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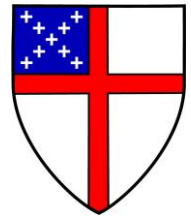
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Fellowship Committee  
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Website & Communications  
Youth Representative

# CLERGY CORNER



Dear Friends in Christ,

A New Year is upon us as we move farther along our Interim Voyage. The turning of the calendar to 2018 represents much in the life of Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS). As always, with a new year we take a look back to see where we have travelled thus far. It's been about a year since Pastor Odie announced his retirement following three decades of service to CGS. Over the first half of the year we had an opportunity to say good-bye with lots of laughter, love and storytelling.

As that important work was being done, myself, the Personnel Committee, Executive Committee, Vestry and Lay Staff searched for and hired The Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine as our Curate and The Rev. Fred Reynolds as our Consultant for this Interim Period. We also hired our new Youth Director, Nancy Madeira—welcoming her back to the program in a new way. Additionally, the Vestry approved and appointed our Lay Minister Search Committee Chairs, Judy Mulligan and Chris Sherman.

With spring giving way to summertime we enjoyed our usual laid-back rhythm of life—taking a break from school year programming and moving to two services on Sunday. For me, the summer was a time to re-set cadences with the community after saying good-bye to our Rector before welcoming Pastor Kate. Then, by early August we were ramping up again anticipating another bustling program year. As Pastor Kate on boarded in late August I simply said, “It’s like that movie *Divergent* where you have to run alongside and jump onto a moving train.” Although I never had a doubt, it’s been wonderful to see Kate not only jump on the moving train but integrate her skills for ministry and passion for mission into life at Good Shepherd as our Interim Voyage continues.

By autumn, our Search Committee Chairs—Chris Sherman and Judy Mulligan—had done the essential work of accepting applications for its members with Pastor Fred’s consultation and guidance. Since November the Search Committee has met monthly while developing a plan to begin work of a ministry inventory and parish profile with the community.

This all leads us to today—as we once again stand at the threshold of a new beginning. In the year ahead, I’m excited to see where the movement of the Holy Spirit brings us as we move more deeply into our New Rector Search. Over the last months there’s a sense that Good Shepherd is growing more into its identity as a faithful community—allowing ourselves to describe and honor the past while having agency and a sense of empowerment to define the future. Our essential work is to live more fully into who Christ is calling us to be as a witness to his life in the world. By doing this, CGS will be well positioned to open its arms and heart to a new Pastor to lead into that new future.

In order to do this, in the coming months some of that definition will emerge with a Worship Committee and Visioning Team convening. The Worship Committee will take a look at the liturgical practice of the community, facilitate a conversation of self-reflection with the community and build resiliency for a variety of approaches to worship as the CGS anticipates welcoming a new Rector. Pastor Kate, Brett Greene, John Townsend and myself will begin this work. The Visioning Team will be a gathering of lay and clergy leadership looking at the larger mission and ministry of CGS visioning ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as a faith community. Its members will consist of lay ministers already stewarding ministries alongside clergy leadership.

As we have seen over the last six months CGS will continue keeping faithful to our identity in Christ as a unique expression of the Gospel's Good News while allowing room to be re-shaped and re-formed in Christ's image in the world today. As ever I am grateful to walk beside you on this path!

Peace and blessings,  
Alanna

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 2017 at 12:15 pm

### **AGENDA**

1) Free Lunch will be served at 12:15. Meeting starts sharply at 12:30pm and ends no later than 2:00 pm

2) Election of various parish officers:

**Jr. Warden** (Two Years – elect 1) – Brian Taylor

**Clerk** (Two Years- elect 1)- Chris Chadbourne

**Vestry** \*\*

**Interfaith Council** \*\*;

**Diocesan Delegates** \*\*

\*\*Nominees to be published for January 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Forum

We thank the following people whose terms have been completed:

Julianne Marchenonis; Bob Macaraeg; Susan Nutting; Howard Titus

- 3) Presentation of 2017 budget performance
- 4) Presentation and vote on 2018 budget
- 5) Various other Reports
- 6) Senior Warden's Report
- 7) Priest in Charge's Report

**NOTE: 2018 Budget Commentary and Analysis is forthcoming from the CGS Vestry after meeting on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please look for it in your email...**

## [CGS Transition Voyage...](#)

### Moving Forward in Faith

#### Transition News: Frequently Asked Questions

What will the Search Process look like for finding a New Rector and when will it begin?

This past Fall the Search Committee Chairs-Judy Mulligan and Chris Sherman worked on the formation of the committee. Search Committee Members have been selected and confirmed. On Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> the Search Committee will host the Sunday Forum at 9am as well as be “Commissioned” during the 9:45am service. They have been working with the Interim Consultant (Pastor Fred Reynolds) and Diocesan Staff on creating an outline of the search plan.

Why does the new Rector search take two years?

In short, it will take nearly two years because church organizations, while filled with full-time disciples of Jesus Christ, do operate on a volunteer basis when it comes to the ‘people power’ of staffing such an undertaking. With the search plan developed, this coming winter the Search Committee will begin its work developing a “Parish Profile” for CGS. The committee will engage all members in prayer, conversation, surveys and feedback about who CGS is as a community and where we see the Holy Spirit leading us in the future. As the “Parish Profile” gets finalized, then the committee will begin its work on developing a vision for calling a new Rector—someone whose experience, ministry, personality and faith life would be a match for CGS. This “Rector Call” description will be finalized and publicized in cooperation with the Diocesan office. At this point the Search Committee will ‘screen in’ those applicants it wants to get to know more deeply, hold Skype interviews, then discern those they want to explore for any site visits. Like

most significant life decisions, finding the right match in calling a new Rector will take time, prayer and listening to the Spirit's leading.

What are the roles of current Clergy during the Interim—what are they each responsible for specifically and will they all preach?

[Click here for a specific list of clergy roles and responsibilities](#) for CGS' Priest in Charge- Pastor Alanna; Curate- Pastor Kate and Interim Consultant- Pastor Fred. Each will preach on a rotation reflective of their hours serving the community. As the saying goes, "Teamwork makes a dream work" so the clergy, along with all other leadership, will provide a specific presence during this time. During the interim, the Priest in Charge role is likened to the Rector during an established pastorate; the Curate role is likened to Assistant Rector. Pastor Fred, while fulfilling the role of Interim Consultant, will support closely the ministry of our Search Committee, liaison with the Diocese and be a presence of support to the larger congregation and staff for any transitional issues which naturally occur during change.

What have Sunday Church Service attendance numbers been like this fall now that we're settling into the Interim?

The Church attendance numbers for Sunday Services have been within the 'normal' range this fall. This means there's been a range of 5-15 people, either more in some cases or less in other cases, at each service. We are right on target in terms of retention for this time of year as well as the Interim period. Per usual, Pastor Alanna will prepare a detailed report of attendance for the Annual Meeting in January. Also, the fantastic fall weather has been a blessing, and has called many of our members to worship in God's first Church...the great outdoors!

*\*To submit questions for next month's edition of "CGS Interim Voyage" please email [info@cgsnashua.org](mailto:info@cgsnashua.org). The more we know what is on people's hearts and minds, the more we can move forward in faith!*

## **Rector Search Committee Corner**- From Chris Sherman & Judy Mulligan

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 the Search Committee held its second meeting, it was at this meeting the "Search Committee Norms" (rules of conduct) were established. Other business conducted included the filling of roles for the Search Committee: Chaplains - Betty Mayben & Robin Hertel; Secretary - Sharmini Peiris; Communication Liaisons - Amy Kelly & Trudy Yelton; Historian - Byrony Tomic-Beard; Statistician - Byrony Tomic-Beard (Marybeth Snow & Judy Mulligan to assist) The Committee will meet twice in January to initiate plans for a parish wide survey. Watch the Good News and Church Bulletins for updates from the Search Committee!

# CGS Creating a Safe Space for All: Security and Safety Updates

As a faith community CGS is committed to offering our building as safe place for our members, visitors, and outreach ministries in the community. From our regular “Safe Church” training to protect vulnerable populations within our community to physical plant security. Due to violence in public spaces, and specifically in worshipping communities, CGS has taken more security measures over the year to ensure that we continue to offer a safe place.

Measures taken thus far:

- Installing security cameras on-site both inside an outside the building
- Installing emergency responder buttons to be used during worship or any large gathering should the police need to be called immediately
- Installing a key code access pad for our Parish Hall Auditorium door. This allows staff to know who accesses the building and when.
- Developing a Security Protocol for Lay Groups who meet at the church during the week, so they know who to contact in case of a disruption in the building.

Plans for the coming year:

- Clergy will convene a Safety Team with Lay Leadership to review on-going safety needs in our community
- Consultation with Nashua Police Department Officer Bill Adamson on safety measures and training for leadership.
- Regularly scheduled emergency preparedness training, fire drills and safety drills.

In the words of my wise older sister “Safety never takes a holiday,” so as part of your extended community and living space CGS wants to do everything we can to make sure we offer a safe space for all. Please contact Pastor Kate with any questions or feedback.

## CGS Comedy Spectacular

Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:30

Our annual *laugh-until-you-cry* event again comes compliments of our own parishioner and hilarious comedian, Robbie Printz and several of his funniest friends! These comedians from Boston will help lighten up our moods in the middle of winter and Lenten blues!

SAVE THE DATE: TICKETS GO ON SALE IN MID-JANUARY

## Sunday Forum January

7 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Search Committee Members
14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Candidates for Vestry
21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee & Conversation
28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Conversation

## Winter Book Group for “The New Jim Crow”

In their most recent conventions, both the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire have encouraged all faithful communities to prayerfully examine the intertwined issues of race and mass incarceration as some of the most pressing social justice issues of our time. This winter, Pastor Kate and Kathy Olson would like to invite interested members of the parish to gather together on three Monday evenings (January 22, January 29, and February 5) from 6:30pm to 8:00pm to read and discuss the New York Times bestseller, “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness” by Michelle Alexander. With only 5 percent of the world’s population, the U.S. incarcerates almost twenty-five percent of the world’s lawfully imprisoned population, with policies that particularly target the poor and people of color. As followers of Jesus, reflecting on this book is one small way to answer Christ’s command to be with those who are imprisoned. We have some copies of the book available to borrow in the office and they can also be purchased at a local bookstore or online.

## CGS Joyful Happenings

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say: Rejoice!” ~Philippians 4:4*

Each month our community accompanies individuals, families, and couples on their faith journey, here are some of last month’s highlights:

**November Baptisms:** On Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15 service Antonio Alberto Allende and Aurora Ysabella Amparo were baptized. Children were baptized by Pastor Kate and welcomed into the community of faith. Congratulations to all!

*\*If we’ve missed your joyful happening, please email [info@cgsnashua.org](mailto:info@cgsnashua.org).*





**Mission Trip Update:** The youth will be having a mission trip meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 before youth group. We will be discussing additional fundraising as well as where we are with costs associated with the trip. All youth planning to go on the mission trip should attend this meeting which will be the first of several as we prepare for work camp.

**Mark your Calendar:** On **January 25th** from 3pm to close at Margarita's Restaurant, Nashua NH there will be a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip. The success of this fundraising program is dependent on you! Invite family, friends and loved ones to join us for a night of great food. Additional information will be provided during coffee hour along with your individual flyer which needs to be presented to your waiter / waitress in order to count your bill towards the donation amount. Margarita's restaurant will donate 20% of pre-taxed sales towards the Youth Mission Trip.

## **Coming Events in 2018 for CGS Women**

We are a fellowship group open to ALL women of the parish and our meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month (Sept-Dec; March - May).

**Sunday, February 18, 1pm:** Paint and Pizza Party - Start with a pizza lunch at parishioner Denise Thompson's new studio in Hudson followed by a paint your own "masterpiece" (oil or watercolor) with step-by-step instructions from Denise. No painting experience required, and all supplies provided. Fee - \$25 (pizza/salad and art supplies)

**Monday, March 12, 6pm:** Lenten Program - 6PM Potluck supper followed by a presentation by parishioner Jeff Cooley, Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Boston College.

**Monday, April 9, 6pm:** The people of Vietnam - 6 PM Potluck supper followed by the rescheduled program on the culture and people of Vietnam presented by parishioner John Hodgkins.

**Monday, May 14, 6pm:** Dine out - Have a restaurant to suggest? Contact Adrienne Marshall.

## Altar Guild

Welcomes anyone interested in their ministry of preparation. Our winter meeting is **Saturday, February 3, 9am** starting with a continental breakfast. Snow date is February 10th. For more information contact: Leona Clough- [leonalink@aol.com](mailto:leonalink@aol.com) or Beth Barker - [mary.barker@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.barker@us.af.mil) .



\*\* A big thank you to all of the guilds, choirs, musicians, individuals, families, youth and staff for making our Advent and Christmas activities and celebrations fun, beautiful and meaningful! It takes a village to make the worship of our Savior great!

\*\* The Front Door's Adopt-A-Family Christmas program provided Christmas to some 500 needy families, including over 900 children. CGS parishioners provided presents and gift cards for many of those children. Great job and thank you!

\*\* This Advent and Christmastide we had an Advent sung Holy Eucharist; Blue Christmas Service; Three Christmas Eve services and a Children's Christmas Service with a Pageant. If you have feedback about your experience this season, good-bad or indifferent—feel free to email our Senior Warden, Jill Rosier at [vestry@cgsnashua.org](mailto:vestry@cgsnashua.org), or go to our new digital feedback box at <https://goo.gl/forms/wA1wLNdIP3khhEKx1>

\*\* Pastor Alanna, Pastor Kate and the staff extend their heartfelt thanks to the many people who sent Christmas cards, notes and gifts! Your thoughtfulness, prayers and continued support are most appreciated!

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

## [A Lifetime of Thanks- Collins Family Thank you...](#)

The Clergy, Wardens, Staff, Altar Guild and Community of CGS would like to thank the Collins Family for their generous support of our community through donating flowers for the last Sixty Years! Collins Flowers opened in Nashua in the 1930's with its service to the larger community. The Collins Family have been generational family members of CGS, contributing to our common life through service on the Vestry, Altar Guild, Youth programs and so much more. Our worship has been enhanced seasonally by Collins Flowers providing breathtakingly beautiful arrangements. Thank you to Peter and Faith Collins and the entire family for your generosity with your church community! We look forward to new beginnings in life and ministry with you all!

*\*Note: Pastor Alanna and the Altar Guild are developing a plan to continue having beautiful arrangements on the CGS Altar. Look for updates in our next issue of the Good N'ewe's!*

## [Pastoral Update from your Priest in Charge](#)

Around Thanksgiving Pastor Alanna's mother discovered a tumor then was subsequently diagnosed with lung cancer. Her mom is receiving top-notch care from a team of oncologists at Dana Farber. Pastor Alanna has been in conversation with the Executive Committee, Pastor Kate, and Staff regarding any needed changes in her schedule due to accommodating this development. Please keep Pastor Alanna's mother and entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

## [Music Camp](#)

Mark your calendars! CGS will be hosting a music day camp for children entering 2nd through 8th grade on **August 13-17, 8:30am-11:30am**, culminating in a musical presentation during the 9:45 services on Sunday, August 19. The camp will offer an opportunity for children to develop skills in reading music, singing, and ringing handbells. For more information, please contact Brett Greene at [music@cgsnashua.org](mailto:music@cgsnashua.org)

# Sunday School

## Kid's Corner: Children & Family Faith Formation

### Ages & Stages of Sunday School:

#### Today is the Day for Jesus' Way

*\*Please note that Registration is available throughout the year for all children and families.*



Our Curriculum for the month of January incorporates CGS' commitment to a diverse, engaging, play-based curriculum with a focus on the Feast of the Epiphany as well as an exploration of the Parables found in the Gospels. Please reach out to Mary O'Reilly, our Sunday School Coordinator, at [moreilly@cgsnashua.org](mailto:moreilly@cgsnashua.org) or Pastor Kate at [curate@cgsnashua.org](mailto:curate@cgsnashua.org) with any questions.

**1/14 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting at 8am**

**1/14 Children's Eucharist at 9:45am**

Sunday	3 Year Olds, Pre-K & Kinder	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Riser's: 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Jan. 7</b>	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Exile and Return	Parable Good Samaritan	Good Shepherd + The Great Pearl	Parable of Parables
<b>Jan. 21</b> <i>MLK w/end</i>	Parable Great Pearl	Parable Good Shepherd	Parable The Deep Well	Parable Comparison: Samaritan/Pearl/Leaven
<b>Jan. 28</b>	Parable Sower	Parable Leaven	Parable Leaven and Sower	Parable The Deep Well

# Participate in These Easy Ways That Also Help CGS Raise Money For Our Ministries

Get in the habit of making purchases in these ways – these are easy, ongoing ways for you to help the church’s fund-raising efforts as we seek to fund our vision and ministries – all without spending an extra dollar out of your own pocket!

## 1) AMAZON SMILES

Making a purchase on line through AMAZON? Contact Laurie at CGS to learn how you can register for “Amazon Smiles” so that every time you make a purchase CGS is sent 5% of the purchase by Amazon! You do not pay anything extra on your purchase!

## 2) SCRIPS CARDS

Buy GIFT CARDS to almost any store or restaurant from CGS. CGS receives an average of 5% of the value of the gift card from the store/restaurant. You do not pay anything extra on your purchase! Pay by cash, check, Master Card or Visa.

Available on Sunday mornings at Coffee hour or from the office.

For a list of available Gift Cards as well as a form to use or to refer to if you call in your order [CLICK HERE](#).

**Also...Help TD Bank donate to CGS:** TD Bank will make an annual contribution (from the bank’s funds) to the church based on a percentage of the balances in personal and business accounts of parishioners. You can help by 1) Going to your TD Bank, inform them that you would like your TD Bank accounts labeled for Church of the Good Shepherd Affinity Program. 2) Contact Laurie at the office to let us know you have done this so that our records match their records.) Those without TD Bank accounts who desire to participate can do so by opening an account there and asking their staff to designate the account for CGS Affinity program. CGS will not receive any account info or personal info about your accounts or balances.

