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Church of the Holy Spirit

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Newcomer Orientation

Beginning Sunday, April 20th

Are you a newcomer who would like to learn more about our church's mission? Come and participate in four informative and inspiring orientation sessions hosted by Father Philip for parishioners who have joined the parish from June 2007 to the present. During the sessions, you will discuss the church's mission statement and discover how it applies to our church community and the life of the church. All sessions will be held at the church on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Babysitting and dinner will be available for children.

| Session Date | Topic |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Sunday, April 20th | Community |
| Sunday April 27th | Service |
| Sunday, May 18th | Worship |
| Sunday May 25th | Formation |

A welcome ceremony will be held on June 1 at the 10:15 a.m. service.

To register and for more information, contact Liz Cannizzaro: (908)782-9875
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Great Teamwork makes Feed A Family a Success



Thank you all for making the Feed A Family For A Day effort such a huge success. Our parish children took the Feed A Family bags and filled them to the bursting point, totaling **over 900 pounds of food**. When we delivered your food gifts to the High Bridge Food Pantry in February, we were proud to hear, "Wow, these are items that we really need!". On behalf of the Food Pantry and the Sunday School leaders, we thank you for your generosity and remember that hunger has no season. Anytime you feel like donating a few items to the food pantry, we will be happy to deliver them.

Sharon & John Wood

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Holy Eucharist Youth Celebration



The **We Celebrate** class will receive communion with their families and classmates on Sunday, April 27th at the 10:15 a.m. service. The class has met six times at the church under the direction of Father Philip Carr-Jones to read and discuss the book about the Holy Eucharist. In addition to three sessions with their families at home, the children have also been instructed in the sanctuary about how we personally celebrate the Holy Eucharist at Holy Spirit. Our honored young people are **Joseph Alden, Tyler Crabtree, Amy Schroeder, Gregory Taylor, Lindsay Weber, and Samuel Zinevich**. Congratulations to our honored youth and their families on this most important day in the life of their faith journey.

From the Rector's Desk

Our Address is Changing



Jan and I are purchasing our own home in Readington, about nine miles from Holy Spirit. The timing is perfect for us for many reasons and now I will have a more intimate understanding of such matters as closing costs, attorney review, and that little thing called property tax. This will be our first encounter of homeownership, although I have spent the last 25 years repairing and upgrading every non-owned home we've lived in. The Vestry is forming a task force to investigate the future use of the Rectory, as a rental property, for instance. There is no interest in selling it—just to be clear. There are many, many issues involved with the use of the rectory and if you'd like to be part of the group that explores these issues, please speak to Alex Van Veldhuisen (Hi Alex!). My status among you is changing only so far as a brief commute is concerned.

This change gets me to reflecting upon life and how backward it all seems. We walk backward into our future, seeing direction and purpose more after the fact than proactively. We bump into events and circumstances as we go, which change the course of our lives sometime imperceptibly, sometime with hard turns. A mature faith is not so much believing that God is in control, but rather that no matter where we are and no matter what happens, God is there with us. No matter what.

Host a First Sunday Breakfast



Would you like to help create great fellowship during the first Sunday in May or June? Consider hosting a First Sunday Breakfast in May or June. The Sunday breakfasts take place between services beginning at 9 a.m., and your expenses will be reimbursed. It's rewarding and fulfilling to be part of a team, so join forces.

To sign up, complete the blue sheet in the Narthex or contact Carol Crawford-Jones for more information:

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Vermont Ski Trip offers fantastic weekend of fellowship



Good news to report! The ski trip to Sugarbush was a huge success and fun was had by all. The mantra for the weekend was "**It is what it is**". This proved to be appropriate as the group of 33 skied through the rain on Saturday. Back at the Inn we dried out, warmed up, enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and then visited a local racquet club. The hot tub provided relief for some, while the pool, rock climbing wall, racquetball court and basketball hoop offered more physical activity for those not yet exhausted. Sunday included a late start at the slopes due to high winds, snow and power outages at the lifts. We played cards until the lifts opened and skied until it was time to meet back at the bus and head for home. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend filled with lots of laughs, fellowship and good times.

Trinity Chorale Spring Concert

Sunday, May 4th 4 p.m.



The Trinity Chorale of Lebanon will present a Spring Choral Concert at the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Chorale, formed and directed by Chris A. Williams, is in its 26th season. It consists of a small group of singers from surrounding communities and is part of the community outreach of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

The upcoming concert will feature **Requiem by Gabriel Faure** along with several selections by **Aaron Copland**, such as "Simple Gifts", "Long Time Ago", "At the River", and the 4-hand piano choral work, "Stomp Your Foot" from Tender Land.

A free will offering will be accepted and will assist in supporting the organ fund.

Refreshments will be shared in the Parish Hall following the performance.

From the Deacon's Corner - *The Prison Ministry*

Dear Seekers,

God is alive and well and working in our local prisons!

Eight years ago, as a Deacon-in-Training, I was asked to choose a personal ministry to dedicate myself to for the second year of my training program. This occurred in January of 2000 during the annual Deacon-in-Training retreat. For some reason, still unknown to me, I had always wondered what it would be like to be in prison. That curiosity began my prison ministry journey.

The first step of my journey was to serve as a chaplain intern at the Somerset County Jail in Somerville. I still visit the men there, however my love for Prison Ministry has grown to include other faithful ministers. Together we are dedicated to the following facilities and outreach activities:

At the **Mountainview Correctional Facility for Youth**, eight ministers conduct a Communion/Prayer Service every Thursday evening.

Five ministers visit the **Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women**, two Wednesdays per month to provide a Prayer/Bible Study Service. In 2007, we extended our Shawl Ministry to the incarcerated women in the prison. We currently have five-six ministers knitting and crocheting every Monday afternoon alongside these women. This Ministry has grown within the prison itself, as the women from our group crochet and knit with women in the Maximum Security section. Usually every week, we have at least 25 women crocheting and knitting at the Edna Mahan facility.

My journey has taught me that the Prison Ministry is one of presence. We do not advise. We do not preach. We do not solve problems. Our presence is there to greet and welcome those who are lost and often forgotten in our society. We receive much more than we ever give.

If this ministry of presence intrigues you or for more information, please contact me by calling my cell phone:

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I faithfully remain,
Your Deacon,
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Did You Know

According to a new report, *One in 100: Behind Bars in America 2008*, released by the Pew Center on the States' Public Safety Performance Report:

- For the first time in history more than **one in every 100 adults in America are in jail or prison.**
- At the start of 2008, **one in every 99.1 men and women** were held in American prisons or jails.
- The number of women prisoners is projected to grow by 16 percent, while the male population will increase 12 percent.
- More people are behind bars principally because of a **wave of policy choices that are sending more law-breakers to prison** and, through popular "three-strikes" measures and other sentencing laws, imposing longer prison stays on inmates and reducing parole grant rates, and high recidivism rates, especially among people on parole and probation who are sent to prison for breaking the rules of their release.
- On average, **states spend almost 7 percent of their budgets on corrections**, trailing only health care, education and transportation.

You can learn more about this report by visiting the following web site: <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org>

Insightful Editorial - *Our Prison Nation*

For an insight perspective on the report and why it will be a challenge to persuade public officials to adopt a more rational, cost-effective approach to a prison policy, read *The New York Times* Editorial, "Our Prison Nation", published on March 10, 2008. An excerpt is provided below.

"These statistics...point to a terrible waste of money and lives. They underscore the urgent challenge facing the federal government and cash-strapped states to reduce their over reliance on incarceration without sacrificing public safety. The key, as some states are learning, is getting smarter about distinguishing between violent criminals and dangerous repeat offenders, who need a prison cell, and low-risk offenders, who can be handled with effective community supervision, electronic monitoring and mandatory drug treatment programs, combined in some cases with shorter sentences."

Source: *The New York Times*, "One Prison Nation", March 10, 2008 editorial, www.nytimes.com/2008/03/10/opinion

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

In February, I had the pleasure of going to our diocesan convention in Wildwood, NJ. It was a new and positive experience for me. Deacon Johnine Byrer, Anne Simpson, Sandy Sullivan and I drove together. The three ladies kept the shawl ministry alive knitting, while I kept my eyes on the road.

We Are One Church

The convention started with all parishes celebrating the Eucharist together. It was awesome to see the parishes parade in with their individual banners. One highlight was Bishop Councill's keynote address. He introduced the theme of the convention being "Somos una iglesia". We are one Church. He's right! Being among each other was up-lifting, and opened my eyes to realizing that we here at CHS are part of a bigger picture. Bishop Councill went on to highlight past diocesan achievements for the year and challenges that we faced. Some of our year's achievements include the arrival of Bishop Francisco Romero. In addition to helping Bishop Councill learn Spanish, a motion was made and 2nd to have him be Bishop Councill's assistant. He is a delightful man, and hopefully he will bless us with a visit.

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Christian Adult Education

As Christian Formation Chair, I look forward to an exciting year of Christian growth. We have formalized the Sunday Adult Education program with biblical lectures from Seminary Scholars.

During Lent we listened to lectures on great New Testament figures, such as Peter, Pontius Pilate, Judas Iscariot, Martha, Mary and Lazarus and the Samaritan Women. During the six Sundays after Easter, the following topics and lecturers are scheduled:

- 1st Week – "Jesus of Nazareth" *Professor Amy-Jill Levine*
- 2nd Week – "Paul, Our Earliest Christian Author" *Professor Bert D. Ehrman*
- 3rd Week – "The Pauline Epistles" *Professor Bert D. Ehrman*
- 4th Week – "Paul, the Hero of Acts" *Professor Amy-Jill Levine*
- 5th Week – "The Beginnings of the Gospel Traditions" *Professor Bert D. Ehrman*
- 6th Week – "The Christ of Faith" *Professor Amy-Jill Levine*



In addition to lectures, retreat opportunities exist for Christians who want to get away for a few days to reflect, rest and be with God. Some parishioners have already experienced such a weekend and found it to be wonderful. Two retreats are currently being offered.

Retreat Opportunities

Cursillo (Cur-SEE-yo) is "A Short Course in Christian Living." This retreat is sponsored by our diocese and only Episcopalians can attend. Men and women experience the weekend together. This weekend begins on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. and ends on Sunday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Grove Hall Retreat and Conference Center located at 15 Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove, New Jersey 07756. To register or for more information, please contact Richard Macauley at (856) 423-3133 or info@njepiscopalcursillo.org

Tres Dias of Northern New Jersey is Spanish for "three days." This retreat is an ecumenical, multi-faith event which men and women experience separately. All weekends will be held at the Emmaus House in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. More information can be obtained from Rev. Philip Carr-Jones, John Wood, or Jeanne & Richard Lake.

- Men's Schedule: May 15-18 and Oct 23-26
- Women's Schedule: May 29-June 1 and Nov 6-9

In addition to the above scheduled lectures and retreats, please feel free to suggest a topic, part of scripture or a book that you would like to discuss with a group. With your input, perhaps we can form fun learning groups. Please contact Richard Lake with your ideas by email: richardlake@patmedia.net



April 2008



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | 1 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner | 2 12 noon Eucharist | 3 4:30pm Somerset County Jail 6:30pm Mountain View Prison 6:30pm Jr. Choir 7:30pm Trinity Chorale | 4 Father Philip's Sabbath | 5 |
| 6 BREAKFAST between services 8 & 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 9:45&11:35 Choir | 7 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat 7pm Learn Chinese @Parish Hall | 8 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 7:30pm Vestry Meeting | 9 12 noon Eucharist 5:45pm Edna Mahan Prison | 10 4:30pm Somerset Jail 6:30 pm Mountain View Prison 6:30pm Jr. Choir 7:30pm Chorale | 11 Father Philip's Sabbath | 12 |
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| 20 8 & 10:15am Holy Eucharist 9am Frenchtown & Mt. View Planning 9am-1pm Mission to Cristo Rey 9:15 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45&11:35 Choir | 21 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat 7pm Learn Chinese @Parish Hall | 22 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner | 23 12 noon Eucharist 5:45pm Edna Mahan Prison | 24 4:30pm Somerset County Jail 6:30pm Mountain View Prison 6:30pm Jr. Choir 7:30pm Trinity Chorale | 25 Father Philip's Sabbath | 26 |
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Saturday, April 19th - Annual Spring Auction - Hawke Pointe Golf Club, Washington, NJ

Sunday, May 4th - Trinity Chorale Spring Concert at CHS - Faure REQUIEM and works by Aaron Copland

December, 5th & 6th - Women's Retreat at Liebenzell Retreat House

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Spirit is to know Christ as we serve others, proclaim His love, and grow in His Spirit.

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SUMMER MEANS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Help our children explore the awesome wonder of God this summer



There's no greater **outreach ministry to children** than **Vacation Bible School**. Help our children continue to learn about God during the summer months by considering the position of **Vacation Bible School Director**. As the director, you'll plan and organize the Vacation Bible School program, which is usually held in mid-August.

Wendy Hallstrom, our “retiring” director is willing to provide support and help. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Wendy at:
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Network of Hunterdon County*



**2008 SPRING GALA
& BENEFIT AUCTION**

*Working Together to Fund
Outreach Mission*

Hawk Pointe Golf Club
April 19, 2008

Annual Silent & Live Auction

April 19, 2008 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Hawk Pointe Golf Club

294 Rt. 31S, Washington, NJ

Join us for gourmet hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, soft drinks and delightful desserts while enjoying the woodwind ensemble.

Auction items include a variety of theme baskets, vacation getaways and quality merchandise and services from local businesses.

This is sure to be a memorable evening with the fabulous Harrie Copeland serving as the Live Auction Auctioneer.

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www.churchholyspirit.org/auction
VISA/MC/AMEX/cash/check accepted

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN *continued from page 4*

Junior & Senior High Programs

The diocese has worked hard with the junior and senior high youth to provide programs to engage them as followers of Christ and future leaders of the church. Last July, they had a successful mission trip to Long Beach, Mississippi, where they spent a week providing relief to Katrina victims. Our own Dan Williams participated in the mission trip and commented on how rewarding the trip was for him. I'm hoping that more of our youth this summer will consider participating in this year's mission trip. Diocesan leaders Kep Short and Debi Clarke are valuable resources on youth issues. Mark Weber and I are reaching out to them for help in energizing our youth programs.

Our Second Church - Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral was highlighted in a video and The Very Rev. Rene John provided an update on the cathedral. Bishop Councill urged us to think of it as our second church. Trinity Cathedral hosts many diocesan events which deserve our support. If anyone is interested in any workshops or a worship schedule, I'd be interested in taking anyone for a trip. I'm working on putting up a schedule of their events on a bulletin board.

Fair Share Pledges

Last year Bishop Councill appealed to all parishes to increase their fair share pledges. Unfortunately, the number decreased. He was pleased though, to announce that \$3,000,000 in parish support will go to our diocesan missions. I am hoping that "My Cup Runneth Over" started by our former senior warden, Anne Simpson, will help us to increase our fair share pledge beyond the \$15,000 we committed to the diocese. Please know that this figure is less than what was asked for by the diocese. I know it won't be easy, but as stewards of faith, when we give, the return is usually much greater. And I don't mean just monetarily.

The Bishop is looking forward to attending the **Lambeth Conference** this summer. It takes place once every 10 years in England at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Councill was dismayed that the Bishop of New Hampshire was not invited. At the conference, the bishops engage in bible study, prayer and worship, lectures and discussion. It sounds pretty full to me. He isn't expecting any heavy discussion on human sexuality to be on the agenda, but Bishop Councill does recognize homosexual clergy to have a place in this one church. I encourage you to read his address which can be found on the diocesan website; www.newjersey.anglican.org

Friday night included dinner and contra dancing (similar to square dancing). It was fun to loosen up and partner with someone new.

Resolutions Passed

The business of the convention went smooth. Elections were taken for many offices, and only one needed four ballots to win enough votes for election. The two **resolutions** that were passed involved;

- 1) The diocese calling an end to the genocide in Darfur, establishing a specific fund for the relief of these refugees from and in Darfur, and educating parishes about this issue.
- 2) The diocesan convention requesting a timely publication of the Journal of each annual convention no later than six months after the close of the annual convention.

Before the close of the convention, we attended an ECW breakfast where the guest speaker was the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher. You might remember she was here this past June to confirm our 9th grade class. I felt so inspired by her at Confirmation and that morning at breakfast was no exception. She shared a list of 10 things that she adheres to in her everyday life. It's quite simple, and I want to share it with you.

In closing, the trip was great. Johnine, Anne, Sandy and I had a wonderful time together. I look forward to going next year, and maybe I've sparked an interest in you to consider trying a new experience.

10 THINGS TO CONSIDER DOING EACH DAY

1. **Take small steps**
2. **Take time to pray**
3. **Share food**
4. **Keep breathing-breath of life/breath of God**
5. **Tell stories**
6. **Laugh a lot**
7. **Take only the necessary steps/only make necessary decisions**
8. **Don't be afraid to ask for help**
9. **No one should sit alone**
10. **Call each other regularly/thank each other regularly**

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Correction: The name and birth date of the newest Ruella baby were reported incorrectly in last month's Trumpeter. **Jessica Naomi** was born to Mary and John Ruella on **February 4th**. Her Baptism is scheduled for April 6th. Congratulations to all!

We welcome into the household of God Sarah Gabrielle Graber who was "sealed by the Holy Spirit in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever" on March 2nd.

Welcome to newcomers Mark and Julie Sieber who live in Annandale and have recently moved to this area from Ohio. They have three children—Jacob, age 11, Valerie, age 8, and Harrison, age 4.

Our deepest sympathy to the following who have lost loved ones recently:

To the Bierwirth Family on the death of Pattie's mother, Ada Magloi, at the age of 93 on February 22; and on the untimely death of Chuck's brother, Fred, who died on March 3rd from esophageal cancer.

To Pam Engle on the death of her husband and our friend and parishioner, Jon, who died on February 28th also of the complications of esophageal cancer.

May the dear departed rest in peace.

From the Community...

Free Health Services Available: Your chances of surviving cancer are greatly improved with early detection and treatment. The key to early detection is regular screening. Those without adequate health insurance will no longer have to postpone having these life saving exams because of the financial burden of paying for these services. Free comprehensive screening services for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancer are available through a health grant awarded to the Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center at Hunterdon Medical Center by the State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. These services can include an office visit with a doctor or nurse, clinical breast exam, Pap test, mammogram, Fecal Occult Blood test, colonoscopy, PSA and digital rectal exam. These services are free to eligible individuals. For more information, please call the Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center at (908) 237-5409.

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