

November 2013
HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



"We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your mercy endures for ever." (Psalm 107:1)



Fall flower by Kathie McDowell

A newsletter of Christ Church Episcopal-Harwich Port, MA
Our mission is to invite all people to celebrate with us in our worship and service of God, so that together we may make Christ's love known in our world



Jamie and Judith with the "Golden Sneaker" award at the Lutheran/Episcopal kickball game, 2010. The sneaker belonged to Father Mac and it was the championship trophy.

The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections: Thanksgiving

When I was a child, my family attended Church on Thanksgiving Day and more often, we attended a Thanksgiving Eve service, so the Day itself could be given over to cooking and celebrating with family. Our dining room was reserved for special meals like "Sunday Dinner" (which was lunch after church), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Dinner and Easter Sunday. We ate in our kitchen on our 1950's Formica table with bench seats the rest of the time. I wasn't always home for Thanksgiving as an adult and sometimes I worked on that day when I was single, so families could have the day together. Even when I lived far away from my family, I always celebrated Thanksgiving with my Church Family and shared a meal at church or in someone's home.

I grew up singing the Thanksgiving Day hymns, "Come, ye thankful people, come," "We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land," "Now thank we all our God," and others. As a child, I was reminded that we should give thanks to God for all that we had, even when we didn't have much, and especially that we should be thankful for each other. Thanksgiving dinner was always bountiful and delicious with wonderful pies for dessert--sweet potato pie and chocolate pecan pie in the South. My family's Thanksgiving Day changed over the years with work and geographical distance, but that strong sense of gratitude to God for all we are and have, for the gift of each other, for biological families, families of choice, and families of place have stayed with me. Every now and then, my mind goes back to that unpaved street with its little 1946 houses and the small dining room where we gathered to pray, give thanks, celebrate God's bounty and feast together. And I give thanks for my wonderful family, then and now, and for all the Church families of my life, and especially for this parish and for all of you. We are so blessed.

As we celebrate All Saints Day in November as well, I am reminded of the last stanza of "Come, ye thankful people, come": "Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home." (Hymn 290, *The Hymnal* 1982). I think mostly of "Father Mac," The Very Rev. Malcolm McDowell, one of God's saints now living eternally with God in that final harvest home. Things are different around here without Mac, especially for the faithful 14 or so who gather for Eucharist, breakfast, and "theology discussion" every Wednesday morning. Mac's presence with us was always great, as he entered into or led our discussion with wisdom, humor, insight, and passion for justice, and as he celebrated the Eucharist on Wednesdays or read the Gospel from time to time. Last Wednesday as I administered the bread of communion while we stood around the altar, I felt Mac's presence in his usual place so powerfully that I found it difficult to go on. I gave thanks that Mac is watching over us, smiling, caring, and laughing at us as well with great joy. Mac is one of God's saints and a great witness for peace and justice in his day. Enjoy the photos of Mac in his various roles at Christ Church (including St. Nicholas).

One of our favorite All Saints' hymns, "I sing a song of the saints of God," appropriately has this stanza that applies to Mac: "They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too." (Hymn 293, *The Hymnal* 1982). "We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your mercy endures for ever." (Psalm 107:1, *St. Helena Psalter*, 2004).

► *Faithfully, Mother Judith +*

Remembering Father Mac (The Very Rev. Malcolm McDowell), who died unexpectedly in October: Photos of our life together at Christ Church: 1) Christmas Caroling in 2005; 2) Mac on Easter Sunday with his famous bow tie; 3) Mac, Kathie and Elizabeth at the Italian Dinner in 2010; 4) Mac at kickball game with Lutherans in 2009; 5) Mac the priest at the 85th anniversary of Christ Church, 2011; 6) Mac at the Blessing of the Animals with his dog t-shirt; 7) The Super Six Youth Group with Father Mac in New York, at Ground Zero, 2008; 8) Mac as the Lobster Roll Lunch cashier with his famous cap; 9) St. Nicholas, of course.



ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY

Our Altar Guild does so much for us. One aspect of their work is making sure we have lovely flowers on our altar for Sundays. New England Gardens delivers flowers each Saturday and the Altar Guild places them on the altar. These flowers are given by caring parishioners for memorials, thanksgiving and blessings. After the Sunday services the flowers are taken out to be enjoyed by others--to someone who is ill or unable to come to church, to someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or perhaps to say thank you.

We have a team who takes turns delivering the flowers. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you wish to give flowers. The cost is \$45 per Sunday and may be shared by more than one donor. You can arrange to give the flowers automatically on the same Sunday each year. Please contact Elizabeth Salomé for further details. If you would like to help deliver the altar flowers, contact Sidney Coursen.

Sunday flower Delivery Schedule

November 3 Mary Ellen Eichmann, Jane Romer **November 17** leave for the Nursing Home Luncheon
November 10 June Bissonette, Betty Decker **November 24** Lydia Bell, Sidney Coursen

Flowers on the Altar:

In November flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory/honor of loved ones on:

November 3 Axner Family
November 10 John Jacobson
November 17 Sheila Moss-White
November 24 Betty Sadler

Altar Guild Schedule

October 23 – November 5 Sheila Moss-White, Lydia Bell

November 6 - November 19 Elizabeth Salomé, Boo Lewis

November 20 - December 3 June Bissonette, Lydia Bell

November Birthdays: Please let us know yours or write your name beside the date on the birthday calendar on the bulletin board by the offices.

November 7	Walter Wade	November 24	Jessie Swain
November 19	Mary Ellen Bowley	November 26	John Sembrowich
November 21	Jen Gibson	November 27	Sarah Aylesworth Walsh

► November 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

November 3

Greeters: June Bissonette
Ushers: Asa Decker, Earl Beardsley
Lectors: Woody Price, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Lawton
Prayers: Jane Romer, Robert Lawton
Coffee Hosts: Jane Barter

November 10

Greeters: Sheila Moss-White
Ushers: Earl Beardsley, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Karen Alexander
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Romer
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Jane Romer
Coffee Hosts: Bill Hendricks, June Bissonette

November 17

Greeters: Earl Beardsley
Ushers: Asa Decker, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Andy Ross
Prayers: Karen Alexander, Andy Ross
Coffee Hosts: Betty Decker

November 24

Greeters: Asa Decker
Ushers: Andy Ross, Brian Ladley
Lectors: Karen Alexander, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Nancy MacDonald

► November 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

November 3

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Jim & Meg Pappas
Lectors: Beau & Sidney Coursen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Karen Butler
Prayers: Lucille Whipple
Coffee Hosts: Susan Crowley, Sidney Coursen

November 10

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Bob Neese, Betty Hadfield
Lectors: Dave Bowley, Kathie McDowell
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Mary Ellen Eichmann
Coffee Hosts: Gail Gibson, Meg Pappas

November 19th, 11:30 am Healing Eucharist & Nursing Home Luncheon, LEM: Deborah Aylesworth

November 17

Greeters: Mary Sparrow, Juliette Levesque
Ushers: Sandy Allard, Jon Robertson
Lectors: Ann Brown, Ric Ferri
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Bill Walsman
Prayers: Rue Siegel
Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Cathy Walsman

November 24

Greeters: Grace & Darwin Price
Ushers: Vince & Julie Kraft
Lectors: Grace Price, Jim Pappas
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
Karen Butler
Prayers: Gail Gibson
Coffee Hosts: Nancy & Dave Truesdale

Counter's Schedule

November 3 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward
November 10 Asa Decker, Bob Neese
November 17 Matt Ellis, Julie Kraft
November 24 Betty Decker, Vince Kraft



ATTENTION VETERANS: Our Church will host the second annual Ecumenical worship service for Veterans' Day on **Sunday, November 10 at 4pm**, sponsored by the Harwich Ecumenical Clergy. We would like to have participation from our veterans of all branches of military service. You may serve as a reader, speaker, prayer leader, usher or greeter. Veterans will be recognized according to their time of military service or theater of war. Please sign up on a clipboard at church with your name, branch of service, place of service in wartime, and your rank if you wish. Even if you do not wish an active role in the worship service, we would like to recognize your service in our nation's military. You may email this information to the church as well (christchurchharwichport@comcast.net). Thank you for your service.

NOVEMBER



THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 29 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	Oct. 30 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	Oct. 31 Nancy & Dave Truesdale	Nov. 1 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	Nov. 2 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter
5 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Decker	6 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	7 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	8 Lucille Ward, Peg Blackburn	9 Matt & Jean Ellis
12 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	13 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	14 Nancy & Dave Truesdale	15 Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	16 Nancy MacDonald, Juliette Levesque
19 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Decker, Dottie Callaghan	20 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	21 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	22 Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	23 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
26 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Ann Waldo	27 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	28 Closed for Thanksgiving	29 Lucille Ward, Mary Sparrow	30 Nancy MacDonald

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop

The shop is getting ready for the holidays! We have some beautiful donations for the Christmas season. Stop by, bring your friends and have a look!

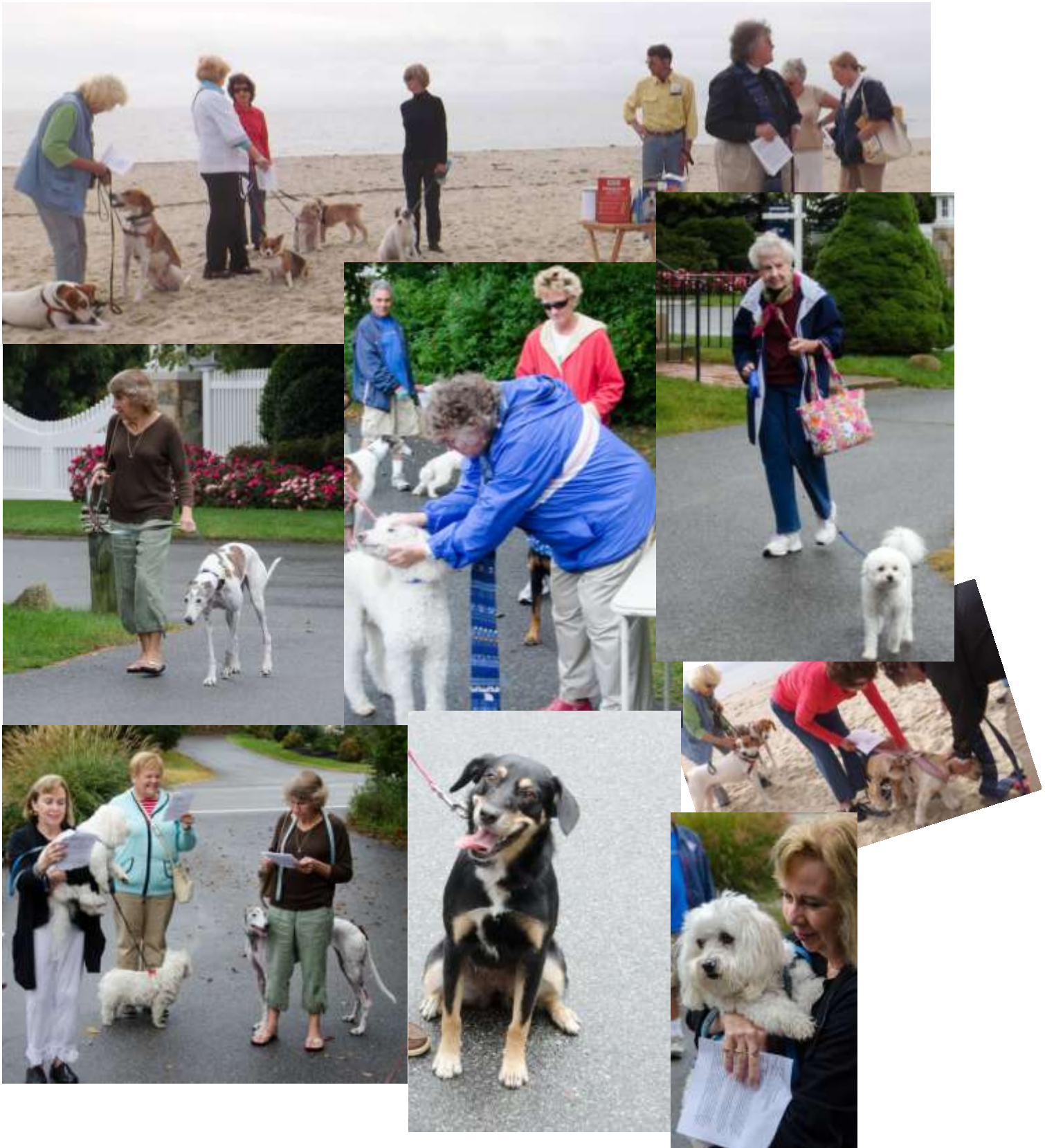
We always need the large brown grocery bags for those heavier items that we sell. Please drop them off outside the Thrift Shop office.

Do you have any connection with someone who can counsel us on old books, vintage jewelry, pottery, etc.? Please let us know as we are always looking to have items appraised. Call Nancy 508-432-6826 or Dottie 508-432-1295.



Christ Church will participate again in the *Dress A Live Doll* program coordinated by the Salvation Army for Christmas. We have agreed to shop for two children this year. Donation envelopes are on the welcome table. Please see Lydia Bell with questions.

Blessing of the Animals 2013: This year we offered a service of Blessing of the Animals both at the Church and at Red River Beach on a lovely fall day, October 5. Photos at the Church are by The Rev. Richard Smith, friend of Judith. Photos at Red River beach are offered by one of the participants. Photos: gathering for the beach blessing, a wonderful rescue dog arrives at Church, Judith blesses Thompson, Lucille and Jenny arrive, “where two or three [dogs] are gathered”, Mako, a double blessing, waiting for a blessing,



The Collation Team

Set up primarily to provide receptions at funerals, we the co-chairs of the group (Ann Brown, Karen Butler, Boo Lewis and Kathie McDowell), are in place to offer a variety of levels of “catering” for our parish members, as well as those in our community with long-time ties to Christ Church.

There is a need for setting aside the worries surrounding certain occasions both difficult and celebratory. Where do families go, what must they do to gather with friends? This is what we hope to provide, good food, and good service.

We are a team in the true sense, pulling together before and after the services. In addition we have been asked recently to provide much smaller receptions following the three Evensongs through Palm Sunday, 2014. The community will be provided beautiful music by our choir and a “savory” table afterwards. Additionally, we also recently set up a reception for a special wedding.

All these efforts are not done by a few. On the contrary, only with the help of the entire parish are we able to free up our very busy Fellowship Team, who do so much to bring joy to our parish in so many different ways.

In closing, I feel compelled to name those who stepped forward to help with the service for our Fr. Mac: Karen Butler, Ann Brown, Sandy Evangelous, Sidney Coursen, Ellen Veinotte, Rue Siegel, Cathy Walsman, Porter Lewis, Beau Coursen, Lydia Bell. With much appreciation, much love, Boo Lewis

SABBATICAL NEWS

◆As we send Judith and her family on a much needed time of renewal and reflection in April, we are now getting together the plans for the parish time of renewal and reflection. When Judith returns there will be an exciting sharing of what has made both her heart and our hearts sing! We will begin our plans by gathering a group of leaders for the various activities we proposed at our meeting last January.

◆Sabbatical description from the Lilly Foundation:

“Lilly endowment seeks to strengthen Christian congregations by providing opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor’s heart sing.”

◆Conditions required in the Lilly grant:

“The congregation must commit to continue the pastor’s salary and benefits during the renewal program. The pastor and an authorized congregational leader need to certify the pastor’s intent to remain in the congregation at least one year after completing the program.”

◆Recently articles were published in the *Cape Codder* and *The Harwich Oracle* announcing our grant award from the Lilly Foundation National Clergy Renewal Program. This will be a renewing time for all of us.

Outreach

Habitat for Humanity will be raising walls in Orleans on November 2! One of the homes that will be started is the Apostles’ Build home, at 4 Bevan Way, located off of Namskaket Road. Wall raising begins promptly at 8:30, but they suggest those interested in attending arrive 15 minutes early. Light refreshments will be served. A work day for Christ Church will be scheduled soon. Mother Judith will be offering devotions on site on several build days coming up.

Christ Church will host a **Blood Drive** sponsored by Cape Cod Healthcare, on Thursday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Every pint of blood donated to Cape Cod Healthcare stays on Cape Cod to serve our community and save the lives of family, friends and neighbors. Currently, about 35% of the hospital’s required blood supply comes from local blood drives. The rest must be purchased from the Rhode Island Blood Bank or the Red Cross. The cost is at least \$240 to \$280 to purchase a single unit from off-Cape sources. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Please mark your calendar for **November 21** and consider donating. Reservations will be taken to allow you to plan your day. You should allow 30 to 45 minutes for the entire process, although the actual blood donation will take only 6 to 10 minutes. Before donating, eat a low-fat meal. If you are on any medication or have any questions about donating, please feel free to call the blood center’s main office at 508 862 5663. ► Elizabeth Salomé, Outreach Ministry Team

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	28 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	29 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace	30 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open	31 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30 PM Choir	1 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	2 Diocesan Convention 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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10 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4:00 PM Veterans' Service	11 Holiday - Office Closed 9:30 AM GHA Board Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	12 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 5:00 PM Vestry	13 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:30 PM Good Grief 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	14 9:00 AM Worship Meeting 10:30 AM Sabbatical Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:30 PM Outreach Meeting 5:30 PM Choir	15 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	16 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	18 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	19 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM HE & Luncheon Nursing Home Residents 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace	20 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	21 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00 AM Blood Drive 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:00 PM Planned Giving/Stewardship 5:30 PM Choir	22 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	23 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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The Stewardship Drive for 2014 was a success with 70 parishioners returning their pledge sheets and half were able to increase their pledge! Thank you! As of October the pledges are at \$106,600 for 2013 which is \$1,400 over budget. Great Job. Please remember, anyone who buys items for the church should pick up a *certificate of exemption (Form ST -2)* from the office before you make a purchase so that the church does not have to pay sales tax.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Gratitude and Commitment

We give thanks and pledge to care for the gifts and blessings we have been given: our lives, families, friends, work, income, natural resources, all of creation, our parish life and worship.

We pledge our time, talent, and treasure to our mission to spread our faith in the Good News of God's love that has been given to us.



Remember those who are food insecure this fall.

- ▶ Donations in memory of Father Mac may be made to the Cape Cod Family Pantry.
- ▶ Don't forget to buy grocery cards at Church on Sundays to support the Family Pantry and get your groceries at full face value of the card.
- ▶ Take your returnable bottles to the Transfer Station in Harwich as a donation for the Family Pantry as well.
- ▶ Bring non-perishable food to church for the Family Pantry, too.

The Family Pantry, 133 Queen Anne Road, Harwich, MA, 02645,

<http://www.thefamilypantry.com/Donations/Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor-Fund>.



If anyone misplaced a pair of earrings they purchased at the African jewelry sale please see Kerry. Also, check the coat closet from time to time for your things.

Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner a Great Success

Friday evening Oct. 25th found the Parish Hall filled with the wonderful aromas of ham and various favorite foods warming in the ovens and revving up our appetites. Everyone who attended the pot luck dinner had prepared their best dishes to share with all our parishioners. We were tempted with everything from homemade salsa, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, corn pudding, macaroni and cheese, a vegan cranberry and polenta dish, and delicious desserts. The cry of "Oh, I ate too much" resounded throughout the hall. To top the evening off we were treated to some very challenging trivia questions by Sandy Evangelous that put our minds into high gear thinking and laughing. Thanks to all who attended and brought their best recipes for us to share. It was a very pleasant evening shared by our parish family. And thanks to a great Fellowship Team for their work.

Save the date: December 15th will be the annual Advent party. Details to follow

Saturday Night, November 2 →



Join your friends at the Church of the Holy Spirit for a three-week lecture series in November given by our own Rector, Mother Judith



**“THURSDAYS AT THREE:”
East Asian Brush Painting and the Writings of
Thomas Merton.**

In order to immerse ourselves in the works of Thomas Merton, we will integrate Eastern spirituality and his writings into the discipline of this type of art with hands-on opportunities in East Asian Brush Painting (also called Chinese calligraphy or Japanese Sumi-e painting).

No previous art skill is necessary for these Thursday sessions. Supplies will be provided.

Participants will observe a demonstration each week and practice techniques of East Asian Brush Painting as they integrate Eastern spirituality and Thomas Merton’s writings into the discipline of brush painting. The lectures are: 1) The role of Merton as artist and monk, 2) Spirituality and Merton’s interest in the East, and 3) Zen Buddhism and art.

Reading from *The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton* (1968), *The Way of Chuang Tzu* (1965), and other writings of

Merton, we will explore why Merton “looked East” and how his writings and Asian experience informed a renewed commitment to his own monastic vocation and Western spirituality. By having a hands-on experience, we will explore the discipline of “mindfulness” in Buddhist thought as we paint and study with this ancient technique.

The class takes place on November 7, 14, 21 from 3pm—4:30pm. Call the Church of the Holy Spirit to register.

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Koi in a gentle pool by Judith

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