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The Trumpeter

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

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November 2013

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Day is *uniquely celebrated with great energy* at Holy Spirit.

This year, as in the past, we combine both All Saint's and All Soul's Day into to one, by inviting members to bring a photograph or other item associated with a loved one having been raised to New Life and place them on or about the Altar. This year we also have a breakfast served between services, and lovely crepe dinner and bon-fire beginning at 5 p.m. [See Rector's Desk]

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Living Generously—Our Journey Begins in November

During the month of November, CHS will learn about "Living Generously," a journey about generosity. Paul tells Timothy to:

- Do good
- Be rich in good deeds
- Be generous
- Be willing to share

Gospel living recognizes that all things—our gifts, our time, and our resources—have come from God both for our enjoyment and for others.

Living Generously is a sermon series using engaging short films as a launching point to explore the heart of generosity modeled on the self-giving of Christ. It will be a new format for to explore. CHS has such a generous community and your Vestry and Clergy are hoping to support and encourage that spirit already flourishing in our midst.

Parent Workshop is Saturday, November 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We want to help you in the task of being a parent. It is the toughest, most important job you'll ever do!

A team of parenting specialists will share significant and meaningful ideas to make parenting easier, reduce stress and anxiety that naturally occur in the role of parent, and add more blessing to your life.

If you are married or have a partner, this seminar can make that relationship stronger and heal some of the stress points. If you are parenting in a divorced or separated context, you will find the ideas powerfully helpful in reducing tensions. And if you are a perfect parent (!), you might still find a new idea to add to your repertoire.

From the Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

General Notes about All Saint's Sunday

All Saints Day is a unique day for the whole church around the world and uniquely celebrated with great energy here at Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. The feast day is a surprisingly old one. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom.

In the early days, the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. The current date of November 1 was instituted in the eighth century.

In the 10th century, Abbot Odela of the Cluny monastery added the next day--November 2nd--as "All Souls" Day" to honor not just the martyrs, but all Christians who had died. People prayed for the dead, but many unchristian superstitions continued. People in Christian lands offered food to the dead--as it had been in pagan times. The superstitious also believed that on these two days, souls in purgatory would take the form of witches, toads, or demons and haunt persons who had wronged them during their lifetime.

As happens so often in Church history, sacred Christian festivals can absorb so many pagan customs that they lose their significance as Christian holidays. In the current era it is customary to move (translate) the celebration of a feast day to the closest Sunday following the date.

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On this day, consider who is one of your favorite heroes in Christian History? Can you think of any whose example has inspired you? Why not use All Saint's Day to think of and give thanks for as many Christians from the past as you can remember, whether they are famous or not, especially if their lives and teaching contributed something to yours

Hope and Love,
Philip +

From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Seekers,

My responsibility as your deacon is to **lead you to opportunities to serve in the world in Christ's name. I am to be a bridge between the church and the world.** Church members often bring fantastic ideas for ministry to my attention. Before you know it, a new ministry springs up. One such ministry has been nourished over the last several years. This ministry is the **Lay Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to those in the Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown**, right off of Route 513. In fact, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers are licensed to take communion to anyone who is unable to come to church for any reason.

The ministers from our faith community go to Country Arch every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. There is a planned service already in place with simple singing, prayers, and communion. It is most worthwhile and gratifying to share the love of Christ with others who are not able to come to church. The residents meet in an activities room under the watchful care of Mary Carr, an Activities Assistant for Country Arch.

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry if you are available on Tuesday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. There are already three members of our community who take turns taking communion to the residents. We would like to have two more participants. Thank you for considering joining this ministry. Please contact me if you are interested.

I remain faithfully,
Your deacon,
Johnine

Confirmation Class for Eight Graders and Above Begins Sunday, January 5

Confirmation class will begin Sunday, January 5 at 9 a.m. in the church office. Young people in the 8th grade and above are invited to join together in learning about the Episcopal Church and what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Christ.

Please contact Mrs. Susan Rivers or Deacon Johnine Byrer if you wish to be a member of the 2014 Confirmation class. It is important to be at this first Sunday, as it will set the tone for the entire five-month journey. More than likely the class will be confirmed in June by our new bishop with many of the other parishes in the Watchung Convocation.

Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwanda Genocide Survivor

Three members of the CHS community participated in a two day retreat in West Chester, PA, with Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. She hid in a 3 by 4 foot bathroom with seven other women for 91 days from those who wanted to kill them because they were Tutsi. You can read her inspirational recounting of this experience in her book, *Left to Tell*. Immaculee speaks throughout the U.S. and the world about faith, forgiveness, and praying. It was an awesome time for all 450 people in attendance.

A Thank You from Fanta and Her Children

Dear Friends at Holy Spirit,

Moving was a lot for me; I didn't even know where to start. I didn't even know if it would be possible, but with the generous help from so many good people at Holy Spirit, I was able to move into my new apartment in Washington. I would especially like to thank John Higgins, Sandy Sullivan, Holly Warnowicz, Sky Van Ness, Jennifer Horsey and Debbie for their precious time. I could not believe it that they took their time to help me out. I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you for the continued support that you all give me as I begin a new life in my new home. Thank you again so much. God bless you all. I appreciate it so much. We love you.

Your Friend in Christ
Fanta and my four children, Bintou, Loosenie, Blessing, and Caroline

Words from Our Senior Warden



Dear Friends,

As CHS enters our annual pledge campaign period, the Vestry felt it was a good idea to give the Parish an update on this year's finances through September.

First the "good news" – I'm pleased to report that, through the efforts of the Finance Committee, we refinanced our mortgage in July, paying off a conventional mortgage and taking on a 10 year note for \$134,000 from the Diocese. The new note is at a reduced interest rate and is of slightly longer duration, cutting our annual costs on this line by about \$9,500 per year.

Now the "bad news" - the rectory roof needed to be replaced in September at a cost of \$7,500. In a way, this was paid for by the fact that we "missed" two mortgage payments as the result of the refinance and had a small portion of the new loan left after paying off the old mortgage.

Now that we have the major events out of the way, let me describe where we are overall. Our expense budget is about \$322,000 and year to date through September, we are operating at a deficit of about \$11,000 or 3%. In other words, what we have brought in is about 3% less than what we have spent. Based on past year's performance, I expect that we will probably finish the year at about that same number. By way of comparison, we experienced a deficit of about \$4,000 or 1% for 2012.

To keep our financial situation transparent to you, our Parish community, we plan to publish this type of information in the *Trumpeter* on a quarterly basis in the future. And, of course, if anyone would like additional information or detail, please feel free to ask any Vestry or Finance Committee member. The members of the Committee are John Higgins, Deb Canty, Ed Filipski, Sandy Burton, Linda West, Oscar Jones, Sally Bird, and Jim Keller.

I hope that this update will be helpful to each of you as you prayerfully consider your participation in the finances of CHS in the coming year. Proceeds from paid pledges represent about 60% of our total income.

Peace & Grace

John Higgins, Sr. Warden



Fran McKendree Returns to CHS on December 15 for Special Advent Service

Fran first visited CHS in October of last year, offering a workshop, concert, and Sunday morning worship. This year, we have invited him to return on Sunday, December 15 for Special Advent Worship.

Fran has recently designed an new worship program that we will experience during the 10 a.m. service. The mood, overall, is contemplative, beginning with a few songs that we will sing as a community, followed by prayer, readings from Holy Scripture, and poems that will be interspersed with some periods of silence. Images and prayers are projected. Fran typically weaves in a few solo songs that he performs but most of the music is sung as a community. Whenever possible he enlists the help of a few of the assembly for the poems and readings.

Learn more about Fran at: <http://www.franmckendree.com>

CHS Youth Group Collects Bikes for Pedals for Progress

On Sunday September 29, the Church of the Holy Spirit Youth Group sponsored a used bike collection drive in support of Pedals for Progress. This not-for-profit organization collects, processes, rebuilds, ships, and distributes bicycles in developing countries such as Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ghana, Albania, and Guatemala. The donated bikes are used for personal and commercial transportation.



Members of the youth group who volunteered for the event received a short lesson in the preparation of bikes for shipment. The youth absorbed the lesson and quickly went to work preparing the collected bikes by repositioning the handle bars and removing and strapping the pedals to the bike frame.

The Youth Group collected 34 bicycles, one sewing machine, and approximately \$400. Their effort contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of those less fortunate. The participants also learned a new skill and earned valuable service hours. Thanks to Wendy Hallstrom and Lynn Jones for supporting the youth in this activity.



Shawl Ministry Gains Support from Church in England

As many of you know, I went to the Methodist Church in Prescot, England and along with Susan Kane gave a talk about how to start a Shawl Ministry as well as how our Shawl Ministry is organized at Church of the Holy Spirit. The Tuesday evening talk went very well; it was well attended by at least 45 men and women. The evening ended with the attendees taking up a collection.

We thought that the collection was for starting their own Shawl Ministry, but we were unbelievably surprised when they gave the collection to us. On this evening, we were given 103 pounds and then the next evening one of the attendees gave us another 100 pounds to help our Shawl Ministry. We were absolutely stunned with everyone's generosity.

We were able to change the gathered funds into \$361 to put in our account. Hopefully the Methodist Church in Prescot will begin their own Shawl Ministry in the days to come. While we were at the talk, we were able to give three shawls that we had made to some of the parishioners who were struggling with different issues.

Deacon Johnine Byrer

First Sunday Breakfasts Begin - With a Twist!



This year's breakfasts began with a twist due to the change in the time of Sunday School. We now have a "Kids Table" in addition to the regular adult breakfast.

The October breakfast team members - Carol Crawford-Jones, Mary Haspel, Bob Jones, Susan Quinlan, and Sky VanNess - prepared a delightful feast for the adults of our parish. Egg dishes,

quiche, potato casserole, sausages, sweet breads, mini bagels, Sky's famous scrambled eggs using farm-fresh eggs from Bob's chickens, fresh fruit, and Mary's fantastic Streusel coffee cake highlighted the fare. A record \$182 was placed in the donation basket help to maintain the kitchen supplies.

The **Kids Table** was hosted by Katie Gnash with kid favorite goodies, such as bagels, yogurt, fruit, juice, and cereal. All the goodies were also available for the children at the end of the 10 a.m. church service.

Reimbursement are available. Save your receipts to be reimbursed for your expenses.

Breakfast Hosts are Needed: In addition to the regular First Sunday Breakfasts, we need hosts for the Kids' Table, too.

Pen Pals Wanted

Exchange Letter with Members of Methodist Church in Prescott, England



While on a recent visit to the Methodist Church in Prescot, England, children and adults would like to have pen pals to write to the United States. At the present time, we have a woman who is 74 years old who would like to write to someone at our church. She had a pen pal for twenty years who lived in Portland, Oregon and she loved writing to her. A ten-year-old girl from Prescot gave me a letter and she has been paired with someone already.

If you would like to have a pen pal from England, please contact Susan Kane or Deacon Johnine Byrer. It sounds as if it would be a lot of fun to share your life with someone from another country.

Save the Dates—Activities in December, January, February



Sunday School Christmas Party: Sunday, December 15, 2013

Following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 15, the children are invited to our annual Sunday School Christmas Party to decorate gingerbread cookies and enjoy a pizza lunch.



Twelfth Night: Sunday January 5, 2014 at 5 p.m.

A Truly Pot Luck Supper plus “Returned from Bethlehem”—a re-gifting opportunity otherwise known as the Useless Gift Exchange. Have some fun, enjoy caroling for the last time this year, storytelling for our children, and warm up to a bonfire as a bookend to the one we fire up at All Saints.



Annual Epiphany Dinner: Sunday, February 9, 2014

Join us for our annual Epiphany Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 9. The evening will begin at CHS with an Evensong Service at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at a local restaurant at 6:15 p.m. The cost for this fundraising event is targeted to be \$50 per adult and \$15 per child, about half of which will cover the actual diner cost and the remainder will go to CHS. Everyone who attended in 2013 had a great time! Watch for more details to come.



Stowe Ski Trip: Friday, February 21, through Sunday, February 23, 2014

Let's recruit the numbers to book the trip before Thanksgiving: Sign up using the link:: <http://bit.ly/18DI5RK>

Deposit required (\$155 per person) by December 15, 2013. This deposit is non-refundable after January 15, 2014. Specify room choice: double, triple, quad – lowest price is quad but all deposits are the same.

Includes bus travel, room, dinner and breakfasts, lift tickets. Rentals and lessons extra.

Alyssa vanVeldhuisen Awarded Girl Scouts Silver Award

Dear Church of the Holy Spirit,

I learned at the end of September that my Girl Scout Silver Award was approved by the Girl Scout Council. I owe a tremendous "Thanks" to all who supported me throughout my journey.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the second highest Girl Scout honor. I decided for my project to give my church nursery a "face-lift" to modernize it. I put in new shelving, re-painted the room, filtered out all old toys with new toys, and replaced the chair cushions.

This project required at least 55 hours of service and the ability to make a long lasting impression on the community. Of course, I couldn't have done it without all of your wonderful donations, ideas, and support. You are an amazing second family and I hope you enjoy your new church nursery!

Sincerely,
Alyssa vanVeldhuisen



Like to Hike? Want to Meet Others Who Do? Join Us on Saturday, November 16



The **Lost Souls Hiking Group** originated as a band of friends from St Thomas' Episcopal Church approximately 15 years ago. Since then, we've hiked far and wide and on a recent hike, our members represented eight different churches. Our hikes are generally easy to moderate, but it's really determined by those on the hike.

On **Saturday, November 16**, the group plans to **hike about 4-5 miles** (you can do less, if desired) along the **Readington Round Mountain Trails in Stanton**. We'll meet at the Bouman Stickney Farm off Dreahook Road in Stanton at 1 p.m. The Rain Date is Sunday, November 17.

Please contact June Filipski at 908-735-5219 for more information and directions. If you can't make this hike, give June your name and she will let you know about the next planned hike.



November 2013



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day Father Philip's Sabbath	2 Daylight Sav- ings Time Ends 2 am Sunday 11pm Bishop Consecration, Trenton
3 All Saints Sunday Birthday & Anniversary Blessings Breakfast Between Services 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 Sunday School 5 pm Crepe Dinner/ Bonfire	4 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat	5 Election Day 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Food Pkg. & Delivery	6 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Newcomers Class	7 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service 8pm Trinity Cho- rale Rehearsal	8 Father Philip's Sabbath	9
10 Got Change Collection 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School 5pm Dining With Friends @ CHS	11 Veterans Day 7pm Knit and Chat	12 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 7pm Home Church Offsite 7:30pm Finance Meeting—Budget Requests Due	13 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Service Edna Mahan Min. 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Newcomers	14 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service 8pm Trinity Cho- rale Rehearsal	15 Father Philip's Sabbath 6:30pm Women Making It Hap- pen	16 9am Parenting Workshop 1pm Lost Souls Hike
17 Giving Tree Set up or 11/24 TBD 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School 10am Sunday School Sharing @ Announcements	18 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 6pm Prayer Service @ Edna Mahan Max 7pm Knit and Chat	19 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Food Pkg. & Delivery 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	20 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Newcomers Class	21 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service 8pm Trinity Cho- rale Rehearsal	22 Father Philip's Sabbath	23
24 Newcomers Rite of Welcome 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School	25 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat 8pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	26 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 7pm Home Church Offsite 7:30pm Ecumenical Service @ Rockaway Reformed Church, White House Station	27 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan	28 Thanksgiving Day 10am Service Stewardship Ingathering	29 Father Philip's Sabbath	30

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December 2013



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1 ADVENT 1 Birthday & Anniversary Blessings First Sunday Breakfast 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal No Sunday School	2 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 7pm Knit and Chat 8pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	3 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Food Pkg. & Delivery	4 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Worship Mtg	5 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service	6 Father Philip's Sabbath 8pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8 ADVENT 2 Giving Tree Gifts Due Got Change Collection 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School 4pm Trinity Chorale Concert/Service of Light	9 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	10 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 7pm Home Church - Offsite 7:30pm Finance Meeting—Budget Requests Due	11 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6pm Prayer Svc. Edna Mahan Min. 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal	12 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service	13 Father Philip's Sabbath	14 9am ADVENT Quiet Day 3:30pm Holiday Gifts of Talent—Good News Home at CHS
15 ADVENT 3-Special Advent Worship 10am Fran McKendree 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School Sunday School Party 6:30pm Women Making It Happen	16 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 6pm Culinary Angels Food Prep 6pm Prayer Svc. Edna Mahan Max 7pm Knit and Chat	17 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel 10am Culinary Angels Packaging & Delivery 7:30pm Vestry Mtg.	18 10am Eucharist @ Independence Manor, Flemington 1pm Shawl Ministry @Edna Mahan 6:45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal	19 Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath 6pm Youth Meeting 7:30pm PB&J Prayer & Blues Service	20 Father Philip's Sabbath	21 Winter Begins
22 ADVENT IV Lessons & Carols @ 10am Service 8&10am Holy Eucharist 9:30&11:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Greening of Church-Gingerbread cookies—Soup Lunch	23 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	24 Christmas Eve— Office Closed 4pm & 7:30pm Regular Service Times 10:45 Journey to Bethlehem	25 Christmas Day— Office Closed 10am Holy Eucharist	26 Office Closed Dcn. Johnine's Sabbath	27 Father Philip's Sabbath	28
29 9am Holy Eucharist—One Service 8:30am Choir Rehearsal No Sunday School	30 1pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan 7pm Knit and Chat	31 New Years Eve 6am Bible Study @Spinning Wheel				

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“Will there be food today?”

November-January. *Culinary Angels will package meals for Family Promise*

six times between November and the end of January

including Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. We are asking for your donations of either a prepared entrée or the ingredients to prepare an entrée in the CHS kitchen.

Prep Dates are Nov. 4 and 18; Dec. 2 and 16; Jan. 6 and 20

Last year, your donations helped Culinary Angels deliver Thanksgiving meals to over 30 clients of the Family Promise program. We are asking you to

help us deliver as many meals on each of the above dates

Donations have been slow in the past few months. We really need your help if we are to continue this invaluable ministry. There are so many needs to be met just down the road from us.

Donations should be marked for Family Promise and can be left in the refrigerator in the kitchen. **Work begins at 6 p.m. and continues again on Tuesday mornings** for the final round of packing and then delivery to Flemington. We need your time as well as your food donations. If you can **give some time on Monday evenings**, you will have time to visit with friends while filling a great need in our local community. We also need **volunteers to help on Tuesday morning** to deliver the containers to Family Promise.

For more information, please speak to June Filipski or Joanne Warnowicz.

Will there be food today?”



Holy Spirited Meals

Are you or someone close to you in **need in some help with a meal or two?** In times of illness or duress, having a tasty home cooked meal might be just what the doctor ordered! Holy Spirited Meals can help.

In the classroom across from the parish office, you will find a freezer filled with lovingly prepared soups and entrees. Please take what you need for as long as necessary. **Culinary Angels has made these meals available to anyone in the parish who needs nutritional assistance from time to time.**

Help Contribute to the Greening of the Church

Christmas Flower Donations are Due by December 15

Christmas flower envelopes for your donations towards Christmas flowers and greens for the “greening” of the church on December 22 will be available after Thanksgiving on the table in the Narthex. Donations are due by December 15 to ensure that the names of the people for whom the donation is being made are included in the Christmas bulletin. To submit your donation:

- On the donation envelope, include your name and the name(s) for whom the donation is being made and whether it is a memorial or in thanksgiving. Please write clearly
- Put your donation (\$35 is suggested) in the envelope and place it in the collection plate on any Sunday, in the Altar Guild mailbox (in the hallway by the lower entrance) or return it to the office.

Journey to Bethlehem—A Transformation of the Mid-night Service—December 24, 11 p.m.

In recent years, we have seen a migration of attendance on Christmas Eve to the earlier 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services.

For decades now, we simply repeated at 11 p.m. what took place at 7:30 p.m. Not that there’s anything wrong with that!

For this year, we will model the later service on Maundy Thursday - where we begin in the Parish Hall and go to the Church to receive the Sacrament.

So this year, around 10:45 p.m. (or so – let’s be flexible!), we will gather in the Parish Hall for a joyous celebration, caroling, Scripture readings, and “sermon” in a relaxed camaraderie as befits the Christmas Feast.

By the time the clock strikes midnight, we will have formally processed by candlelight to Bethlehem (the Crèche in the Church) for Communion.

Father Philip Carr-Jones

2013 Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree will be decorating our Narthex in late November. Again this year, the Tree will include gift tags for our friends at;

- Freedom House half-way house for men
- Adopted Family from Family Promise
- Good News Home Christian based drug/alcohol abuse treatment center for women
- Anderson House half-way house for women
- Children in the Holiday Hands program, a program part of the United Way of Hunterdon County
- Children of Cristo Rey our “sister” parish in Trenton

Each tag will contain information about the recipient with suggestions/requests, sizes, needs, etc. It is important that you do not lose your tag so that it can be firmly attached to the gift when it is returned to the church

There will be enough tags on the tree so that each family can choose one or more as they are able. It is very important after you chose your tags that you sign your name and phone number on the registries next to the tag numbers that you have chosen. These registries will be on the table next to the tree. Note that each group is shape/color coded with the tag. Also, we ask that you limit the amount you spend on each person to approximately \$25 to make it equitable for all--givers and recipients. Additional Instructions will be available when you take your tag(s). Please be sure to read and follow the instructions carefully.

The gifts need to returned to the Narthex and placed UNDER THE TREE with the ORIGINAL TAG SECURELY ATTACHED. This is very important for it makes sorting the gifts for delivery much easier for our "elves".

All gifts need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 8 to provide time for sorting, tracking down missing gifts and delivering them to their designated places. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Burton by email at barbandsandy@embarqmail.com or by phone at 908-236-6980.

Trinity Chorale Holiday Concert

Dec. 8, 2013 - 4 p.m.

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

The music will be centered on Advent, Christmas and our stained glass windows. The Morten Lauridsen "O Magnum Mysterium" will be featured along with arrangements by John Rutter and David Willcocks and songs by Donald Fraser and Philip Kern.

The group is made up of singers from the area. This will be the 32nd season for the group under the direction of Chris A. Williams.

A free will offering will be accepted for the Pipe Organ fund of CHS.

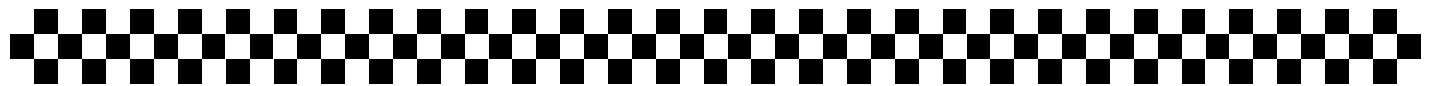
Wool Scarves for the Military in Afghanistan

Several individuals in our faith community and Edna Mahan Correctional Facility created simple wool scarves to be sent to military personnel who are serving in Afghanistan. Each scarf had to be 100% wool in one of the following colors: olive green, brown or navy. These scarves will be taken to Rosemary Sweeney in Pennsylvania on Thursday, November 7.

Home Church

Come join the group of us who meet in each other's home to worship God with communion, Bible reading and discussion, and prayer time. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the evening from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

For more information, call Susan Kane: 908-528-1788 or Pat Egan: 908-586-7003.



OH SAY CAN YOU SEE!

The Rectory has a badly needed, handsome new roof in a shade of pewter to make it less susceptible to the heat of the sun in the summer, and is more energy efficient and cost effective.

The cross support was repainted to cover the rusting seams—a good match job by Hunterdon Paint! Our very own Father Phil was 50 feet up, fortunately, on a lift, doing the painting!

You may also have found yourself seeing better in the parking lot at night due to replacement of bulbs in the lights, a project engineered by John Higgins.

The nice shine to the Dove Hall floor and hallway is provided by the great job done by White Tornado Service. Let's take care of it by attending to spills quickly. Emergency mop, and buckets in hall closet.

Sharon Tripodi, Vestry, Property

*Women Making it Happen will meet in the home of Sue Quinlan
on Friday, November 15th for potluck dinner starting at 6:30pm.*

WMIH is a time for fellowship with friends and friends you have not met yet.

Please join us.

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Planning a Holiday Party? Consider the Parish Hall as Your Party Location

The holidays are right around the corner! Call 908-236-6301 to reserve our Parish Hall for your party! With the recent purchase of two additional six foot round tables, we can comfortably accommodate up to 80 people for a sit down meal.

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" 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 holiday party needs.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Best wishes to parishioners Roberta Maas and Peter Wester who were married at Holy Spirit on August 31, 2013, Father Philip Carr-Jones presiding. Roberta and Peter live on Cokesbury Road and have been worshipping with us since February.

We welcome into the household of God Blake Alexander Masenior who was "sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever" on September 15th. Blake was born on April 6 to parents Holly and Josh and his big sister is Hayleigh Mae who is 3 years old.

New home for Greta--Our friend and parishioner, Greta Tump, has recently relocated to Independence Manor at 188 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822 (behind BJ's, across from the Hunterdon Medical Center). Recently Greta's caregiver, Johnica, had some health issues and moved to California to be with family. So Greta's family thought it best for her to be in a safe place where she could be well cared for. The transition is going fairly well, but Greta is sad to have had to leave her home of over 50 years in Clinton Township. She will definitely appreciate visits from anyone who happens to be in the Flemington area. The main phone number for Independence Manor is (908) 284-1220 and Greta is in room 114.

Welcome to the following who have worshipped with us recently:

Marjorie and Bruce Allen who live in Hampton;
 Kate and Jim Duffy, daughter Katie (age 17) and son Joe (age 7), who live in Flemington;
 Peter and Florence Kelly who live in Hampton;
 Kari Woodell and Family who live in Stanton; and
 Diane Bendahman and husband Larry Robinson who just moved to Lebanon.

Deepest sympathy to our friend and parishioner, Linda Canulette, whose former husband, Tom Reynolds, passed into larger life on October 22 at Country Arch after a long and difficult battle with Parkinson's Disease. May the dear departed rest in peace.

The Best of the Season to All--Barbara Burton



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.

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