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Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Ministry

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Sem. Intern to Diaconate

Jesus Christ

All Baptized Persons

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Sandy Joshi

Erin Rosier

COMMITTEE

Executive Committee, Nominating Committee

Executive Committee, Finance Committee

Ordination, Harless Scholarship, Nominating Committee

Fellowship Committee

Personnel, Welcoming and Crisis Committee

Fellowship Committee

Christian Education

Stewardship Committee

Youth

Personnel, Website and Communications

Property Committee

Lay Visitation, Community Action & Front Door Agency

Fundraising, Green Team

Diocese and Southern Convocation

Stewardship Committee

Finance Committee

Youth Rep.

FUND RAISING NEWS

Comedy Spectacular

Friday May 8th

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua

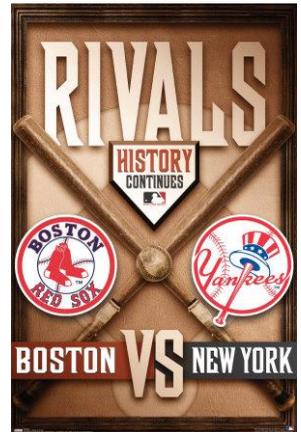
Back by popular demand after last years smashing, fun evening! Four comedians from Boston, highlighted by our very own Robby Printz, promise to surpass last years laughter levels. Bring family and friends. Rated PG. Tickets are \$20 per person (\$25 at the door). Proceeds benefit CGS's support of the Front Door Agency. Tickets can be purchased Sunday Mornings during coffee hour, during the week at the church office, by phone through the church office, or on-line at www.cgsnashua.org

7:00 – 8:00 pm - Social Hour, refreshments, and silent auction on several sports memorabilia items

8:00 Show begins

RAFFLE TIME - BATTER UP – YANKS VS RED SOX

The CGS Spring raffle this year continues our traditional tickets to our Favorite game: Yankee's (Odie) versus, of course, Red Sox Nation (the rest of us). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and will be available on Sunday's during the coffee hour or from the church office during the week. Drawing will be June 21st at 11:00 a.m. A special incentive prize will be given to the person who sells the most tickets. Please help by taking tickets to sell. The tickets will be for the NY/Boston game on **Saturday, July 11th**.



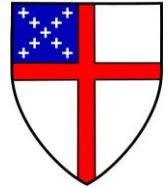
SCRIPS NEEDS YOU!!!

Don't forgot to do all your shopping through CGS's SRIP Cards. It's easy and you help CGS raise money without spending a penny more than you normally would in your shopping!

Order forms can be obtained from the SCRIPS table on Sunday mornings or from the CGS website. Payment can be made by cash, check, Master Card or Visa!

Orders placed by Tuesday at 11:00 am of every week arrive by Thursday!

CLERGY CORNER



During my Sermon on the Sunday after Easter I talked about things we could do to let the world know that we are an Easter People. (Text of full sermon can be found

<http://www.cgsnashua.org/clientimages/54841/pdfs/3whoweare/sermon%20easter%202%202015.pdf>. One of the things I suggested is to be advocates for justice by lobbying our state legislators to not make cuts to the state budget in the Health and Human Services Division.

An editorial in the Nashua Telegraph said it best, “Legislators in Concord supporting the budget cuts in the proposed state budget are hailing it as fiscally responsible. That may be true – but what it is not – it’s not socially responsible. It also is not compassionate to the state’s most needy and most at-risk residents. Our concerns go beyond Republican or Democrat concerns. These budget cuts are not really fiscally responsible. Spending within your means is well and good, admirable even – but only after you have taken care of those who require your care to live at a basic level of decency. This is not just about caring for those who cannot care for themselves. It is about the recognition that we live in, and are part of, a caring society, and not a selfish and greedy corporation.”

I believe that there are lots of ways to find and create financial resources in a state currently ranked 6th in the country in per capita income. Please join me by contacting your senators and representatives. Their names and email addresses are listed below. And for us Christians – as followers of Jesus the Christ – this is not just politics – this is our faith and religion. This is all about being sent into the world to live, act and be Easter people who try to follow our Risen Lord’s example and commands.

Peace
Odie +

Senator Bette Lasky
Senator Sharon Carson
Senator Gary Daniels
Senator Kevin Avard

bette.lasky@leg.state.nh.us
sharon.carson@leg.state.nh.us
gary.daniels@leg.state.nh.us
kevin.avard@leg.state.nh.us

The following links will connect you to your local House of Representatives and their email addresses:

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wmlresults.aspx?town=Nashua>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wmlresults.aspx?town=Hollis>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wmlresults.aspx?town=Hudson>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wmlresults.aspx?town=merrimack>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wmlresults.aspx?town=Amherst>

An Altar of Roses

Mother's Day Remembrances

Once again this year, we invite you to join us this Mother's Day for The Church of the Good Shepherd's special tribute to all of the women we love. You can order one or more roses using the form below. The roses will adorn our church and altar for the services on Mother's Day. And we will specially remember those women whose names we receive in the Prayers of the People. After the service, you will be able to take home the number of roses for which donations have been made.

Please Remember The Following Women:

In Thanksgiving (for those with us)

In Memory (of those deceased)

Number of Roses requested: _____

Requested by: _____

While there is never a cost to remember someone in prayer, a \$5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost for each rose you wish to order.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH



Church of the Woods- Sunday, May 3rd The Rev. Stephen Blackmer will be a guest speaker during our Coffee Hour Sunday Forum. He is founding executive director of Kairos Earth and chaplain of *Church of the Woods*.

Kairos Earth seeks to renew a widespread understanding of the natural world as a bearer of the sacred and to restore this awareness as a foundation of both religious practice and practical action to conserve the Earth. Starting from a small core, they are building a widespread movement of people who live our belief that Nature is

an expression of the sacred and that living and acting accordingly is essential to the well-being of individuals, society, and the world. Specifically, they seek to:

Renew Christian practice of connecting with the Earth. They seek to use and adapt traditional structures of Christianity – prayer, church, religious community, education, and service – to reflect that spiritual connections with Nature that are central to human life.

Deepen conservation by restoring its understanding of the Earth as holy ground. They seek to deepen the environmental understanding that the Earth is replete with sacred identity, inherently worthy of love and care, and not merely raw material for human use.

Open people to be transformed so the Earth may be renewed. They seek to open people to inward transformation, believing that internal change in people is fundamental to renewal of the world, including conserving Nature. Without an inward change in people, no amount of politics, technology, science, economics and conservation, however necessary, will ever be enough.



Steve comes to this ministry with 30 years of conservation experience, having founded and built conservation organizations including the Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Northern Forest Alliance and Northern Forest Center. A midlife shift led him to Yale Divinity School and ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church, carrying the question in his heart and mind: “How can being a priest deepen my work to conserve the Earth? What does the Christian tradition have to offer to this work? How can the Christian tradition be re-understood and re-imagined in a time of need? How can the conservation movement recover its understanding of the Earth as holy ground?”

On Sunday, May 10th from 2pm to 4pm, CGS members are invited to gather for worship at Church of the Woods at 92 Foster Road, Canterbury, NH 03224 Please contact Pastor Alanna if you are planning meeting there that day!

CGS Sponsors ARUBA

Booking now for the fall of 2015 and winter 2016

CGS now owns timeshare at the **Occidental Aruba Resort**. This 5 star Resort is both on the RCI and Diamond Club Timeshare lists. CGS has up to four (4) floating weeks available to be sold in 2015 and 2016. All proceeds benefit CGS programs and ministries. All-Inclusive only available

Cost: \$1,500.00 payable to CGS ((\$4,000.00 value). All inclusive fee is \$166.00 per person per day. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 due to CGS to book your week. Remainder paid prior to departure.

The Resort:

Stay in a One Bedroom unit (sleeps up to 4), with kitchen, at The Occidental Aruba Resort, located in the Palm Beach area (one of the better beach areas in Aruba). Amenities include 5 restaurants, 4 bars and 1 disco/bar; swimming pool with 2 Jacuzzis. Program of sports and leisure activities: 2 floodlit tennis courts, beach volleyball, aqua aerobics, diving demonstration lessons, snorkeling equipment available, among others. Shows and nightly entertainment.

Kids Club with a program of supervised activities (ages 4-12).

Visit www.occidentalhotels.com/grand-Aruba. Contact Pastor Odie or Laurie Asciani, Administrator, 882-5352 to book your vacation!

CGS FELLOWSHIP AND GAME NIGHT

Sunday, May 17th : 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Join the staff and the members of the Vestry and their significant others in several hours of fun and fellowship. Great chance to get to know your church leaders as well as other old and new friends from the church! Cost is only \$25.00 per person and the River Card Room on Elm St.in Milford provides all of the fun and games and enough finger food to keep your hunger away!

Contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board by May 15th

8:00 Show begins

*If You Are Willing, Please Consider Remembering
Good Shepherd In Your Will*

SUNDAY FORUM MAY

- May 3: Special Guest The Rev. Steve Blackmer: The Church in the Woods
May 10: The Risers Sun School Class: CGS Family Feud: Odie vs. Alanna
May 17: Special presentation by our youth about their outreach activities
May 24: No Sunday Forum
May 31: We WELCOME those new to our parish!!

CGS Women's Coming Attractions

Monday, May 11 we will have our spring dine out, 6pm at the new *110 Grill*, 27 Trafalgar Square, Nashua. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food. Entree choices: Caesar Salad (with or without chicken), Steak Tips or Fish N'Chips. Cost is \$22 with checks made out to CGS Women. **Sign up by May 4** with Adrienne Marshall, 21 Cadogan Way, Nashua, NH 03062 /891-1488 / adrienne@marshallcenter.net or contact her for more information. Flyers are posted in the auditorium.

CGS Altar Guild

will hold it's annual dinner meeting and election of officers on **Tuesday, May 12. 6pm** - Social; 6:30 pot luck dinner followed by a short meeting. The Guild is open to all parishioners - men and women. Some set up for services on Sundays, weddings and funerals. Some members take care of the linens or vestments, while others do the floral displays for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. If you are interested in any of these worship ministries contact: Carole Sawdon carole.sawdon@gmail.com or Beth Barker mary.barker@us.af.mil .

KLINK's KRAFTERS

Meet almost every Wednesday at Jeanne Klink's home (889-6066) from 2-4 pm to make crafts for the Harvestfest in October. Tea and cookies will be served!

Sunday School

Children & Family Faith Formation

Godly Play: Building Relationships with God and Each Other

It's time to "Shake it Up" with the Godly Play Sunday School!



This *FALL*, with your help, we'll launch 36 new lessons across three classrooms for the third through fifth graders! A Sunday School Advisory Committee (Kim Foster, Becky Lentz, Maureen LeGallo, Beth Reeder, Mary O'Reilly, Pastor Alanna) has met all year and after extensive conversation and research, has decided to invest more fully in developmentally appropriate, engaging stories, and curriculum for the upper class sections.

We're asking you to "Adopt a Lesson" to reach our goal!

In this new "Godly Time" curriculum, the older students will explore stories included from Volumes Six, Seven and Eight of the Godly Play series.

With dedicated staff and volunteer teachers, year in and year out, CGS offers a Sunday School program valued at over \$70,000 annually *free of registration fees and costs* outside the budget.

However, there are not funds in this year's budget to fund any of the **\$7,500 cost** to add these full year of lessons to grades three, four and five by September 2015.

Whether you have a young child just entering, an older child who has graduated from Godly Play or see **the value of supporting the future foundation of our church community**, by financially adopting a lesson you will be helping us continue the fullness of Christian formation for the youngest members of our community!

A huge mural will be painted in the activity room that will include the names of all the people who Adopt-A-Lesson. Please help us obtain this new curriculum by purchasing as many lessons as feasible- becoming part of the CGS mural, and part of positive learning change for our children. **Contact Pastor Alanna and Mary O'Reilly if you're interested in contributing!**

Our **Godly Play Curriculum** this time of year focuses on the stories of our Christian faith that help us rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. **3 year olds through 3rd Grade** will learn about Easter Eggs, the Good Shepherd and World Communion along with their Learning Focus. And the **4th Graders** will hear the New "Jesus Stories: Knowing Jesus in a New Way." By the end of these six weeks, the children will know different accounts of Jesus after his resurrection as well as the meaning of Easter to our traditions in the church. All Grades will celebrate Pentecost and spend time preparing their class presentation for our End of the Year Community Day on June 21st. Meanwhile, our **"Risers" Group in the 5th Grade** will host "Bible Family Feud" for our adult coffee hour and will continue mentoring the younger kids through storytelling, service opportunities and creating their own activities.

During Lent Sunday School Children did an amazing job collecting **"Change for Change: Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD): Our World, Our Lives, Our Faith."** The Kids voted on Palm Sunday to support people in need with a donation of "Animals and Agriculture" with the \$312.57 collected. Donated Items include: 1 Goat; 2 shares of a Flock of Chickens; 1 share of a Fruit Tree; 1share of a Cow; 1 Bees & Honey and 1 share of a Pig. **Congratulations to all the kids for their generosity in helping families in need!**

Save the Date:

Sunday, May 10th "CGS Sunday School will 'Shake it Up!' at all 3 Church Services"

8am – Sunday School Teacher Meeting, CGS Lounge

9am – Riser's Host Family Feud, CGS Parish Hall Auditorium

Wednesday, June 10th Early Communion Blessing Workshop at 6:30pm, education opportunity with Q&A for children participating in the Early Communion Blessing on Community Day

Sunday School Picnic—Sunday, June 14th from 12:30-3pm organized by our Sunday School Teachers and hosted by our SS Coordinator more information to follow.

Community Day—Sunday, June 21st at 9:45am with classes sharing what they learned during the Children's Eucharist!

Early Communion

Our annual **Early Communion Service** will be part of the Sunday School's Community Day Celebration on **Sunday, June 21st at 9:45am**. This ceremony is not a requirement for receiving communion in this church, and there is ***no minimum age*** for children to receive communion.

However, this service is an opportunity for children who want to receive communion for the first time or who have been receiving communion to have additional education and preparation then participate in a festive celebration. Please contact Pastor Alanna if your child is interested in participating in this as she has materials available to help parents talk about communion with their children at home, regardless of whether or not they are already receiving communion.

Pastor Alanna will meet with parents and children on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm to talk about communion and answer any questions you or your child may have about Holy Eucharist, even if your child is already receiving communion. Contact Pastor Alanna alanna@cgsnashua.org



Mission Trip Update – The youth would like to thank all those who were able to come to the Lethal Luau Murder Mystery Dinner on Sunday, April 19th. We had a full house with lots of fun and laughter as we collectively solved the murder. The youth would also like to thank all the parents and others in our parish who contributed in various ways to the nights success. It was truly a community event and was not only a fun evening but raised over \$2,500 for the Mission Trip this summer! Thanks again to all.

Youth Sunday– Join our youth on Sunday, May 17th at the 9:45am service for their annual Youth Sunday celebration. This is the service where our youth plan and lead our Holy Eucharist. It is always a fun time. The group will be leading the adult forum at 9am that day too. Hope to see you then.

The 3rd Annual Adult Learning Center

Carol Kreick Literacy Award & Scholarship Celebration
Honoring Champion of Literacy and Community Activist

Rev. James Chaloner

Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 5:30pm • Nashua Country Club

Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails

\$100 per person – Sponsored by the United Way

All proceeds from tickets will go directly to the scholarship fund.

Please RSVP by May 11, to the Adult Learning Center, 882-9080.

Farewell and Thank you to Seminarian Intern to the Diaconate Pam McDonald!

Beginning last fall, Pam faithfully served the community of CGS as an Intern from Episcopal Divinity School as part of her discernment and formation as a Vocational Deacon within the Church of New Hampshire. Throughout the year Pam's presence and ministry has helped shape our Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Adult Sunday Forums, sharing her gifts for preaching and teaching as well as most notably infusing new energy into our ministry with Homebound Parishioners and their Lay Companions. We have a heart full of gratitude for Pam's generosity and inspired presence! May God bless her in her continued ministry throughout Christ's Church!

BLESSED!

Pastor Odie & Heidi and Kim & Jim Rodrigues are especially grateful for the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Odierna to Stephen Post!