



Share The Spirit Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR from Elaine Paul

2025! Hard to believe?

I have been sending out newsletters for the nearly 15 years! Now, that is hard to believe. In the beginning, Mother Martha asked me to write newsletters, and they looked completely different back then. I kept revising and I have to say that I loved doing this.

After much thought, I have decided that January 2025 will be my last newsletter. It has been a privilege to write this newsletter for Holy Spirit with the help of all who contributed.

I thank Revs. Lisa and Chip and all the past ministers for their messages; I thank Jim and Cathy Heller for all the information and photos that they have sent to me; I thank everyone who has contributed articles and I thank Lynn Robbins for coming up with the title *Share the Spirit!*

My thanks to all.

Church of the Holy Spirit will always be a part of me. I will follow your beautiful services and wonderful activities and ministries on Facebook and hopefully may attend at some time in the future.

Blessings and health to everyone at Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,
Elaine Paul

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Junior Warden Report



WELCOME
2025

Wow! 😊 Thanksgiving is in the rear view mirror and all of a sudden it is cold and almost Christmas. The breakfast with Santa was a tremendous success as can readily be seen on the many pictures and comments posted on our Facebook page.

We have the lighted Nativity scene on the front lawn and the Advent candle progression has begun. The candlelight service signage had a minor set back with the gale winds we experienced - but we are working to get it back in position.

I want to thank the two volunteers I had for the tasks last month. They are both in progress now!!

The AC system and hoses are shut down for the cold weather. The two church boilers were serviced by Jim & Adam and are working to keep us at 64/68 degrees of comfort. Sunday's 8'clockers should designate a surrogate usher to set the rheostat by the usher station to 68 for your service. I can show them how to do that.

The Lighthouse people (Steve and Chris) will be plowing and shoveling for us as needed. Use your own judgement on safety to come to church. Church closings will be posted on Facebook or on the phone system. Our clergy will be conducting the service from home live on Facebook if the church is closed for snow.

Finally, 😊 please clean up after yourself if you use our kitchens or meeting rooms. Put the tables back the way you found them and reset the thermostats and lights. And let's keep the food in the parish hall and undercroft eating areas. This will help us all.

Thanks,
Jim Heller



Women's ordination around the world

Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi 1907-1992

Have you ever heard of Florence Li Tim-Oi? In 1944 she was the first women in the Anglican Communion to be ordained to the priesthood. This happened in Macau during WW II. The Church of England began ordaining women priest in March 1994, but few knew that the first Anglican priest was ordained 50 years earlier.

Li Tim-Oi joined the Anglican church as a young student. At her baptism, she chose the name Florence after Florence Nightingale. She was ordained a deacon in 1941 and served a congregation in the Portuguese Colony of Macao. She was not allowed to celebrate the Eucharist because she was a women, although she ministered on a full time basis to all in need.

The Japanese occupation of Hong Kong and World War II made it impossible for priests to get to neutral Macau. This in when the Hong Kong Bishop Raymond Hall wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury and explained that he was going to allow Tim-Oi to give the sacraments of the Church. After the war, she was asked to relinquish her priest's license but she never renounced her Holy Orders.

Under Mao Tse-Tung churches in China were closed and Tim-Oi was persecuted. The Red Guards cut up her vestments with scissors and humiliated her. She lived in hardship for 30 years. One day Tim-Oi said she was touched by the Holy Spirit, hearing God say to her that she was a priest, and she understood that God would support her through everything.

She was able to move to Canada in 1983 and was appointed as an honorary assistant at a parish in Toronto. The Anglican church of Canada approved the ordination of women to the priesthood by then and in 1984 Florence Li Tim-Oi was reinstated as a priest. It just so happened that it happened on the 40th anniversary of her ordination. She supported other women seeking ordination and was awarded Doctorates of Divinity by General Theological Seminary in New York and Trinity College, Toronto. This helped to convince people that the Holy Spirit was working in and through women priests. She served at the Anglican Cathedral in Toronto until her death. The Episcopal church celebrates January 24 as her feast day in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

A foundation has been set up in her memory and is a charity helping women in other countries.

Women's Ordination Worldwide (WOW) is an ecumenical network of national and international groups whose primary mission is the admission of roman catholic women to all ordained ministries.

Working for women's equality and ordination in the catholic church;

"there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus". Galations 3:28



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8:00am, 9:30 am

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 10:30am

January 19 Annual Meeting 9:00 am

Community Dinner Jan 29



We're on the Web!

www.holyspiritstuckerton.org

POST SCRIPTS: Did you miss it?



JOIN US FOR
CHURCH

this sunday



**9:30 AM Every Sunday at
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
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