

THE SPIRE

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Lying, thinking last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
And bread is not a stone
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong
That nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone
—Maya Angelou

Lately, I have been wondering “how do people make it through these times without a belief in a higher power (or in my case God).” Increasingly, people seem more isolated. Our government seems mean-spirited. And many of us are at sixes and sevens about how we can be of help in making this a “kinder, gentler” world.

So what Gospel message helps in a time like this? I think I would pick the great commandment “Love one another as I have loved you.” But how did Jesus love? We are all familiar with Corinthians 1:13 & ff.: “Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious, or boastful, or rude...” These are all good things and the Gospels show that Jesus practiced them. But to them I would add “Love is creative, imaginative, and sometimes even quirky.” Think about Jesus very practically turning water into wine...creative! Or walking on the sea...imaginative! Or quirky? Well, just look at the company he preferred.

So this month I recommend that each of us reflect God's love by following one unexpected impulse to reach out. I know a man, for instance, who meets strangers, converses with them, and then gives them a button that says “Just Say hello.” That gesture of his (I am sure) comes straight from the Holy Spirit. He may know it or he may not. No matter.

So these days, when I worry, and feel burdened, and look too hard for God, usually something happens that reminds me I am not in this alone and God has not given up on me or my friends or the world. I hope and believe this will happen for you as well and if it does, make sure you respond in kind. Go for it, you creative, imaginative, quirky child of God.

Faithfully,

Cooper+



Final event of Trinity's 150th
Anniversary

Celebration Luncheon held at the
Bairs's in Briarcliff Manor, NY.



The Lantern Gift Shop - Christmas Hours and Other Dates
2018-2019

Lantern Gift Shop will be open Saturdays, 10-1
through December 22, 2018

Closed

December 29 - January 5 - 2019

January Clearance

Saturday, January 12, 2019

(Snow date: January 19)

10 AM - 3 PM

Closed

January 19 and 26 2019

Valentine Sale and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 2, 2019

(Snow date: February 9)

10 AM - 3 PM

Easter Sale and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 6, 2019

(Snow date: April 13)

10 AM - 3 PM

"Spring Fling"/ English Tea Luncheon

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Shop Hours: 10 AM - 3 PM

Lunch Served: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Because we are a shop run by volunteers, if you are coming from a distance,
it is a good idea to call the shop shortly after 10 AM to make sure someone is here.

Telephone 914-941-4434

let's do lunch



The Luncheon helpers on November 10th. The fabulous baskets and a parish hall filled with costumers.





THE LUNCHEON RESULTS

Raffle 1336

Luncheon 1216

Bake Sale 655.25

Attic Sale 705

Shop 3064

TOTAL 6976.25



Thanksgiving Service



November 21 at 6:30 at
St. Paul's On The Hill



WINNERS OF THE FIVE BEAUTIFUL BASKETS: November 10, 2018

1. Bring Your Lunch - Warren Fay
2. We Give Thanks - Asa Barnes
3. Grillin' and Chillin' - Charene Moy
4. Game Night - Anne DeCrenza
5. Christmas is Coming - Carole Miller



Warden's Wonderings and Wanderings

Clocks are set back but we continue to move forward

Greetings All.....

“If it ain’t about love it ain’t about God.”- presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

These past weeks have been a time when we all search our core beliefs and ask why. Why? How? Can humans treat one another with such disdain with so little consideration for the sanctity of life? No matter our politics, we here on the hill know the importance of love in our daily lives. We are about God and we are about love. That’s why we are all here!!!

So what’s been happening.....

The vestry, such a bright, caring and hardworking group has been very busy. We met at the rectory for a joint meeting with our counterparts from sister parish Trinity for a very informative and productive meeting. Though we are just getting started at working on strategic visioning for both parishes, we learned a significant amount about one another and each parish through our opening “Get to know you” exercise and the resulting conversation. This process of strategic visioning, led by Darryl Moy and Beth Pollack, will help both parishes identify core values, and set measurable goals both individually and together. It is no secret that small churches such as Trinity and St. Paul’s face significant challenges in the future. These two groups, working as one, will be able to guide us all in love.

Our vestry met this month for a full day retreat to review St. Paul’s accomplishments and identify areas of concern. The conversation was frank and productive as we try to address the most immediate issues we face.

Because we lost so many trees to the vicious storms this past year, Mother Cooper and I walked the grounds with two arborists to evaluate the health and well being of our mature trees. I know I learned a lot about trees in general and about ours specifically. If we want them to last, we must take care of them. More on our trees to come.

The Emergency shelter gets underway at the end of this month. Consider cooking, serving, donating socks, gloves. This is such a worthy ministry and the effects of our love is immediate and stays local. Our winters can be brutal and no one should be out on a frigid winter night. If you haven’t yet participated in some way in this ministry I suggest that you do!

Another ministry that needs many hands to lighten the load is the Youth Music Program. Through this we reach young students through music. All the students this year are eager and happy thanks to Art and Carolyn Hightower who give so much of themselves to this program.

Looking for something to do outside? A little bulb planting makes a glorious spring!!!! Beth Pollack and I would be happy to direct you to a fertile patch of garden soil. Bulb Donations graciously accepted.

Winter is quickly approaching and then What????? Christmas... Altar guild does a great job decorating the church and can always use a few able-bodied people to help with the tasks of hanging garland and wreaths, dusting and vacuuming for such a special season. Another way to show your love.

As always, I close with a huge thank you to each and everyone of you for always showing your love to me and one another. It is a special gift we give to others.

As we look toward Thanksgiving and Christmas let's all work hard to share the love with others.... Especially those we find hard to love. They are the ones that need it most..... and the returns on such love are immeasurable.

Peace and Love

Jo Ann McGrath

Warden '17-'18

“You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’. But I say to you ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; For He makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous”
Matthew 5 43-45.





A Native American grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt.

He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one."

The grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?"

The grandfather answered: "The one I feed."

~ Native American Story ~

MUSIC CAMP



Music camp concert is set for December 7th
at 3 30.

See you there

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Craig Peter Rowe
11/05 Mark E. DiLoreto
11/08 Kirsten Bowen
11/10 Kevin Noye
Daniel Visconti
11/16 Aileen Hunt
11/19 Jim Bowen
11/20 Stephen Monroe
11/21 Dan Platt
11/22 Albert Cucurullo
11/25 Dawn Mahlau
11/26 Francesca Houghtaling
11/28 Doug McGrath

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/01 Graham & Ann Gulian
11/03 Francesca & John Houghtaling
11/08 Barbara & Gene Mahlau
11/28 Roger & Melanie Rowe

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

11/25 Christina Brocchi

NOVEMBER DEATHS

11/09 John James Farrell
11/16 Henry Moser
11/17 Doris Walker
11/19 Barbara Kip
11/25 Beatrice Losee
11/26 Edward (Ted) Brewster