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The Trumpeter

Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ

www.churchholyspirit.org

September 2016

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

50 th ANNIVERSARY
Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon NJ
Sunday, September 25, 2016 @ 10 am

Featuring guest speakers with The Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss

Former rectors and wardens coming in from around the country

Special musical guests and debut performance of *Allegretto Magnificat* composed in honor of CHS

Festive luncheon to follow

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PLEASE RSVP by filling out the website form: <https://goo.gl/forms/aFLtpcXs9HLXwmrh2>

or calling the office at 908-236-6301. We look forward to seeing you!

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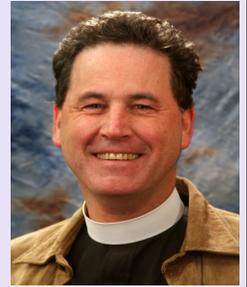
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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends at Holy Spirit,

Jesus lived in a troubled time; but he announced the dawning of a new era, God's reign of justice and peace. He defied the powers that opposed God's reign by reaching out to all the victims of these powers. He gathered a company of followers, teaching them how to live in the freedom of this new era. But the world turned against him; his followers abandoned him; and the authorities executed him as a threat to the peace, in about 33 AD.



But then his followers resurfaced, claiming that Jesus had met with them again, alive from the dead! The one who had become the victim of human fear and desperation had now offered forgiveness — to them and, through them, to the world. They were now convinced that God had rejected the judgment against Jesus and yet had absorbed the pain of it. By giving Jesus a new life, God had validated everything Jesus stood for and given his followers a new life in solidarity with him and with those he sought to serve. They began to see this new kind of life as the world's true future; others caught the vision and joined them. Thus began an historic movement inspired by this Good News.

For 50 years this congregation has understood itself as Christians, people bound together because they follow the way of Jesus Christ. We recognize the presence of God in Jesus and see his way of life as God's way toward a world transformed by love. We've told his story, from generation to generation, convinced that we must follow him and embody his vision. And fifty years on, we continue in the path blazed for two thousand years of faith before us.

Come and get to know Jesus by getting to know people whose lives are being shaped by this Good News. Discover the Spirit of Jesus and see what God is really like. Experience what it means to be part of Jesus' deepening impact on the world by belonging to a community of his followers.**

Philip+

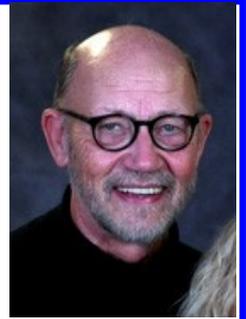
** [Age is no barrier: here are some of children and youth who participated in Vacation Bible School the first week of August 2016]



Photo by Jane Anderson

Words from the Senior Warden

September brings many of us back from summer getaways, and so welcome back to all!



FORMATION

Faith formation is a lifelong process providing continuous and consistent education and experiences. The foundations of scripture, tradition, and reason weave together all generations through the telling of individual stories, the community story, and the great story.

There are many things going on at CHS this year — we have the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our church; confirmation camp (attended by members of our youth group); Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases for the whole community and many more great programs. Perhaps the most important is the way in which Christian education will be presented. No longer called Sunday School but “Formation”, from the definition given above.

Here is a fuller explanation brilliantly written by Michelle Marlow. “The shift in our formation design changes how our young people will be involved weekly. To conform to our deep Christian roots, which naturally included intergeneration as the norm, we are moving away from grade and age-segregated learning. Young people will still have parallel learning experiences, but they will no longer be confined to grade-separated classrooms. Instead, our young people will be engaged in hands-on experiential learning led by many members of the congregation to expose them to the related modules throughout the church year. **Children will meet with Father Phil every Sunday at 9:45 am** to begin their learning. Depending on the activities planned for each Sunday, children will then be instructed as to what they will be doing for the remainder of service. Some Sundays they will have an integral role in the worship service, while some Sundays they will be involved in an activity or series of activities and will join the service for communion.”

Rather than thinking of this as a change we might want to view it as an opportunity to actively join our children and each other to learn and share together our own Christian experiences.

To learn more about the Formation program and the modules that will be the central part of it, I urge you to go to the CHS website at <http://www.churchholyspirit.org/> and on the right side look for **Holy+Formed** and listen and watch Fr. Philip more fully explain how each of us will be included in this wonderful learning experience.

Arden Olson

From the Worship Committee

“The key to the life of Jesus is a huge paradox: the most striking and important paradox in world history. Jesus aimed to show men and women how to prepare themselves for the next world, to make themselves worthy of it. But he did so with such grace and skill, such psychological and emotional brilliance, that he also gave them a pattern to follow which made them better, and therefore happier, human beings in the present world. At the heart of Christianity is the imitation of Christ.” — Paul Johnson, from his book *Jesus, A Biography from a Believer*

Words from the Junior Warden

As Arden and Michelle indicated on the previous page, we are very excited to be launching our Christian Formation reboot this month. It is called "Holy + Formed" . . . Father Phil has taped two wonderful YouTube videos about the new program. To reiterate, they are posted on our Facebook page and are easily accessible on our church web site:

www.churchholyspirit.org I hope you will watch them both. They really capture what we are doing and why. We will be growing in the Spirit through a series of themed modules:



Module 1 (Sep 6 - Sep 25) - WELCOME: We will focus on Hospitality, Inclusion, Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases, culminating with our 50th Anniversary Celebration.



Module 2 (Sep 26 - Nov 6) - HARVEST: Gratitude, Generosity, Legacy, Stewardship, culminating with baptisms on All Saints Sunday.



Module 3 (Nov 7 - Dec 24) - PAPA PANOV: Advent, the Coming of Christ, culminating on Christmas Eve with Leo Tolstoy's play, *Papa Panov*, about Christ among us.



Module 4 (Dec 25 - Feb 28) - CHARTER CHURCH: Epiphany, and the Revelation of God in his Son as Human. Culminating on Mardi Gras, with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Module 5 (Mar 1 - Apr 16) - BECOMING THE STORY WE TELL: From "Ashes to Go" and Lent, through Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday.



Module 6 (Apr 17 - Jun 4) - THE GOOD EARTH: Growth, Rebirth, Spring, 'Good Dirt Day,' and culminating on Pentecost.



Module 7 (Jun 5 - 25) - YEAR IN REVIEW: Formation through Reflection.

As you've looked over the names of the modules above, did one jump out at you? Perhaps one of the themes particularly resonated with you? If you feel you might be called to get more involved, please let me know, so that I can connect you with the appropriate Vestry member.

Eva Lesniak



Confirmation Camp Keeps Going!

This time all students in middle and high school are encouraged to join together with those preparing for confirmation for a special pasta dinner:

Monday September 5, 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

The weekend was spectacular and meaningful and the twenty teens built a strong team that could get even more vital with others coming on board. Join us!

Philip+



Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases



Wednesday, September 14, 4-6pm
Clinton Community Center (63 Halstead St, Clinton)

Every school year can be fun, scary, amazing, and tough. As this new school year gets under way, Church of the Holy Spirit is ready to bless the members of our community.

Bring your backpack, lunch box, or briefcase for a blessing.
Hot dogs and other refreshments will be served.



Music at Holy Spirit



Senior Choir: we begin September 4th at 9:30 am

For teenagers and adults. Members are expected to be consistent with attendance at rehearsals 9:30-9:45 am and 11:30-12:15 pm on Sundays and Sunday services. Various styles of music are sung and special services include Advent Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, and Easter. If interested, contact our director, Chris Williams (email: music@churchholyspirit.org)

Holiday Senior Choir: we begin Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 am

Members of the congregation are invited to join the regular Senior Choir for practices during the Christmas and Easter seasons and other special occasions. Participants are asked to attend rehearsals for a few weeks in advance. This is a great way to participate with the regular choir if you can't commit to singing every Sunday.

Junior Choir: we begin Wednesday, September 14th 6:45-7:45 pm

For ages 7 - 14. Younger children are welcome if they prove to be good readers. Rehearsals are held weekly and Wednesday evenings. During this time, practical singing skills, music reading skills, unison, two-part music and handbell instruction are taught. Children sing at the 10am service once a month. Please fill out and hand in the form available at this link http://churchholyspirit.org/music/HSJRCHR_2016.pdf

on the CHS website.



Trinity Chorale

Trinity Chorale begins its 35th season with the first rehearsal on **Thursday, September 15th**. The Chorale is made up of singers from both our local communities and Pennsylvania. Our first event is the traditional gala holiday concert and reception on Sunday December 4th at 4pm. This festive concert will feature arrangements by John Rutter, Christmas spirituals and Kyries spanning periods from Medieval times to the present.

Chris Williams, Director of Music

Nourishing Peace

A Class Celebrating the Gift of Contemplative Prayer

*Feeling too busy, too rushed, too stressed?
Come rest and be refreshed
in the nourishing silence
of
Contemplative Prayer.*

This Contemplative Prayer Series offers nourishing silence, sound, scripture, imagery, icons, and creativity. Each class will help you find simple peace by connecting with your breath and the presence of the spirit. You will find that simply by sitting with others and being available to grace - that the peace you seek is right around the corner. We will also use gentle chair yoga and stretching techniques.

Information

Dates: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th

Time: 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm. All sessions will meet in the Sanctuary.

Leader: Kimberly Borin is a parishioner of Church of the Holy Spirit and a retreat director trained in the Shalem Institute Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats Program.

To Register: Contact Kimberly at: storiesofourown@mac.com. Registration is required to participate.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Rd., Lebanon, NJ 08833
<http://www.churchholyspirit.org>

Cost: Free. Participants are asked to bring a journal and writing utensil. Please join us for the nourishing time of peace and rest!

*"God is the True Rest
Who wants to be known
God finds pleasure
In being our true resting place."
- Julianne of Norwich*

Are You Interested in Joining Holy Spirit's Shawl Ministry?



The Church of the Holy Spirit's Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton is seeking new volunteers. Recently, four of our loyal volunteers have had to drop out because they either retired from the ministry or moved away. We currently have a group of 11 volunteers, including Father Philip and Deacon Dot. The Shawl Ministry meets in two locations within Edna Mahan every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. One group meets in the maximum security prison, which is known as Max, and the other meets in the minimum security prison, which is known as Grounds. The volunteers and women from Edna Mahan in Max crochet shawls and scarves. At Grounds, the volunteers and women from Edna Mahan can both crochet and knit. You do not have to commit to going to Edna Mahan twice a week. Many of our current volunteers go once a week. You do not need to know how to crochet or knit. There are women from Edna Mahan and volunteers who are willing to teach you. There is a rigorous Department of Corrections application process and once approved, you will be fingerprinted and required to be tested for TB once a year. This is a powerful ministry of the Church of the Holy Spirit. The women from Edna Mahan deeply appreciate our presence and the opportunity they have to make something beautiful for someone who is ill, who has suffered a loss or who is in need. In addition, we can promise you that going into Edna Mahan is a life-changing experience for the volunteers. I know that I can speak for all of the volunteers that participating in this ministry has enhanced our lives in many unexpected ways. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at 908-832-5725 or andrewsjohnt@comcast.net.

John Andrews



Dear Friends in Christ at CHS, Thank you so much for all your support for the day of service this spring titled Fox R.O.C.K.S. in memory of our daughter Erin. Thank you for your prayers, kind words and donations toward the event. We had 60+ people show up to help at Carrier Clinic. The volunteers created an herb garden, several flower gardens, walkways, patios, a rock garden, planters, and several other projects. It was a beautiful tribute to the love these volunteers had for Erin. It was especially nice that all of these projects directly enhance the houses of the girls that our daughter worked with. Thank you again. Love in Christ.

Mike and Sue Fox (dear friends of parishioner Kiki Mehner)

[Thanks especially to the volunteers from Freedom House who gave their time and energy for this ministry. It was a wonderful tribute to Erin and her service at Carrier.]

The Pulse of the Parish

Marriages: Best Wishes to:

Kimberly Kopin and Lindsay Wanko on June 4th. Kimberly is the daughter of parishioners Beth and Keith Kopin.

Patty Wilson and Eduardo Parta on July 1st. Patty is the daughter of parishioner Walt Wilson and his late wife, Carolyn.

Matthew Rivers and Abby Bedecs on August 23rd. Matt is the son of John and Susan Rivers.

Thomas Varga and Eloisa Lagman on August 27th. Thomas is the stepson of parishioner Vicki Brooks.

Births: Also it was "raining grandbabies" this summer, welcomed by the following proud Holy Spirit grandparents:

Sue and George Landgraf--Fiona May Fitzgerald was born to *Alison* and Gregory Fitzgerald on May 10th and she joins big brother Evan Howard; also Theodore George Treat was born on July 2nd to *Natalie* and Philip Treat.

Johnine and Don Byrer--Twin girls, Trinity Rose and Marley Ray, were born to *Karin* and Eric Frodel on July 3rd.

Cynthia and Bill Schneider--Cameron Timothy Lohman was born to *Elizabeth* and Dan Lohman on July 13th. He joins big sister, Josephine.

Jane Roxbury--Theodore "Theo" was born on July 13th to Celeste and *Ted* Roxbury.

Sue Quinlan; Two more grandbabies since May: Gerard Joseph on July 23rd to *Maggie* and Cody Boos; and Bryce Charles on July 24th to *Scott* and Leila Quinlan. Bryce joins big sister Alice, age 5. Both boys join their cousin Mary Elizabeth Quinlan of Massachusetts.

Linda (Tiefel) and Ron Schroeder--Owen Henry was born on August 17th to Jen and *Chris* Tiefel.

Congratulations to all!!!

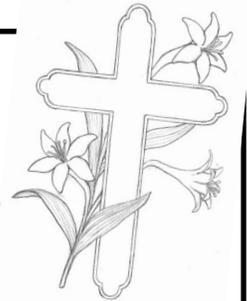
And Our Heartfelt Sympathy:

To Janet Wulster and her family on the passing of her husband, George, who left us too soon on June 14th after a fierce battle with melanoma. A memorial fund for the support of music has been established in George's name at CHS. May the dear departed rest in peace. Janet has sent us the following note:

Dear CHS Family, I want to let you know how much your outpouring of love and support has meant to me in the weeks since my beloved husband George died. My family....Charlie, Lexa and Minna, Katie and her significant other Zach, were all touched by your presence, whether at the memorial service and luncheon afterwards, babysitting for Minna so we could get out to celebrate Charlie and Zach's birthdays, watering plants, offering advice when I had questions, and just getting together for coffee or lunch.....all these moments warmed my heart and continue to help me get through life without George. I feel so blessed to be part of such a loving and special community. Thank you for being there for me and my family, and God bless you all!

To Marge Keller and her family on the death of our dear friend and parishioner, Jim Keller, who passed away on August 27th after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Many had the privilege of assisting with Jim's transportation for treatments and doctors appointments over the past year. We all will feel a great loss; may he rest in peace. His funeral is at CHS on **Sunday, September 4** at 1 pm followed by a reception at the church. Please keep the family in your prayers during this sad and difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833. Mark for "Jim Keller Memorial Fund."

Barbara Burton



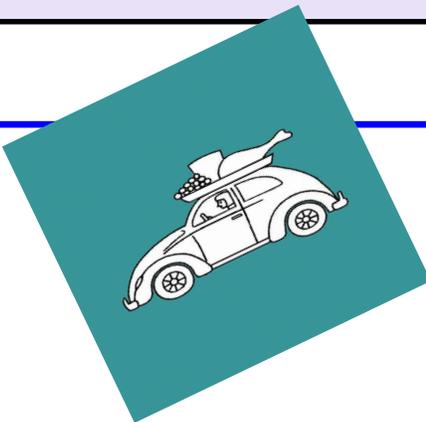


I thought of calling a meeting of the We Care group recently and inviting any interested folks but, at the time of writing, it's just too HOT! I feel we are on track and most folks are now aware of WE CARE anyway. In the technological world we all live in, we can get the word out when a need arises far quicker via e-mail. Therefore it is important to let myself or Sue Quinlan know of a change of e-mail address and a need that arises.

There is just one thing that I feel should be addressed: If you are appointed to be a Guardian Angel over someone this does NOT mean you have sole responsibility for that person. The idea is for the Guardian Angel to coordinate the efforts of the WE CARE members. This could be arranging transport/getting meals delivered/short visits or simply holding a hand. The Guardian Angel can keep the prayer chain updated on a situation also.

There is always room for more members so, if your circumstances change — through retirement, for example — and you find yourself with a little extra time on your hands, your faith family at CHS can always help you fill those hours! Less formally, should you have too many leftovers, we appreciate dinners in our downstairs freezer (mark date and contents, please) for the needs that arise. Thank you all!!!!

Susan Kane



Meals on Wheels

This vital link to our Hunterdon seniors and other homebound friends is always in need of volunteer drivers. Please consider giving a couple of hours on a weekday **ONLY ONCE A MONTH** to deliver a hot meal to a friend who could use a helping hand and a brief visit. All new drivers are given orientation and printed directions. For more information call the MOW office at 908-284-0735 or visit the website at <http://mowih.org>. Since CHS is one of three places in the county that hosts the folks who put meals together for those in need and are pleased to have them as tenants, wouldn't it be lovely to reciprocate in this way? Bring a friend along to help if you like. The more the merrier!



Filling the Red Wagon

Katie Higgins and Julie Schmidt are continuing the collection of food donations for Clinton’s Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Our food collection gift suggestions for September are canned soups, or you can access the site:

<http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/>. Click on the “Current Needs” tab for ideas. While I was dropping off our donations to the Food Pantry this week, they told me how grateful they were for our donations, as they were running very low. They explained that, because donations dip in the summer, by mid-August they are in short supply. During my conversation, three families came by to pick up food items. Please remember how important your donations are!! Many thanks,

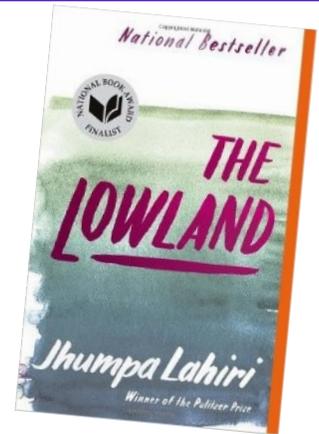
Suzanne Higgins

Spirited Readers Book Club

Our next book selection is *The Lowland*, by Jhumpa Lahiri, a past winner of the Pulitzer Prize. This is a Mann Booker Prize nominee, set in India, about the tumultuous lives of twin brothers. We will be meeting on Sunday, September 18, following the 10 am service, in the St. Martin Room.

Join us!

Suzanne Higgins



Leave a Legacy

As we approach our 50th anniversary celebration on September 25th, please remember Church of The Holy Spirit in your estate plans. Share your love of CHS with future generations — plant a tree for new parishioners of all ages to climb! Leave a legacy gift to “The Endowment Fund of the Church of the Holy Spirit”.

Give a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you.

John Rivers



RECOVERY WALK

One of the last things Jim Keller requested was that we announce the Morris County Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Ginty Field, Woodland Ave., Morris Township, NJ. Registration & Check-In: 8:00 - 9:00AM. This walk benefits Freedom House. Download a registration form here: [http://churchholyspirit.org/2016%20Recovery%20Walk%20Registration%20form%20\(final\).pdf](http://churchholyspirit.org/2016%20Recovery%20Walk%20Registration%20form%20(final).pdf)

Walk:: 9:00AM
 Finish Line & Celebration: George Gramby Memorial Park Abbett Avenue, Morristown, NJ
 More information and registration: <http://www.grambyday.org/walk-registration.html>

Episcopal Walkers Unite!!

Saturday , October 1

By special request, we will return to The Bridges walk in Franklin Township, a route suitable for all abilities and energy levels. We amble along the road to a bridge over the Raritan River. There are picnic tables nearby where we can enjoy a respite and a snack.

Meet at the Clinton Commuter lot at 10:30 am to carpool. Bring a lunch to enjoy at the river's edge. If you can join us, please let Ann Holt know so that we'll wait at the lot for you: ach34@comcast.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HOLD THE DATES

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
4 Keller Funeral	1 Episcopal Walkers
5 Special Pasta Dinner for confirmands and all other students	2 First Sunday Breakfast between services
10 Fall Spruce-up Day	3 Guys' Meeting
11 9/11 15th anniversary commemoration	11 Contemplative Prayer (see page)
13 Contemplative Prayer (see page)	18 Vestry Meeting
14 Blessing of the backpacks and briefcases	30 Confirmation Sunday
20 Vestry Meeting	
25 50th Anniversary Celebration [one service only at 10] Luncheon follows the service	NOVEMBER
	1 Vigil for All Saints
	6 All Saints Sunday with baptisms
	6 Breakfast between the services

Access the on-line calendar for more information at <http://www.churchholyspirit.org/calendar.html> and consult the weekly bulletins and emails for changes and additions.



Pattie Bierwirth's tribute to George Wulster at his recent funeral service



Frisbee Camp (or fitness camp??) Photos by Jane Anderson



Confirmation camp photos by Pat Egan

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