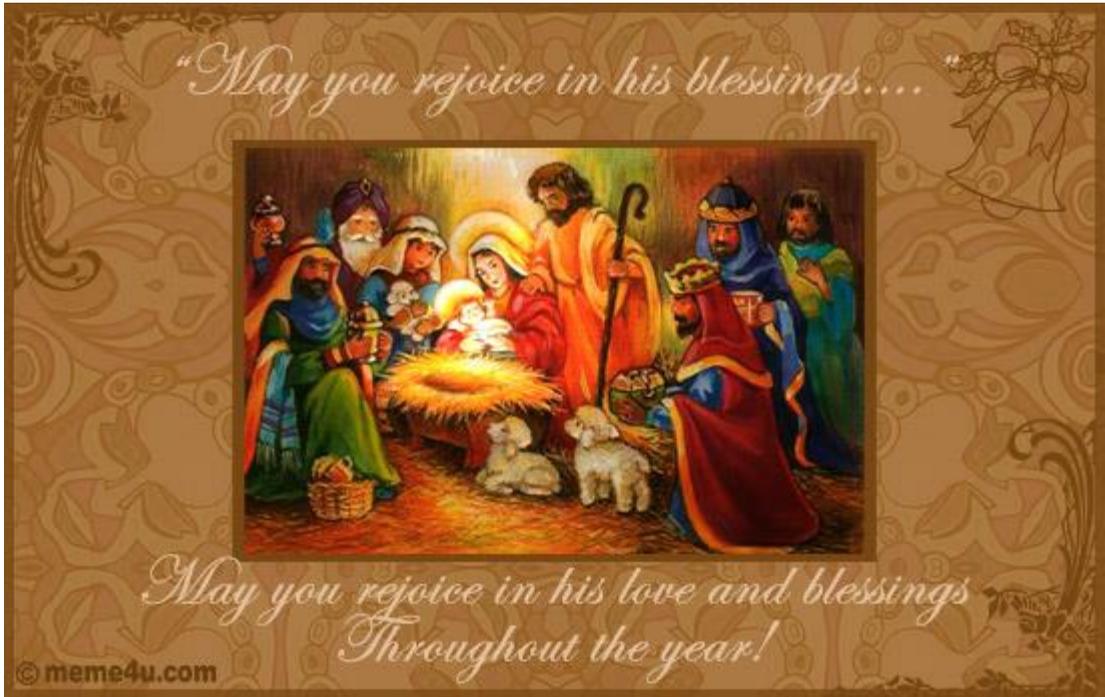




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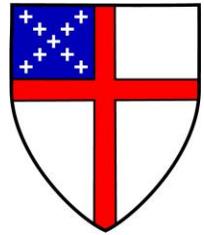
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Reflecting on the church's Feast of the Epiphany, the Rev. Michael Bickerstaff said, "We often hear of our search for God, but seldom, if ever hear of God's search for us—or at least we do not think we do. But, the truth is that God first seeks us out, so that we might seek Him. He thirsts for us, so that we might thirst for Him."

As we begin a new calendar year, with the new liturgical year underway since Advent, how could this reframing of Epiphany shape our lives? God came into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ in order to search us out, showing us a new path, offering us redemption and healing. God searches for us as though in a subtle game of hide and seek, following us wherever we go—hoping we'll turn around and see him with our whole hearts and lives.

As a new year begins we can feel a complexity of emotion reflecting on the challenges and joys of the year gone by even as we look forward to a new beginning. Sometimes the prospect of a new beginning can be invigorating—it is a chance to change, to begin again and gain focus. Alternatively, it may seem daunting depending on the shape of our life experience and journey that has made its mark upon our hearts in the last year. Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in this Season after Epiphany, God remains the same. God seeks us out, wanting to engage us more fully, wanting us to depend on his grace and love wholeheartedly no matter the season of our individual or community life.

So as we begin a new year together let us live into the assurance that God's passionate outpouring of life made known to us in Jesus Christ is greater than anything the world or our lives can place in our path. May our thirst for Christ bring us closer to the deep joy of new life as we begin again seeking and serving his Holy Name in our world.

Faithfully,
Pastor Alanna

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 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
 - Sr. Warden** (Two years – elect 1) – Jill Rosier
 - Jr. Warden** (One Year – elect 1) – Brian Taylor
 - Treasurer** (Two year – elect 1) – Becky Lentz
 - Vestry (Three Years - elect 4)** As we went to print the following have agreed to be candidates, with others still considering and waiting to be heard from. Sue Corman, Kate Binder, Stephen Issacs, Sandy Joshi, Lila Monahan, and Sharmini Peiris, Sherry Laliberte.
 - Interfaith Council** (One year – elect 2) – John Rowntree
 - Diocesan Delegates** (Three Years – elect 2 delegate and 2 alternate) – Howard Titus and MaryBeth Snow

We thank the following people whose terms have been completed:
Tim Favorite (Sr. Warden); Dan LeGallo, Don Fluckinger, and Doug Thornberg (Vestry); Terry Wilkins, John Hodgkins, Howard Titus (Diocesan Delegates/Alternates)
- 3) Presentation of 2016 budget performance
- 4) Presentation and vote on 2017 budget (the budget will be sent to you after the Vestry approves it at its January 17th meeting)
- 5) Various other Reports
- 6) Senior Warden's Report
- 7) Rector's Report

CGS COMEDY SPECTACULAR

Friday March 31st, 7:00 – 9:30

Our annual *laugh-until-you-cry* event again comes compliments of our own parishioner and hilarious comedian, Robbie Prince 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 FEBRUARY

Gathering for Homebound Companions:

Sunday February 5th at 12:30p.m.

If anyone is interested in becoming a companion please contact Pastor Alanna at alanna@cgsnashua.org

SUNDAY FORUM JANUARY

- 1/8 Meet the Candidates for Vestry
- 1/15 Brenne' Brown: Leadership factors for you and the church.
- 1/22 Coffee Hour Free For All!
- 1/29 Canon Hannah Anderson: Diocesan happenings and ministry opportunities

BellRingers: Looking for New Members

The Bellringers meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm. They are looking for youth between 5th – 11th grade to round out their group. If anyone is interested contact Brett at music@cgsnashua.org

“IMMEDIATE” SILENT AUCTION ITEM

LENOX SPRING VISTA CHINA – 14 place settings including flatware. This china is dishwasher safe! Each place setting includes dinner plate, salad plate, bread & butter plate, cup and saucer. Also included are platter and 2 vases. Flatware includes dinner fork, salad fork, knife, tablespoon, teaspoon, and 2 serving spoons, serving fork, sugar spoon and butter knife. All pieces in mint condition.

Value \$1,500.00 Minimum Bid \$300.00. Contact Pastor Odie in person or at odie@cgsnashua.org.

Bidding will close at the Annual Meeting 1/22/17

Ushers Needed:

There is a need for ushers at the 11:15 Service. Whether you are new to CGS or an old-timer, please consider joining an usher team and experience another view of our Sunday worship. Ushers work one service, one Sunday, every four - five weeks greeting parishioners, ushering communicants to the altar rail, operating the liturgy board, cleaning up after church, etc. For additional information, please contact Sandy Desharnais (H: 889-2263, email: desh910@myfairpoint.net) or contact any usher.



Mission Trip Update – The youth will be having a mission trip meeting on Jan. 22 at 5pm. We will be discussing the fundraiser, as well as costs associated with the trip. We will be discussing transportation, etc. We are asking anybody in the youth group who is planning to go on the mission trip to come to this meeting. Please let us know if you are not able to make it, and we will provide you with any information you miss at the meeting.

Coming Events in 2016 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 19, 12:30 pm a catered lunch is planned at the Fulchino Vineyard, Pine Hill Rd., Hollis. Owner Al Fulchino will talk about his business which includes raising beef cattle. Several wines will be available for tasting. Reservation information and directions will be available mid-January.

Monday, March 13: 6 pm social time; 6:30 pm potluck supper (bring an entree or salad - home made, store bought or take out); followed by a Lenten Program.

Altar Guild

Winter meeting & continental breakfast will be held Saturday, February 4, 9 am in the Parish Lounge. Snow date is February 11. If you are interested in this worship ministry contact: Harvey Shaw - hshaw1956@live.com or Leona Clough - leonalink@aol.com .



** 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 Lord 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 for 80 of those children. Great job and thank you!

** Pastor Odie, and Pastor Alanna 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!

** Special thanks to Scott Peeler our resident parishioner-electrician who donated all his time to install new brighter lights in our church – helping to amplify its beauty!

Sunday School

Kid's Corner: Children & Family Faith Formation

Ages & Stages of Sunday School: Equipping Our Kids, Changing the World

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



All grade levels were bustling this fall, so a HUGE thank you to Parents for making the effort to bring your child(ren) consistently; to Sunday School Teachers & Substitutes for giving of your time, talent and passion in teaching; to Feast Helpers for making sure the feast arrived early and on time throughout the semester and to Mary O'Reilly for keeping all parts moving in a semester filled with innovative changes and new material!

Our second semester lineup includes incorporating more NEW material, inviting the children to create special projects to share with congregation as well as more 'at home helps' for children and families during Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st.

There are **Five Levels of Stories** in which to engage the Children: **Core:** Key Sacred Stories of Christianity; **Extension:** extending core lessons; **Enrichment:** lessons do not extend but deepen the core lesson; **Afterwards:** lessons involve events and symbols that are not part of the biblical era but focused on church history; **Synthesis:** lessons bring together multiple stories to help children synthesize their learning. See the listing below for upcoming stories in each area for the month of January.

Godly Play

3 Year Olds/Pre-K/K- Core Stories: 1/8- Epiphany; 1/15 Ark & Tent; Parable Stories 1/22-Parable of Leaven; 1/29- Parable Mustard Seed; 2/5 Learning Focus

1st & 2nd Grade- 1/8 Core: Epiphany; 1/15 Parable: Sower; 1/22 Core: Parable Great Pearl; 1/29- Parable Mustard Seed; 2/5 Learning Focus

Sunday School

Godly Time

3rd & 4th Grade- 1/8 Core: Epiphany; 1/15 Extension: Parable of Parables; 1/22 Parables: Great Pearl & Good Shepherd side by side comparison; 1/29- Parables: Leaven & Mustard Seed side by side comparison; 2/5 Learning Focus

Riser's & Godly Time

5th Grade- 1/8 Extension: Ruth; 1/15 & 1/22 Riser's Free Choice is a time they can explore different opportunities for learning with their teachers; 1/29 Afterwards: Mother Teresa of Calcutta; 2/5 Learning Focus. *The Risers will be beginning a new project with one of our parishioners, Sharon Wooding, who will lead the kids on a journey of the Saints. This journey will take 6-7 weeks, starting January 8 through February 19th during Sunday School. They will be learning about the new Saints and then creating puppets that portray their favorite one. They will have a presentation in the future, date to be determined.*

CURRICULUM NOTES: CGS implemented the “Learning Focus” and “Group Program” initiatives after hearing a desire for a more varied curriculum from kids and parents. They each happen three times throughout the year. 1/31 “Learning Focus” is a way for each grade level to learn and explore various traditional aspects of Christianity. **TOPICS by GRADE- 3 Year Olds & Pre-K:** Songs of Sunday School; **Kindergarten:** Bedtime &

Table Prayers; **First Grade:** Lord's Prayer; **Second Grade:** Sacraments; **Third Grade:** Learning Liturgy; **Fourth Grade:** Beatitudes/Books of the Bible; **“The Risers” Class-Fifth & Sixth Grade:** Church History/Episcopal Tradition

Children's Eucharist—January 15th at 9:45 a.m. If your child is interested in being a reader, gift bearer or usher for worship, please contact Pastor Alanna or Mary O'Reilly.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – January 29th at 8 a.m. we will hold our next Sunday School Teacher's meeting to check in about news and activities for the second semester.



CGS Sponsors **ARUBA** Booking now for the winters of 2017 and 2018

CGS 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 2017 and 2018. All proceeds benefit CGS programs and ministries. Parishioner's Andy and Rainey Palmer have now booked their third year in a row for Feb of 2017 – if you want to know the scoop on their outstanding experience at this resort please talk to them. They give it 5 stars!!

2017: All-Inclusive ONLY available – for weeks in Jan, Feb and March of 2017

2018: All-Inclusive is optional – for weeks in Jan, Feb and March. If you do not want all-inclusive you have to book prior to one year in advance through the church.

Cost: \$1,200.00 payable to CGS ((\$3,000.00 value). All-inclusive fee, if applicable, is \$150.00 per person per day payable when you book your vacation. 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 Laurie Ascani, Administrator, 882-5352 to book your vacation!

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!

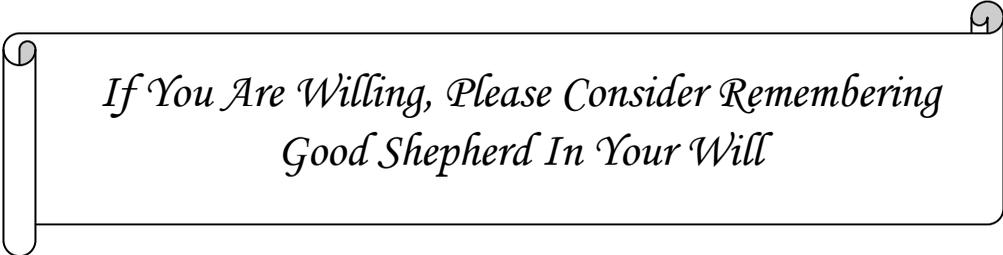
2) SCRIPS CARDS

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 go to <http://www.cgsnashua.org/scrrips>

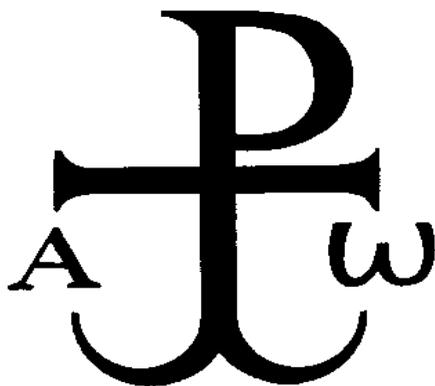
Also...Help TD Bank donate to CGS: TD Bank will make an annual contribution (from the bank’s funds) to the church based on a percentage of the balances in personal and business accounts of parishioners. You can help by 1) Going to your TD Bank, inform them that you would like your TD Bank accounts labeled 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.



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