

## The Holy Spirit and What is it to Be the Church

by: The Rev. Chasity L. Wiener

I read a quote the other day that made me stop dead in my tracks: *A disciple is someone who has moved from being a recipient of the church's mission to being responsible for the church's mission.*

We are all disciples of Christ, so (after an honest moment of reflection) where do you think you fall? Recipient or responsible?

I ask this question—not to judge or shame—but that we collectively might realize that the greatest asset to our church *is you*. “Christ has no body now, *but yours*. No hands, no feet on earth, *but yours*. *Yours* are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. *Yours* are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. *Yours* are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.” When Saint Teresa of Avila wrote these words, she was trying to bring about an uprising of compassion, while casting a mission of love within her community.

...because here is the secret: a church building cannot be Christ in this world because a building cannot be animated by the Holy Spirit.

But people can.

Yes, we are a culture overcommitted, sometimes to the point of exhaustion. Yes, it is always easier to take (e.g. be a recipient of mission) than to give (e.g. be responsible for mission) because what the church offers—messages of grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness—are *exactly* the balm we, ourselves, need for our tired souls. We think to ourselves: “I cannot possibly cannot ‘do’ one more thing.”

And, in the loud clamor and competition of what fills this world, the celebration of Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit can be that much louder. The Holy Spirit violently shakes us to awaken from the deep slumbers of ourselves and what consumes us. It is a weird story, actually—in the book of Acts, the Spirit came on the early church community gathered in one place, in the form of a strong wind that filled the house, and divided tongues of fire that rested on each of them (Acts 2:1-3). Amidst the wind and fire, the disciples are empowered to speak some 15 different language not their own, whereby *outsiders* of Parthians, Mesopotamians, and Cappadocians heard even the message

of God’s love mission for the entire world (them!) in their mother tongue.

In other words, *theirs* were the tongue that told this good news of a love language that the outsiders needed to hear: one of inclusivity, love, welcome, and faith. That is the mission of God—to empower us to connect to others and “Reach Out to Share Christ’s Love.” In the season of Pentecost, we are animated by the Holy Spirit to be the hands, feet, body, and eyes of Christ.

...which means that we need to talk about mission, Church, while listening to how the Spirit is blowing and firing among us collectively. We have come along way in our 35 years of ministry in Harford County, but what is the spirit asking of you to reveal to our church so that we may be the hands, feet, body, and eyes of Christ?

...because a church building cannot be Christ in this world, because a building cannot be animated by the Holy Spirit.

But people can.

We ask that you—over the next 10-12 weeks, be open to catch glimpses of the real hands, feet, body, and eyes of Christ all around you...

...like in the ways that people support each other, in a time of national division...

...in the ways we can pull together to combat hunger or other social injustices in our world...

...in the passionate ways that we can better share these beautiful love stories of our faith, about a God who relentlessly rescues and finds the lost...

...in the ways that we can speak the languages of grace and love to those who are on the outsiders...

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And, dear Disciple, please add your voice and witness to our mission planning. Our Vision Team is ready to engage with you and hear you, so that we can present our one, two, and three-year vision as a congregation. What ministries do we need to improve or implement (e.g. what is missing from HCLC that would really help in growing in faith?). What ministries do we do well, and might strengthen? Be bold—for we have the Holy Spirit shaking things up! ☺

Reaching out to Share Christ's love,

*Pastor Chas*

*Nota bene: our vision team members are Dave Frieman, Candiss Dominick, Larry and Sue Phillips, Phil and Haleigh Wiener, Jane Jackson, Leland Knight, Greg Hess, Heather Henderson, and Tanya and Amelia Svobota.*

## Summer Sidewalk Social

The Summer Sidewalk Socials will begin June 16! Please join us for lemonade, juice, cookies, and simple finger foods outside between services every Sunday this summer! There will be sign-up sheet available during both services, and Hailea will be emailing reminders to those who signed up to bring snacks and drinks each week. We hope to see you there!



## Donations of Glasses

If you have any old, un-needed glasses laying around, we would love to have them! There is a box located above the coat rack where they can be placed. The glasses will be refurbished and distributed to those who cannot afford glasses. Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry!



## New Webcam

We have upgraded! We have a new high definition webcam that will enhance the worship experience for those who join us virtually on Sundays. We were able to procure this camera from the generous donations given in memory of Dave Warren. This is a much needed upgrade, as we were having connectivity issues with our previous webcam. The picture and audio are also greatly improved! Thanks to Bruce Amrein for all his hard work in researching and installing the new webcam.



## Vision Planning Team

We've come a long way in our 35 years of ministry! What is the Holy Spirit calling us to in the near future? Our vision team is currently in the process of listening and discerning to what the Holy Spirit has in store for our church. This is known as mission planning and our vision team will present to you our 1, 2, and 3 year goals at the next congregational meeting (in January 2020). But, we need your input NOW to help frame these conversations!

1. What ministries do we need to improve or implement (e.g. what is missing from HCLC that would really help your faith life?)
2. What ministries do we do well at HCLC and therefore we want to continue?

Be specific. Pray. Listen. Discern. Then, let us know.

If you would to offer any insights over the next 10-12 weeks, please see Dave Frieman, Candiss Dominick, Larry and Sue Phillips, Phil and Haleigh Wiener, Jane Jackson, Leland Knight, Greg Hess, Heather Henderson, and Tanya and Amelia Svobota



# The Junior Apprenticeship

The Junior Apprenticeship is geared toward building leadership skills and work experience for students ages 14-16, especially at a time in their lives when they are too young to get a job and are often too old for summer camps. This experience would enhance team building skills, while gaining work experience in a safe and supportive setting that gives grace!

## Expectations:

- Students would be expected to dedicate one day a week in the church office, preferably Mondays, from 9A-2P.
- Students are expected to dress for a business office setting and pack their lunch.
- Students will work in the front office while also being mentored by other members of the congregation, while reporting to the pastor.
- Each student will be expected to lead a project, of their own design and choosing, that will better our church community. The student will need to submit their ideas for approval, gain appropriate committee permissions (if applicable), and assemble a team within our church community to complete the project before August 19. It is expected that the student will be the Project Team Lead and will have all authority in the planning and executing process. It would, however, serve the student well to seek the input from their assembled team, as this is the overall objective of team building.
- While it is expected that the students hold weekly office hours, we also expect that students should be flexible to work on their project—at their own flexibility and planning—during the week to facilitate meetings, follow up on phone conversations, etc. We expect the total office time commitment to be 8-10 hours weekly, including five hours of office hours.
- Students will need to submit to a formal application process. A select committee will help to oversee this process.
- The first day will be Monday, June 24 and the last office day will be August 12, with their project completion by August 19.

*At the end of the program, each student will be recognized for their work, which also includes a “launch” congregational party celebrating their accomplishments. Additionally, each student will receive, upon request, a letter of recommendation highlighting their skills strengths and growing areas.*

**Please see the attached application!**



**All completed applications should be turned into Pastor Chas, or the church office.**

## Rain Barrel Mini-Grant

by: Arlene Weber

**We just received a \$5000 minigrant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a Rain Barrel Project!!!!**

This grant includes a rain barrel workshop led by a water conservation expert along with an on-site demonstration on how you install the barrels in your home. At the end of the workshop, each family will receive a FREE rain barrel (a \$150 value)! Use rain barrels to collect rain water to water your plants and gardens.



Please consider participating in this workshop and bring a family member or friend. The workshop will take place Saturday, June 22 from 10:00-11:30 at the church.

You must RSVP to the church office at [office@holychommunionfallston.org](mailto:office@holychommunionfallston.org) because we have a limited supply of rain barrels.



# Holy Communion Lutheran Church

## Summer Apprenticeship Application 2019

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Please rank your top three (3) areas that you would like to serve in. If you have an idea of a focus for an apprenticeship that is not on the list, that's great! Please write it in the "Other" section!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry and Building           | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Ministry & Visitations                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry (VBS)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking & Teaching                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Design)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Photography)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Theology                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Social Media)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts (creating holy spaces in worship) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Video)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Arts (Dance, Music)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Arts (Tech & Visuals)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Landscaping        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior and Space Design        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach (Community Involvement) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach (Social Justice)        |  |

Do you have a laptop (preferred) or tablet that you could use for your apprenticeship? Yes No Maybe?



## References

*Please list three professional references.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Strengths and Faith

What do you think some of your strongest gifts are? How have those gifts grown or been strengthened lately?

What has God been doing in your life lately? How have you been seeking God?

## Expectations

What are you hoping to get out of this apprenticeship?

Do you have any questions about apprenticeships?

## Declaration of Intent & Signature

*For these apprenticeships, Mondays will be the main work days. We will have a special meeting on Monday that will be part small group, part leadership training and part staff meeting. Since apprentices will be making a real, lasting difference at Holy Communion, we are asking for a commitment from our apprentices. We understand that you probably have vacations and trips planned. The apprenticeships begin June 24 and end August 12. That's 8 weeks. We realize that plans can change but by putting in this application, you are confirming that you can commit to at least 6 weeks of apprenticeship.*

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and have read and understand the Junior Apprenticeship Expectations.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Youth News

## From the Youth Director

by: Heather Henderson

Summer is quickly approaching and it's the time of the year when we become more relaxed—vacations, lazy days by the pool, no school, and we tend to be less likely to go to church.

Just because we aren't physically present in church doesn't mean that we can't take church with us on the go. One of my favorite ways to have church on the go is through a favorite bible verse. Do you have one? Mine is Hebrews 6:19. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. And it leads us into God's inner sanctuary."



How can you apply the meaning of your favorite bible verse to what we see and hear around us? Use that meaning as a conversation starter with your family. How can you make a prayer using your favorite bible verse?

God is with us in our everyday life. He helps us through the big things but more importantly the little things. If we look and listen closely we can see and hear God everyday. Why not use his word to guide our life.

If you have any questions, or would like to provide feedback please feel free to contact me at [Youth@HolyCommunionFallston.org](mailto:Youth@HolyCommunionFallston.org)

God's blessings,  
Heather

## Sunday School

by: Carrie Dorsey

Thank you to all for a wonderful year in Sunday school! I have enjoyed teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and also enjoyed serving as the director. I will be staying on as director for the 2019 – 2020 year. I am looking forward to another great year of sharing God's love, joy and peace with our children.

I want to also take a moment to thank again the wonderful Sunday school team. Our teachers—Katie Schissler, Katy Hess, Linda Myers, Amelia Svoboda, and Lee Lefkowitz. Our substitutes—Theresa and Jon Perkins and Brigit Stramma. And our youth volunteers—Lars Lefkowitz, Sadie Perkins, Emma Synder, Brea Volke and Haleigh Weiner. Thank you to Larry Phillips for all of your assistance with registration, background checks of the adults, and all the other things you did for us this year. Thank you to Carolyn Luce for assisting with music for our Christmas Play. And thank you to our parents, guardians and grandparents for bringing and sharing your children with us each week!

We can't wait until September!

For questions or to volunteer please e-mail me at [SundaySchool@HolyCommunionFallston.org](mailto:SundaySchool@HolyCommunionFallston.org)

Join us at Holy Communion Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 5:45pm to 8:00 pm! There will be an optional dinner available for kids starting before class at 5:15pm.



Open to **ages PK4 through Grade 5**

**Please invite your friends**  
**Volunteers and Students register online at:**  
**[vbspro.events/p/2d0e27](https://vbspro.events/p/2d0e27)**

This year's event is **free of charge** and is sponsored by HCLC's Youth and Family Ministries. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to Holy Communion Lutheran Church, and make sure to include VBS 2019 in the memo line.



## Next Service Project for all ages: No-Sew Blankets for Vets

Help us say **THANK YOU** to our veterans, while providing a little comfort to them during their hospital visits and nursing home stays.

This project is for anyone...from 3—99! If you can tie a knot, you can bring warmth to someone!

We are partnering with Fallston United Methodist Church to provide personal blankets for veterans by Veteran's Day (11/11/19). Our community goal is to create 1111 blankets!

So, start watching for sales on patriotic fleece fabric!

Directions on how to create these blankets are as follows...



### Tie-Knot No Sew Blanket Directions

- Start with 2 fleece fabrics (2 yards of each color) in patriotic colors
- Line up the two fabrics, right side OUT. Anti-pill solids are FUZZY on the right side.
- Trim the two pieces so that they are the same size.
- Using a piece of cardboard, trace and cut a 5 inch square from each of the four corners.
- Lay a yardstick across the fabric, 5 inches from the edge so that you know how far in to make your cuts or pin your fabrics together and cut to your pins.
- Cut fringe on all four sides of the blanket. Cut through both layers of fabric at the same time. Fringe pieces should be a little wider than the width of your finger. Cut in from the edge 5 inches. Leave your blanket laying flat on the surface, with all fringes lined up.
- Work from left to right around the blanket, tying in the same way you would a shoelace or a balloon, depending on the look you like best.

## Summer Safety

by: Barb Huber, RN, FCHN

It is summer! Get up, grab the sunscreen and fire up the grill. What can you do to keep your family safe this summer?

Swimming is the number one warm weather activity. Each summer thousands of people are involved in water related accidents resulting in injury and death. Remember you and your family should never swim alone, swim in supervised areas, and teach everyone how to swim. Never, ever jump into water head first. Young children and pools present special concerns. Pool should be alarmed and barriers in place. Children should always be supervised in pool area. Never swim or remain near water in an electric storm.

Sun safety is important to avoid sunburn and the potential for skin cancers. Avoid or limit sun exposure between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. Use a wide brim hat and wear sunglasses that are 99% UV protective. Apply sunscreen (minimum of SPF 15) 30 minutes before the sun or swimming; reapply every two hours. Sunscreen is important even on cloudy days.



Gas and charcoal grills are responsible for thousands of fires and property damage each year. To protect your family and property do the following: create a safe zone of three feet around the grill, grill should always be a minimum of ten feet from structures that can catch fire, check all lines and tubes before use, check for gas leaks (if you smell gas do not use), and never grill indoors. Wishing each of you a blessed, healthy summer!

Resources: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov); [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); [life.familyeducation.com](http://life.familyeducation.com)

## Church App

Did you know you can listen to sermons and access calendars, events, an electronic Bible, and the newsletter on our church app for your smartphone? Here's how: Download the **Church app (Tithe.ly)** in the Google Play or Apple Store and then select **Holy Communion Lutheran Church** as your **default church**. You can read our facebook posts and see pictures posted on Instagram even if you do not subscribe to Facebook or Instagram. There is also space for you to write prayer requests on our prayer wall. Take us wherever you go!





## Member Spotlight

by: Cass Brown

### What brought you to HCLC?

"It was small, and I wanted to be able to know everybody. I didn't want to get lost in a big church. Everybody was so friendly from day one, and greeted me like I was a long lost friend!"

### What do you see as your gifts to serve God, God's people, and the church?

"The church members have been so wonderful to me, I see my gift to the church to be willing to return the prayers and help to others, spreading God's love."

### Favorite ice cream flavor?

"I am not much of an ice cream person. But a mango smoothie sounds great!"

### What is something people may be surprised to know about you?

"That I used to be a hair dresser."

### What bible verse is meaningful to you?

"The Ten Commandments is my favorite!"

### How do you serve at HCLC?

"I am in the Evangelism Committee, and you help prepare cards that are sent out to new neighbors. Whatever needs the church has, I try to help out whenever I can!"



## Turnkey Shed Donations

While you are working on your spring cleaning, don't forget to bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys (please no rags, fabric scraps, or household goods) to donate in our Turnkey Shed. Our church actually receives a check based on the amount (pounds) of items donated. So, you will be helping our church while simultaneously helping those in need! Please help keep your donation dry and clean by placing your donations in a closed plastic bag. Thank you for your generous support of this wonderful ministry!



## Living in Tune With God

by: Pastor Bob Ridenour

*"Prayer upholds the world. Without it things would be very different." Martin Luther in Table Talk*

Prayer is central to a Christian life. It is the center of Christian worship and the center of the entire church.

There are many reasons to pray. These include: praising God, giving God thanks, confessing our sin, requests for self, request for others, and several more. In order not to neglect any of these reasons, all of them may be put in one prayer, or we may pray several prayers.

Above all of this, however, is this central reason for all our praying: we pray in order to tune ourselves to God's holy will. God plays and sings the time of love and grace, of hope and salvation for all people—and we try to sing along as best we can.

And we can!

Christ, through the Holy Spirit, helps us to sing and live in time with God's gracious will for us all.

Often it seems as though this is not the case. "God does not speak or answer prayer" some say. As Christians, we say, "God does speak, though often not in words." "God does answer prayers" we say. "The answer may or may not be what we want or expect." If this is so, then what do we do? We pray some more. Like Jesus, we pray, "Not my will but yours, O God, be done. Your kingdom come. Your will be done." We open our hearts and minds to God's time, and continue praying, as best we can.

If we can begin to understand prayer in this humble way, we will realize that we are not God. We do not know what God wills or feels. We will develop a deeper understanding of prayer.

What we do is pray that we will come more into time with God's holy will, even if our understanding remains incomplete

So, let us pray in faith and in hope. The ways of God are often beyond us, but the love of God is always present and available to each and every one.

# Lovin' Life Seniors

## LOVIN' LIFE SENIORS

Our goal is to offer friendship and support to one another through social events. Please join us! Invite your friends! Our 2019 schedule and sign-up sheets for upcoming events are posted on the senior's bulletin board in the hallway. Please read the Sunday bulletins and Bread and Wine for any changes to the schedule below. All activities take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month unless otherwise noted.

### 2019 CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 11 at noon

Bayou Restaurant—Rte. 40 Havre de Grace

Tuesday, July 9 at noon

Baldwin's Crab House—Rte. 40 Joppa

Tuesday, August 13 at noon

Friendly Farm—Upperco

Tuesday, September 10 at noon

Crab Feast at church

Tuesday, October 8 at noon

TBD

Tuesday, November 12 at noon

TBD

Tuesday, December 10 at noon

TBD

We welcome new ideas as well as new members.

Contact Ellen Priebe 410-679-8655; Frances Gosnell

410-893-4622; Nancy Campbell 410-836-7688.

## “Good Grief” Group

The Good Grief Group will meet Tuesday

**June 18th** at  
**6:00pm**

at the church.  
Hope to see you there!



# June & July Birthdays

06/01	Bob Myers	07/09	Irene Waller
06/02	Norma Weis	07/11	James (Jim) Eyler
06/05	Barry Laird	07/13	Timothy Smith
06/08	Ashleigh Perkins	07/15	Hannah Merrifield
06/09	Eva Pennington	07/15	Brian Haack
06/11	Joan Meyer	07/16	Michelle Edsall
06/11	Helen Whitley	07/16	Marcia Mickley
06/14	John Kammerer	07/18	Hayden Bark
06/16	Phyliss Coffey	07/18	Caelyn Sullivan
06/17	Matthew Polvinale	07/18	Melva (Mel) Sullens
06/17	David Frieman	07/20	Elaine Smith
06/18	Derrick Snyder	07/20	Daniel (Dan) Krieger
06/20	Charlotte Butler	07/21	Katie Schissler
06/22	Jeffrey Schissler	07/21	Sadie Perkins
06/23	Emily Lottes	07/24	Jennifer Pellerin
06/26	Katherine McCombs	07/24	Mary Kruelle
06/28	Joe Dominick	07/25	Mackensie Pellerin
06/28	Bud Weaver	07/25	Beth Reed
06/29	Kristin Taylor	07/27	Haleigh Wiener
07/02	Matthew Shaffer	07/28	Ellen Priebe
07/08	Delaney Wiener	07/28	Ethan Taylor
		07/29	Gina Plott
		07/30	Gloria Bennett
		07/31	Frank Deems IV
		07/31	Carolyn Miller
		07/31	Tyler Smith
		07/31	Patricia Sadler

Happy  
Birthday

Do you have a **June or July** birthday but do not see your name printed here? That means we do not have your complete information on file. Please contact Hailea in the church office to update your information.

## Church Webcam

People get sick. People travel. We understand that and try to find new ways that you can still remain connected with our community. While you are away, join any service by watching our webcam at [webcam.HolyCommunionFallston.org](http://webcam.HolyCommunionFallston.org)

This is an innovative way to connect the gifts of technology to practical faith. However, this gift of technology comes with its own limitations, in that, this webcam can never fully create the sense of community that one is part by actually being in the pews. The webcam is on for all services and only shows the front portion of the sanctuary. The webcam works on most devices (smartphones, tablets, PCs, iPhones®, and iPads®). It does not work on Amazon Kindle Fire® tablets.

Let us know if you are watching our services. Please send comments or issues relating to the broadcast to [webcam@HolyCommunionFallston.org](mailto:webcam@HolyCommunionFallston.org)

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