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WEEKLY MESSENGER

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Scott Holcombe, *Rector*



CONGRATULATIONS

Tory Rennie

recipient of the The Louis J. Batzle Award
and

Peter Sammartino and Nicholas Morgan,

recipients of the

The Rear Admiral Charles L. Austin Memorial Scholarship Award

JUNE 24: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Separated by six months from the birthday of his cousin Jesus, celebrated near the winter solstice, John's birthday comes near the summer solstice. It too was announced by the angel Gabriel, in John's case to his father Zechariah. The baby leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary, carrying Jesus, came to visit. John grew up to preach a baptism of repentance in the desert, living on locusts and wild honey. As the collect for his feast day puts it, he 'constantly spoke the truth, boldly rebuked vice, and patiently suffered for the truth's sake.'

'I baptize you with water,' John told his disciples, 'but one who is more powerful than I is coming . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' In the Prayer Book calendar (pp. 15-33), June 24 is the only feast day besides Christmas which celebrates a birthday, and it's considered one of the important 'Feasts of Our Lord' among the Holy Days of the church year. One way to "keep the feast" is by attending Commemoration Day at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham on **Saturday, June 27** at 10.30 am. Solemn Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan, with the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, preaching, followed by lunch and fellowship on the cloister.

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.



PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP JUNE 23

Bishop Beckwith is inviting clergy and lay leaders of District 4 (which includes CCSI) 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.



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 **TODAY** beginning with a reception at 3:00 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. Christ Church is located at the corner of Burnett and Main Street in East Orange, close to 280 (Clinton Street exit) and the Garden State Parkway.



CONGRATULATIONS JOAN McKEOWN!

Joan recently received the
Kent Place Alumna
Community Service Award.

Way to go Joan!

YOUTH SUNDAY + YPF SOFTBALL GAME!

Thank you to HOPE LAMPE, LISA GREEN + CYNTHIA McCHESNEY for these great photos!



ANNIVERSARIES

- 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

- 06/17 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
- 06/28 Louise Thomas
- 06/30 Marcus Pelham-Webb
- 06/30 Peggy Shilling

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. Please take the time to complete the short survey by **TODAY** 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.



Our photo website has been updated with a ton of new photos! Check them out here:
<http://christchurchinshorthills.shutterfly.com>

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

LAST WEEK

Attendance
8:00 a.m. - 18
9:30 a.m. - 109

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>21</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care + Last Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00am - Choir Picnic at the Marchisio/Bovan home</p>	<p>22</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p> <p>7:00pm-Worship committee</p>	<p>23</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>9:30am - Interweave's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>4:00pm - Winchester Gardens Eucharist</p>	<p>26</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>	<p>27</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p>
<p>28</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer + Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00am - Adult Forum</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am - Interweave's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30pm - Women of the New Testament : The Woman at the Well</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICES ARE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p> 