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# WEEKLY MESSENGER

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## STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

When I was on the Board for the Peterkin Camp and Conference Center (Romney, WV) we were interviewing architects and trying to determine ecological impact of pending construction. We wanted to be responsible for the beautiful mountain setting and yet design a camp and conference center that would take care of dilapidated facilities. The architect who won the contract and built the facility used a term that I have never forgotten, "tread softly that your footprints may be small."

As faithful stewards of this fragile earth, our island home (from Eucharistic Prayer C) we are called to tread softly that our footprints may be small. We are coming into summer, which tends to be one of the more highly polluting seasons of the year. Picnics, eating outdoors, vacation trips, summer getaways tend to be associated with high disposable use. Here are some suggestions to consider for more ecological living...

Let there be nothing in your wake, clean up after yourself, consume only what you can use, prioritize your needs, recycle whenever possible, reflect on our call to be good stewards of the earth and your use of this planet and her resources.

Use recyclable products whenever possible, limit the use of environmentally unfriendly products and packaging. Don't forget your reusable grocery bags when you go shopping.

Clean out your closets and drawers and ask how much stuff do you really need? Recycle clothing and shoes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army, or a local ministry!

Examine your automotive use- could you plan your day or week better, maybe shop fewer times, but acquire what you need through more careful trip planning and preparation -use alternative forms of energy whenever possible-

Use fluorescent lights instead of incandescent lights where possible, check the energy consumption on major electric appliances - replacing them with more energy efficient appliances may also save you some money in the long run.

Use power strips whenever possible and turn them off- appliances plugged in still draw small amounts of current which added up over the course of a year is still significant

Explore home improvement stores for energy saving tips and suggestions for preventive maintenance around your home.

Be conscientious about your water usage. Limit watering your lawn, running hot water while shaving, or cold water while brushing your teeth, limit the length of your showers (set a timer)

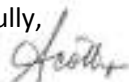
Only operate clothes washers and dishwashers with a full load.

In food preparation, make a double or even triple batch of a recipe so that you can have left-overs easily micro waved -you will save time and energy.

Make a game out of conserving the resources of our earth and play the game often!

Remember "tread softly that your footprints may be small."

Faithfully,



The Rev. Scott Holcombe, Rector

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## CONGRATULATIONS TOM SWARTZ!

This year, Christ Church's David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Tom Swartz, who will be honored at the diocesan Senior Ministries' annual Evensong next **Sunday, June 21** at 4 p.m. at Christ Church, East Orange. Tom has been a familiar face at Christ Church for 50 years, during which time he has given generously of his time and talents to numerous ministries. He was a co-creator of a group for singles and greatly expanded the after-church Flower Ministry program in which he continues to participate. We are thankful too for his many ongoing years of participation as a lay reader, usher, and worker at the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges. All are invited to celebrate Tom's ministry and that of the other honorees at Sunday's Evensong, featuring Bishop Beckwith as officiant and preacher. The service will be preceded by a reception beginning at 3 p.m. Christ Church is located at the corner of Burnett and Main St in East Orange, close to 280 (Clinton St. exit) and the Garden State Parkway.



Education for Ministry (Efm) is a program from the School of Theology of the University of the South for lay people seeking to deepen their knowledge and faith and become more aware of their gifts for ministry. The four-year curriculum covers the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, church history and theology. Weekly meetings include discussion, prayer and theological reflection on the course materials, current events, and participants' life experiences. The evening group is accepting new members for next year; contact mentor Sandra Johnson at [sandy73j@gmail.com](mailto:sandy73j@gmail.com) for more information. This year's graduates will be switching gears in the fall and offering a Monday morning series on C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* beginning Oct. 5.

**THE PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE** will be having a luncheon this summer to thank those who have already told Christ Church that the parish is a beneficiary in their will. If you have made such a bequest and not notified the church, please let Juli Towell or the Rector know so that we can make sure you are invited.

*Thanks, the Stewardship Committee*



## PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP JUNE 23

Bishop Beckwith is inviting clergy and lay leaders of District 4 (which includes CSH) to a workshop about planned giving and the different options available for remembering a church or other ministry in your will. Such gifts help ensure the future of an organization whose work is important to you and serve as a testament of your values for generations to come. Jim Murphy, Associate Program Director at the Episcopal Church Foundation, will lead the workshop on **Tuesday, June 23** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip's Academy, 342 Central Avenue in Newark. If you would like to attend, please call 973-379-2898 or email [lisa.green@ccshmail.org](mailto:lisa.green@ccshmail.org) by next Sunday, June 20.

# "HOGWARTS PROFESSOR"

Forty Harry Potter fans, adults and teenagers, gathered Wednesday night to hear "Potter Pundit" John Granger speak about the spiritual and literary themes in the popular series. Many of us had read all 4100 pages of the popular series and were intrigued by Granger's exploration of the books' deeper meanings. Granger's Anglican upbringing and lifelong study of the classics allowed him to see the images woven into kindred spirit J.K. Rowling's seven books, from the colors and stages of alchemy to Scriptural and medieval references. "Harry's story is the shared text of our time," Granger said, "sneaking past the 'watchful dragons' of our secular culture vitals truths about the power of a pure heart to confront evil, of love to conquer death." Thank you to MARY MITCHELL for these great photos!



**ANNIVERSARIES**

06/13 Gaye Torrance + John Sogliuzzo  
 06/13 Katherine + Frederick Coombs  
 06/13 Nancy + Bill Harwood  
 06/13 Sandy + Arnie Peinado  
 06/16 Joyce + Mitch Wiggin  
 06/17 Suzanne + John William  
 06/20 Barbara + Frank Armour  
 06/20 Barbara + Andrew Senchak  
 06/20 Unni + John Cooper  
 06/21 Diane + Stanley Tso  
 06/23 Linda + Steven Fischer  
 06/24 Helen + Chalmers Greenlee  
 06/24 Rose + Ken Udland  
 06/26 Dale + Vernon Barback  
 06/26 Barbara + Larry Neugebauer  
 06/26 Marjory + James Ward  
 06/29 Sati + Robert Zglobicki  
 06/30 Jean + Hook Bailey

**BIRTHDAYS**

06/11 Stacie Cheung  
 06/11 Olivia Malin  
 06/12 David McDonald  
 06/15 Martha Santiuste  
 06/16 Steven Fischer  
 06/17 Mike McChesney  
 06/17 Inese Houlis  
 06/19 Alison Cundey  
 06/21 Ellen Dey  
 06/21 Joan Mebane  
 06/21 Malcolm Warnock  
 06/21 Anne Bumsted  
 06/23 Michael Roberts  
 06/24 Evangeline Schott  
 06/25 Helen Dwyer  
 06/25 Peter Carchia  
 06/26 Griffin Bartsch  
 06/26 Rick Marchisio  
 06/26 Tara Greene  
 06/27 Tom Greene

## OUTREACH MINISTRY SURVEY

The Outreach Ministry Committee is conducting a survey on how to restructure its program offerings. The surveys are available by email, on the table outside of Parish Hall and online at our website [www.christchurchshorthills.org](http://www.christchurchshorthills.org).

Please take the time to complete the short survey by **June 21** so we can match the needs of the congregation with appropriate, meaningful and positive volunteer opportunities so all can become involved. Completed survey can be mailed to the church or put in the box by the church mailboxes.



### BULLETIN HELP NEEDED!

Andi Hidalgo is looking for any volunteers to fold and staple the Sunday bulletins on Thursdays. If you are able to help, please contact Andi at [andrea.hidalgo@ccshmail.org](mailto:andrea.hidalgo@ccshmail.org) and/or 973.379.2898, ext. 201. Thank you!

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

**June 14**

Adele Clifford Cox

**June 21**

Judy H. Albers

**June 28**

Walter J. Bauer  
 Mary 'Wilda' Bauer  
 Doris Zemaitis Bauer

**July 5**

Rosalind Lanier

**July 12**

H.R. and Mildred Coursen

**July 19**

JoAnne Graziano

**July 26**

Robert F. LeMoine

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:30am - YPF/CCSH Softball game</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00am - Men's Group</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p> <p>8:00pm - Feed Forward: Newcomer Ministry</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:00pm - Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30am - Interweave's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:30am - Careers in Transition</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00am - Adult Forum</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>6:00am - Men's Group</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p> <p>7:00pm - Worship committee</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>9:30am - Interweave's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>4:00pm - Winchester Gardens Eucharist</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>