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Church of the Holy Spirit

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TOWN HALL & MINISTRIES FAIR

September 20

Come learn about all the exciting activities going on in our church this fall at the Ministries Fair and get an update on our church budget at the Town Hall meeting on September 20 at 9 a.m. At the **Ministries Fair**, you'll get the opportunity to talk to representatives from the different groups at work within our church and in the community, as they share their experiences and answer your questions about how you can get involved. During the **Town Hall**, you'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and offer your input. Hope to see you all there!

Katie Gnash
Vestry Stewardship

Welcome Back Sunday Parish Picnic

September 13 - Rain or Shine

Make room on your **fall** schedule for our **Welcome Back Sunday Picnic** on **September 13** following the **10 a.m. service**. Come and reconnect with friends, greet new members, and bring a friend to worship and share in the fellowship of our church.

The picnic will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks; and games for children of all ages. You are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share, as well as your own wine or beer to share. Come join in this CHS faith and fellowship activity.

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Church FAQs:

Communion

At the Communion, you may receive the bread and the wine or just the bread. If you prefer to not receive the Chalice, you can cross your arms on your chest. This action will let the LEM know to not offer you the cup. Also, if you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please come to the altar and simply fold your arms across your chest.

Receiving the Chalice

When you are offered the Chalice, hold the base of the cup as you guide it to your lips. It is perfectly OK for you to hold the Chalice and it helps the LEM in the distribution of the element of the Holy Eucharist.

Can my child receive the Eucharist?

While some parents prefer that their children not partake of the Eucharist until they are of a certain age or until they have received instruction for First Communion, CHS does not restrict children of any age receiving at the altar. This is strictly a preference of the parents. If you have questions or concerns about your child receiving Eucharist, you should speak to Father Phil or Deacon Johnine.

Bringing the Gifts to the Altar

You have probably noticed that parishioners often bring the Gifts of Bread, Wine, money and food to the altar. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please let one of the ushers know when you arrive for service.

From the Rector's Desk

People never leave worship unchanged. They are either better or worse off than when they came. If a person does not perceive that they left with anything, we must count that as a net loss.

Much of this depends upon the spirit of the person. Garbage in, garbage out. If you are looking to find something to bother you, you inevitably will. But the operation of the Spirit within our own spirits moves us to seek holiness, to be immersed in a divine presence, to be given over to thoughts and feelings about larger concerns. And so the Sabbath is a unique time we commit to keeping sacred, hallowed, set apart. Consequently, there is among your leadership a constant thoughtfulness about how we use our time on Sunday mornings.

We are changing slightly the moments we initiate public devotion to 8 and 10 a.m. No longer 10:15 as of September 6. We are tightening our fall schedule to allow time after both services, not just the 8, for gathering and caring and fellowship. Much conversation around the Vestry table and worship committee has involved the length of things we do during public worship, the relative discipline of announcement time, wayward and errant sermons (I speak for myself) that need a tighter structure. My Liturgical Prof pronounced: If you haven't struck oil after an hour, stop drilling. We'll work on this, but then all of us must work on commitment, to excavate time from the crush and debris of this common culture a shared holy occasion called Eucharist.

I remind the parish that this priest will be happy to enact a late Saturday afternoon worship. You just need a minion and I'm on it. I am hoping for this to bubble up *vox populi* instead of it springing forth from the nether regions of my fuzzy grey matter and once sprouting, quickly shriveling under the hot sun of greater commitments on the part of everyone. So as we turn to another Autumn—and I am hoping for a spectacular leaving time given all the rain—let us return again to worship as a People of God on a mission.

Philip +



Viva Italia Dinner

Sunday, October 11, 2009



"Viva Italia!" is returning! Due to popular demand, our fall fundraising dinner will be a celebration of Italian foods, wines and desserts. Bring the family and listen to the strains of "Funiculi Funicula" and Italian love songs by Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. Order from our dinner selections, dine on red and white checked table cloths and be served by our youth group. A 50/50 raffle with door prizes will add to the festivities. **Save the date— Sunday, October 11th starting at 4 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and good food!**

Holy Spirit Hikers



Merrill Creek – Spring 2009

Dust off the hiking boots and get ready for some fun hikes this fall with the Holy Spirit Hikers. We will be hiking approximately once a month, either on a Sunday afternoon or on a Saturday, if enough hikers are available. Our first hike will be in September, on a date to be chosen after we have some feedback from those interested in participating.

Please contact Janet Wulster (jwulster@gmail.com) if you are interested, and to let Janet know your availability for weekends in September. Suggestions for hiking venues are also welcome! You can also reach Janet on her cell at 908-217-7950. Join us for fun conversation and beautiful vistas!

From the Deacon's Corner

Dear Seekers,

Children of all ages are going back to school during these next few weeks. New beginnings are happening everywhere we look. I would like to propose that we begin this new month by opening our hearts and souls to seeing God at work in our lives at every opportunity. As mere mortals, we put God too much in a box. God is much bigger, more magnificent than we can even imagine. I feel we need to be more observant of what happens to us during an ordinary day. God is alive and working in the most ordinary of situations.

Let us use all our senses to their highest potential and discover the wonder of God in all things. Like Paul told the Ephesians, "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3: 18-19).

Happy new beginnings to us all!!!

I remain faithfully,

Your Deacon,

Johnine



Deacon's Updates

Scott Family Update

During the last few weeks, I have heard from former individuals who worked with us on ministering to the least, the lost and the forgotten. I heard from Jeanne Scott, Gerry Scott's widow who instituted the Scott House in Washington, NJ. Jeanne lives with her eight adopted children in Selinsgrove, PA. She writes, "We are struggling with getting on with the Scott House. The wheels are turning slowly – mainly because caring for children because you love them is getting so-o difficult. We are making efforts. Jonetta had a lovely wedding on May 30th. Michael is working at Staples and intends to join the Air Force in January. Cassie will be a senior with plans to attend college in nursing. The boys are growing and doing well—Scott and Christian both 12 are going into 7th grade; Matt 10 –5th grade and Eddie 9—3rd grade. Our plans are to remain here for the time being."

A Call from Kenya

I have heard from Samuel and Evelyn who were the resident managers at the Frenchtown Manor for several years. They called me from their home country of Kenya where they have retired to and have now moved into their country home. They are well and send their best wishes to our faith community. They wanted to know how all the residents at Frenchtown Manor were doing. What a big surprise!!!

Save Your Change for our Adopted Family



Starting in September, there will be plastic containers given to those interested community members who wish to collect their spare change to help the adopted family of seven who the community is sponsoring through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The fund raiser will be entitled: **Got Change?** The change will be collected on the first Sunday of each month.

Diocesan Anniversary Quilt



Marge Keller and I are creating a quilt block (a descending dove) to represent our faith community. Our quilt block will be sewn in with other blocks from churches in our Convocation. There are eight Convocations in the diocese. Therefore, there will be eight total quilts created, which will represent all the churches throughout the diocese. The quilts will be on display to celebrate the diocese's 225th anniversary at the 2010 Diocesan Convention.

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

I wanted to give everyone an update on some outreach opportunities that the Church of the Holy Spirit participated in over the summer.

You might remember that we partnered up with the local food pantries for our Spring Auction. Thanks to the success of this event, we were able to donate \$700 each to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry of High Bridge and the Flemington Food Pantry. I asked some members of our community, who volunteer their time at the pantries to be there when I presented the checks. The time I spent at each pantry was enlightening. The need is great. I was humbled to present these checks. The pantries were so happy to receive this money. In addition, our monthly food pantry collections and "Feed a Family" have totaled over 1,000 pounds of food. Way to go!

At the end of July, an Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) client ran short of funds for their car insurance payment. In order to not have her insurance canceled, she needed \$54 at the end of the month. Johnine brought her plight to the attention of the congregation and said, "If we all gave \$1, then we could keep her car insurance going." We collected \$229! Interfaith Hospitality Network and their client were grateful. Thumbs up!

The Good News Home for Women is a non profit organization that we have supported especially during our Good Friday Service Day. This organization was experiencing tough times financially due to the economy. Again their plight was brought before our community and \$1,000 was collected. Wow!

This fall, we are going to continue our support of IHN and adopt a family. I have had many parishioners tell me they are very excited for CHS to take part in this endeavor. Look for more details this fall. I tell you about these opportunities not so we can give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. These economic times are tough for all of us. We all are looking to survive and yet still enjoy simple things in life. My point in sharing these stories is to have us reflect and be thankful. I am thankful for this community where we all are struggling ourselves, yet we find it within ourselves to GIVE to others less fortunate. Amen!

"Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you"

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen
Senior Warden

Women's Retreat

Let Us Be Dangerous Women
December 4-5

The Women's Retreat entitled "Let Us Be Dangerous Women" takes place on December 4th and 5th at the Liebenzell Retreat House at Schooley's Mountain. Don't you just love the topic; you will be surprised. STAY TUNED!!!!

The price for overnight accommodations and three meals is \$95, which also includes a special gift. The Retreat will be led by Deacon Joanna George, Deacon Debra Clarke, and Deacon Johnine. Please sign up on a sheet housed on the side table in the Narthex. Contact Deacon Johnine Byrer if you have questions (908-399-4170).

Confirmation Class Sign Up

Confirmation class is forming for this year. Please contact Deacon Johnine by telephone 908-399-4170 or e-mail at deaconjb@gmail.com to have your child become a member of this class and confirmed in June 2010. Confirmation classes are for students in the 8th grade and above.

Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities

Sunday, September 13

Organizing/running games
at CHS Welcome Back Sunday Picnic
following 10 a.m. service

Saturday, September 19

"Harvest Festival"
Good News Home for Women
Running booths--face painting, pony rides,
dunk tank, etc.
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Pedals for Progress
Unity Bank Clinton
9 a.m. - noon





September 2009



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Rector's Evening Office Hours	2 12 noon Eucharist 12:30pm Staff Meeting	3 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	4 Father Philip's Sabbath	5 9-11:30am Mini Disciples Food Drive at the Clinton Shop Rite
6 Blessings of Birthdays & Anniversaries Blessings of Trees 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Sr. Choir	7 LABOR DAY <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Office Closed</div>	8 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	9 12 noon Eucharist 6pm Edna Mahan Prayer Service	10 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	11 Father Philip's Sabbath TRUMPETER DEADLINE	12
13 Welcome Back Sunday & Picnic Blessings of Ministries & Backpacks Continental Breakfast between services 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School Meet & Greet 9:30&11:30am Sr. Choir	14 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	15 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 6:30pm Women Making It Happen 7pm Rector's Evening Office Hours	16 9am Bible Study 12 noon Eucharist 6:45pm Jr. Choir	17 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	18 Father Philip's Sabbath	19 8:30am-4:30pm Good News Home for Women Harvest Festival 10am Daughters of the King
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

October 3 LEM/Readers Training/Review
 October 10 Pedals for Progress
 October 11 Viva Italia Dinner
 December 4-5 Women's Retreat

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.

Sunday School

Meet and Greet Enrollment Sunday

September 13

Come join us for a lot of fun at "Welcome Back Sunday" on September 13th from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. Sign your children up for the 2009-2010 Sunday school year and meet our great teachers. Follow the signs to your child's Sunday school room (by grade). Enrollment forms will be in the classrooms with the teachers. We hope you enjoy our new "**Meet and Greet**" enrollment Sunday! Don't forget – we have a new Sunday School schedule to accommodate the change to a 10 a.m. second service. Sunday School will run from 9 - 9:50 a.m. We're looking forward to meeting our new students!

And following the 10 a.m. service is the CHS Welcome Back Sunday Picnic.

Sunday Adult Forum

Our Sunday Adult Forum will resume at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, September 27th. Watch for more info in the Sunday bulletin and CHS News!

WOMEN MAKING IT HAPPEN

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.

All women of the parish are encouraged to attend the first meeting of **Women Making It Happen** to be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, September 15th.

The purpose of **Women Making It Happen** is to raise money for outreach service while enjoying the fellowship of other women. Each guest is asked to bring food/wine to share along with a cash donation equal to what would have been spent for a "girls' night-out". All funds raised through the dinner meetings will be dedicated to the Christian outreach of our parish.

At this first meeting, we will have time for fellowship but also make time for a short business meeting to discuss the format of future gatherings, to discuss specific ideas for use of the funds raised, and to set up a "housekeeping" schedule for future meetings.

In order to prepare for this event, please call or e-mail Marge Keller to advise that you are coming and what you would like to bring for the meal. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Feel free to invite other women from within or without the parish to attend with you. Marge can be reached at 908-713-0724 or marge.keller@comcast.net.

The group will meet on the 15th of every month to provide as much opportunity as possible for your participation. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss a single evening.

Join the Spring Auction Committee

It will take many hands to make our 2010 Spring Benefit Auction a success. Catch the auction spirit this year! Joining the committee is a great way to meet new people and get involved in an important CHS fundraising event that helps to support our outreach ministries. To volunteer, please contact Audrey Imhoff at 284-2523 or audrey_imhoff@comcast.net

From the Music Director

Senior Choir - Because of the change from a 10:15 a.m. service to a 10 a.m. service, our first choir rehearsal will start at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 6th. Rehearsals after the service on Sundays will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Junior Choir - Our first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form in the Narthex and give to Chris Williams.



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We need you!!

If you have ever wanted to be a LEM, a reader, arrange flowers, set up for services, carry the Cross, utilize your music skills, meet new people or visit shut-ins, the ministries of the Worship Committee can help you fulfill your calling. Please contact the Chair or any member of the group you consider joining.

- **Altar Guild** - Sue Landgraf
- **Acolytes** - Jeff Decker
- **Ushers** - Carol Crawford-Jones (8 a.m.) or John Tevebaugh
- **Music** - Chris Williams
- **Lay Visitor** - Deacon Johnine
- **LEM or Lector** - Marge Keller

Training/Review for all LEM and Readers will take place on Saturday, October 3rd 9-11 a.m. at CHS

Food Pantry

Remember the needy in Hunterdon County. Help fill the Food Pantry shelves. The following food is being collected for the Food Pantries during September:

Canned corned beef hash	Crackers
Canned corned beef	Pretzels
Coffee	Popcorn
Tea	Mayonnaise
Sugar	Ketchup
100% fruit juice	Mustard

Please bring donations on Breakfast Sunday, September 13th.

Join the Breakfast Club!

Sunday breakfast hosts appreciated. Keep our "first Sunday breakfast" tradition alive by donating your time and talent. Gather a team of three or four and sign up for your Sunday. Of course, all costs are reimbursable. Call or e-mail Carol Crawford-Jones with any questions at carolcj@prolog.net or 735-4510.

Carol Crawford-Jones

Blessing of the Backpacks

It's that time of year again! Time to dust off our backpacks and get ready for a new school year. This can bring a host of emotions such as excitement, nervousness and a sense of relief for parents as life begins to settle back into more of a routine than our summer months typically bring. **Join us Sunday, September 13**, as we celebrate "A Blessing of the Backpacks". The blessing will be done at the 10 a.m. service in the church. We encourage all those returning to school to bring their backpacks to church. The worship and sermon will be geared toward our students returning to school!



PULSE OF THE PARISH

Congratulations to Sarah and Alvin Cruz on the birth of Grant Xavier who was born on June 19th. He joins big brothers Ethan, age 7, and Aidan, age 4.

We welcome into the household of God, Ryan Michael Buttler, who was "sealed by the Holy Spirit in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever" on July 26th.

Welcome to the following who have worshipped with us recently:

- Eleanor Tessier of Bloomsbury
- Diane Gelosia of Flemington who is a friend of Holly Warnowicz

Get well wishes to our friend and parishioner Nancy Schaufele who had surgery on August 18th and is recuperating at her daughter Laura Danson's home in Asbury, NJ for the next few weeks. Cards may be sent to Nancy at Laura's address—948 Iron Bridge Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

Barbara Burton



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