Greetings to Everyone

THE CHURCH IS RE-OPENING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Things will be different attending church during the pandemic. Our Diocese, Vestry and Committee (Jim Heller, Nancy Lisy, Kathie LaRocca, Dennis Laffey,) needs to be acknowledged and thanked for their comprehensive findings and hard work for safely re-opening the church. If you intend to attend church services in the church building please do the following prior to coming:

1. Call Patty by Thursday of the week so that we know how many people to prepare for on Sunday at 9:30am.
3. Take your temperature before arriving at the church. Temps should be below 100.4
4. Wear your mask entering and during the service.

Please know that the Facebook on line services will still be broadcasting if you wish to participate from home.

Please read on page 2 & 3 for safety and precautions in church.
Holy Spirit’s Re-Opening Plan, Safety and Precautions

SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS

As we begin to celebrate the reopening of Holy Spirit on 13 Sept 2020 there will be additional guidelines set in place by our Diocese and CDC for our protection. The Church will reopen at 30 people max occupancy per service due to pew seating separation. We will continue to stream the Service live at 9:30 am - go to our homepage www.holyspirituttckerton.org to get to our Facebook page. For anyone desiring but unable to “sign on” - please call us for assistance. We are also offering the checkout of prayer and hymnals for those desiring the use of them at home.

Procedures moving forward:
The church has been pre-cleaned before the Mass.

Before Mass
- Please contact Patty to let her know you are coming along with any family members by the Thursday before the service.
- Please self monitor for symptoms and check temperature before leaving.
- The parking lot will be marked for alternate spaces.
- Mass times are 9:30 am, please arrive early for the ushers sake.
- Bring your own mask (if you do not have a mask, one will be provided); avoid greeting and hugging even though it has been a while since we all met at church; avoid shaking hands; go through the designated doors with 6 ft separation among families.
- Enter the Church through the rear parking lot door or (if required) the ramp entrance (both doors will be pre-opened).
- A hand sanitizer station will be available upon entering the church
- A tithe / offerings basket will be available as you walk to your seats in the pews, filling the front pews first. Seat locations in the pews will be marked with colored circles.
- Ushers will be keeping a record of who comes to service and where they sit. Visitors will fill out info sheets.
- Bulletins will be pre-placed on the pews at seating locations. No books will be in the pews
- Sit 6’ from others (beyond your own family)
• Please be seated in the MARKED pews only; nearby pews are taped off.

Communion
- Receiving the Eucharist will be from the back pews first, single file, one
Safety and Precautions continued

- pew at a time; maintain 6' separation when waiting.
- A hand sanitizer station will be available before receiving Communion
- Receiving the Eucharist will be done standing, no kneeling at the altar Rail (Anyone requiring communion at their seat should sit in the front pews and pre-notify the ushers)
- The Eucharist will be in one kind only, no chalice
- Remove your mask only after Father Muller has stepped back, and then promptly place back on before your return to the pew
- A hand sanitizer station will be available after receiving Communion
- After receiving, return to your pew seat by way of the side aisles

After Church Service
- At the end of Mass, please exit through the same door.
- Exiting will begin with the first pew
- Please keep your masks on until you are back in your cars and sanitize your hands.

Bathrooms
- Use the nearest aisle to travel to the upstairs restrooms
- Knock first to make sure that no one is using the restroom and wait 3 minutes between guests.
- Please put the lid down before flushing the toilet
- Please wipe down anything you touched with the cleaner provided

Common Grounds
- All other areas of the Church are Restricted
- Please don’t “congregate” in the parking lot after the service.

Thank you for abiding by the new policies. Please be assured that we are approved for reopening by the Bishop and following the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of New Jersey and CDC for our protection.

/s/ Jim Wack and Father Don Muller
A LETTER FROM ANNE MAGIERSKI

Moved but not forgotten! Ann Magierski was the first person that welcomed Tom and I (20 years ago) as we pulled into the parking lot at Church of the Holy Spirit on Green Street. (Yes, the church with no windows). We will always be thankful to Anne for making us feel welcome.

The following is a letter that Anne shared with me and I would like to share with all of you:

“Those of you who knew my husband, Hank (for Henry) Magierski, may remember that he was a boat and water person. In fact, I met Hank when I was 17 years old, and living in my family’s summer home in Breton Woods, NJ. (Near Brick in Ocean Co.) My Dad had built an 18 ft sailboat and offered him a chance to sail with him. Hank had built his own sailboat when he was only 12 years old. When the Breton Woods Yacht Club held races during the summer, I crewed for my Dad.

On Dec. 7, 1941, while I was getting ready for church, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. My Dad, who graduated with high honors from the US Navel Academy in 1922, was busy at NY Shipbuilding Corp, in Camden, designing and overseeing the construction of Navy warships. Hank joined the Merchant Marines and was trained as a Radio Officer. I went out to Indiana Univ. in Bloomington, IN with the intention of getting a degree in nursing. During my second year, I took a course in Bacteriology and fell in love! With bacteria! It was so new then, they didn’t have enough credit hours to declare a major, so I added on enough biology courses to get the degree with a minor in bacteriology. After graduation, I was fortunate enough to get a job at (then) West Jersey Hospital as associate researcher for the pathologist. Unfortunately, he had a heart attack, but insisted that I study clinical bacteriology on my own. I did and was qualified to take the exam at Jefferson Medical School to become a member of the ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathologists). I maintained my membership in that organization even when I stopped working to raise my 2 children.

After 16 years, I was contacted by the director of the Institute for Medical Research in Camden who offered me a job as a breast cancer research assistant. It was so interesting! I learned how to prepare breast milk from lactating mothers for examination in an electron microscope. I loved the work, but after 8 years, I was divorced and moved to Woodstown, NJ where I became a clinical microbiologist again! While living in Woodstown, I joined St Luke’s Episcopal Church, was a member of the vestry, served as Senior Warden and sang in the choir. (My mother a “cradle” Episcopalian, often told me stories about her colonial ancestors, the Page and Tyler families. During those years, 9 members of those families became Episcopal priests.)

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A LETTER FROM ANNE MAGIERSKI continued

A month later, my cousin who was vacationing in Lavallette, invited me to come visit. While I was there, she mentioned that Hank Magierski (whom we both knew from Breton Woods,) lived just across the bay (Barnegat Bay). We called him, he came for breakfast the next morning and the rest is history. Hank and I were married at St Luke’s Woodstown on March 9, 1991. We moved to Little Egg Harbor in a house that had been built when Mystic Island was first established in the early 1960’s. Hank completely rebuilt the house, built a dock, a screened in porch overlooking the lagoon and finally landscaped the yard. It was beautiful. Then along came Storm Sandy in 2012. The property sustained more than 50% damage. We were told to tear it down and rebuild! During that year, we rented a house in a senior development in Barnegat, but Hank drove me every Sunday to Tuckerton for church. Our new house in Mystic was everything that both of us wanted. All this time, the Lyme disease that Hank had been dealing with since 1990, began to take its toll. He passed away on Nov 7, 2019. We were married 28 years.

I am now a resident in a lovely assisted living facility called Riverview Estates in River ton, NJ situated right on the Delaware River. On Wednesdays and Sundays, I watch the sailboat races from my window. My daughter and her family live 7 blocks away. This is my home now. God is good! He has guided me and taken care of me all my life. This past July, I turned 96 years old. Think I’ll make it to 100? God willing!

Love, Anne” (piercepioneers@gmail.com)

Anne also writes that she misses Holy Spirit and the friends she made there. She looks forward to receiving the Newsletter. Because of the pandemic, she is confined to her rooms and all her meals are brought to her. The entire staff wears masks on their shifts and she must wear one if she leaves her room to walk the halls for the limited exercise that it gives to the residents. Anne writes that both she and Hank loved sailing and that he won many prizes at the Toms River Yacht Club. What an interesting life to remember. Anne sends her best wishes to everyone to be safe and healthy. God bless!

Thank you Anne for sharing your story and know that you are in our prayers.
HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO YOU:

Sept 2     Gene Zick
Sept 12    Marilyn Hartt
Sept 14    Linda Carmona
Sept 14    Christa Pharo
Sept 16    Bill Matlack
Sept 23    Jim Wack
Sept 24    Ricardo Carmona
Sept 26    Joan Aguado
Sept 26    Joan McQueeney

May the Lord continually bless you with heaven’s blessings as well as with human joys! Psalm 128:5

September days are here, with summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of cheer. In September, we have hiking, falling leaves, crisp air, chilly nights, pumpkins, cinnamon, apple pies, harvest, hot apple cider, candy corn, football, back to school, RE-OPENING CHURCH, gatherings with friends at a distance with masks.

In everything give thanks. 1 Thess. 5:18

CONDOLENCES: Philip H. Boone died last month.

Philip is the father of Canon Phyllis Jones, Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese of New Jersey. Please pray for Phyllis and her family.

May Phillip’s soul and the souls of all departed rest in peace.
September 14  Holy Cross Day
In the Episcopal or Anglican communion, September 14th is called Holy Cross Day which commemorates the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. This is the day to celebrate the cross itself, as the instrument of salvation. The Cross of Jesus’ crucifixion was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, a mother of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery in 335. The lectionary of the church of England and other Anglican churches stipulates red as the liturgical color for Holy Cross Day.

September 21  Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Matthew the Apostle, also known as Saint Matthew and as Levi, was one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus and was one of the four Evangelists. Matthew was a 1st century Galilean. He was known as a tax collector and government official in Capernaum before he met Jesus and was known with contempt everywhere. Jesus said “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mark 2:15-17). The New Testament records that as a disciple of Jesus, he was one of the witnesses of the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus. His tomb is located in the crypt of Salerno Cathedral in Southern Italy. Matthew is recognized as a Saint in the Anglican church. His feast day is celebrated on September 21st. The liturgical color is red.

September 20  Saint Michael and All Angels
Michaelmas, the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel (also the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, Uriel and Raphael, the Feast of the Archangels) is the day in the Western Christian liturgical year that occurs on September 29th. The liturgical color is white. In Christianity, the Archangel Michael is the greatest of all the Archangels and is honored for defeating Lucifer in the war in heaven. He is one of the principal angelic warriors, seen as a protector against the dark of night and the administer of cosmic intelligence.

In medieval England, Michaelmas marked the ending of the farmers year, when the harvest was over and the help would be paid. Folklore in the British Isles suggests that Michaelmas day is the last day that blackberries can be picked. It is said that when St. Michael expelled the devil from heaven, the devil fell from the skies and landed in a prickly blackberry bush. Satan cursed the fruit, stamped and spat on them so that they would be unfit for eating. It is ill-advised to eat them after Sept. 29th, so Michaelmas pie is made from the last of the season. Michaelmas has defined time and seasons for secular purposes as well. Because it falls near the equinox, it is associated in the Northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and shorter days. The U.S. Supreme Court was known to follow the tradition of convening each new term the first Monday in October after Sept. 29th. St. Michael is the patron saint of police officers and is known as a Blue Mass in observance of Michaelmas.
The Beatitudes
Published in 33 hymnals
Hymnal 1982: according to the use of the Episcopal Church pg 560

If the music sounds familiar, the main theme of this music is from Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The words are from the book of Matthew 5:3-12.

(Antiphon:) Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
   For they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake;
   For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
9. Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake;
   Rejoice and be exceeding glad;
   For great is your reward in heaven.

(Antiphon:) Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power

Words: Russian Orthodox liturgy; Matthew 5:3-12
Music: Beatitudes, Russian Orthodox hymn; arr. Richard Proulx
Remembering the Past: September 2001 and September 2011

The Bible Garden at Holy Spirit Church

September is the beginning of the Fall Season, however, many of the plants planted in our Bible Garden will last for some time and some plantings will last through the winter. They will then come up again in the Spring. Have you seen all the butterflies and bees? So far, the plants that we have in our Bible Garden are: Sedum, sage, narcissus, daffodil & tulip bulbs, iris, roses, azaleas, lilies (day and Easter), coral bells, and hydrangea. We have nine herbs: monarda, (a type of mint), hyssop, (a pungent & aromatic mint, used in purifying sprinkling rites by the ancient Hebrews), thyme, Russian sage, Echinacea, lavender, boneset, digitalis, and chamomile. The trees that were planted are weeping cherries and a maple. The petunias, marigolds and impatiens are not mentioned in the Bible, as they are annuals, and did not grow in the Holy Land.

“We should grow lentils,” said Penny. “In Genesis, it is a stew of lentils that Jacob made to tempt his brother Esau into trading his birthright for food.” This plant is from the pea family. Lentils were grown in all parts of Palestine and were combined with other ingredients to make bread. (Ezekiel 4:9)
We welcome you to join us on Sunday mornings for a live streamed church service on Facebook at 9:30am with Father Don Muller.  
www.facebook.com/tuckertonchurch/events

On September 13, 2020, we invite you to join us in the church at 9:30am. The service will also be live-streamed from the church on Facebook. Please see pg.1,2,3

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O loving God,
Grant us MINDS to know you,
HEARTS to love you,
HANDS to do your work &
VOICES to sing your praise.

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COMING IN OCTOBER
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
On Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis with the Blessing of the Animals. As tradition holds, we will be blessing the animals in the horseshoe driveway in front of the church at 1:00pm. Bring any animals for a blessing given by Father Muller. If we cannot perform this in our usual manner, we will have a drive-through blessing event.

During Sept. I am asking you to donate to the Popcorn Park Zoo. I will deliver the donations to them. Donations can be litter, food, blankets, towels, toys or a check. Donations can be left in the church office or at my home, 107 Danbury Dr in Mystic Shores. Please support this idea. Charities for the animals still need donations to keep their mission sustainable. Louise Wagner

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Have a Happy Month of September
The Fall season arrives on 9-22

Fill yourself with positive energy and shine!
We hope to see you in church (with your masks on.)