

Church of the Holy Spirit News & Notes

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Advocations – January 2015

Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter article, I am afflicted with a post-Christmas illness: fever, chills, headache, and a nasty cough. I'm sure my experience is shared by all too many of you in this season of colds and flu. I've been popping a dizzying array of medications and doing my best to take it easy.

It got me thinking, though, about the ways in which we are afflicted with illness in more figurative ways in our lives. In our personal lives, in our families, in our communities and in the world, there are many ways in which things are not as they should be and need healing.

Arguably, the primary focus of Jesus' ministry on earth was healing: healing of people, as individuals and as communities, in body, mind and spirit.

This Epiphany season, how can you be a healer? Is there a sick situation in your life that you could take action to heal?

And remember, every first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 in the CLC, a healing service is offered, with prayer, laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and Eucharist. Prayer, worship and communion are central to the healing ministry of the church, and you do not have to be physically ill to benefit from the healing service. Come and pray for healing for yourself, for others, or for this hurting world of ours.

I wish us all a 2015 filled with healing and health!

Peace,
Grace+

Stay connected with CHS!





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Family Worship - Spring 2015

Family Worship was a great success all throughout 2014, and we're looking forward to kicking off the 2015 season in just a couple of weeks! The first gathering of 2015 will be at Holderness School, beginning with dinner in Weld Hall. The story will be Jesus in the Temple.

All sessions are Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 and consist of dinner, followed by a short Bible story and activity. All are welcome! We hope to see you there --and bring your friends! Questions? Please contact Grace at holyspiritrector@gmail.com.

Here is the spring 2015 schedule; stay tuned for topics!

January 14	April 15
January 28	April 29
February 11	May 13
February 25	May 27
March 11	June 10
March 25	June 24
(April 2: Parish Maundy Thursday Dinner)	

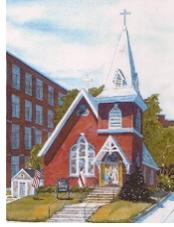
A Prayer for the Season

O God, you are always creating us anew: Pour your blessing on this congregation of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Lead us in the path you would have us walk. Show us how to grow in love and honesty as a community of faith. And reveal to us the ways you are calling us to serve, in this place and at this time; that whatever we build may be built to your glory alone. Amen.

January Celebrations

Birthdays

Eve Mauchly	Pam Gould
Hannah Durnan	Jim Crawford
Larry Mauchly	Corinne Collins-Spiller
Nathan Gervez	Kathy Lennox
Milton Pettengill	Isaac Hunnewell
Sandy Kydd	



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Annual Parish Meeting

The Church of the Holy Spirit will hold its Annual Parish Meeting on **January 25, after one Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m.** As the parish continues to work through the consequences of the news from the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire in September, it is particularly crucial that as many members as possible attend the Annual Meeting to be updated on the Vestry's ongoing conversations and to participate in the discussion and discernment. If you are responsible for writing a committee report for the annual report and haven't submitted it yet, please do so to Melissa by Wednesday, January 7.

Rector's Open House - January 4

This coming Sunday, January 4, is the Fourth Annual Christmastide Rector's Open House from 4-6 p.m. If you don't know the address or how to get there, call the office at 536-1321 or Grace at 996-1490. **COME HUNGRY!**

Red Cross Blood Drive - January 9!

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Friday, January 9th**, so please sign up to donate! If needles are a little too much for you, there's still a chance for you to contribute baked goods, juice, and other sweet goodies to help donors recover. If you'd like to be involved, please contact John McGovern at 533-6003.

Prison Ministry

Did you know about the Prison Ministry program, in which you can be a good mentor to prisoners by writing to them? They are always looking for more correspondents (don't worry: your personal details are always kept private). If you'd like to participate, please contact Barbara Brooks at 744-3597, and she'll connect you with the program!

The Postcard Ministry Needs YOU!

We are looking for volunteers for postcard ministry for November and December. You only need to do one month, and it's easy and fun! We are also running very low on cards to send, and would appreciate donations of cards. Please put donated cards in the "Postcard Ministry" box at the back of the church. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Lennox at 536-4779.

End of Year Contribution Reports and 2015 Pledge Envelopes

We are in the process of generating the end-of-year contribution reports and will have them available at the church within the next couple of weeks for you to pick up.

If you have pledged for 2015, you will find your pledge envelopes at the back of the church. If you have pledged but don't see your name—or would like to pledge but haven't yet, please contact us at the office before taking a box so that we can correctly enter the numbered envelopes into our database.

New this year: there are additional envelopes available for those who can't commit to a regular pledge but would like to contribute occasionally; likewise, please let us know at the office before taking a box! Thanks so much!

ECW News

The next ECW meeting will be on January 8th at noon in Griswold Hall. Further along this winter, there will be a fun craft activity during the February meeting to brighten up the winter monotony! Come have some colorful fun to celebrate midwinter!

Help CHS While You Shop

Are your cupboards looking a little sparse after all the Christmas preparation? Time to stock up, using Hannaford gift cards that benefit CHS! Simply visit John McGovern during coffee hour to purchase one or more \$50 gift cards (if you attend the 8 a.m. service, Grace will help you). You can pay with either cash or check; *if paying with cash, we would appreciate exact change!*

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular events: Morn Prayer: 8:30am T-F-CLC AA: 7am M-F-GH 7pm W-GH</p>	<p>Al-Anon: 7pm M-GH Yoga: 7pm T-GH NA: 7pm Th-GH Choir pr: 7pm Th-CH</p>			<p>1 Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:00/9:30 Eucharist- CH Rector's Open House- 4pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Exec. Comm. Mtg- 11am-CLC</p>	<p>7 Healing Service- 12:30pm-GH</p>	<p>8 ECW Meeting-noon- GH</p>	<p>9 Red Cross Blood Drive-1-6pm-GH</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8:00/9:15 Eucharist- CH</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Vestry Mtg-7pm-CLC</p>	<p>14 Family Worship- 5:30pm-IHS</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:00/9:30 Eucharist- CH</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:00 Eucharist-CH Annual Meeting to Follow Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Family Worship- 5:30pm-IHS</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>