



# Share The Spirit Newsletter

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## Greetings from Rev. Lisa Graves

### The Lord is Risen: Alleluia!

Now what? Sometimes the days after Easter are a letdown - not because we are not rejoicing that the Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! But because many of our programs and priorities during Lent have ended and we find ourselves wondering - what's next?

Of course, that is certainly the question the disciples faced as well. Their Lord was risen, but what was next? Was he here to stay? Would they go on the road again? Would things be different now? We know that things were about to get very different! The disciples would gather and share stories of followers meeting Jesus on the road, of Jesus showing up on the shoreline cooking fish for breakfast, of doubts being allayed in the most dramatic way and eventually of Jesus leaving but sending a gift of spirit that they had never had before.

So for us, the next weeks are full of hope, promise and questions. How will we be different? How will this year's Lenten season and Easter joy translate into new priorities for us in our families, homes, workplaces and lives? How will we live and be different and what will we ask God to do with us as he fills us too, with his spirit?

For those who came to our soup supper (thank you makers!) and The Shack discussions, we may be wondering where God is calling us next? What does Papa hope for us? How can we lean into a deeper, loving relationship with all persons of our triune God? I will certainly miss our conversations, our vulnerability in sharing and the delicious meal of our Lenten programs!

I look forward to these questions and more in the coming weeks. May God bless you, those you love, this church and all who gather here with Joy, peace and spirit. Amen.

Lisa+

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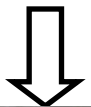
# Holy Spirit Happenings Spring has arrived!



- Every Wednesday, Rev's Lisa and Chip lead the Healing Prayer service. The chapel was full, but there is always room for you to join us!



- The February Community Dinner looked festive. Every month feel free to join us on the last Wednesday of the month.
- On March 23 , Ernie and Anna had Breakfast with the Easter Bunny . Fun time. Thanks to all who made it possible.



Evie Brown now has her own parking space reserved just for her. Congratulations Evie!



- There is a correction from last month's newsletter. Bright and his family are not leaving Holy Spirit. Bright served two weeks in the National Guard and was away. So happy to hear this news and thanks Bright for your service!
- Have you heard the CD of Jim Salvo's Trio? The CD's are available and the proceeds go to Holy Spirit Church. Check it out!



## GREATER TUCKERTON FOOD PANTRY

*Jesus said, "Come to me all who travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you".*

That is the mission of the pantry. Not only do we provide a wonderful array of food and household supplies, but there is a spirit of welcoming warmth generated by both volunteers and clientele. Come in, we are happy to see you. We are glad you are here!

Many clients like to chat with our workers. We see them every week and have developed a neighborly relationship with them. Our new volunteers are often surprised by the familiarity and friendliness exhibited in the pantry. It is a great place to do God's work!

Because of a difficult and expensive economy we have seen more and more folks needing help feeding themselves and their families. In the past 3 years we have tripled the number of families we are feeding, from 400 to 1,200 a month. At times we struggle to keep enough food in the warehouse and have resorted to buying even the staples we once had in abundance. Stores have cut way back on food donations as has the Food Bank, Fulfill.

The good news is we are blessed with generous individuals, organizations, churches, and clubs who supply us with funds and goods to keep us going.

Holy Spirit plays a big part, with many in the congregation working as volunteers or bringing food and supplies when needed. Our own ECW has granted us funding to supply snacks for school age children. The Spirit is at work at Holy Spirit!

The pantry is open Monday and Saturday 10am-12pm and Thursday 10am-1pm. We are located at 148 North Green Street, behind the Methodist Church, in Tuckerton.

Please feel free to stop in and visit. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with food, come on in! If you want to help feed our flock, we would greatly appreciate kid cereal, fresh produce, chicken soup, and canned fruit. Toiletries are also in demand.

God is good! And so are you. Thank you for all you do to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Penny Hughes





### Notices:

Thank you letter  
from  
Fr. Don Muller

February 24, 2024

*Dear Friends Holy Spirit,*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and more. I know that your prayers are lifting me up.*

*I began this journey in December with the diagnosis of stage 2 Mantle Cell Lymphoma. Since then I have had only one bad day. I feel fine. The only side effect has been the loss of hair, now all shaved off – head and face.*

*I have had two rounds of chemo with the third coming on 2/28-29. PET scan will be on 3/20. They are talking about harvesting stem cells and three more rounds.*

*I am grateful for all that you are doing to aid in my recovery. Please continue your prayers for me and the team of medical professionals ministering to me.*

*Fr. Don*

**HANDMADE  
VENDERS  
WANTED!**

# Tuesday Farmers Market

IN TUCKERTON, NJ



220 E MAIN ST. ON RT. 9  
HOLY SPIRIT PARKING LOT

Look for more Easter Bunny photos next month in the May newsletter. It was a fun time and the breakfast looked great too. Thanks for everyone who made this event possible.





## Altar Guild: Time to set the table

How many times have you heard that said, well here at church we hear that each week as we set the *Lord's table* called the **altar**. Like your home we follow certain guidelines in setting up, believe it or not we have that special set put aside and have an ordinary set used daily for the altar.

**Silver** (*chalice and items*) are used when the altar is in complete purple and green, when we take out the **Gold** set when the altar is dressed in *White, Red and Pink Sundays*. So we use silver for most days but like you we step it up with the gold set for those special days like weddings, baptism, Easter, Christmas and all special events.

So lets get started and set the table. First we put on the *table cloth* (called the **Fair Linen**), now the *centerpiece* is the **chalice**. This is the most important item on the altar and is dressed in a special way. First we place the chalice in the middle of the altar (later it will be filled with wine and a little water) then we cover it with a small white linen (**purificator**) later can be used to wipe or cleanse the chalice. Next the **paten** (plate like holder) that holds the large priest host, you cover that with the **pall** (a square piece of cardboard covered in white linen).

We are now going to make our centerpiece stand out because its so very special. As you came into church you will notice the chalice is covered with a **veil** which is embroidered silk, usually in the color of the season (remember we spoke about the meaning of the colors in past newsletters). One more piece is needed to complete our *chalice setup* that is the **burse** (its a square double cardboard, cover in silk which opens to hold the **corporal** and an **extra purificator**). Oh you ask what is a corporal, well its a napkin of linen embroidered with a cross on the front and spread on the fair linen, the chalice will be placed on it at the time of communion.

There is still things needed on the altar to complete our set up. The **altar book** which is on a stand is placed on the left side and the **gospel book** is placed on the right side (as we stand behind altar setting up) **bells** may sometimes be used and placed on right behind the candle holder. We need candles to complete our table so lets put one on each corner up front of the altar. Yes you may use extra **candles**, those that stand of wooden poles are called *torches* and stand on the side of each altar candle. We will light them before our guest (you) come to welcome everyone and not put them out until after the service has ended.

You are not done yet, we need to set up the *side table* (called the **credence table**) for all the extra items needed. Everything has a place on the credence so lets set it up. Facing the table we will put a bowl (called **lavabo**) and *towel* in the front left side. This is used to wash the priest hands before the consecration of wafers / host. In the middle we will put a **cruet** with wine (right side) then cruet with water (left side) next to it. Put the **breadbox** (silver or gold round container with top on it which holds the *peoples wafers*) in front and middle of the cruets. Now in the back right corner put the **alms basin** (for collections) across in the left corner will go the *back up chalice covered with a purificator*. Light the large (red) **sanctuary candle** mounted on the wall next to the reserved sacrament (keep in the wall).

Did we forget anything? What about **flowers**, place them in a holder in front of the altar. Wait a minute – what about Lent (purple season) your right we do *not* use flowers and also on Palm Sunday we will see only palms no flowers. The church goes all out at Easter and Church when the altar is surrounded by flowers of the season.

Take a step back, we see that the altar has the *superfrontal* (cloth of silk hanging in front of the altar) and **banners** hanging on each side of the cross in the seasonal colors. The **pulpit** also has the matching colors.

**Good job, now you are ready to welcome your guest.**

Rita Lanorith





## Are we calling God each time we breathe?

There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get YahWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels.

But scholars and Rabi's have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing.

YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.

A deep sign call His name - or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words.

Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs.

So, when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly.

So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs.

In Joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down.

When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought.

God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive.

All of us, always, everywhere.

Walking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.

Chris Lacy



**MUSICAL NOTES:**

**Elaine Paul**



**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Praise His name!**

Singing in the Episcopal Church can be as diverse as it's worship services. The final authority over the music is the priest who works with the Music Director. Our hymns draw us together musically in the same way that the Book of Common Prayer draws us together in prayer and liturgy. Since Easter, we now sing all the hymns that praise with Alleluia! Every Sunday during April we still sing Easter hymns until the day of Pentecost.

One of my favorite Easter hymns is found on pg. 178 in the 1982 Hymnal.

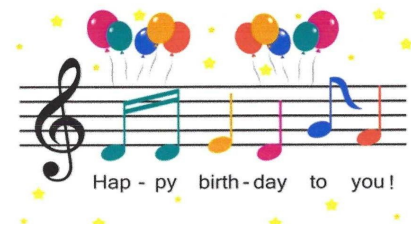
*Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus had died and has risen. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Then the refrain goes like this: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.*

There is also a beautiful Descant with this hymn. The words of this hymn were written by Donald Fishel who is a music-editor and American flautist. This piece was composed in 1971 when Fishel was the music leader for a Roman Catholic Community. Soon it was published in hymnals used by Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches .

The tune is often called ALLELUIA NO. 1.

**Happy April Birthdays 2024**

- April 3 Rev. Lisa Graves
- April 4 Deborah Adam Pharo
- April 5 Tom Paul
- April 6 Susan Wack
- April 8 Anthony Pinzo Jr
- April 10 Elaine Paul
- April 12 Chris Bobinski
- April 16 Joe LaRocca
- April 23 Jane Chapman
- April 28 Canon Don Muller



May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you health and happiness on your birthday and for many years.  
Wishing you a wonderful birthday filled with abundant blessings.  
Amen.



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**SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8:00am, 9:30 am**

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist/Healing 10:30am**

**Tuesdays Bible Study 1:00pm**

**April 15 Seacrest Sock Hop 2:30pm**

**April 24 Community Dinner 6:30pm**



**We're on the Web!**

[www.holyspirittuckerton.org](http://www.holyspirittuckerton.org)

## POST SCRIPTS:

**The men of the church came through again. Thankyou for making the church yard look so nice . Blessings to you!**



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN!  
ALLELULIA! ALLELULIA!**

