

Church of the Holy Spirit News & Notes

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Advocations – June 2015

Dear Friends,

I just heard on the radio yesterday about two Palestinian nuns who were recently canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. That church has a very formal process for recognizing saints, beginning with “beatification” and progressing to full canonization.

In the Episcopal Church, as is so often the case, things are looser. The recognition of a saint begins with a local observance; the process of putting someone “in the calendar” bubbles up from the grass roots, as the people who actually lived, worked and prayed with someone of particular holiness remember that person after his or her death. Eventually, if the local recognition proves to be enduring, and compelling to those elsewhere in the church, the person may be added to the calendar of saints (long known as “Lesser Feasts and Fasts”; the 2009 and later editions are titled “Holy Women, Holy Men”).

2015 brings an important anniversary for New Hampshire’s local saint, seminarian and martyr Jonathan Myrick Daniels. Daniels was 26 years old when he was shot and killed in Alabama while working as part of the civil rights movement. His full biography, from “Holy Women, Holy Men,” is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. His death occurred on August 20, 1965, and the 50th anniversary will be observed both locally and globally.

A full listing of events is at www.jonathandaniels50.org. The biggest commemoration will be on Sunday, August 23, at St. James’ Church, Keene, Daniels’ home parish. At 9:00 that morning, Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will leave a service featuring Ruby Sales as preacher. Sales is the African-American woman whose life Daniels gave his own life to save; she was 17 at the time and has devoted much of the rest of her life to carrying on his legacy.

That weekend, CHS will worship in Plymouth only once, on Saturday evening, following a parish forum led by the Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). On Sunday morning, I will be making the pilgrimage to Keene to be part of the commemorative service with our Episcopal Church family in New Hampshire and from far and wide. I hope that many of you will decide to join me as we celebrate this homegrown saint!

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Save the Dates for the Community Building Fora!

In my cover column, I mentioned that the Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson, Canon to the Ordinary (that's "the bishop's assistant" if you need the translation from Episco-speak!) will be leading a series of fora in the 2015-2016 year. The Church of the Holy Spirit is in a period of waiting – there are possibilities for how we can move forward as a community and deal with the challenges of our physical plant, but various factors are combining to show us that for now, we need to slow down and focus on building community and renewing our spirits within the congregation.

Canon Hannah and two other clergy from the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire – Mark Pendleton and Bill Petersen – are coming alongside us to help us with our community building efforts. Each of these afternoon fora will last about two hours and be followed by worship and a parish potluck dinner. All dates are Saturdays.



Holy Waiting: August 22

Holy Listening: October 24

Holy Evaluation/Assessing: December 5

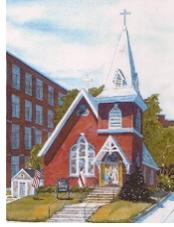
Discovery of Gifts: February 20

Discernment of the Call to Church of the Holy Spirit: April 30

Put the dates on your calendar now! The more of us gather for these important conversations, the better we will do at deepening our commitment to God and to each other and discerning how the Holy Spirit, our patron, is moving in our lives and calling us to God's work here in Plymouth and the surrounding area in 2015 and beyond.

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.



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O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In God's peace,
Grace+

Biography of Jonathan Myrick Daniels



Jonathan Myrick Daniels was born in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1939. He was shot and killed by an unemployed highway worker in Hayneville, Alabama, August 14, 1965.

From high school in Keene to graduate school at Harvard, Jonathan wrestled with the meaning of life and death and vocation. Attracted to medicine, the ordained ministry, law and writing, he found himself close to a loss of faith when his search was resolved by a profound conversion on Easter Day 1962 at the Church of the Advent in Boston. Jonathan then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In March 1965, the televised appeal of Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Selma to secure for all citizens the right to vote drew Jonathan to a time and place where the nation's racism and the Episcopal Church's share in that inheritance were exposed.

He returned to seminary and asked leave to work in Selma where he would be sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. Conviction of his calling was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of the Magnificat: "He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things." I knew that I must go to Selma. The Virgin's song was to grow more and more dear to me in the weeks ahead."

Jailed on August 14 for joining a picket line, Jonathan and his companions were unexpectedly released. Aware that they were in danger, four of them walked to a small store. As sixteen-year-old Ruby Sales reached the top step of the entrance, a man with a gun appeared, cursing her. Jonathan pulled her to one side to shield her from the unexpected threats. As a result, he was killed by a blast from the 12-gauge gun.

The letters and papers Jonathan left bear eloquent witness to the profound effect Selma had upon him. He writes, "The doctrine of the creeds, the enacted faith of the sacraments, were the essential preconditions of the experience itself. The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed: it has grown ... I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection ... with them, the black men and white men, with all life, in him whose Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout ... We are indelibly and unspeakably one."



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Fire Church Continues...Come Enjoy the Outdoors with Us!

We're ready to celebrate summer--and to continue Fire Church, using our new firepit! Please join us at this new worshipping community; we'll share a meal and gather around the hearth! All sessions are 5:30-8 p.m.



Join us at Fire Church this month on **June 21 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Griswold Hall.**

Come enjoy one of the longest days of the year around a hearth with a meal!

A Pentecost Baptism

On May 24, we celebrated Pentecost and the baptism of Oliver (many of you may remember him as baby Jesus in the Christmas Pageant...).



Grace says, "10-month-old Oliver was fussy as I said the prayers, but as soon as his cousin Isabella poured the water, he was fascinated and just wanted to dive into it headfirst. He splashed happily as I blessed the water but then was rather confused when I proceeded to dump some on his head."



It was just part of a great day; thanks to all who came out for the Parish Picnic as well!

June Celebrations

Birthdays

Paula Hancock	Anne Buttolph
Donald Hundgen	Sarah Hundgen
Bob Spiller	Jim Ciemniewski
Lois Grant	Sonia Landry
Amy Reiter	Neil Keller
John Perkins	Pat L'Abbe
Allan Hohlt	Kristen Fischer
Josh Hunnewell	Patsy Kendall
Dick Hunnewell	

Anniversaries

Robin & Joan Bowers
 Jim & Anne Buttolph
 Bob & Anne Cochran
 Doug & Lois Grant
 Dave & Keren Hepworth
 Jim & Janette Crawford
 Dean & Meredith Sherman

Want Involvement? Sing in the Choir!

The Church of the Holy Spirit has a long and proud tradition of musical involvement, and a succession of bishops have remarked on the vigor of our hymn singing. We are thankful for all those who have offered their voices to God in our choir over the years, and for our excellent organist, Ash Morgan. However, the choir's numbers have dwindled to the point that the few remaining faithful participants find it very difficult to carry on with singing every Sunday during the program year. We hope that other members of the congregation will come forward to join this ministry, which has given much joy to its participants and listeners over the years! If that is not the case, the choir may switch to a new schedule of singing once or twice a month.



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Family Worship - Spring/Fall 2015

Family Worship continues to experience great attendance for 2015, with lots of participation and energy! May 13's Family Worship included an adult forum at the same time as the children's program, to give our different congregations the chance for fellowship and conversation.

The summer and fall schedule is set, so check it out below! (Note that dates with asterisks are location TBD.) We are now on our third trip through many of these stories and I look forward to doing activities that engage the kids at a deeper level now that most are reading!

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.

**June 10 – Adventures of Paul

**June 24 – The End of the Story (and the Beginning)

**July 8 – Creation

**July 22 – Adam & Eve

**August 5 – Noah

**August 26 – Abraham

September 9 – Jacob

September 23 – Joseph

September 30 – Exodus I

October 14 – Exodus II

October 28 – Ruth

November 11 – Samuel

November 18 – Daniel

December 3 – Jerusalem

*December 17 – Advent/Christmas

Check Out Our New Firepit!

Many thanks to all who gave their time and energy at last month's Clean Up day! We'd also like to thank the generous (and anonymous) parish member who donated the actual firepit structure! All we need now is you to gather around the firepit with us!



Got Extra Cards? Love Writing? The Postcard Ministry Needs You!

We are looking for 2 volunteers for postcard ministry for December and November. You only need to do one of the two months, and it's easy and fun! 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!

Weekend Food Program

The Mission and Social Outreach Committee at the Plymouth UCC is hosting a gathering on June 16th at 7:00 p.m. to talk with other faith groups in the area about their newly-launched program which feeds kids on the weekends. The program currently feeds 23 children in the Head Start program and kindergarten. Please join the UCC's effort to make this program a community-wide endeavor! Please contact Grace if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Save the Date for Family Fun Day!

This year's Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, August 8th at 263 Highland St.! Mark it on your calendar, and spread the word now! Many more details to come! If you'd like to help with planning, please contact Barbara Brooks at 744-3597.

June Healing Service Date Change

Please note that June's Healing Service has been rescheduled for June 17th. The time will still be 12:30.



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PRHS Graduation!

Come celebrate the great accomplishments of our local students—including several from our CHS family! Finally, the PRHS graduation is **Saturday, June 6, at 9 am** at the college field house. Noah Mauchly and Peter Santore are graduating. Congratulations to all!

Leaders Needed for Intergenerational Activities!

Thank you to those who filled out our survey on possible intergenerational activities! The most popular ones seemed to be: apple picking; pizza & movie night; planting trees and shrubs/beautifying Highland Street; working on a farm; and doing a science experiment. If you are one of the people who expressed interest in LEADING one of these activities, please contact the church office!

Mowing at Church Properties

This summer we will once again be hiring someone to mow the grass at both our properties (something that former Junior Warden Bob Cochran did for free for two years). If you are in a position to increase your giving slightly in order to address this extra expense, please consider doing so! Thank you!

Family Camp—June 25-28

Families small and large are invited to spend a long weekend (June 25-28) at the Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH for an unforgettable experience. Families will spend time learning how to practice peace at home, around the dinner table, at school, at work and in their communities. Days will be a blend of age-based workshops (including special trainings for parents, discussion and activities for teens and games and learning opportunities for children), a variety of outdoor activities, and evening bonding with family and friends old and new around board games, campfires and evening programs. Check out the enclosed flyer for complete details or to register!

Help Support GOT LUNCH! Plymouth

GOT LUNCH! Plymouth is excited to begin their third year serving families in Plymouth with food for lunches during the school summer vacation. Starting **Monday, June 22**, volunteers will deliver food for the week's lunches to families who applied to this program. The bag will contain whole wheat bread, sandwich fixings, fresh fruit, a coupon for fresh produce at Longview Farm and a coupon for milk to be picked up at the Tenney Mountain Mobil Station.

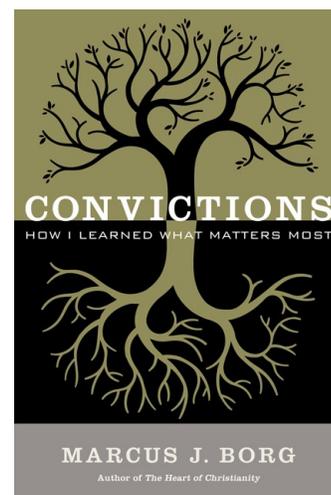


We appreciate your support of this important program, either with a financial gift or a donation of food. There is a

box for food donations on the back table which includes envelopes for financial gifts. We particularly need 6 oz. canned chicken or tuna, a quart size mayo, pint size peanut butter and jelly—but all food donations are appreciated. For further information or to volunteer: check out www.gotlunchplymouth.org or email GotLunchPlymouth@gmail.com.

Book Discussion Group

Our church book group is reading Marcus Borg's "Convictions" on alternate Wednesdays. The next meeting is June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace's house. Contact the office (536-1321) for details or directions.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Book Discussion Group-7pm-Grace's Home</i>	4	5	6 <i>PRHS Graduation- 9am-PSU Field House</i>
7 8:00/9:30 Eucharist- CH	8	9	10 <i>Family Worship-5:30 pm-CH</i>	11	12	13
14 8:00/9:15 Eucharist- CH	15	16 <i>Weekend Food Pro- gram Meeting-7pm- PUCC</i>	17 <i>Healing Service- 12:30pm-GH Book Discussion Group-7pm</i>	18	19	20
21 8:00/9:30 Eucharist- CH <i>Fire Church-5:30 pm- GH</i>	22 <i>GOT Lunch! Plym- outh begins</i>	23	24 <i>Family Worship-5:30 pm-CH</i>	25 <i>ECW Book Sale-3- 6pm-GH</i>	26	27
28 8:00/9:30 Eucharist- CH <i>Community Forum following 9:30 service</i>	29	30				<i>Regular events: Morn Prayer: 8:30am T-F-CLC AA: 7am M-F-GH 7pm W-GH Al-Anon: 7pm M-GH</i>



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