

## What can you do about climate change?

Climate change is real, human-made, and getting worse. While you may feel overwhelmed and powerless in the face of it, you can take action. In fact, faith calls us to act!

1. Become mindful. Pay attention to your energy habits—how much you drive, how you use heat, light, hot water, etc.
2. Drive less. Combine car trips or take the bus. Carpool with others. Don't let your car idle for more than 5 minutes.
3. Turn off lights and turn down the heat when you're not home. Turn the heat down by a degree or two and/or turn off heat in unused parts of the house.
4. Vote. What are national, state, and local candidates saying (or not saying) about climate change?
5. Advocate. Learn about current legislation and reach out to your legislators or local officials. Tell them that you want laws that help us transition off of fossil fuels.
6. Talk. Speak to friends, family, neighbors about what they could do to address climate change.
7. Pray. We need God's guidance and hope in this work.
8. Use the Episcopal carbon tracker: [www.sustainislandhome.org](http://www.sustainislandhome.org).

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### Office Hours and Contact Info

The regular church office hours (when Missy is in the office) are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2 and Friday from 10-12. Pastor Lise is usually in the office Tuesdays through Thursdays. Email her at [chsrev@gmail.com](mailto:chsrev@gmail.com) or call 774-301-0460 anytime for a pastoral emergency.

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## Parish Updates

Condolences to the family of Margery Chace, who died in December. A vestry member and beloved member of the choir, Margery died after a brief battle with cancer. Her memorial service will likely be held in the Spring.

Congratulations and thanks to Dawn Owen and her crew of helpers, who made the Santa's Breakfast a huge success. Fifty-one children and their families ate, saw the Grinch, and received presents from Santa.



Thanks to all who donated to the Giving Tree! We sent a big car-load of food, litter, and cleaning products to the Forever Paws pet shelter. Donated socks, underwear and personal care items will be handed out to homeless persons at the Step In shelter during the Point in Time Count on January 29th.

### News from the Search Team

The Search Team took a break from meetings in December. But on December 15, the congregation had a chance to give their input into the questions: What skills or qualities are you looking for in a rector? What skills or qualities can you (the congregation) offer to a new rector?

The search team is working on completing the profile, which will be used as a "resume" to attract candidates. The candidates will initially be screened by The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell and other diocesan staff; they will then forward a small number of promising candidates to the search team to interview.

The next search team meeting is Thursday, January 30th at 5 pm at the S. Almond Street house. The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell will be joining the search team and Pastor Lise for the meeting. The search team will be presenting an update and a draft of the profile to the Annual Meeting on Feb. 9.

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# The Messenger

THE SORT-OF MONTHLY LETTER OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"COME, DISCOVER AND SHARE CHRIST'S JOY!"*

## Dates to Note!

February 2, Candelmas, Eucharist and prayers with candle-lighting, 9:30 am

February 9, Annual Meeting—with soup and bake sale, after the 9:30 service

February 16, 6th Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 am

February 23, Transfiguration Sunday, 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday service  
at 6:30 pm

March 1, 1st Sunday in Lent, 9:30 am

## Annual Meeting and Bake Sale February 9th



Following the 9:30 worship service, Church of the Holy Spirit will hold its Annual Meeting. Soup and bread will be provided. We will elect new vestry members, hear update about the Search process, and review the proposed budget.

Additionally, we will be having a bake sale to benefit the multi-parish retreat that will take place October 23-25. Put on your baking hats and bake away! All baked goods (especially cream puffs) welcome!

## Worship in the Parish Hall

We're a close community, especially now that we're worshipping in the parish hall. As a change of venue, to save on heating bills, and to feel more unified as a parish, we'll be worshipping in the parish hall until Spring comes.

Same worship, same music, same prayers, same people, just a different room!



## What is a rule of life? What is the Way of Love?

**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

A "rule of life" is a commitment to Christian practices that help you stay grounded in God and healthy. The "Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life" gives guidance on what these practices are: Turn, Learn, Worship, Pray, Bless, Go, and Rest.

CHS members are invited to join the Church of Our Saviour (2112 County St, Somerset) in developing a rule of life using the Way of Love.

**Each Monday, beginning Feb. 3, people will gather from 6:30 to 8:00**, to share a meal, look at a practice, converse, and worship together. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Rev. Tara Soughters, (508) 678-9663.

Coming in Lent . . .

## Conversations about Death (and Life!)

Do you have a health proxy or a POA?

Have you filled out a Living Will?

A regular will?

Have you updated them **recently**?

How does our faith inform our choices?

When is life not worth living to you? What impact do you still want to make with your life?

**Sundays in Lent, starting March 1st.**