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The Trumpeter

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Summer 2014

Frisbee!! Vacation Bible School



Children of all ages are welcome to join us for our unique Vacation Bible School running 9 a.m. through Noon, Monday through Friday, August 11-15. The cost is a minimal \$10 per family. You can register under the dove in the CHS Narthex or send an e-mail to the parish office: admin@churchholyspirit.net.

If you need nursery care for your youngest, please let us know when you register. We will send medical release forms and other information to help your family prepare for a fabulous and lively week. Throwing and catching Frisbees will be the means by which we will learn about the Kingdom of God! No previous skill of any kind will be needed for this event. This is not a competitive sporting event in any way.

Frisbee VBS = Fun, Joy and Grace!

Teen and parent volunteers are working with Father Philip. If you would like to help out for any one or more days, please make your interest known by calling the office at 236-6301.

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CHS Community Life—Save the Dates

Saturday, August 23—A Beer Fest will be held at CHS—Nik's Wunderbar is helping to sponsor this event.

Sunday, September 7—The Annual Church Picnic will be held following the 10 a.m. service.

Friday, September 19—The Watchung Convocation "YOUTH LOCK IN" starts Friday, September 19 at 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. Saturday morning. The youth will be packing 10,000 meals to be given to those in the world in need. We want all the youth, sixth grade and above to participate in this great event. It will take place at All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. We will try to get a van or two filled with our youth going to this great event.

Saturday, September 20—The Fourth Annual CHS Fish Fry will be held. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this important fundraiser.

From the Rector's Desk



I have one church left in me. Where is that to be? I was thinking about what to do with the rest of my life . . . er, well, the rest of my life as a full-time priest anyway. So here are my thoughts of the moment about that decision.

Pentecost Sunday at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit is fine time to think thoughts about what next. The first sermon preached by Peter, read in Acts on Pentecost Sunday, contains within it the quote from the prophet Joel about how, when the Spirit of God comes upon humanity in its fullness, the young will be filled with wisdom and the old men dream dreams again. Not so sure about the wisdom of the young, but this old man is dreaming a bit.

When we as a parish agreed to take on the Lilly Endowment Grant for Clergy and Parish Renewal, leading to a four-month sabbatical for both Parish and Priest, one of the stipulations was an agreement that the Priest would thereafter remain in the Parish for at least another two years. Those years have come and gone ,and options have arisen about exploring other venues for priesthood. In the options presented to me, there arose a formative conflict in my soul and mind which has allowed for greater clarity and hope for the years to come. Formative conflict: let me explain.

The calling for ministry at CHS is lovely and filled with loving people. At this point in my developing wisdom, I no longer need to fear a "shoe to drop," or create a problem in order to solve it. My personal life is pretty stable. Parish life is pretty stable. We have a mission to do and we are doing it. My various character flaws such as motivation to do paperwork, organization and timely, considerate communications will repeat on into the future. As sometimes hurtful as they are to myself and others, one hopes these will be judged kindly when taken in the greater picture. On the parish side, this community is filled with interesting people – a euphemism for friends who are complicated and complicating. Happily, there is a high level of both tolerance for the unique and the self-awareness of our own humanity that allows and supports an humility among us. Some of you drive each other crazy. And then we pray together. That works for me.

The formative conflict is discerning being comfortable from being lazy, finding contentment while sensing the need to go deeper.

This Parish has been at least five different congregations since I came aboard in 1987. It's not about size but kind. Sometimes size has much to do with it, but not determinatively. Initially, we **were a family church**, thinking about inviting other families to join us. Then they did, and we became **an evangelizing church**. Then we became **a building church**. Followed by a plateau of **what-do-we-do-next church**. External events (a gay Bishop) resolved that and we became the **controversial church** for a time until, as we have seen, history has caught up with us. Crisis is crisis, whether the cause is outside me or my own individual disaster and when that comes, all bets are off. **But then, as is always true in God's house, mercy and grace are never far off.** Then followed **a congregation of healing, compassion, and outreach grounded in the same**. About five years ago, with identity issues resolved, off we go into the next iteration of Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. I am still here, joyfully bounding on to the next moment. And so are you. Together we are the people remaining and joining anew, who are, in the main, charitable, generous, merciful, thoughtful, open-minded, forgiving, serving, loving, and liberal in the best sense of that word. You can do a lot with people like that.

Now what? In Gerald Keuchar's book. *Remember the Future*, he writes:

"There are two ways to conceive of the future, and which of the two dominates our thinking makes a significant difference in how we lead. **We can think of the future as something we're moving toward or we can think of the future as something moving toward us.** If we think of the future as something we are moving toward, then we will be actively involved in creating the future, planning, prediction, preparation will be paramount. If we are moving toward the future, then the future is something we will make or at the least the future will be something over which our efforts have some influence. If, on the other hand , we think of the future as something moving toward us, then there will be a certain passivity in our approach. There will be an emphasis on the unexpected and on the things beyond our control. *Que sera sera* is an expression that can be facetious, resigned, or ominous."

From the Rector's Desk (*Continued*)



Keuchar then waxes theological:

"It's not all one or the other. The future is not an event, it is a person. If we're moving toward the future we're not studying for an exam, we're working to build a better, closer relationship with God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. **If the future is moving toward us, we don't need to fear, it is God coming at us. God is our future. God is moving toward us and we are moving toward God.**"

I have regularly asked the Vestry (your governing body) if they think I should stay. One shouldn't say yes out of fear of change, and I tell them this. So it would seem they prefer I stay. But never out of fear of grieving but a longing for what could yet be possible. Here it is:

A wise priest, whom many of you know, Fr. Walton Zelle, once advised me, never trust a man without regrets. Over the years, I have some lingering sadness about not getting in place aspects of parish life that could be brilliant. Staying on means another chance to get that right. **Here are some visions I'd like us to work on:**

Create a Center for Christian Spirituality. Hunterdon County is desert when it comes to the practice of ancient, mystical traditions of the Church. Mostly, its mainstream Roman Catholic parishes, or biblical fundamentalism, and then a sprinkling of scared moderate churches trying not to rock the boat, hoping to survive the culture shock of an era shift in our humanity. And make no mistake, we are in the midst of one of those major transitions. The calling of the Anglican/Episcopal Church offers the wider culture the tools and vision to make the most of such harrowing times. Our Episcopal Church has within it such a fantastic heritage of devotional exercises and practices and we could move forward in so many ways. We claim a heritage grounded in many sources: Roman Catholic, Reformed, Eastern Orthodox, and Hebrew as well as embracing truth wherever it is found, be that even in eastern traditions such as Yoga and Reiki.

Truly blended ritual worship that is dignified, ancient, modern and fun. That's a packed sentence needing more time and space to unravel, but for now it would suffice to note that what we did at the Easter Vigil this year and Christmas Eve just past is about where we could go every Sunday! Varying genres of music and instrumentation at principal services, more movement, and a congregation whose role in worship is less and less as spectator, more and more as enactors. **The action of liturgy must take place among us not up there among those in special dresses.**

A Lifelong Curriculum of Christian Formation. Sunday school, teen groups, adult programming. Having a substantial, consistent, and enthusiastic kind of programming with quality and sophistication. We do ongoing and time-to-time, season-to-season excellence. But to move from good to great in this arena is a real urgency in my heart, especially with our youth.

Physical Stuff. Really, this is last on the list as it is tempting to put it, in error, at the top. It simply follows the others. We could have a kitchen that really cooks. Given how many people we feed, it might be helpful to have cabinets that work, and other kinds of professional hardware more suited to the mission. We could establish some structural art forms in steel and other more hardy materials, creating permanent fixes to things now falling down (i.e., front entrance wall). I would love to have a performance area in the lower lot for both worship and other events. A meditation path, repair the Altar with glass inlay, oh yes, the elevator, and in the words of the King of Siam: *et cetera, et cetera.*

Endowment. Much of our limitation to address these things is tied to resourcing. Just think about what would happen if we had an endowment to support musicians and singers; scholarships for young singers to support our lovely choir. Imagine supporting high school and college music majors in from Westminster or Rutgers. Get a drummer or blues guitarist on a regular basis, maybe a brass quartet a few times a year, and prominent national organists for recitals seasonally. Have speakers and retreat leaders offering such a host of intriguing events that the whole community would benefit. A lifelong curriculum of formation and a hearty youth group requires a body or bodies to get that done. Establishing resources to move from the wonderful but intermittent efforts of a few (organized by a priest with an artist's personality) to a different community of continuity and excellence grounded in Anglican thoughtfulness and open-mindedness is a serious goal. Quite frankly, Deacon Johnine and I, among many others, stretch to try to offer these things, and we do a pretty fine piece of work. But if we want to go deeper, it means resources to allow for time and skill sets from other people.

In the end, there are too few out there in our County that are offering this vision, too few in the Episcopal Church realizing it, and I am still believing you and I can take a good shot at it this time round.

So, I have one church left in me. It is here. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Our door is always open. Real Bread. Real Wine. Real Presence. Every week. Where the hospitality of Christ is offered without exception.

From the Deacon's Corner

Dear Seekers,

I am sure that you are like me and you love the warm sun, the breeze, the blue sky, the flowering trees, bushes, and flowers, and all that spring into summer offers. **It is a joy to be on this side of a cold long winter. It is truly a rebirth.**

Being reborn into each new day is a great feeling. Our present day can be better than the day before. We can start anew. We can open our eyes and our ears and our heart to the beauty that surrounds us in the people that we meet and the places that we travel. There is such freedom in starting each day reborn. We need only live this one day to the very best of our ability. Living in the present, not the past or the future, can help focus and center our lives.

**Today "Still my hear, quiet my soul,
Slow my speech, awaken my ears to the melody of your voice.
Stretch out my arms, take hold of my spirit.
Anchor my being in the depths of your love.
Help me God, to know you more, to love you most, to serve you better." (Taken from a bookmarker)**

Let us go forward in the days ahead and be a new creation in Christ each day, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Faithfully, I remain,
Your Deacon,
Johnine



Confirmation Class Will Confirm Faith — Sunday, October 12 at 3 p.m.

We have seven young people who have met together over the last five months in preparation for **being confirmed on Sunday, October 12, 2014 with Bishop William "Chip" Stokes in attendance.** The confirmation will take place at CHS at 3 p.m. with a dinner following for all in attendance.

There will be no 10 a.m. service this Sunday so we can all be present for our Confirmands. We want the church filled so that the young people who will be confirming their faith will feel the full support of their faith community. Please mark your calendars.

Celebrating Acolytes' and Graduating Seniors' Ministry to Our Faith Community

Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m. Service

New acolytes and acolytes who have served over many years will be celebrated on Sunday, June 29 at the 10 a.m. service. If you are among these faithful servants, please plan on attending. We want to celebrate your ministry among us.

At the same service, we will thank seven graduating seniors for all that they have done for our CHS community. The seven graduating seniors who have been faithful to our life in the community are **Kelcie Guns, Catie Hallstrom, Jenadyi Jones, Patrick Querry, Ariana Rivera, Emma Scheick, and Karoline Taylor.** Their presence among us will be celebrated and we will wish them well as they transition to the next phase in their life's journey.

CHS Book Club—The Spirited Readers

On Tuesday, July 1, the "Spirited Readers" will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss the award-winning, *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. There will be refreshments served. The evening will end at 8:30 p.m. and the group will select the next book they will read for August. All are welcome.

Words from Our Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

Spring has Sprung! I can't believe I have already completed five months of my tenure as Senior Warden. I am constantly amazed with how much goes on behind the scenes of running our church. So many people give their time and talent, and often times it can go unnoticed. From the Church staff, the Vestry and countless number of groups that carry out our mission, we are truly a blessed Church. Thank you!

As you enjoy your down time over the next couple of months, if you are not actively involved, please consider doing so in the fall. There are so many opportunities available. Please feel free to talk to me, Philip, Johnine or any member of the Vestry and we can help you find your niche.

Have a peaceful summer,



Peace and Grace,
Katie Gnash, Senior Warden
My Wish For You:

CHS 2014 Photo Directory

Believe it or not it's been over four years since our last photo directory! We are planning on refreshing the CHS photo directory and...Great News....including an online version that will be secure—only available to the CHS community. We are currently evaluating several online options, and will provide more information in the *CHS News* newsletter soon. Printed directories will also be available. As for the last directory, Dave Dabour will be taking the photographs and creating the directory.

Meanwhile, it's time to gather your family and take this opportunity to have a new family photo taken by Dave Dabour. **Photos will be taken at CHS the week of September 15.**

If you want to get an early start, will be away in September, or want to ensure your college-age kids will be in the family photo, Dave is available at a mutually agreeable time/day during the summer to take pictures at his home studio. To arrange the photo session during the summer, contact Dave by e-mail at dave@dabourphotography.com :

Dave will also take family photos during the week of September 15. Information on how to sign up for a particular session will be published in the *CHS News*, on our website, and in the weekly Sunday bulletin as soon as details are finalized.



A Message from Our Treasurer

Dear Friends,

As we approach the summer, I'd like to share our current financial performance. As you may recall in my last financial message, our community was faced with a challenge to close a budget gap that was further exacerbated by the somewhat extreme winter weather. Thanks to the can-do spirit of our faith community, we received pledges to cover the budget within \$2,500 of the shortfall. The Finance Committee continues to meet monthly to assess, from a financial perspective, how we as a church community are meeting our faith mission. Below is a summary of our evaluation.

Our primary source of revenue is the pledge income we receive from those of you who made a pledge during our stewardship drive last fall or who have made a pledge since then. I am happy to report, through a mix of weekly, monthly, and quarterly giving, we have kept up with our operating costs. In addition, in May, we had our Annual Auction, our primary non-pledge source of funding, and early returns are promising. Our budget assumed a net contribution to revenue of \$30,000. Preliminary returns suggest that on a gross basis, contributions were made in excess of \$30,000. At the time of our last Finance Committee meeting, we had outstanding bills to cover. Based on the conversations we had at the committee meeting, we believe that we will be proud of the results achieved through the efforts of the Auction Committee and our community.

As we enjoy the summer months with our family and friends, church attendance tends to fall off and the pledges tend to follow. Historically, we have seen our finances decline during this time because our church's operation and program costs are primarily fixed and constant, and do not have the flexibility to slow spending to match contributions. As our church's Treasurer, I ask that you consider making arrangements for continued steady contributions to our church, possibly through payment instruction to your financial institution.

If you are new to our church community and would like to make a pledge at this time, please contact our pledge clerk, Linda West. Likewise, if you made a pledge for this year and are unable to pay it or if there is a pastoral concern, please notify our Senior Warden, Katie Gnash.

Our church is a beautiful worship space that is supported by all of you in many ways – financially and with your time and talents. We would like to keep it running smoothly through the rest of the year and we thank you in advance for your participation in our mission. Have a happy and safe summer.

Oscar Jones



Summer Music Offerings – Share Your Musical Talent June 22 through August 24

If you are musically motivated and sing or play an instrument, you are welcome to sing/play a sacred or appropriate selection during the Offertory at the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. services during the summer months.

The Summer Music Offerings will begin on June 22 through August 24. Participating in the Summer Music Offering will require you to practice with Chris Williams, Music Director, at least once or more if needed before the time requested. Chris is available Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 10 p.m. Let

Chris Williams know of your interest. He can be reached by e-mail at music@churchholyspirit.org.

CHS Community Life

To know Christ as we serve others is part of the mission of Church of the Holy Spirit



HUNGER IN HUNTERDON

“Will there be food today?”

Feeding America, a national network of food banks, issued a report last winter of some startling facts about the state of hunger in America. These statistics apply to Hunterdon County as well. The report shows that **49 million people in the United States are identified as food insecure...** meaning that they do not always have access to enough food to maintain an active, healthy life. **Twenty percent of households with children and 9% of the elderly living alone are food insecure.** The report also points out that, as in past recessions, **low-income households will be the last to recover.**

Why are so many people in this situation? Lack of employment or under employment for one. Then the very federal program that was supposed to assist these families was greatly reduced last November. While the recession is winding down, many of the newly employed are now in lower-paying jobs than they held previously. After paying for housing, taxes, and insurance, money for food is often less than sufficient to provide three healthy meals a day.

Hunger can have serious consequences, especially for children, for many years in the future. Lack of adequate nutrition can lead to physical and mental health problems; can impact academic progress; and economic implications for their future. For seniors, lack of proper nutrition can lead to serious health issues, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, which then creates other economic problems that ultimately will affect you and me.

So, how can we, the people of Christ at Church of the Holy Spirit, be part of the solution to food insecurity in our community?

Contribute non-perishable foods to the Food Pantry Express wagon. Kids are out of school soon; free lunches are over until September. Consider PBJ supplies, lower-sugar breakfast cereal such as Cheerios, canned tuna or chicken, mac and cheese kits, 100% juice, canned veggies and fruits, pasta/rice products.

Make donations of foods, money or resellable goods to the local food pantries. The wagon donations are taken to the Clinton Pantry (next to RiteAid) and to the Flemington Food Pantry. The pantry has a thrift store to help raise money for those in need.

NORWESCAP, the area Community Action Program manages the food bank for Hunterdon, Warren, and Sussex counties. Their mission is to help relieve food needs through non-profit charitable organizations in their area of operation. You can make donations directly to them in the form of cash or time. **Volunteer at the food bank in Phillipsburg to sort and re-pack donated food.** You can contact the food bank at 908-454-4322.



NORWESCAP has several other programs to funds for hunger. Have you seen the **Piggy Bank** at the store where you shop? The **Apple Tree** program provides backpacks of food for the weekend to 28 schools for food insecure students. This program runs during the summer and is funded by monetary donations to Apple Tree for Hunger .



Tenth Annual Trinity Cathedral Day

Golf season is upon us...and this causes us to look forward, with great anticipation, to the Tenth Annual Trinity Cathedral Community Day. This year's event will occur on Monday, October 13, at Mercer Oaks—West...as in past years.

A team from CHS has played every year. This event has produced over \$200,000 to support the ongoing mission and ministries at Trinity Cathedral.

We are looking forward to our new Bishop "Chip" Stokes, who is sponsoring a new feature...a "chip" shot contest. However, the big contest is the one for the **Bishop's Cup**. It would be nice to field a foursome to make a run for it. Your priest will be part of a second

foursome, of course.

Now it is time to get our golfers signed up. The cost is increased to \$175 per player.

Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to join in. **Father Philip**

32nd Annual Gala Auction: Open Doors...Open Hearts

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in any way to make this year's Auction another success. With your help, we were able to raise over \$30,000 (excluding outstanding expenses), which includes designated contributions for the church lift.

Whether you attended the Auction, solicited gifts, helped with the planning, asked your family and friends to attend, or bid on items, your participation was appreciated. Not just by members of Church of the Holy Spirit, but also by the many people in the community, who you may never see or know, but will be helped by the funds raised at the Auction. Much of this money will be used to assist those in need. We will continue to provide "Open Doors and Open Hearts" to our neighbors near and far.



It was a wonderful, spirited gala event again this year. From the delicious food served by the Grand Colonial, to listening and dancing music provided by Vance, to the great Auction itself, everyone had an enjoyable evening. In case you weren't there, some of the many packages auctioned off by Harrie Copland included: picnics in New York, a served English tea for five, elegant dinners and shows, 36 hours of handyman services, many day trips for families, and so many more incredible experiences. An always popular item, the tie taken directly from Father Phil's neck, received a winning bid of \$100.

Next year, we hope you'll consider joining our hard working core committee: Cecillie Bulcha, June and Ed Filipski, Katie Gnash, Susan Kane, Kiki Mehner, Jan Paxton, Mirgia Rivera, John Rollins and Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen. There were so many other folks who lent their expertise to make the night a success and we'd love to work with you, too.

First Sunday Breakfasts—Thank You All!

A thank you goes to all the “breakfast chef” teams that give of their time and talent to foster the camaraderie that our First Sunday Breakfasts bring to our congregation. Every breakfast is so special—as demonstrated in our May, April, and March First Sunday Breakfasts.

Gabrielle Bolarakis and Cynthia Schneider stepped up to the “plate” for the first time to coordinate a wonderful breakfast on May 4. Cynthia’s baked French toast with the praline topping was delicious as were her egg casseroles and the special “Spinning Wheel” potatoes. Gabrielle provided muffins, doughnuts, granola, bagels, and Greek yogurt. The following parishioners graciously provided dishes to adorn the table: Diane Bendahmane, sausage/egg dish; Johnine Byrer, apple/cinnamon coffee cakes; Carol Crawford-Jones, baked eggs, cheese, and ham with croissants; Marge Keller, Mexican casseroles; Karen Murray, “power” muffins; Sandy Sullivan, egg casserole; and Jean Wallace, fresh fruit.



“Many cooks did not spoil the broth!” The April First Sunday Breakfast was sponsored by the Confirmation Class and their sponsors. Dove Hall was decked out with table cloths and “Easter” baskets filled with flowers. Delights on the menu included pancakes, French toast casseroles, egg casseroles, crepes, sausage, ham, fruit salad, bagels, coffee cakes, and muffins. At the conclusion of the breakfast, the class packaged up the leftovers for Family Promise and learned more about that ministry.

As we tried to think about spring, the Faust and Dabour families hosted our March breakfast with a delightful array of eggs, Gil and Jo Quinton’s sausage, casseroles, bagels, coffee cakes, and fresh fruit. All the delicious food and good conversation, helped the attendees forget about the winter cold and snow.



We Celebrate Class Honored

Seven second graders met over several weeks to learn more about the significance of the Holy Eucharist.

On Sunday, June 8 at the 10 a.m. service, there was a special recognition of these students: **Caroline Colitti, Joseph Duffy, Natalie Marlow;** and Fanta Fofana’s four children, **Lossenie, Bintou, Blessing, and Caroline.**

Photo by Dave Dabour

Giving Back – *The Different Ways We Know Christ as We Serve Others*

How much do we know about others in our CHS community, and about what they do outside of the Holy Spirit circle? At our annual meeting earlier this year, Father Philip asked us to have conversation around several questions, and at our table “**How do you feel called to care for others**” grew into an interesting discussion about **getting inspiration to help others by knowing more about what parishioners were involved in outside of CHS.**

I thought it would be interesting to explore this area, not just for this issue, but on an on-going basis. As Marge Keller put it when I floated the idea to the Vestry, “You’ll have enough material for many, many editions of the *Trumpeter*.” How we choose as individuals to help others, **whether it’s being a volunteer on the rescue squad or going on mission trips, we tell interesting and inspiring stories. Here are a few – around the focus area of fundraising for charities through walks.**



Jan Paxton has been raising money for “Walk MS” – a national effort to create a world free of Multiple Sclerosis – for 15 years. **John Rollins** has joined her efforts for the last six years. Together they have raised over \$13,000, “one step at a time,” walking at sites in Portland, Maine and Saratoga Springs, New York. Lately, they have been joined by **Barbara Burton** and **Lynn Jones** at the local MS Walk in Flemington, NJ.

Jan got involved when her Goddaughter, Judy Duncan, was diagnosed with MS. **Jan relates her story...**

“My Goddaughter, Judy, was a pre-school teacher with a MA in Early Childhood Education working as a teacher and a supervisor for Head Start in Portland, Maine when she was finally diagnosed with MS.

We have watched her go from an active, feisty teacher who worked, swam, sailed competitively, hiked, taught sailing at a Girl Scout camp, etc., to being wheelchair bound on disability. She's still feisty and works about 16 hours a week as her parish's administrator at St. Luke's in Saranac Lake, but she can only swim if there is a lift to get her in and out of the water and sailing, hiking, etc. are out. Her sister, Laura, also has MS but Laura is still walking after about the same amount of time. I can't do much to help Judy or Laura, so the MS Walk is a way to help them fight for a cure.”

The fund raising effort continues. Donations to their team - Team JD - can be made at http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=23359&team_id=366925

Jan Paxton



Giving Back – The Different Ways We Know Christ as We Serve Others—Janet Wulster

Anita Zinevich participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure three day walk. The Susan G. Komen Foundation funds go to breast cancer research, education, advocacy, health services and social support programs in the U.S. **I asked Anita to share her experiences about the walk:**

“I did the walk in October 2007 with a friend. For me, it just started as a fitness challenge with the added benefit of raising money for a good cause. The training part of it wasn't half as hard as the fundraising part of it. I send letters out to everyone I knew and gave letters to people (clients) I had just met at work. Together with my girlfriend we raised just over \$6,000.

The walk was in Philadelphia and it was probably one of the most amazing and emotional weekends of my life. Unlike the majority of walkers, I had not had anyone close to me affected by cancer, which I know is rare. We were very fortunate to have had great weather. During the walk we heard stories about past walks where it rained so hard they had to sleep in area schools and walk in dangerously muddy and wet conditions. I sometimes felt like I had enlisted in a military boot camp, especially when it came time to showering in the shower trailers.

Pitching a tent at night after walking 20 miles each day was also not a fun thing to do; we barely had enough energy left for walking to the food tents. In the end, the memorials and speeches by cancer survi-

And my own story....

This year in October, I'll be walking with at least two friends (and we welcome others who are interested) in the NYC Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Like Anita, my original purpose for floating the idea out to my friends to participate in the Avon Walk was to have a major fitness challenge—the walk is 39.3 miles over two days. I also wanted to walk in celebration of those family and friends I know who are survivors of breast cancer. To participate in the walk, each individual must raise a minimum of \$1,800. Since 2003, more than 180,000 Avon Walk participants and volunteers have raised \$472 million to accelerate breast cancer research and help women and men get screening, support, and treatment.



As I started to get involved in the fundraising, I realized that there was a lot I didn't really know about the disease. I learned that good diagnostic care and treatment for those with the disease are not universally available to all, and I found inspiration in talking about the special focus the Walk has on raising funds to help medically underserved women, the poor, minorities, the elderly, or those with inadequate health insurance. I've become passionate about it, and feel God guiding me in this direction.

Our team is working on gradually increasing our training distances (we're up to 8 miles so far) and we're constantly brainstorming how we can raise funds, including garage sales and soliciting donations from businesses. Knowing we're helping others makes the effort and time a joy. If you are interested in joining our team, please let me know, we'd love to have others join us. Donations are always welcome and can be made at <http://info.avonfoundation.org/goto/JanetWulster>

Janet Wulster



June 2014



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthday & Anniversary Blessings Breakfast Between Services 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 Sunday School 11:30am VBS Organization	2 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat	3 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Food Pkg. & Delivery 4pm We Celebrate Communion Class 7:30pm Spirited Readers Book Club	4 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6:45pm Junior Choir Party 7:30pm Rite of Welcome	5 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath	6 Father Philip's Sabbath	7
8 Pentecost/Got Change Collection 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Sunday School 10 am We Celebrate & Confirmation Class Blessed 11:15am Sunday School Picnic 5pm Dining with Friends	9 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	10 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 7:300pm Finance Meeting	11 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Service Edna Mahan "Min" 7:30pm Rite of Welcome	12 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath	13 Father Philip's Sabbath	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day 8&10am Holy Eucharist 10am Service—Rite of Welcome Celebration	16 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 6pm Prayer Service Edna Mahan "Max" 7pm Knit and Chat	17 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Food Pkg. & Delivery 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg.	18 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	19 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8 pm	20 Father Philip's Sabbath	21 Summer Begins Father Philip Away
22 Father John Rollins Presiding 8&10am Holy Eucharist Father Philip Away	23 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	24 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel	25 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	26 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	27 Father Philip's Sabbath	28
29 Baccalaureate Service for Graduating Seniors 8&10am Holy Eucharist	30 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Father Philip Vacation </div>					

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July 2014



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		1 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Packaging & Delivery 7pm Spirited Readers Book Club	2 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	3 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	4 Independence Day	5
Father Philip On Vacation						
6 Birthday/Anniv. Blessings 8&10am Holy Eucharist	7 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	8 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 7:30pm Finance Meeting	9 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Svc. Edna Mahan Min.	10 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	11	12
Father Philip On Vacation						
13 Got Change Collection 8&10am Holy Eucharist	14 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat	15 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Packaging & Delivery	16 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	17 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	18	19
Father Philip On Vacation						
20 8&10am Holy Eucharist Father Philip Vacation	21 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Service Edna Mahan "Max" 7pm Knit and Chat	22 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel	23 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @ Edna Mahan	24 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	25 Father Philip's Sabbath	26
27 8&10am Holy Eucharist	28 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	29 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel	30 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @ Edna Mahan 6:30pm Worship Meeting	31 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm		

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					1 Father Philip's Sabbath	2
3 Birthday/Anniv. Blessings 8&10am Holy Eucharist 11:15am VBS Prep Mtg. following 10am Service	4 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat	5 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Packaging & Delivery 7pm Spirited Readers Book Club	6 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	7 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	8 Father Philip's Sabbath	9
10 Got Change Collection 8&10am Holy Eucharist	11 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	12 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel	13 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Svc. @ Edna Mahan "Min"	14 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	15 Father Philip's Sabbath	16
Ultimate Frisbee—Vacation Bible School—9				a.m. to Noon		
17 8&10am Holy Eucharist	18 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 5pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 6pm Prayer Service Edna Mahan "Max"	19 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Packaging & Delivery 7:30pm Vestry Mtg.	20 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @ Edna Mahan	21 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @	22 Acolyte Overnight Father Philip's Sabbath	23 5pm-9pm Hunterdon County Brew Off at CHS
24 8&10am Holy Eucharist	25 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	26 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel	27 12pm Holy Eucharist @ CHS 1pm Shawl Ministry @ Edna Mahan	28 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 7pm Parables on Porch followed by Prayer & Blues Service @ 8pm	29 Father Philip's Sabbath	30
31 8&10am Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday at 10 am Service						

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Planning a Graduation or Summer Party? Consider the Parish Hall as Your Party Location

Summer is right around the corner! Call 908-236-6301 to reserve our Parish Hall for your Summer or Graduation parties! Our Parish Hall can comfortably accommodate up to 80 people for a sit down meal or buffet.

If you haven't seen our Dove Hall recently, please feel free to check it out or schedule a tour. Its soaring ceilings, topped with handsome wood arches, create a spacious, open feeling to the room. The neutral Tuscan-inspired color-scheme will accent any décor you choose for your event. Several large bronze chandeliers provide abundant light for a glowing atmosphere. If you **require space for a cocktail party or to host a smaller event**, please inquire about our "Entry Hall" which is perfect for more intimate gatherings. Whether it be a **party or cocktail reception**, the Church of the Holy Spirit's gracious social halls can meet your party needs.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Congratulations to Jaime and Jeff Gora on the birth of Mollie Elizabeth on April 21, 2014. She joins older siblings, Erin and Joseph.

Welcome to the following newcomers who have worshiped with us this spring:

- March 3 — Laney & Richard Britten who live in Annandale
- March 16 — Gabrielle Bolarakis who lives in Annandale and has joined our Church Choir
- March 16 — Melissa LuCante, husband Vinnie & young daughter Ava, who live in Hampton
- Marge Storz who lives in Glen Gardner

We welcome into the household God, the following family members who were "sealed by the Holy Spirit in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever":

- May 18 — Nina Estella Baxter, who was "sealed by the Holy Spirit in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever" on May 18, 2014. Nina was born to parents Jessica and Robert Baxter on March 8, 2014.
- March 31, 2014 — Fanta Fofana and her four children--Lossenie and Bintou (twins who were born on June 2, 2003, Blessing (born on February 21, 2006) and Caroline (born on July 30, 2007).

Deepest sympathy to the following church members and friends who have had loved ones who have passed into larger life since the last *Trumpeter* issue:

- Bird Family on the death of Howard's 90 year old father, George, in early February
- Chardoussin Family on the death of Paul and Jay's mother, Jean, also in February
- Gerish Family on the death of Joe's father, Jay, in March
- Schettino Family on the death of husband, father, and friend, James, in April
- Woodell Family on the death of beloved Aunt Mary Freer in May

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



WE PRACTICE a faith both ancient and new, going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. What we do is based on deep, ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor; lively formation of minds and souls. Everyone is welcome here. *Our door is always open.*

WE ARE FOR The dignity and worth of every human being. Youth, children, singles, families in all shapes and sizes. Open hearts. Open hands. Meaningful and lively worship. Honoring everyone's own spiritual journey. Telling the truth about life's challenges. Seeing Christ in everyone who comes through our door.

WE ARE AGAINST Indifference to injustice and suffering. Bigotry for any reason. Certitude in the face of deep mystery and superficial answers to hard questions. General cluelessness and boring worship (so God helps us, cause we don't always get that right!)

WE VALUE Spiritual relationships. Friends. Community. Serving others. Beauty for its own sake. Reason and Honesty. Open and generous spirits. Civic responsibility. Conversation grounded in mutual respects and kindness. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

Oldwick Community Players Summer Acting Workshop - July 2014



Children: No age minimum, but children should be able to maintain focus for 2 hours (this includes a 15 min. break)

Times: Monday through Thursday evenings June 30th – July 24th/25th:
5-7 p.m. youth group; 7 – 9 p.m. senior group (Some rehearsals may take place some evenings prior to the July 1st start date)

Place: Church Holy Spirit

Cost: \$275.00/child, but \$200.00 will be charged for any additional child within a family.

Special Offer!!! The first eight members from Church of the Holy Spirit to sign up for the workshop will receive a \$50 discount.

Audition Date: Church of the Holy Spirit:
Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. (Youth)
and 7-9 p.m. (Seniors)

Contact Information: Nancy Zrake-Daniels (c) 908.319.2572 (h) 908.479.1874 email: ndani@hollandschool.org

Workshop Sessions will include:

- a. Auditioning and rehearsing for the show
- b. Developing character
- c. Audition, rehearsal, and performance etiquette
- d. Staging a successful show

The Junior Workshop will be staging a one-act musical (TBD)

The Senior Workshop will be staging a one-act Murder Mystery (TBD)

Performances will be held for family and friends at the end of the workshop:

Saturday July 26th at 2:00 and 7 p.m.

Sunday July 27th at 2 p.m.

Mentor: Nancy Zrake-Daniels

Student Directors: Christian Krommenhoek and Emily Niemeyer