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CGS Harvestfest Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 29th - Dinner 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Silent Auction - Dinner 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Live Auctions 6:30pm. Klinks Krafters: Holiday Krafts etc.

*Back by popular demand: Kids Pumpkin decorating contest!

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***New for kids: Halloween costume contest!



Kids Pumpkin decorating contest: Children of all ages can decorate their pumpkin at home (painted and/or carved) and bringing it in anytime during the dinner the night of Harvestfest, but no later than 6:30 pm. Prizes will be given in a variety of categories by specially chosen judges! Prizes will also be given for the best Halloween costumes.

Dinner Tickets are on sale at Fellowship hour on Sundays, from the office, or at the door. \$12 per person; Seniors 60 + \$10; Kids 10 and under \$5; 3 and under, free.

Auction Items Needed! Make your auction donations ASAP!

Donations for **SILENT AUCTION** items should have a value of \$50.00 or more.

During dinner there will be a **LIVE AUCTION** of just a few major items. The goal of live auction items is to have one or more people be able to purchase your item at low dollar amounts, so that the total value of your auction item is at least \$150 - \$200.

Consider donating your:

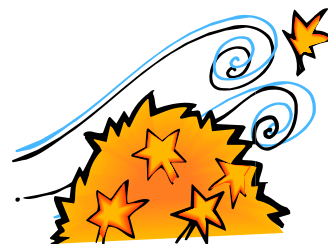
Professional Services or Expertise

Hobby or Love of Live Expertise

Teach an Activity you love

Or donate items such as

- Tickets to an athletic event
- Theater or Symphony Tickets
- A weekend at your time share or camp
- Airline miles for free airline tickets
- Gasoline or Heating Oil



Please note that those not able to attend the event will be able to bid on silent and live auction items via email the week before the event. Watch your email that week for details!

Clergy Corner



Dear Friends in Christ,

My first day back from my 4 month leave of absence (3 months sabbatical refresher leave and one month vacation) was homecoming Sunday. It was a great feeling coming back into this church community, and those feelings led me to say, “In the last month I have been in some of the biggest and most beautiful cathedrals in the world, but none of them gave me the wonderful feeling I get from being here today in *this* church building and seeing the faces of the people and church community I love so much.” That day many people said, “Welcome back” – but when one person said to me, “Welcome *Home*” – that hit the nail on the head and actually brought tears to my eyes. The following week, while catching up on CGS communications, I read Chloe Meadows article in last month’s newsletter. She also reiterated the greeting to all of us when she wrote “Welcome *Home* Everyone”.

Yes, this church community and the people here are like home to me. It is where I know I am unconditionally loved, forgiven and accepted. It is where I can laugh and just “be me”. It is where I am supported and encouraged to be the best God has called me to be. It is where I can ask questions about anything. It is part of what continually inspires my faith and both comforts me and challenges me as we all try to relate our faith to the lives we live.

Feeling like CGS is your “Spiritual Home” is the feeling that I, the staff, and your lay leaders hope that each of you get from your presence and participation in our worship and church ministries. It is what we hope inspires that part of Stewardship that we call the use of our time and talent. It is also what inspires our sacrificial financial contributions to this church community. We filled out Time and Talent Forms in September and now at the end of October we will ask you to turn in your financial pledge cards.

And so I hope that you are feeling even just a little of what I feel – a grateful heart for the love of God in Jesus Christ, and a grateful heart for the joys and challenges being part of the Good Shepherd faith community brings. If we are effective at creating these feelings in you, then I am confident the good Stewardship of all of us will continue, enabling the vital ministries of this church to thrive as we work together to bring the Good News of Christ to all we have contact with.

Thank you for all you do to help make CGS feel like “Home” to so many of us, and thank you for your generosity in sharing your time, talent and financial resources.

Peace, Odie †

As you consider your pledge for 2012
Consider this poem “Sketches”
By Ben Burroughs



Aid the faith you foster...help your chosen creed;
By just a donation...you fulfill a need;
Churches are dependent...on those who believe;
It is always better...to give than receive;
No cause could be more worthy...than that of serving God;
Who gives us many blessings...as on life's road we plod;
Every gift you give to God...comes back a thousandfold;
In the form of treasures...beyond the reach of gold;
So you must give according to...the means that you possess;
Charitable people...find happiness.

Please Plan all your Holiday shopping through CGS SCRIPS...



CGS SCRIPS

Scripts is a wonderfully easy way for you to help CGS raise extra money without spending an extra penny of your money!

Simply do most of your food and clothing shopping, gift shopping, and entertainment expenditures by first purchasing gift cards/vouchers to your favorite establishments through the church.

You purchase and spend what you would have anyway, but the church earns an average of 4% -5% from your purchases through the gift cards CGS sells to you. You do not pay any extra for this service as the gift cards have the same value as cash to you!

Orders can be placed/picked up any Sunday morning in the auditorium. They can also be placed by calling the office. Order forms are also available online at the CGS Website www.cgsnashua.org and click on the special links for Scripts info. Also there is the long list of establishments for which you can obtain gift cards.

All orders placed by noon on Tuesday of every week will be available to you by the Friday of that same week.

Help CGS raise money for it's ministries in this easy manner – participate in most of your buying through CGS!!

Scrip Chairpersons: Sue and Doug Thornberg

For info or questions contact Sue at Sthornberg@comcast.net or Laurie at Lascani@cgsnashua.org or at 882-5352 x 204

More Good News for the Care Center!



- a) The Care Center, in a proposal in collaboration with Bridges, was recently informed that it won a grant from the Department of Justice of \$250,000 over 3 years. The grant is to provide supportive housing to women fleeing domestic violence. Bridges will provide the fiscal oversight and supportive services and the Care Center will provide some of our Housing Advocate time, as well as the apartment units.
- b) On September 23rd at a special statewide Nonprofit Leadership Conference, the Care Center received The New Hampshire Corporate Fund's Award for Excellence in Management for 2011. Congratulations to Maryse Wirbal CEO, The Care Center staff, and its Board of Directors upon this outstanding honor. Pastor Odie was also present at this event representing the Care Center.
- c) Last spring a new Affordable Child Care Center was opened at 79 Temple Street in a joint venture between the Care Center and Southern New Hampshire Services' Head Start program. The Child Care Center is for children 3 and under only, can accommodate 30 children, with children of the Care Center's Transitional Housing program receiving first priority, at only \$5.00 per week! This Affordable Child Care Center was the result of a joint proposal by the Care Center and Southern New Hampshire Services which resulted in winning a Federal Stimulus Grant of \$500,000 per year for 6 years to create this affordable child care center. Affordable child care has been long identified as one of the major obstacle that prevents poor women with children from achieving self financially independent living.
- d) The Care Center founded and separately incorporated in 1987 by Church of the Good Shepherd, Pastor Odie, and Carl Swenson, is now one of the largest agencies in Nashua helping the needy become self-sustaining independent members of our community. As a result of these efforts, the Church of the Good Shepherd, with the Care Center, is a designated Jubilee Ministry Center of the Episcopal Church since 1988, one of only a dozen in New England. In 2012 the Care Center is planning several activities to celebrate its 25th anniversary.
- e) Clients will be sharing their stories at CGS Sunday Forum on Oct 30th

Penny Pickers



What We Need:

2 1/2 - 3 Hours of your time with a partner to Penny Pick (Teams of 2 or more, with a driver). Children make a great partner with a parent! High School students receive community service credits!

Where:

Meet at The Care Center, 7 Concord St. You'll receive instructions, supplies, identification smocks and refreshments. When you're done, money is dropped at Citizens Bank, 238 Main Street, Nashua.



When:

- Saturday, October 29 between 8:15 - 9:00 am **or** 12:30 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 30 between 12:00 - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, November 5 between 8:15 - 9:00 am **or** 12:30 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, November 6 between 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Register to volunteer today, by calling 886-2866 or email: Mwebb@NASHUANPCC.ORG



Food Donations!

Please remember to bring in Food donations for the Care Center. We collect them Sunday morning and present them during the offertory each week.

Special Thanks - to all of our parishioners who have donated food all year for the Pastoral Care Center! The donations are greatly appreciated during these difficult economic times. Please visit the new Pastoral Care website at www.nashuanpcc.org

Crop Walk 2011



CROP WALK for the Hungry

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 PM

Enjoy the Autumn weather outdoors, get exercise, and help the hungry all at the same time! Join our larger community in the Nashua Area Interfaith Council's CROP WALK for the hungry. This 10-K (about 6 mile) walk raises money for Church World Service, an organization which provides disaster relief, food, clean drinking water, and education for the world's neediest people. This organization is instrumental in providing relief following natural disasters around the world, and its long-term programs around the world make a real, lasting impact on the lives of struggling families and communities. 25% of the money raised in the Nashua CROP WALK stays in Nashua and goes to local organizations such as the Nashua Pastoral Care Center. The walk begins and ends at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua, and is followed by a party at the Temple. **Please join us for a FABULOUS the 27th Anniversary celebration!** If you participate in the walk, raise over \$100 in pledges, and have all of your pledge money with you on the day of the walk, we will buy you a beautiful CROP WALK T-shirt after the walk. Contact Pastor Alanna if you are interested in participating or if you would like more information.

Crop Walk for the Hungry: Sunday, October 23, 12:30 PM



N'ewe's Bites

Isaac

Washington National
Cathedral



✠ Time and Talent

Time and Talent Forms - were filled out in church in September. If you missed this opportunity to let us know what ministries you want to participate in this school year, contact the office to receive a form **OR** - go to www.cgsnashua.org and print out the form and mail it to the office.

✠ Thank You

The Homecoming Brunch was outstanding - **Thanks** to all those who organized it and brought food and made it the usual success!

✠ Revised Website!!!

Please visit our website at www.cgsnashua.org to see our new 'Look and Feel'.

✠ Good N'ewe's printed copy

We recognize many parishioners would prefer to read a printed version of the newsletter, but want to continue to save the postage. If you would like a printed version of this newsletter, copies will be made available in the Parish Hall under 'News & Events' or in the office.

✠ Bellringers Need You!!!

The Bellringers are looking for 2 more people to fill out their group. Anyone in grades 6 – 12, with or without musical experience is welcome. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7:15 pm. Contact Chaim Burstein at bursteinc@gmail.com



Adult Christian Education Opportunities for October:



Upcoming Sunday Forums

Oct 2nd – Social Media Rated “A” for Adults

Oct 9th – Why Odie’s Sabbatical was better than Pastor Charles’ sabbatical.

Oct 16th – Electronic Giving: Do you dare? And if so, how?

Oct 23th – Youth presentation about this past summer’s mission trip.

Oct 30th – Care Center Clients – learning from those we serve. Plus a special report about Care Center programs

Special Kerygma Class Sundays 9:00 am – 10:15 am (Kerygma is the special name we give to our Bible Study Program)

On Sundays through Nov 20th we are studying the Gospel of Mark: “Jesus, powerful, courageous and trusting.” Class meets upstairs in the room next to the youth room.

Sunday Memorials and Thanksgivings



If you wish to honor a family member or friend on a special Sunday, you could donate money for flowers (\$25), wine/wafers (\$20) or sanctuary candle (\$10). Please contact Carole at 603-465-7682 or by email csawdon@charter.net



Sunday School

Godly Play: Building Relationships with God and Each Other

Our Sunday School Program “Godly Play: Building Relationships with God and Each Other” is thriving this fall! With the orientation and training of our teachers as well as the enthusiasm of our children, we are off to a wonderful start. On Registration Sunday the younger kids took part in an activity led by our amazing volunteer teachers learning about the Lord’s Prayer.

Our **Curriculum for the month of October** for 3 year olds through 4th Grade focuses on the epic stories of the Hebrew Scriptures. The kids will learn about the Creation Story, the Flood and the Arc, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, the Exodus and the Ten Best Ways (that’s Godly Play language for the Ten Commandments). “The Riser’s” group in 5th and 6th Grade has also been hard at work developing their fall curriculum with their teachers. **Please know that Registration is available throughout the year for all children and families.**

Continuing to strengthen our Sunday School families, we offered our first Parent Workshop on Sunday, September 25th focusing on “Social Media for Parents and Grandparents” with special guest speaker and author Jean Rogers. We had a great group for this important topic as we roll out Social Media here at CGS. This year we continue communication with parents sending email updates about the program and activities. “Parent Pages” will still be available to inform parents of your child’s Godly Play lesson to help you discuss at home.

Sunday School

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting—October 2nd at 8am

Children's Eucharist—October 16th at 9:45am

If your child is interested in being a reader, gift bearer or usher for worship, please contact Pastor Alanna or Jill Rosier.



Annual Harvestfest Dinner & Auction—Saturday, October 29th
we'll have our celebration with special activities and raffles for kids. Please see the Harvestfest Announcement for details about the pumpkin contest, prizes and fun!

Looking ahead...save the date for our next Parent Workshop
“Keeping a Holy Advent: Creative traditions and rituals for a prayerful family season” on Sunday, November 20th at 9am

Youth Log

Hampshire Hills –Friday, September 30th

We will have our Hampshire Hills event on Friday, September 30th from 7pm-midnight. The cost is \$22 per person and includes pizza dinner and all the fun activities usually found at Hampshire Hills (swimming, tennis, basketball etc). Sign up sheets will be available at all youth programs.

Harvestfest Servers – Saturday, October 29th

This year's our youth will be waiters/waitresses for the parish Harvestfest. This service has become the tradition and is a great opportunity for our youth to help the largest church fundraiser of the year.

Penny Pickers – Sunday, November 6th

We will be penny picking together as a youth group on Sunday, November 6th after the 9:45am service (approx 11am) till about 3pm. We will have pizza before we head out. For those who don't know, penny picking is a Nashua Pastoral Care Center fundraiser whereby we go into designated neighborhoods and collect change. For more information, please see <http://www.nashuanpcc.org/Penny%20Pickers.html>



2012 Mission Trip Update

Our group had a very prodctive first youth mission trip meeting this month. The group will be serving the community of Sutton, NH next July for a weeks worth of work projects. If you are interested in hearing how last year's trip went, please join us at the Sunday forum on October 23rd

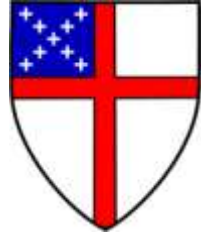


Mission Trip Service: Our youth are hooked! What about you?

After year five, our youth have demonstrated to the parish that they are HOOKED on Mission Trips. These amazing weeks give the youth a chance to express their faith through interactive programs, meet tons of youth from around the country and serve those in need. It has been simply amazing to see the energy and excitement these trips have given the youth program. Now, the group is looking for some chaperones to join in on the fun. This could be your chance to see what all the excitement is all about. Check off the Mission Trip Chaperone line on your time and talent form or email Marcie Byrd at mbyrd@cgsnashua.org. Note: This requires taking a full week off next July and there are background check requirements.

From the Meadows: Loving Thy Maple as Thy Birch

A new column from our "aspirant" (aspiring priest) Chloe Meadows



Everyone loves the autumnal splendor of New England; each tree shining forth in its magnificence of crimson, russet, umber, or gold. Have you ever looked at a tree that is gold and then one that is flame colored and compared them? Or do you walk by each and appreciate its own beauty, giving thanks to God that such a lovely creation is part of your world?

There is an Appalachian story about a young teen with red hair and freckles who desperately wants to look like her cousin with blonde hair and peachy skin. She tries to rid herself of her freckles with a cream which only makes them darker. While she sobs in self-pity, her grandfather comes to her and says, "Darling, there are all kinds of flowers in the world and they are all lovely." She cries out, unwilling to be consoled, "But there are no flowers with freckles!" That night he lays a tiger lily by her bed so it is the first thing she sees in the morning.

I first heard this story on a story tape when my brothers, now in their 20's, were young. I heard it again this year as we listened to that same tape in the car with our son Gabriel. And I was shocked to realize that I am still learning this lesson. Not because I don't appreciate diversity. The diversity of our world is, I believe, the way we are made in the image of God. But it is difficult to love my neighbor as myself. Or to love myself as my neighbor. Too often it feels like I am doing one or the other. Someone has to be ahead in the unspoken competition in my head.

Why is this? Why would one person's beauty diminish another's? Does one flower's beauty diminish another's? Does one tree's? We are each blessed with our own unique beauty as part of God's creation. Even the evergreens, who don't burst forth in color have their days in the winter, when dark green boughs against the snow also make me stop in gratitude.

To love myself for who I am. To love others for who they are. To be able to walk by each other in life, without comparing or competing, just giving thanks to God that such a lovely creation is part of our world.

Let this be our prayer.

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