

CHS News & Notes

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Church of the Holy Spirit

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“Advocations”

As those who attended the congregational meeting on December 11 know, Church of the Holy Spirit’s journey toward a hoped-for new building on the Highland Street property is moving from the stage of a feasibility study to the stage of visioning.

We know that our current facilities are not adequate for the community that God is calling us to be in the 21st century and beyond. But in order for us to catch and spread a compelling vision of what CHS can be in the future, we need to know more than that. We need to know what kind of ministry we are being called to, and how it fits into other things going on here in town. We need to know about how the demographics and geography of the Plymouth area are working with us and against us. We need to articulate a vision and a dream that will involve and excite not only current members of the congregation, but potential future members, and those who may never be members but could still be inspired to catch and support the vision.

As Charles LaFond, the diocesan Canon for Congregational Life who is working with us in this process, says, we need to come up with answers to the question, “What would make Jesus say ‘WOW?’” and then plan for a building that would support that vision. This will be an approximately eight-month process, including multiple opportunities for everyone’s input to be heard. At the same time, the concrete work of laying the foundation for the capital campaign will also continue.

As part of the process, a small group called the Discernment Team will work in a focused way with the Vestry, to help us elicit this vision. If you feel called to serve on the Discernment Team, please let me know! But most of all, think, pray and dream about what Church of the Holy Spirit might become - and get ready to share your vision!

In Christ’s peace,

Grace+



Rev. Grace Burson

ANNUAL MEETING...ANNUAL REPORT...

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRS...

PLEASE GET YOUR REPORTS IN ASAP!

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, 2012 after the 9:30 service.

There will be a special coffee hour followed by the meeting in which we review the ways that God has blessed us and worked in us during 2011!

Committee Chairs: Please prepare your reports for inclusion in the 2011 CHS Annual Report. Send them in a word document to Kristen Fischer at kfischer@holderness.org.



NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE

The Rector's Christmas Open House, Sunday, January 1 (the Eighth Day of Christmas!), from 4-6 PM, 20 Winter Street, Plymouth. Come and go as you like.

The Celebration of New Ministry

The Celebration of New Ministry (what used to be called an Installation) will be at 10:00 on Saturday, January 7, at the church. This service officially marks the beginning of the new Rector's ministry together with the congregation.

Bishop Robinson will preach and preside, and the service will be followed by a reception.



QUILTING

Quilting will be held...

January 20th at 9:30AM

January 24th at 6:00PM

at Griswold Hall.

See Lois Grant for more info!

CHRISTIAN YOGA

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS, 5-6PM.

BRING A MAT & A PILLOW!
ALL ARE WELCOME!



ALL AGES WELCOME! COME AS YOU ARE!

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

5:30 PM Twice a month, starting January 11

Call 536-1321 or email holyspiritrector@gmail.com for details—

Storytelling Music Activities Potluck Communion & MORE!

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL will be starting up again after New Year's! This intergenerational time of storytelling, activities, potluck fellowship, and worship is a great way for busy families to participate in the life of the church. Please spread the word far and wide! ALL are welcome, from infants to seniors. Please call Grace for more information!

IRAQ POLICY

A FREE, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF OUR
POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRATEGIES
BY FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER DAVID MUEHLKE

David Muehlke, A U.S. State Department Foreign Service Officer working at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, will be available for an informal roundtable discussion of his experience in Baghdad and with the military drawdown on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at the Lower Station Room, Woodstock Inn, 125 Main Street, North Woodstock, NH 03262. David's remarks and the discussion will follow lunch (Dutch Treat off the Menu), at 12:00 noon. If you plan to come, please email David's father, John Muehlke, Jr., at johnmuehlkejr@gmail.com.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 5; that day, Canon Charles LaFond will preach at both services, and will lead a forum for the whole congregation after the 9:30 service, followed by a retreat for the Vestry and Discernment Team.

Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Christmas 2011 Message: "Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God's creatures."

The following is the text of the Presiding Bishop's message:

Christmas message 2011

See, your salvation comes – Isaiah 62:11

The great prophets before Jesus proclaimed a vision of a nation and a people redeemed. We continue to share that yearning – as the Christmas hymn puts it, “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” We’ve seen abundant hopes spring up in the past year across the Arab world and Eastern Europe, and in the global Occupy movement. Those voices seek a world of greater justice, communities in which decisions and the gifts of creation are more available to all. Our understanding of salvation is most profoundly about justice in community, and as Christians we believe that help and healing for all are grounded in the incarnate presence of God – among us and within us.

We look for salvation to the one who came among us in the most humble way, a helpless child born in a scandalous way to a poor peasant couple. The Incarnation, God with us, changed the world in ways that we insist are leading to the ultimate healing of all creation. “See, your salvation comes,” says the prophet in every age, yet it is not yet fully come upon us. We live in hope for its fullness. May hope be nourished within us, in each and every human being and community, for the journey toward God’s healed and holy future.

That proclamation of coming salvation is a part of Isaiah (Isa 62:6-12) that will be read in some congregations at Christmas, but if you don’t hear it, go and read the whole of it. Its centerpiece speaks of what that salvation looks like:

The Lord has sworn...

I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Isa 62:8-9

That is not a vision of pristine isolation, but a vision of comfort and healing to a people frequently at war, occupied, or exploited by superior forces. The fear of powerful others taking and using for themselves the produce of the poor is healed and transformed into a society in which the gifts God provides will be shared by all. For when salvation comes, that society will

be called, ‘the Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord’;
and you shall be called, ‘Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.’ Isa 62:12

Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God’s creatures. That world is put right as relationships between God and humanity are set right. The relationship between God and human being cannot be set right without equal healing of relationships between us mortals. See, your salvation comes! Will we welcome that healing?

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

The ALTAR GUILD is looking for a few good people to help with making our worship space dignified and attractive. This is an invisible but essential ministry and takes only a few hours a month. Talk to Grace Burson or to Paula Hancock if interested.



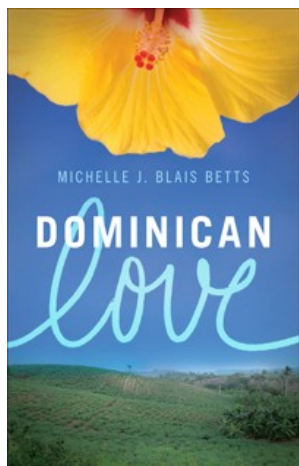
Our inclement weather cancelation policy

It is important to everyone at the Church of the Holy Spirit that you exercise care and caution when our area is experiencing inclement weather. We make every effort possible to ensure cleared walks, but during a snowstorm we cannot keep the walks perpetually clear. If you are worried about the weather, please use your common sense and stay safe!

Our parish will generally never cancel a scheduled service of worship, so long as the Rector can find some way of getting to the church. Lay ministers and worshipers are encouraged to use their best judgment to determine if it is safe for them to come in. In the rare instance that a Sunday or Wednesday service is canceled, we will utilize two methods for getting out the word:

- We will place an announcement on the parish's answering service to the effect. (So therefore if there is no such announcement, you will know services are being held as scheduled.)
- We will place a listing on the WMUR (Ch. 9) "scroll" noting the cancelation no later than 7 a.m. on the day such services are canceled.

ECW NEWS



The January 12th Meeting will feature Author, Short-term missionary Michelle Betts who will be presenting on the Dominican Dental Mission she supports, Mission to the Children. (yep... our admin. Assistant, Michelle!) Bring a bag lunch. Hostesses Libby Desfosses, Meredith Sherman will provide desserts and coffee.



PURCHASE SOME BEAUTIFUL NOTECARDS! OUR COMMUNITY CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Each pack of 10 different local scenes costs \$15.00 and \$7.00 of each purchase is going directly to the Community Closet. Help our neighbors in need while enjoying these beautiful watercolor reproductions of the original Artist's paintings. Anne Power Hardenbergh, sister of Tyrone Power, painted these inspirational scenes from Rumney, Alexandria, Plymouth and more... See Pam Gould or call her at 536-3356 for more information on the artist and her famous connections. Contact Pam to purchase these beautiful cards, while helping our neighbors in need. These will also be available Sundays after the 9:30 Service.

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM
THE KELLERS**

Thank you for the outpouring of love and support you have given us on the loss of our daughter Kimberly. The people of the Church of the Holy Spirit are always there doing what needs to be done whenever a need arises. You have sustained us in ways we will never forget and we can now move on.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You,

Jane & Neil

Jane & Neil Keller welcome anyone who knew, loved, and supported them and their daughter Kim to a gathering on January 7, 2012 at the Village Center in Waterville Estates, in Campton. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jane Keller at 726-3336. Thank you.

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 93 heading North from Plymouth, take exit 28. Go right at the end of the exit onto Route 49. At the first set of lights, take a right onto Route 175. Turn left on Winterbrook Road. (There is a sign for Waterville Estates and Campton Mountain).

Go 2.6 miles up the road. You will pass the real estate office on the right and the Village Center is just beyond it on the right . (The Estates Village Center Office Phone # is 726-3082.)

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REMINDER

*February
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January 25.*

CHS News

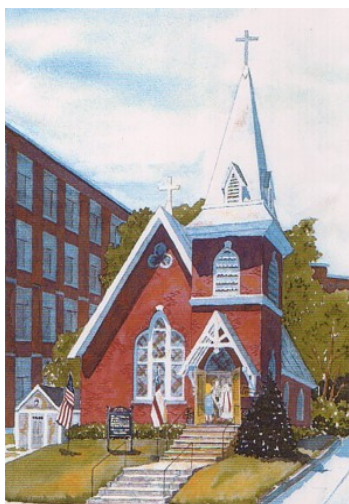
Robert Brooks is our News Reporter for the Record Enterprise. He has set up an email address for anyone who wishes to send him Church news to be put in the paper, the address is:

chsnews@hotmail.com

Bob needs to receive information by Thursday, a full week before the paper comes out.

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Peter Gallagher**
- 3 Eve Mauchly**
- 5 Hannah Durnan**
- 11 Ellen Smith, Larry Mauchly**
- 15 Milton Pettengill**
- 21 Pam Gould**
- 24 Mary Lambert**
- 25 Jim Crawford**
- 27 Kathy Lambert**
- 28 Isaac Hunnewell**



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS NOW ON

FACEBOOK!

If you are too, please find us
("The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit")
and "like" the page.

The Rector will also happily accept friend requests!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ 8:00 & 9:30 Eucharist/ Church Open House/ Grace's 4-6	2 7:30AM -AA- GH 7:00PM-AI-Anon -GH	3 7:30 AM- AA-GH	4 7:30 AM-AA-GH 12:30 PM-Eucharist-CLC 2:00-Exec. Comm. Mtg-CLC 5-6 PM-Yoga-GH 7 PM-Choir-Church	5 7:30 AM-AA-GH 7:00 PM-NA- GH	6 7:30 AM-AA-GH	7 CELEBRATION OF NEW MINIS- TRY 10:00/ Church	
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Hospice Bereavement Coordinator / Hospice Spiritual Care Counselor Position



Pemi-Baker Community Health is looking to fill a Part time **Hospice Bereavement Coordinator / Hospice Spiritual Care Counselor** position. This position is an integral part of the Hospice Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) and assists individuals by attending to the grief and loss needs of hospice patients and their families as well as supporting their spiritual needs and goals.

The applicant must be detail oriented, well organized, communicate well and be a team player. Qualification include a minimum of 5 years experience as a Hospice Spiritual Care Counselor or another related role, is currently endorsed by and is in good standing with the requirements of his/her own denomination or faith group, has assessment, interpersonal, ethical and pastoral skills as well as a personal commitment to a maturing spiritual life, must have knowledge and experience in bereavement services and risk assessments associated with grief, complicated grief, suicide and loss, has, or is willing to work towards certification in grief counseling. Spiritual Counselors ideally have earned a graduate level theological degree from a college, university or theological school accredited by a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or an equivalent graduate degree that includes theological studies. The Hospice Bereavement Coordinator ideally is a professional with training in one of the psychosocial or spiritual care disciplines, with a minimum of a bachelor's degree

Pemi-Baker Community Health is an equal opportunity employer offering competitive wages. Salary based on experience.

Please contact Amy amy@pbhha.org if you are interested in applying for the position.