



Church of the Holy Spirit

# The Dove

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## Welcome to Dario!

Sunday, July 19, we celebrate the Baptism of Dario Raphael Diaz-Dyson, son of Deborah and Jorge. Please make a special effort to join us on Sunday to celebrate this special occasion.

## Summer Reading List

While our Rev. Fred Moser is on sabbatical, let's all prepare for his return and anticipated teachings on interfaith and ecumenical work. Please join the vestry in reading Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler. This book explores the common bonds we as Christians share with Jews and Muslims as followers in the Abrahamic tradition.

Other books on our summer reading list (thanks to Barbie Hart!) that you might find interesting are on our website at [www.chs.wayland.org](http://www.chs.wayland.org). Paper copies are available at church. After you have read a book, please consider donating it to our church library.

## Do You Know Sue?

*(This is the first of a "serial" interview of Parish members -- whoever gets interviewed does the next interview. So, don't be surprised if Sue calls you out of the blue! - Kara Brewton)*

When Sue and Ralph Richardson began dating (introduced by her brother, Bill Gagnebin), Ralph used to travel from Beverly every Sunday morning to pick up Sue and go to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waban, Newton. For some reason, Ralph never missed a Sunday! When they decided to get married, Suzanne figured she would become a Methodist, since Ralph's grandfather was a Methodist preacher. To her surprise, Ralph announced one day that he was going to become an Episcopalian.

When Rev. Don Noteworthy knocked on Suzanne's door, she was not sure whether to call him "Father" or "Mister" Noteworthy. At 6'-5", Don patted her on the shoulder, smiled, and replied, "My name is Donald Noteworthy. You can call me Donald, Don, Mister, or Father. You can call me whatever you want to; I will accept." Sue and Ralph joined

CHS in 1962 when services were still being held at the Parmenter Health Center (before the church was built).

Responding to her calling, Sue worked as a teacher during the week and as a Sunday School teacher for over 30 years. Suzanne perennially finds the energy to run the White Elephant sale with Elaine Shabeck at the Spring Fair, serves on the Vestry, and always takes the time to ask how you are doing.

Sue always smiles when talking about her nephew that she helped raise - Bill Landry, who lives in Tennessee with his family. Sue's passion is genealogy; she coordinates a group at the Framingham and Wayland Senior Centers, and has taught genealogy in Lincoln and Acton.

I asked Sue if we see her so often Sunday mornings because Ralph still doesn't want to miss a date. She laughed and said she really comes to fill her spiritual needs, which we all need so much. After listing all the things parish members have done for her over the years, Sue says "the social connections are so important - this is my church family."

## 350 Faith

Remember "Bud's Bells?" and the wonderful ringing of our bells here at CHS (350 times, ably led by June Breckenridge!) just a few months ago?

A little quiz: do you remember the significance of 350? Well, 350.org began by asking a simple question: How can a people-powered movement unite around a common call to action, and help pull the planet back from the brink of the climate crisis? A simple answer: a global day of climate action!

So...SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2009

And in the meantime, people of all faiths and all traditions are invited to join in prayer, meditation, action and celebration for 350.

Join the movement!

For more information: [www.350.org](http://www.350.org), or ask Gina Poole!

## Noah Bullock Visits Church of the Holy Spirit

Following David Haist's mission trip to El Salvador a couple years ago, CHS began supporting the Cristosal Foundation. One of the leaders, Noah Bullock, works for the Diocese of El Salvador and visited us in June. Noah has helped facilitate improvements in infrastructure and education that enable local families and communities to become more self sufficient.

Noah's full homily is on our website; following is a summary of the message he shared with us, related to the parable of the mustard seed.

Church leaders in El Salvador often speak of "The kingdom of heaven"

### Care Wear Volunteers

An example of the "Us" model of mission is our parish's work with a national organization called Care Wear, which promotes the knitting and sewing of items for newborn babies - hats, blankets, booties, soft toys, etc. Frances Wade first became involved with Care Wear fifteen years ago when she started a group at her church in New Jersey.

Soon after arriving at CHS, Frances started a group here. Current CHS members who contribute their work to the ministry include: Betsey Gagnebin, Marcy Kudirka, Carol Neeson, Becky Patterson, Henny Skeen, M.C. Garfield, Mary Thielscher, and Debbie Jones. Original members no longer at CHS were Ann Flowers and the late Eleanor Nagle. The group also has

in terms of a project to bring about a more humane world, "The project of the kingdom of heaven." Although we may not understand the holy mystery of germination, the work of sowing and caring for the seed is ours to do. There are three current models in missionary work today: the "Them Model" (i.e., building "them" schools); the "Me" model, with its roots in pilgrimage to holy sites in search of vocation and meaning; and the "Us" model, mission work that we do together in communion. The "Us" model requires more than giving and receiving, it is accompaniment, it is about transforming and being transformed.

members beyond the CHS community: Carolyn Halloran, Molly Adams, Irene McErlain, Elizabeth Kryston and Marilyn Harris.

Volunteers take their items to Metro West and Emerson Hospitals; each year they deliver close to 1000 pieces!

One day Becky Patterson was volunteering at one of the hospitals, and spotted a familiar blanket over a newborn. Becky said, "Oh, look! A new blanket for a new grandbaby!" The mother started to tear up, explaining that the baby did not have any grandparents, and how thankful she was that the hospital was able to give her this handmade blanket. Becky replied, "Well, I am a grandmother, and so now your baby has a grandparent." What a great example of "Us" work!

## The Middle School Program Has a Bountiful Year!

The focus of our middle school curriculum for 5th to 8th graders is to integrate worship, scripture, and every day life. We begin each Sunday school gathering by having someone read from the bulletin and discussing its meaning. We review the church season we are in, the associated colors, and the focus question of the week. Remember to ask our middle schoolers what they are learning; this is an opportunity for all of us to reinforce the information discussed. The remaining portion of the time we focus on a particular subject and how it relates to scripture. This year we collaborated with members of our parish to help us teach particular topics, and we are so grateful for their time.

In the fall Anne Porter shared her expertise with web design. She helped the children learn more about the web site and its importance in communicating information. We spoke about the importance of "talk" and our responsibilities as Christians to speak about God.

Andy Johnson taught our youth about the prayers of the people. Over a period of several weeks, he helped them create their own, practice them, and then read them during the Children's Sabbath.

During the winter, Mary Mendler and Scott and Kristen Fisher led a six - week session on interfaith. The youth learned about various religions and had the pleasure of

guest speakers from the Islamic Center and the Temple. These sessions helped our youth appreciate the various aspects of different religions and embrace the differences.

This spring Gina Poole shared her enthusiasm and knowledge in helping our youth learn more about Climate change and the United Nations' Millennium goals. They are presented a powerpoint of what they learned at our May 17th service.

We found that this curriculum was well received by our young people. They were engaged with the conversations, they offered tremendous insight, and they certainly demonstrated a great knowledge base regarding worship and scripture.

We plan to continue with this format and will begin planning objectives for next year starting in June. The success of this program comes from its simplicity and the willingness of our parishioners to share their time and talents. If you have knowledge, enthusiasm and would like to offer your time next year.... please see Tammy Retalic. Perhaps one of the best unexpected surprises was the fun and the learning each of the adults experienced through this process.

**All children are invited  
to our year-end  
celebration during the  
10:00 service on  
Sunday, May 24th!**

## Music Notes

On Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. please be with us to celebrate The Feast of the Ascension with other parishes of our Deanery at Trinity Church, Concord, 81 Elm St. In addition to our choir members and others from area churches, children and young people from our church and others will play in a special bell choir.

## From the Altar

Dawn Randall shared her expertise with the children as they read from Genesis and created art work to reflect their interpretation of God's creation in the beginning. They drew animals, trees, light, and sky which were sewn on an altar cloth to create their very own altar hanging design. On May 10th we blessed this cloth and all of its beauty. Ruth Chamberlin and Becky Patterson spoke about the different parts of preparing the altar, which they do for us every week!

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Our Parish website, www.chswayland.org, contains information about parish and wider church activities. It links to our diocesan website, www.diomass.org, through which a wealth of information, news, items, ministry resources, & registrations for diocesan learning events may be accessed. Remember to consider these as valuable resources for our Christian lives.

## Time & Talent

Please ask yourself if have the time or talent to help in our lay leadership:

- The Financial Canvassing Committee is looking for assistance in planning for this fall's pledge drive. See Ted Price if you can help.
- Dave Osowski has bravely been taking on two jobs as Treasurer and Bill Payer (in addition to his full time job); please let him know if you can take on some of this work.
- Becky Patterson and Ruth Chamberlin always welcome new people to help with the altar guild in preparing our service every week!

## Mission Work Update -- Let's Celebrate!

Have you heard about all the wonderful things our parish has accomplished? Just in the last couple years, we have:

### **1) Raised enough funds to purchase four hectares of land for those in need in El Salvador -**

This started with David Haist travelling to El Salvador to help build a road to a remote, and very poor, village. Then, Christmas cards were prepared by the Sunday school children to raise funds to support the construction of a roadway to a second very poor village in El Salvador (in fact, CHS funded approx 25% of the total cost of the project, which is absolutely great). We continued to sell Christmas cards this year (with assistance of students at Framingham State), Miriam Stoddard organized and ran a candlelight supper, and the Retalic family held a spaghetti dinner to raise over \$400 for microloans.

As a result of these fundraising efforts, the four hectares (almost 10 acres) of land will allow people to provide food for their families and sell some of their crops in local

### **Godly Play and Babysitting Service**

Thanks to Julia Moser-Hardy, our high school students are offering free babysitting service during our Sunday services for those families with children that are not quite old enough for our pre-K through 4th grade Godly Play classroom. Please see Kara Brewton if you would like more information on how to become a story teller at one of our Godly Play

markets, so they can raise a small amount of funds, some of which can be used to buy uniforms and books for their children's education (after 6th grade, the government stops all support of education).

### **2) Members of the congregation went to Mississippi to help with rebuilding homes after Katrina.**

**3) Fed, at Thanksgiving, homeless people on the Boston Common, with Bill Lopriore and our partnership with students at Framingham State College.**

**4) Members of the congregation knitted hats and gloves for the homeless in Boston, led by MC Garfield.**

**5) Held several concerts with our choir to raise monies for the Episcopal Relief and Development fund.**

**6) Provided personal materials (combs, soap, etc.) to a program sponsored by The Depression Bi-polar Support Alliance for patients entering McClean Hospital, organized by Jane Thankful Smith.**

classes, including training by the diocese on May 30th & August 29th. We are also looking for donations of more Godly Play materials (beautiful wooden toys and presentations) for next fall. Please see the Sunday School bulletin board for the 5-6 needed items, and consider purchasing a sacred story to honor a loved one or in celebration of their birthday!