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The Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal). Serving Vashon Island, Washington since 1912.

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*Two Work Parties in August:
9-1 on the 8th and the 22nd*

LEGEND: AA = Alcoholics Anonymous HE=Holy Eucharist MP = Morning Prayer CS=Church School
EP= Evening Prayer RE=Religious Exploration WND= Wednesday Night Dinner
VCCC = Vashon Community Care Center WND = Wednesday Night Dinner

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New Socks Needed for Public Foot Washing

It's once again opportunity time to collect socks for the public foot washing at Qwest Field on 9/11 sponsored by United Way. We have a bag in the office for socks collected. Just a few things to remember:

1. no tube socks please
2. can only use socks that are made of natural fiber, cotton, wool, etc.
3. hand knit socks welcome

I will need to turn the socks in on August 22, so please have them in the church office no later than August 21st.

Thank you for including this on your already very full plates, and long lists of things to do.

With care for you all, Deacon Sally Carlson

VCCC LONGEST YARD SALE AUGUST 22 from 10am to 2pm!!!

The Vashon Community Care Center's big yard sale is an opportunity for the parish to be a good neighbor - and an opportunity for stewardship. Parishioners can participate in several ways. You can donate items to VCCC for them to sell and realize profits; you can reserve a space, paying \$40 which goes to VCCC, and sell your stuff where many people will shop; or you can go to the yard sale and shop.

To reserve a 10X10 foot space, call Naomi at VCCC 567-4421.
Donations of items will be taken from early August till August 19.
Let's support the Care Center!

Note: the VCCC will be using the CHS parking lot for overflow parking on the day of the Yard Sale

How to get in touch with us

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:30-11:30 Wed 12:30-3:30
Tel: (206) 567-4488.

You may leave a message at any time. Messages from the different boxes are recovered throughout the week.
Deacon Sally Carlson's email: deacon@holyspiritvashon.org
office e-mail: office@holyspiritvashon.org; Website: <http://www.holyspiritvashon.org> Fax: (206)338-2369

Vestry Notes

The Vestry met July 8 in regular session and on July 15 in a special session.

The treasurer's report indicated that transfers from both savings and reserve totaling \$7345 had been necessary in June to cover expenses. At the mid-point of the year pledge payments are approximately \$8000 less than at the mid-point of 2008.

The main and most important discussion of the meeting centered on how much the parish can afford to pay a priest. Interims, priests-in-charge, and rectors are paid at the same grade level. The Vestry debated whether to look for a priest-in-charge, whose duties would include some administrative work, or an interim whose principle foci would be worship and pastoral care and concluded that this parish needs an interim who will focus on priestly duties.

It was decided that the pay package Church of the Holy Spirit can afford is \$50,000. Depending on the particulars of the candidates, this will be enough for half or three-quarter time. For comparison's sake, this is \$30,000 less than CHS was offering as a rector pay package, but the Vestry has had to acknowledge that the higher amount was unrealistic given the current economy, deficit budget, and pledging level. Canon Joan Anthony has been given this information and will suggest possible candidates for the temporary position.

A continuation of the discussion regarding the need for healing in the parish led to the general feeling that although it will be very helpful to have a trained interim for a few months, it is really up to each of us to reach out to one another, strengthening our parish community from the inside rather than depending on others for stability.

Because an interim will not be involved in administrative duties, individual Vestry members have volunteered to be contact people for the various committees of the parish. The wardens and church secretary will have a list of contacts for the committees and can help direct questions and comments to the right people.

Two parishioners have volunteered for the position of treasurer being vacated by Doug Clarke. The Vestry sends heartfelt thanks to Doug for his diligent work as treasurer. The Finance Committee will be making a recommendation to the vestry regarding the treasurer position.

The timing of Stewardship Campaign was discussed briefly, with the general consensus being that it should start in September. Please contact anyone on the Vestry if you are willing to assist with or act as chair person for the stewardship campaign. The outcome of this year's stewardship drive will be a determining factor in the search for a new rector.

The Vestry is encouraging parishioners to participate in or shop at the Vashon Community Care Center's yard sale in August. The VCCC is experiencing financial woes and needs our support and stewardship.

"Parish Reads" is an idea the Vestry is promoting. A list of books will be posted in the narthex for voting. Anyone interested in reading the so-chosen book will do so and then, in the fall, will gather to discuss it. Please be sure to vote for a book

.Respectfully submitted, Deb Dammann

Residence Needed

It was noted in a recent email News of the Week that a couple in the parish was in need of housing. The couple was not named at that time, to protect their privacy, but have said that they are ready to be public about their situation.

Alice & Jonathan Orr have been forced to reconfigure their lives due to the upcoming end of Jonathan's current job. If you have a home that needs housesitting while you are away, or living quarters that are unused at this time, please contact the Orrs, (714-2843 or 714-9163) or RoseEllen Albers, (567-5751 or 992-7264) who has agreed to be a backup point person.

Church of the Holy Spirit Reads

For several months the Vestry has been discussing the possibility of offering the congregation a choice of books that we might all consider reading and then having a Religious Exploration hour some time in the Fall set aside to discuss the chosen book! Bishop Rivera sent us a list from which the Vestry selected three titles. *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel* by Walter Wangerin Jr.; *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and journalist David Oliver Relin; and *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. A sheet with these three possibilities listed will be posted in the Narthex. Parishioners are invited to check which they think would be engaging for all of us. Please mark the list with your preference by the middle of August. An announcement will then be made regarding the choice, and an RE conversation about the book will be scheduled.

-Katharine Golding

Vacation Bible School/ You Can't Help Being Involved/Forewarned is Forearmed

The Vashon Ecumenical Vacation Bible School is August 10-14 this year. CHS parishioners are always fully impacted by this event, whether they have children or not. This is because the youth team from Maple Valley Presbyterian Church lives in our church building for the week.

MVP youth are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, August 8th, sometime in the late afternoon. They set up camp in Bennett Hall, using the entire floor space for sleeping, the kitchen for meals, and the restrooms for what restrooms are for. (Note: these kids don't rest.)

The group will facilitate the VBS (site: Methodist Church) and evening youth rallies at CHS. They will depart on Saturday, August 15th, about noon.

The closing potluck for VBS will also be held at CHS this year on Friday the 14th.

Meetings can still be held at the church. The offices are available and the sanctuary is empty from 9-noon while the youth group is off-site. Contact the church office if you are unsure of your ability to hold a meeting during this busy week.

Godly Play Workshop: a Time to Experience

There has been some interest expressed in the Godly Play workshop being held at St Mark's on August 22nd. "Many education models teach biblical facts as if they will magically make people believe in God. This misses what is most exciting about religious education: God's self in the midst of the words playing hide and seek with us. God invites us into—and pursues us in the midst of—scripture. The Godly Play method has been created to help children learn how to listen well, to hear what God is saying to them and then to make an authentic and creative response." Doesn't that sound intriguing? The morning session at St Mark's is an experience of Godly Play; since we do not yet use this program, that would be our only commitment for the day. You aren't signing up to teach Sunday School by going; you are offering yourself as a resource contact and encourager for those who do work with our children. More information is posted on the bulletin board. Talk to the office if you are interested.

The Western Washington Labyrinth Network is holding a Fall Labyrinth Pilgrimage September 12 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Three labyrinths are included; the day begins at St Alban's in Edmonds. Check out the poster in the narthex for more information. Carpooling is encouraged. Talk to Betty Hawkins if you have questions.

Islanders, Meet Your Neighbors!

Dorothy Hall-Bauer, longtime Vashon resident, has created photo journals containing the stories of some of our Island neighbors. We are very fortunate to have them available for sale in the church office.

The cost is \$15 each. The books cost Dorothy \$10 to produce (she does the punching and binding herself to keep prices down) and the extra \$5 goes directly to the Interfaith Council on Homelessness.

Books One and Two are now ready; Book Three is in the works.

This is a wonderful chance to read about some of the folks who make Vashon the wonderful community it is, and to contribute in a very real way to the preservation of our uniqueness.

Deacon in Training Formation Weekend: Could CHS Host One?

As a member of the Deacon Formation Team for the Diocese we are looking for parishes to host our formation week-ends. I'm curious to know if Church of the Holy Spirit would be willing to do that. Here are the requirements:

1. providing homes for those deacons in training who would prefer staying in a parishioners home rather than a B & B.
2. a crew that would provide the following:
 - Dinner Friday and Saturday nights + snacks for happy hour both nights
 - Lunch Saturday + bag lunch for Sunday to take on the road as people leave
 - Snacks for Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Some people have food allergies, so this would need to be taken in account for the cook crew/crews. Unfortunately, we would not be able to provide any help as we will be in session. Otherwise, I'd volunteer to head up the cook crews. People usually find breakfast for themselves, but some host families enjoy spending breakfast time getting to know their guest. This is not a requirement, however. We have some upcoming dates that are available, so your responses would be appreciated as soon as possible. The cook crews will be reimbursed for food and refreshment expenses. The host families will not.

Thanks for your consideration. Please contact me so I can know the level of interest in participating in diocesan community in this way.

-Deacon Sally Carlson

Needs Shared Can Become Needs Met

Lives and times are looking very different for some if not many of us in our community and diocese. There are more people looking for work at this time than there have been since most of us can remember. It follows that if people are looking for work, there are other areas of their/our lives that are also being affected. Many are finding needs never before experienced. If you have a need/needs, please contact Deacon Sally Carlson. She has many resources available that perhaps can make a difference. All information will be held confidentially. Sally can be reached at 206-567-4488 X#3.

Piano Player Urgently Needed

Church of the Holy Spirit very much needs a pianist for the Vashon Community Care Center worship services. Doris Moots currently plays each week; someone to spell her would be so greatly appreciated.

The services are on Sunday mornings from about 9 am to 9:30 am. Several hymns are sung and quiet music of any gentle style is played during the serving of Communion. Enthusiasm and willingness are by far the most important traits.

It is hoped that this ministry will go Ecumenical in the fall, in which case CHS would be responsible for fewer services per month.

If you can play every other week, or are available for any backup at all, your volunteering would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Doris Moots, 463-8405.

Watering Person

How are you with a hose? Do you like to hear plants say, "Oh, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!?" Some of our landscaping, especially the rhododendrons at the corners of the property, need a summer friend. Contact Julia Lakey, 463-6423, if you would be available to help.

The Rev. Ann Saunderson will be available for Priestly Pastoral Care for the next several weeks.

She can be reached either by cell phone

253-973-5414

or email annms@wamail.net .

We are most appreciative of her providing this care to our Parish along with the Pastor Care Committee.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team began at Church of the Holy Spirit in 2002 with training by and the guidance of Trudy James, of Multifaith Works in Seattle, who has provided pastoral care for many years. We receive on-going training through reading, discussion, workshops, classes and retreats. We work closely with our Deacon, Sally Carlson.

ALL PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Our mission is to serve the people of our church and community through home and hospital visits, prayers, cards, e-mails, telephone calls, and in other practical ways. Each member of the team is licensed by the Diocese as a Eucharistic Visitor who can bring the Eucharist to you and celebrate it with you.

While each member is "on call" during two week rotations throughout the year, you may contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team at any time.

Our current members are:

Betty Hawkins, 463-5062; Megan, 463-3657;

Hunter Davis, 567-4530; ; Wally Fletcher, 567-0068

Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;

Peggy Queary, 463-1977; Bob Weir, 463-3234

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Wally Fletcher, 567-0068

July 26-August 8

Megan, 463-3657

August 16-22

Susie Kirschner, 567-4086

August 23-Sept 5