should have received first-quarter 2021 statements as well. If you find any errors or omissions, please contact Pledge Clerks Dave Marlow and/or Eva Lesniak.





# BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday June 29**

**2:00pm-8:00pm**

**Church Of the Holy Spirit**

**3 Haytown Road Lebanon**

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## What's Happening This Summer (Part Two)

### GOT CHANGE

Your donations are needed to help pay some bills for our adopted family. The two oldest will be seniors next year so over the summer the college application process and college placement exams will start. A former parishioner has been giving many hours of her time to advise and help with school and colleges. These college expenses (fees, books) are above and beyond normal living expenses and simply do not fit into the family budget. While the kids hope to be the beneficiaries of some scholarship money, those awards do not usually include room and board or books.

Your donation, *no matter how small*, will help when it becomes part of the large pool of money. Won't you please send us a check or use the Donate button on the church website; just make sure you mark the donation as "Got Change". On the second Sunday of each month, Hal Glasser's beautifully handcrafted bowl will be on the table in the Narthex to accept donations. Thank you for your past and future generosity!

### HELP WANTED

Experience with social media needed to help market Church of the Holy Spirit to local community. Knowledge of how to create graphics and text required with the goal of attracting new members in the varied ministries of the church. If interested, send a resume to [support@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:support@churchholyspirit.net) attention Personnel Committee.



**ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**—We will be placing flowers at the altar and the ambo as we work our way through full reopening of the church. If you would like to make a memorial or thanksgiving offering for flowers, you should send the information to [support@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:support@churchholyspirit.net). Payment may be made online or by check payable to Church of the Holy Spirit-Altar Guild. A \$35 donation is suggested. Direct link on the website is <https://www.churchholyspirit.org/news/altar-flower-donations-resume>

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming back this summer! Dates are August 2nd to 6th for children entering grades K-12 in September. We have planned a Holy Hike with Julie Stine for a visit to the Marlow's goat farm –what a realistic way to teach about the Good Shepherd--and an overnight for the older children (grade 6 and up) on Thursday night. The activity will include a camp dinner prepared on stacked cast-iron pots, prepared by Eva Lesniak. The next morning, we will feed those hungry kids a hearty breakfast. We will be providing snacks and lunch during the week with direction from Jane Paradiso. Jane will also speak to the kids about healthy eating. Of course, we will also find time for some Frisbee!

We are working on what we believe to be an exciting program with formation and fun incorporated into each activity. We hope your child(ren) will be joining us.

To help defray costs, we are asking for a \$25 donation per child (or \$40 per family) payable with the registration. (*Speak to Fr. Phil about scholarship assistance.*) The registration form is in a link below; you will need to print and submit in person or by email to [admin@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:admin@churchholyspirit.org) Forms will also be available in the Narthex and the office.

We will have other activities and your help and input can be wonderful contributions to the big picture. If you would like to help, for one project or the entire week, please contact Fr. Phil, Eva Lesniak or Marge Keller. Here are the direct links to information and registration:

<https://www.churchholyspirit.org/vbs-2021.html> and [https://www.churchholyspirit.org/uploads/8/9/8/7/89872313/vbs\\_registration\\_form.pdf](https://www.churchholyspirit.org/uploads/8/9/8/7/89872313/vbs_registration_form.pdf)

## ***What's Happening This Summer (Part Two continued)***

### **KITCHEN RENOVATION**

By the time you read this, the kitchen renovation should be nearly done! With much thanks to Cecile and Bisrat Bulcha for the donation of cabinets and to the crew that did all the tear down, electrical work and installation: Gary Scott, John Higgins, Jim West and Fr. Phil, a Well Done!

Also, thanks to anonymous donors for the new commercial dishwasher. We'll now be able to use real dishes and wash a load in 5 minutes! If you have not been physically in church, do come and see the beverage bar installed in the hall as well as the kitchen layout. In the near future, we hope to install an ice maker and in time, replace the stoves with a commercial unit that will cook better and faster. It will be far easier to prepare for concert receptions, LIVE auctions and breakfast Sunday!

Watch for "Kitchen Shower" news—a wish list of items we need to outfit the kitchen—such as tea towels, pot holders, dishes, utensils, etc.

### **HOLY HIKES**

The June Holy Hike will be . We will meet at the trail head at the Sourland Mountain Preserve, or folks can meet at CHS at 8:30 am and we will carpool down together.

Here's some info: [Somerset County Park Commission](#)

I don't have July or August dates yet, but folks can go to the Holy Hikes button on the CHS website for information or watch for announcements in the weekly CHS News emails.



*Julie Stine*

### **NEW ZOOM SYSTEM IS COMING**

The Church of the Holy Spirit has obtained its own Zoom account. Soon, most likely in a few weeks, new Zoom links will be provided for joining the Sunday services and other meetings.

Since the beginning of Zoom worship, we've used Fr. Phil's Zoom account, which has led to extra work on his part to set up the Zoom meetings. Using a CHS account will enable others to assist in this effort.

So, please watch the CHS News, CHS Online, and Facebook for announcements as to when the new links will be used. The announcements and the new links will also be available on the CHS website. <<https://www.churchholyspirit.org>>



## Letters to the Women of Edna Mahan

April 2021

It is now more than a year since I last saw you all. I miss our time together very much. However, I feel hopeful as the year wears on we will be together once again.

The pandemic has been a stressful time for us all. Rather like Easter time must have been for those early disciples of Jesus. They all met together on Maundy Thursday for The Last Supper. Here Jesus reminded them all to love one another. He washed their feet to show His humility. He warned of His coming death and told them not to be afraid.

It's heartwarming to be reminded of Jesus telling us not to be afraid. However, at that final table I feel sure the disciples were very apprehensive as they listened to Jesus saying farewell.

Fear, apprehension and hopelessness in life can destroy us. We must remind ourselves of what Jesus said: "Do not be afraid".

As the horror of Good Friday unfolds, fear and apprehension consume us. It is then we must listen to the Holy Spirit reminding us to be strong; have faith; hold fast.

On Easter Sunday morning we learn the tomb is empty. More uncertainty. More apprehension. Then gloriously ... we realize, CHRIST IS RISEN. Our hope and joy is fully restored.

We CAN get through the dark days — with our faith strong and intact. We all go through dark days but if we keep growing in our faith, we will get through. When we look back on the dark times and realize how far in our faith we have come, we know that Jesus was beside us through it all. He is the one who sees us through. He is the one holding our hand as we struggle. If we concentrate on His teachings our faith will grow and sustain us through ALL adversity. If we hold on tight to our faith our Lord will save us.

Thanks be to God!

*Susan Kane*

*During the pandemic we have been unable to conduct our ministries at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. In October 2020 we began a monthly inspirational letter to the women so that they know that we are thinking about and praying for them. So far the prison ministry volunteers have been writing the letters, but anyone in the parish is welcome to do so. The women of Edna Mahan are our neighbors and need our support now more than ever. Please contact John Andrews [andrewsjohnt@comcast.net](mailto:andrewsjohnt@comcast.net) if you are interested in writing one of the monthly letters or speak to Father Phil, Deacon Dot or Deacon Michelleslie.*



## Letters to the Women of Edna Mahan

May 2021

My thoughts turned to you when I heard these words from John read from the altar:

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." John 15:9-17

Yes, Jesus chose you. He chose you to Love one another. This is not an easy path, as we all know, but He laid down his life to show you just how much He Loves you. We can be transformed by Love. It is a powerful force that can bring such a range of feelings from heart-breaking pain to exquisite joy. I simply don't believe that old "Love Story" movie cliché..."Love means never having to say you're sorry." If you understand who you are and truly Love, you will say I'm sorry, over and over again.

It is through Love and His teaching that He brings us into His joy. He tells us that we are not His servants, but His friends. His friend? As Father Phil asked in his sermon, so I ask myself, have I been a good friend to Him?

During Spring as the Earth races toward light in its time of rebirth and renewal, let us all seek to renew our friendships and bring the Love...especially to Jesus.

Father Phil, whom many of you know, takes a deep breath and often begins our Sunday services with this meditation. Sending it on to you with Love:

### For the Week By Phillips Brooks (adapted)

O God: Give me strength to live another week;  
 Let me not turn coward before its difficulties  
 or prove unfaithful to its duties;  
 Let me not lose faith in other people;  
 Keep me sweet and sound of heart,  
 in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness;  
 Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them;  
 Help me to keep my heart clean,  
 and to live so honestly and fearlessly  
 that no outward failure can dishearten me  
 or take away the joy of conscious integrity:  
 Open wide the eyes of my soul  
 that I may see good in all things;  
 Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth;  
 Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness;  
 and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls;  
 in the name of the strong Deliverer,  
 our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As I finished this note, my Outlook Calendar reminded me it was Monday and time to be with you in Max...never turned it off. Can't be there...but with you in Jesus – Beth Lambert

*Beth Lambert*

## Red Wagon

Dear friends. Our local food pantries are accepting nonperishable foods of all types. Their current needs are sugar, oatmeal, and apple juice. Please consider donating food items that are easy for parents to prepare for children — boxed macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, and soup are among the suggestions.



Our own red wagon has been rather empty during the pandemic. Prior to the shutdown, we were donating hundreds of pounds of much-needed supplies to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton on an annual basis. As you return to CHS on Sunday mornings, this is a reminder that the wagon is still in the Narthex. Do you have a few extra boxes and cans of nourishing food to share? We make weekly deliveries to the Pantry. Conversely, you may want to deliver locally to Clinton or Flemington as convenient, or perhaps send a check or gift card [Open Cupboard Food Pantry, 37 Old Highway 22, PO Box 5071, Clinton 08809.] Thank you!

*Suzanne and Katie Higgins*

## We Care Group

Finally, springtime is here. Every week we are getting closer and closer to our “new normal”. What a harrowing journey this has been. However, I think we have all learnt new things about ourselves and others so it has not been a total loss.

The needs of our parishioners and neighbors are still with us. One of our greater needs moving forward will be for drivers. Several folks have already responded to this plea and I am very grateful to you. If you are willing/able to take a fellow church member to an appointment, please let me and Vicki know so we can add your name to the list.

As of this writing I know of no other needs but should one arise, please call me at 908-528-1788. I will do my best to connect you with someone who can assist you.

The need for phone calls to anyone living alone is reducing as we all slowly emerge. The vaccination programs are much improved so I encourage everyone to get the shot! Then we can all look forward to a joyful summer.

*Susan Kane*

## Shawl Ministry

We are looking forward to the day, when we can resume our regular visits to the women of Edna Mahan to knit and crochet with them. We hope that day is imminent. In the meanwhile, because of the shut-down, there is a dearth of prayer shawls available to fill requests from families and friends of the parish. Before the pandemic, members of the shawl ministry (mostly the women at Edna Mahan) were knitting several hundred shawls and baby blankets every year. And they were so very much appreciated from recipients both near and far away. None of that yarn was wasted. But our supply of shawls is nearly all gone, even given the effort of our CHS members who continue to ply their needles and crochet hooks diligently. If you would like to join us let Deacon Dot know. Lessons are available!

## CHSchool

### NEW CLASSES PLANNED

- † Book of Prayer in Common (four Mondays: **June 21st** and **28th**, **July 5th**, and **July 12th**)
- † Master Gardener Mary Schwenkler has agreed to lead us in a lesson on “Gardening Basics Specific to West Central New Jersey”. Details TBA
- † To be rescheduled due to IT issues: God’s Dining Room. The Bible, and its Guests (original date 5/28)

### RECENT AND CONTINUING PROGRAMS:

- † Judy Linger taught us “How to Southern” recently. Her account of accents and phrases south of the Mason-Dixon line was lots of fun. More territorial anomalies are planned. Watch the website and CHS News!
- † Behind the Headlines at Edna Mahan: a thought-provoking conversation with Maggie D’Aversa of [New Jersey Prison Justice Watch](#).
- † Beginning Art with Whitney Wetherill (Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at noon)
- † An hour of 1:1 “[Basic Computer Skills](#)” with Carol Crawford-Jones set up individually with her at [carolcj@prolog.net](mailto:carolcj@prolog.net)
- † Online Spiritual Hospitality Art and Photograph—GloriaJean Waller

Check the CHS Website for details: [www.churchholyspirit.org](http://www.churchholyspirit.org)

*A big CHS thank you to all our presenters past and future, and to Deacon Michelleslie, who has been CHSchool’s driving force since its inception last year!*

As the pandemic fades, CHSchool may change form but as long as interest continues so will we.

For the most current information, watch the website and the weekly CHS News. And the usual reminder: If you are not receiving the CHS News by email each Thursday and Saturday, let Judy Linger or Deacon Michelleslie know or send a note to the office: [support@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:support@churchholyspirit.net)

*Judy Linger*

### Getting to Know Our Own Richard Southwick!

[Richard Southwick](#), Partner at the international architecture firm [Beyer Blinder Belle](#), tells the fascinating story behind the preservation, restoration and reinvention of [Eero Saarinen](#)’s architectural masterpiece, the TWA Flight Center at J F Kennedy International Airport, now called the [TWA Hotel](#).

Richard, a restoration expert and all-around nice guy, is featured in this award-winning Art Insiders New York podcast interview. We’re fortunate to know him as a long-time parishioner at CHS. This is a fascinating piece and contains lots of information about Richard’s architectural career and some of the many projects he has been involved in bringing to fruition.

<https://www.artinsidersnewyork.com/e/twa-flight-centerhotel-interview-with-richard-southwick/>

**Pulse of the Parish**

**BIRTHDAYS**

June				July			
George	Benson	6	1	Alyssa	vanVeldhuisen	7	2
Andrew	Smetana	6	1	Gabrielle	Bolarakis	7	4
Owen	Feeley	6	3	Gina	Shaughnessy	7	4
Jasmine	Marlow	6	3	Dorothy	Deitz	7	5
Catherine (Cate)	Mattison	6	6	Anne	Simpson	7	7
Paul	Chardoussin	6	9	Amy	Schmelz	7	9
Barbara	Davis	6	10	Chuck	Bierswirth	7	10
Barbara	Livingston	6	10	Judith	Emmitt	7	15
Christopher	Wyglandowski	6	11	Jeffrey	Gora	7	16
Jordan	Altom	6	16	Edward	Filipski	7	18
Tracy	MacGeorge	6	16	Charles	Van Deursen	7	18
Suzanne	Higgins	6	18	Joseph	Rocchietti	7	24
Jennifer	Feeley	6	19	Luke	Schnaudt	7	24
Bintou	Fofana	6	20	Sally	Bird	7	28
Lossenie	Fofana	6	20	Caroline	Fofana	7	30
Robert	Zeh	6	21	Susan	Hager	7	31
Karen	Chardoussin	6	24	Andrew	Hrebella	7	31
Andy	Follansbee	6	24	Oscar	Jones	7	31
Evan	Wyglandowski	6	25				
David L.	Cahall	6	30				

**August**

Katie	Gnash	8	3
JanMarie	Carr-Jones	8	18
John	Higgins	8	19
Nancy	Crannell	8	22
Amy	Schroeder	8	22
Jeffrey	Anderson	8	24
Wendy	Hallstrom	8	29
John T	Andrews Jr	8	30
Mike	Shaughnessy	8	30

**In Memoriam:** Margaret Murphy, mother of Liz Cannizzaro, in May. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Congratulations to all of our graduates, whether from kindergarten, grade school, middle school, high school or college! We are so proud of you all, especially considering the challenges you faced during the past year, and wish you continued success! And kudos to your parents and mentors too!**

**Hold the Dates**

## JUNE

- 7 All-Parish Gathering: Planning for the Future 7:00 pm  
 24 Sing Along  
 29 Blood Drive at CHS — appointment required

## AUGUST

- 2—6 Vacation Bible Frisbee School

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 Virtual Auction (Sunday of Labor Day weekend) 7:00—10:00 pm

**Recurring Meetings**

- Mondays**      \*\*7:30 pm Book of Prayers in Common June 21, 28, July 5, July 12
- Tuesdays**    \*\*6:00 am, Bible Study  
                   \*\*12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer  
                   \*\*6:00 pm — Theology on Tap **NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKDAY FOR THE SUMMER**  
                   \*\*8:00 pm, Compline
- Wednesdays** 12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer  
                   \*\*8:00 pm, Compline
- Thursdays**    \*\*12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer  
                   \*\*7:30 — 9:00 pm Monthly Vestry meeting, usually 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome  
                   \*\*8:00 pm, Compline
- Fridays**        \*\*10:15 am, Second Friday Prayers with CSJB  
                   \*\*4:00 pm — 7:00 pm, Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michellelie Call 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE)
- Saturdays**    \*\*9:00 am — Holy Hike #5 (June 12)  
                   \*\*7:00 pm — 8:30 pm, Youth Group Meeting
- Sundays**        \*\*8:00 and 10:00 am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).  
                   \*\*12:00 pm — 6:00 pm, Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michellelie. Call 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE)

Meetings are held on Facebook Live and Zoom, as well as in person where noted. Links are posted on the CHS Website and by email in Thursday and Saturday's CHS News. While you're on the CHS website, see what else is going on — it is updated often. Thanks to Marge Keller for keeping the monthly calendar updated. It's an invaluable resource! And speaking of the CHS News and Website, thanks again to the amazing Jan Paxton and John Rollins for all they do to keep the news updated. Their quiet ministry is just that: mostly unheralded and unnoticed. But they keep us all humming!

**Repeated Ed. Note:** My usual plea to help us keep the information in this periodic newsletter as current as possible. If there has been a recent life event that is important to you and your family, we want to surround you with love. If you wish to let your parish family know, please, please send a note to [support@churcholyspirit.net](mailto:support@churcholyspirit.net) when such events (births, marriages, deaths, moves) occur in your family. Vicki. ([gracehappens@centurylink.net](mailto:gracehappens@centurylink.net)).

## Because We Care

### #WE FIGHT FOR MORGAN

Some of you are aware that Morgan, a 16-year-old sophomore at North Hunterdon and friend of a number of folks in our parish family, was diagnosed with AML last August. Since, she has undergone several rounds of chemotherapy to kill off the leukemia, has spent most of the time since the diagnosis in RWJ or CHoP hospitals, had 2 rounds of radiation to kill off the last of her immune system. Morgan made the news when her 5 siblings all tested as extremely good matches for a bone marrow transplant. The procedure was done in May with her next youngest brother as the donor. Thus far, everything is proceeding well. Morgan is very tired, the treatments have left her with sores in her throat (limiting her ability to eat or drink). She will be in isolation at CHoP for about 100 days, coming home sometime at the end of the summer.

In preparation for the homecoming, the hospital has provided the family with an overwhelming list of things that must be done (clean the house thoroughly from top to bottom, steam clean Morgan's bed and all the carpets—the list seems endless). There is also a list of items that must be purchased to keep Morgan from getting any infections that would compromise her health. The list includes bedding, toiletries, clothing, even a separate vacuum and air purifier!

If you can help, here is the link to Amazon where still unpurchased items are listed.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U7VGSNSZLH0F?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U7VGSNSZLH0F?ref=wl_share)

You could also make a donation to her GoFundMe account at <https://gofund.me/db0c168d>

Cards may be sent to:

Morgan Hewitt, c/o Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 3401 Civic Center Blvd., Room 45 3 East, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. For further information, speak to me.

*Marge Keller*



Sarah scheduled over 300 folks for Covid shots during a period when it was very difficult to get them. She is our superstar! Thank you, thank you from all of us at CHS and beyond! On Sunday May 30, Sarah was presented with this original portrait by Roberta Maas and a beautiful certificate prepared by calligrapher Wendy Hallstrom to commemorate her extraordinary ministry.

# AUCTION HILARIOUS - The Sequel

Have you heard?

Another fun-packed VIRTUAL auction is coming to CHS on  
Sunday September 5 at 7:00 pm

**Vicki Barbolak** will again open with a hilarious, belly-laugh-inducing comedy routine. You remember her – Phil’s cousin, the standup comedienne? She has agreed to get us started again this year.

**Alex VanVeldhuisen**, auctioneer extraordinaire, will again get us to open those wallets and whip out the credit cards. Wasn’t he fabulous last year? Almost as funny as Vicki. And, of course, he’ll have Fr. Phil as his (side-kick, straight man, agitator — pick one)! What a pair they make!

Of course, we can’t have an auction without **YOU** and your donations. Your time and talent in the form of dinners, cocktail parties, baby-sitting, lawnmowing, yard work, carpentry are big sellers. What skills do you have that others may want to bid for? Put on your thinking cap and let Eva Lesniak know that you will help with the auction by making a donation of your awesome service. *Click the link below for donation form.*

<https://www.churchholyspirit.org/auction-hilarious.html>

*Some zany items (like the red heels Phil wore on Pentecost Sunday) may again be offered this year but we’re keeping those under wraps until show time! You’ll have to join us to see what crazy things we might be putting on the auction block—Alex, are you ready for some fun bidding?*

### Snapshots



May 1 Cleanup Day  
Marge Keller Photos



Photo by Mary Scott



Photo by Mary Scott

Kitchen Renovation in Progress!



Geek in Training (Jan Paxton Photo)



Meg McKenna Photo

Last Year's Auction Winner Gets Reward!

## Snapshots

### PICNIC PALOOZA PENTACOST SATURDAY 2021



*Dave Dabour Photo*



*Dot Hospador Photo*



*Jeff Gora Photo*



*Marge Keller Photos  
(above and below)*



*Dave Dabour Photo*



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*During the pandemic, when so much of our worship is virtual, check the CHS website and the Thursday and Saturday CHS News for updated information. If you aren't on our email list, you'll miss a lot. Especially if you're new to our parish, make sure we know how to reach you! Don't assume that we do — nobody's perfect and there are no mind readers here! If we have your email and you aren't receiving the weekly CHS News and other announcements, you might want to check your Spam folder.*