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Church of the Holy Spirit

News and Notes

ADVOCATIONS—NOVEMBER 2015

Dear Friends,

As I arrive at the Church of the Holy Spirit, you are in the midst of your Fall Stewardship Drive, receiving pledge commitments of financial support for the ministries of the parish in 2016.

I am reminded by an old prayer from The Pastor's Prayerbook entitled "For Proper Stewardship," that what we return to God in thanksgiving is more than simply our pledge support. Our thanks-giving encompasses every aspect of our lives.

Randy Dales

*"Almighty God, the source of all that we have, and all that we can hope for,
Grant that we may be worthy custodians of the earth in which we dwell.*

Make us creative so that we will not burden others;

Make us conservative so that we will not squander what comes our way;

*Make us perceptive so that we may properly weigh our necessities against
the needs of others;*

*Make us generous so that we may give freely of what we have that others
may enjoy a portion of our fortune.*

Remove from us all trust in anything but thee;

*Strengthen us in the knowledge that thou wilt always provide all that we
really need;*

*And finally, by thy Grace, instill in us that perfect desire to be thy servants
and ultimately to be with thee in thy Heavenly Kingdom,*

Who reignest forever and ever, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



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NEW TIME FOR VESTRY MEETINGS

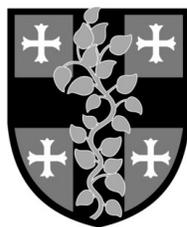
The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on the second Sunday of the month, immediately following the 9:30 service in the back of the church. The next meeting will be on **November 8**. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you have something you wish to have included in the agenda, please speak to Joan Bowers or to Randy.

ECW NEWS

All members and friends are invited to join us for our upcoming meeting on **Thursday, November 5th** at noon which will include a brown bag lunch with dessert provided by Evie Michaud, as well as a holiday pine cone project. Bring some small pine cones you've found and some glitter if you like! Our December Yankee swap will be on Thursday, December 3rd at noon; stay tuned for more details!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The pledges keep coming in! Thanks to those who have acted so quickly, we are off to a great start; we have 24 pledges totaling \$55,796! If you haven't received a pledge card and would like to pledge, there are cards



"Tending the Vine" in
the Plymouth area

available at the back of the church. You may also contact us at the office, and we'll mail one to you. As was done a number of years ago, we hope to offer every household in the parish a chance to speak by phone or to be visited by other members of the parish in order to have a conversation about this community of faith and why it is so important in our lives. Please be a part of the community of CHS - every person helps!

CHIPS PROGRAM

Time is running out to contribute a gift to the CHiPS program! (The delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring your gifts to the Convention on November 7th—that's this coming Saturday!) You can help by purchasing a gift directly or contributing \$20 (please write CHiPs on the memo line of the check).

Please drop off gifts and books at the back of the church or contact the office to arrange to bring them in.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort and wrap gifts at St. Paul's School in Concord in the coming weeks, please contact Margaret Mackie-Ciancio at maggie.ciancio@gmail.com.



NEED SOME HELP THIS THANKSGIVING . . . OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Sign up for a free, home-delivered Thanksgiving Basket from the faculty, staff, and students at Plymouth State University. To request a basket, call Kathy Tardif at 535-2673 by **Monday, November 16**. The project is coordinated by PSU's Catholic Campus Ministry and United Campus Ministry, with support from the Phi Beta Upsilon alumni group and Sodexo.

UTO OFFERING

The next UTO offering will be on **November 22nd**. Have you been filling your box? If you need another, there are boxes at the back of the church!



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER

We are urgently looking once again for nursery volunteers for Sundays, so if you're Safe Church trained and would like to help out, please contact Melissa at the office. Thank you for helping!

***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.*

LOVE WRITING? TRY THE POSTCARD MINISTRY

We are looking for a volunteer for postcard ministry for December. It's easy and fun! Writing birthday, anniversary, and thinking of you cards would be a great family project! To volunteer, please contact Kathy Lennox at 536-4779. Also, several parishioners have brought in cards and postcards; we so appreciate it! Do you have extra blank cards lying around? Please consider donating them to the Postcard Ministry!

MILITARY CULTURE TRAINING

ServiceLink of Grafton County is sponsoring a free training on Tuesday, November 17th at the Common Man Inn. It will focus on military culture and hopes to improve the access and quality of care for Veterans, Service Members, and their families. Topics will include: Understanding Veterans of all ages, Homelessness, and Substance abuse. There is a flyer at the back of the church with registration information.

GOT EXTRA CALENDARS?

The calendars are beginning to appear in the mail from businesses and charities! If you can't use them, please don't throw them out! Bring them to church and we'll pass them on to the Seafarers' Chaplaincy in Portsmouth, which goes aboard the international cargo ships bringing help and human contact to the sailors who work on them. The chaplaincy collects calendars to distribute to sailors every year.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!!

Sharen Tedrow
Jessica Blais
Pierre Gervez
Jurgen Piper
Kate Harrington
Thomas Santore
Carl Ring
Marylena Sevigney
Aaden Fortes
Marcia Santore
Bob Brooks

Happy Anniversary!!

John & Evie Michaud
Leon & Libby Desfosses
Frank & Phoebe Griswold

COMING UP SOON!

November 1: All Saints' Sunday

November 5: ECW Meeting, 12 p.m., Griswold Hall

November 7: Diocesan Convention, Grappone Conference Center, Concord

November 8: Vestry Meeting, following 9:30 service, 170 Main St.

November 19: ECW Book Sale (weather pending): 3-6 p.m., Griswold Hall

November 22: UTO Offering, 8:00 & 9:30 services, 170 Main St.

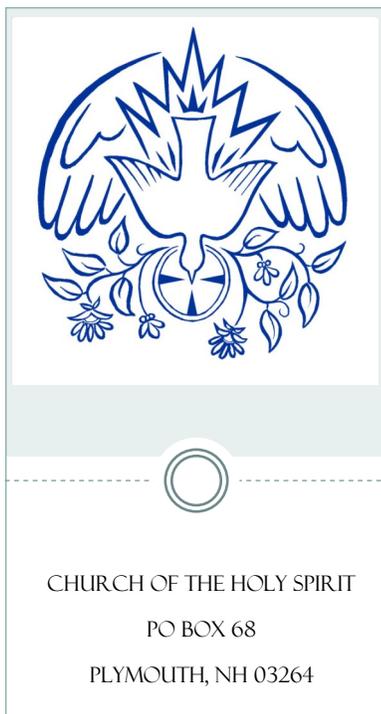
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

AA: 7:30 a.m. Mon-Fri, Griswold Hall

AA (mens' 50+ group): 5 p.m. Mon, Griswold Hall

AA (womens' group): 7 p.m. Wed, Griswold Hall

Al-Anon: 7 p.m. Mon-Griswold Hall



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