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Church of the Holy Spirit

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CHS Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22
after 10 a.m. Service

All church members are encouraged to attend the CHS Annual Meeting. The 2012 budget will be presented, Vestry reports on our life in Christ will be summarized, and Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan convention will be elected. There will also be an update on the All Parish Conversations. Join us for fellowship and to see where the Lord is leading us this year.

From the Rector's Desk



We are De-Greening the Church on January 8. Please join us after the Ten O'clock service to pack and clean up. While this happens after the 12 Days of Christmas, sometimes you make plans according to where people are when. I used to be a stickler for liturgical dates and schedules, as in, "No Christmas Tree shall be in the Church until Christmas!" But with the Giving Tree program started so many years ago, and so wonderful in its outcome with some 140 presents given to the neediest in our area, I just believe in the greater good. The bigger view is helpful, especially in the moodiness that occurs when the tree comes down, the ornaments get packed away, and the relatives leave for their homes. The unrelenting days of winter become even darker without the glow of the house lights. The season's chill is made meaningful by the community that continues and even grows when the earth is still. Annual meeting, new weekly worship service for Thursdays, new vestry, it all moves on. Consider the weeks, months, and years before us in mission together. **Gladdens the heart even in the cold places of life.**

Philip +

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Church FAQs - Colors of the Church

As you may have noticed, the colors of the vestments worn by the priests and the altar hangings used in some churches change from time to time throughout the Church year. **Each season of the liturgical calendar is associated with a distinct color.**

PURPLE: In the Middle Ages, purple dye was very expensive and came to be associated with wealth and royalty. During Advent, we use the color purple with the color rose for the third Sunday to signify joy. Did you notice the candles in the Advent wreath: three purple, one rose. We celebrate the coming of our King through the use of this color. Blue, which represents the Virgin Mary, is becoming more frequent during this season as well.

Purple is also the **color for Lent** and is representational of Lent being the time for preparation and penitence. We add different symbols at this time, such as the nails or crown of thorns to give visual separation from Advent when the Alpha-Omega is more appropriate. Notice also that Bishops wear purple shirts rather than the black of most clergy as a symbol of their Apostolic position.

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From the Deacon's Corner

Dear Seekers,

It is hard to believe that our calendars have changed to the year 2012. To say that time is flying by is an understatement. As I reflect how the new year might unfold, the word, OPEN keeps coming to mind. I believe that being open to all new possibilities of growth and change in our spiritual and emotional life will bring us new joys and new adventures that we might not have considered possible. We might be used by God to touch someone's life we don't even know right now. Of course the possibilities are endless.



So let us commit ourselves this new year to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, no matter where it might take us. We might be pleasantly surprised. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

I remain faithfully,

Your Deacon,

Johnine

CHS OUTREACH NEWS

To know Christ as we serve others

Food Pantry: Over 500 pounds of food were donated during the recent Thanksgiving Feed-A-Family drive. Thank you to all who filled a bag. Hunger does not take holiday so keep the weekly donations coming. During these cold winter months, canned soups, crackers, mac and cheese kits are all welcome items. Many of the people fed by the Food Pantries and Culinary Angels programs are kids who love these sorts of foods. Let's keep that red wagon filled each week.

Culinary Angels: Culinary Angels prepared over 100 individual Christmas meals for the IHN clients thanks to the generous donation of hams and roast turkey and all the trimmings from various parish members. In January, we will be preparing meals on January 2 and 16 starting at 6 p.m. We need your help with donations of mac and cheese, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fruit (canned or fresh), vegetables (fresh or frozen). Food need not be fancy gourmet preparations; in fact, the simpler the recipe, the better since many of the recipients are kids who are hungry. If you are making a pot of soup, consider filling one or two containers (pick them up at church – see June Filipski, Joanne Warnowicz or Marge Keller) to donate to this Outreach program.

Good Friday Service Day: Mark your calendar now for the 22nd Annual Service Day on Friday, April 6.

Shawl Ministry: Calling all knitters and crocheters! Bring your needles and enjoy a couple of hours of Knit and Chat. All levels from beginners to expert are welcome. Let's better last year's numbers with more shawls. Donations for shipping, ribbon, and cards are always welcome. Contact Deacon Johnine or Sandy Sullivan for more information.

Country Arch: Volunteers are joining into this new ministry very quickly. There is always room for more to help with game nights or just have quiet evening with one of the residents. Please contact Deacon Johnine for more details.

Edna Mahan Ministries: Have you checked the calendar to see how many opportunities we have to visit with the women in maximum security? If you would like to take part in this either for the Shawl Ministry or the Bible Study, please contact Deacon Johnine to get the application. This ministry has blossomed since it's inception a few years ago as have the women whose lives have been touched by our kindness and love.

Marge Keller

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN



This is my final newsletter article as your Senior Warden. My term will come to an end at the Annual Meeting in January. As I reflect over the last year, I would like to share some things with you that I have learned and discovered over the last twelve months:

- I have uncovered more reasons to continue believing that CHS is a loving, inspirational and sharing community
- I have come to know more of you as I traveled my path this year
- I have come to know others more deeply this year
- I have been humbled by all of you that give so freely of your time and talents
- I have learned to listen more than speak at times---
- I have learned more about the Parish as we completed our every member visitation this year
- I have been amazed by the outpouring of faith, love and support that all of you have shown to me over this last year
- I am grateful to those before me who worked so diligently on the Lilly Grant application so CHS could be awarded this honor

I am excited to look ahead to both our Parish and Rector's sabbaticals in the coming year.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your Senior Warden.

May God bless all of you as we begin a new year.

Happy 2012!

Sally Bird
Senior Warden

Winter Celebration Dinner



On Monday, January 9, 2012, the Brideside Adult Day Centers will have its sixth annual Winter Celebration Dinner. This is a major fundraiser for this non-profit. Tickets are \$75 per person for a three course meal at Matt's Red Rooster Grill in Flemington. There are two seatings, at 5 p.m. and after 7 p.m.

Brideside is a social day care for seniors who need socialization and it gives respite to those who care for them, mostly their children. Over 80% of the participants have some various stages of dementia.

Those wishing to go can contact Ed Filipski at 908-735-5219 or at juned.fil@gmail.com.

Women Making It Happen Tea/Luncheon

Sunday, January 15 at Noon

You are cordially invited to attend a Tea/Luncheon with WMIH on Sunday, January 15 at Noon in the Parish Hall. Small sandwiches, salad or soup are the menu suggestions. As always, this is open to all women of the parish with the intention of growing friendships among us and creating a fund for Outreach work through your voluntary donation.

We are hoping to raise enough money this year to help Culinary Angels with the purchase of containers and staples for the kitchen as well as continue our support of the 300/300 campaign for Good New Home for Women. Your participation in WMIH makes these Outreach endeavors possible.

Marge Keller



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance”
Proverbs 1:4-6

Sunday School Update

A Happy and prosperous New Year to everyone!

January 8th - Sunday school resumes

- First Confirmation Class to be held for 8th grade (and up) Confirmands

What is Epiphany?

The season of **Epiphany** (‘manifestation’ or ‘showing forth’) begins **January 6**. The eve of the **Feast of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night)** marks the **end of the Christmas celebration**. In the Western Church, the story from Matthew of the visitation of the Magi from the East represents the many cultures and lands that God sent his Son to save. For the Church in the East (Orthodox), the revelation of Jesus as the Christ is one who is anointed by God, as experienced in His Baptism and ministry in first-century Palestine.

We only hear of the wise men (magi) from Matthew’s gospel (Matthew 2:1-12). Magi were people who studied the movement of the stars to interpret their meaning. These magi came from the east, following a special star and bringing gifts to the child Jesus. They were Gentiles, not Jews, and they worshipped him. The story of the magi that we know is grounded in legends that came out of the Middle Ages and described them as kings named Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. The gifts of the magi (described in Matthew) are:

- **Gold** for royalty, wealth and the kingship of Christ
- **Frankincense**, made of gum from an Asian and African tree. It may be burned to produce aromatic smoke used in worship, and symbolizes divinity and prayer
- **Myrrh**, a bitter resin used in ancient times to anoint bodies before burial is a symbol of suffering and death. It foretells Christ’s giving of self through death.

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Art & Prayer

For several weeks, a group of parishioners has been meeting on Wednesday mornings, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the St. Martin room, to explore the creation of art. Using the book, *Windows into the Soul*, (by Michael Sullivan) as a guide, we have been praying and entering into God’s grace through the process of creating works of art. We will continue meeting throughout the months of January and February. All are welcome to join us – you don’t have to be an artist!

Holy Spirit Orientation

Adults are invited to join Fr. Philip for a look at our church, and the Episcopal Church, and what makes us who we are. This seminar is ideal for Newcomers to our Parish. The orientation will be January 8 & 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lunch and babysitting will be provided. Please contact Wendy Hallstrom at whallstrom@comcast.net if you plan to attend, including the number and ages of children requiring babysitting services.

Special Adult & Teen Formation Program

On **February 11**, we will conduct our **second half day Christian Formation seminar**. The half-day seminar was developed in recognition of the busyness of our lives. We found that a series of weekly classes are difficult for people to make. Often, if a class or two is missed, we can feel lost when returning to the study. Our first half-day seminar—a class compressed into one, four-hour block, led by Dr. Michael Christensen—was a success and in our second one we will build

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on it. This year, our seminar leader will be the **Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton**. Rev. Crafton is an Episcopal priest and author and a close friend of Fr. Philip's mother. She heads The Geranium Farm, an institute for the promotion of spiritual growth. The Farm publishes her **Almost-Daily eMo**, a meditation read online by tens of thousands worldwide via email and right here at the website. She has served a number of churches, including historic Trinity Church, Wall Street, St. John's-in-the-Village in Greenwich Village, and St. Clement's in Manhattan's theatre district. She was a maritime chaplain on the New York waterfront, and served as a chaplain at Ground Zero after the attack on the World Trade Center; most recently, she served St. James, the American church in Florence, Italy. A spiritual director, **Crafton leads retreats and teaches throughout the United States and abroad. We are very fortunate to be able to be blessed with her insights and talent.**

Her many books include books of essays (*The Sewing Room, Yes! We'll Gather at the River, Some Things You Just Have to Live With*), books of daily meditations (*Let Us Bless the Lord (Vols 1-4), Meditations on the Psalms, Finding Time for Serenity*, and several others; a book of poetry (*Blessed Paradoxes*), a book about the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the aftermath of the World Trade Center bombing (*Mass in Time of War*) and, most recently, a book about how people of faith experience depression (*Jesus Wept: When Faith and Depression Meet*).

The details of the day follow:

Date: Saturday, February 11

Time: 8:30 – 9 a.m. Continental breakfast and gathering

9 – 11:30 a.m. Seminar (with a break)

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lunch (combo of donations and church provided)

Seminar Cost: \$25

Lunch: \$7

Babysitting: Provided

Ages: High School teens through adult

Please prayerfully consider if this formation opportunity would be good for you. If you have any questions, or have special circumstances, please contact Wendy Hallstrom.

Our goal is to make this an enjoyable, rewarding, and stress-free way to grow in Christ. **Please RSVP to whallstrom@comcast.net with the number of teens and adults attending and the number and ages of children needing babysitting.** This will allow us to purchase the appropriate supplies and food (so important!). Volunteers are needed to provide babysitting. Please contact whallstrom@comcast.net if you are available. Age appropriate crafts and activities will be provided for the children.

Save the Date!

Faith in Motion: Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday June 18,19,20,21 6-8 p.m.

Save the dates! **Faith in Motion** is a wonderful program created here at CHS combining physical training and renewal with lessons in Christian living. It is intergenerational and accessible to all abilities.



Save the Date! April 27, 2012 will be the 30th anniversary of the CHS Service Auction.

Watch the website at www.churchholyspirit.org/auction for the latest information.

Right now you can see what you can do to help and you can download donation forms.

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January 2012



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 10am Holy Eucharist - one service only	2 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm IHN Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat	3 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan	4 10am Adult Forum/ Praying with Art 12pm Eucharist	5 7pm Blues Band Rehearsal	6 Father Philip's Sabbath	7
8 Got Change Collection Breakfast betw services 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 9:30&11:40am Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Holy Spirit Orientation 5pm Confirmation Class 6pm Youth Meeting (Epiphany Party) Concert	9 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat 5&7pm Winter Celebration Dinner for Brideside Adult Day Center	10 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan	11 10am Adult Forum/ Praying with Art 12pm Eucharist 6pm Prayer Svc @ Edna Mahan Min 6:45pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	12 7pm Blues Band Rehearsal 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	13 Father Philip's Sabbath TRUMPETER DEADLINE	14
15 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 9:30&11:40am Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Holy Spirit Orientation 5pm Confirmation Class 12pm Women Making It Happen Luncheon	16 MLK JR. DAY 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm IHN Food Prep 6:30pm Prayer Svc @ Edna Mahan Max 7pm Knit and Chat	17 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7:30pm Vestry Mtg	18 10am Adult Forum/ Praying with Art 12 noon Eucharist 6:45pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	19 7pm New Evensong Service 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	20 Father Philip's Sabbath	21
22 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 9:30&11:40am Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Annual Parish Mtg 5pm Confirmation Class	23 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	24 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan	25 10am Adult Forum/ Praying with Art 12 noon Eucharist 6:45pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	26 7pm Blues Band Rehearsal 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	27 Father Philip's Sabbath	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Vestry Retreat</div>
29 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 9:30&11:40am Choir Rehearsal 5pm Confirmation Class	30 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	31 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan				

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

Feb 11 - Seminar led by Rev. Barbara Crafton
 April 27 - CHS Service Auction Gala
 June 18-21 - "Faith in Motion" Vacation Bible School

AA Meetings are held at Church of the Holy Spirit on the following days/evenings:

- Men - Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
- Men & Women - Saturdays 9 a.m.

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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WHITE: This celebratory color is used for Christmas, Easter and at Baptisms. White gets a lot of mention in the New Testament to describe angels, the shroud of Jesus, and the Book of Revelation refers often to the color white. It is a color of purity and resurrection and will be seen at funerals, despite the church season. Gold is an alternative to white.

RED: This symbol of blood is used for any service commemorating a martyr: it symbolizes fire and thus is the color of Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit, and of ordinations. As an alternative for Holy Week, deep red often replaces purple because of its interpretative meaning.

GREEN: The most often seen color during the church year is green, used during the entire length of the season after Pentecost which runs until Advent. It is also the color of the season of Epiphany that starts after January 6 and concludes with Ash Wednesday. These two seasons are referred to as Ordinary Time as the Sundays are referenced as Second Sunday after Epiphany or the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, as opposed to Christmas or Easter.

BLACK: Less frequently seen is the color black, used for Good Friday, sometimes for funerals.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Welcome to Ricky and Gloria Jean Waller who live in Washington, NJ and have been worshipping with us recently.

Heartfelt Sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have entered into the larger life recently:

- To the Schneider Family--Cynthia's stepfather, Joe Pinto (a former CHS Parishioner), who passed away on November 27th, following a long fight with pancreatic cancer
- To the Roxbury Family--Jane's ex-husband and father of her two grown sons, who died on December 10th, following a long battle with heart disease
- To the Family of Janice deVersterre--a SKIT parent and volunteer who passed away very unexpectedly of unknown causes (at this time) on the weekend of December 17th/18th leaving her family, Brian, Arielle and Ian.

May the dear departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Giving Tree final update: All the gifts, with their tags attached, arrived at CHS in record time and have been distributed to the nearly 140 recipients to help brighten their Christmas Holidays. Heartfelt thanks to all who participated and to all the elves whose assistance made the project a great success!

Happy New Year to all!

Barbara Burton

Stowe Ski Trip

Feb 24, 25, 26



Please contact the Office at 908-236-6301 or by email at admin@churchholyspirit.org if you can join us for our **Annual Stowe Trip. We need 30 confirmed by January 20 to make this happen.** All are welcome!

Confirmation Class

Classes begin on Sunday, January 8th at 9 a.m. in the St. Julian room. All 8th graders and above are encouraged to attend. Come join the Fun!!!!

Thank you.

Mrs. Susan Rivers and Deacon Johnine



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