



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Special Crafte Faire Edition Of The Epistle!

November 12<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Merrie Olde Crafte Faire. As most of you know, this is not only our biggest fundraiser, but our highest grossing fundraiser. Our faire is now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year and each year it continues to grow. Every year when the vestry puts together the annual budget, fundraising is relied on heavily to help support our budget goals. This event involves the entire church community in many ways. Aside from all of the donations of items, money and time, one of the best things you can do to help our faire is come and enjoy the event.

We will have outside craft vendors selling jewelry, soaps, crochet items, and various other items as well as our own gifted crafters within our church. Our gift baskets have a wonderful reputation in the area and there is almost always a line out the door to be the first to view them.

After you have visited our vendor/gift basket area, what about having lunch? Our chefs (the Guardinos and Catizones) will be upstairs preparing their famous Fish and Chips lunch with homemade coleslaw and gingerbread with lemon sauce. Tickets are \$12 presale and \$15 at the door.

After lunch at 3 PM we have our traditional High Tea, complete with our fine china and delicious finger sandwiches and pastries. These tickets are limited to 50 and will sell out fast. Tickets are \$12 presale and \$15 at the door.

As always the fundraising committee appreciates your continued support.

### Raffle

This year we are very excited about our raffle prizes. We have a Fitbit (donated by the Scotts), a gift certificate to the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park (donated by the Catizones) and Pizzas of Middletown (donated by the Choir). We also would like to add a Spa Gift Certificate for \$150. The Raffle committee is seeking monetary donations for this prize. Any support you could lend to this effort will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Meg Catizone for more details.

### Bake Sale

Our Bake Sale committee is seeking delectable delights for this sale. Pies and cakes are always a favorite. Cookies and homemade candies are also great sellers. If you are able to make something for this sale, please have your item at the church the afternoon/night before the sale to ensure proper pricing by the committee. We are also in need of two to three volunteers to make telephone calls to the congregation to remind them about the bake sale and get an idea of what items we will be getting for the sale.



If you are willing to volunteer to make these telephone calls or if you have any questions, please contact me at [little.red63@gmail.com](mailto:little.red63@gmail.com). Thank you. ~Eileen Barrett

## Yard Signs

Don Boyer needs help deploying yard signs for the Faire. If you could take 3 or 4 signs and put them in good locations in Middletown or surrounding areas about 2 weeks before the Faire, please contact Don: [cdboyer@optonline.net](mailto:cdboyer@optonline.net) The signs then need to be collected on Saturday or Sunday after the Faire and returned to Don.

## Grandma's Attic



Take a step back in time as you step into Grandma's Attic at the Grace Church Crafte Faire on Saturday, November 12. Whether it's a cherished heirloom, a useful household item, or a decorative piece for your home, there's something for everyone in Grandma's Attic. Make sure you stop in to find your treasure. 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. the day of the Faire. See you in the Attic! ~Mark Strunsky

## British High Tea



Our traditional afternoon tea will be served again this year at the end of the Crafte Faire. Get your tickets early, as seating is severely limited this year!

We are looking for donations of baked goods that can be served in small, bite-sized pieces. If anyone would like to bake scones, they will be welcomed.

Please email Tim Powers ([ttmp617@gmail.com](mailto:ttmp617@gmail.com)) if you are interested in making sandwich fillings (ham salad, egg salad, cucumber slices), or if you would like to make clotted/Devonshire cream or lemon curd. Monetary contributions to offset the costs of bread, jam, butter and (of course) TEA! will be gratefully accepted.

If you are interested in helping on the day of the tea, we need sandwich makers and people to pour tea. Email Tim Powers ([ttmp617@gmail.com](mailto:ttmp617@gmail.com)) with any questions. ~Tim Powers

## Gift Baskets

The time has come for Sue Scott and me to begin making gift baskets for the Crafte Faire. As many of you know, this is a project that Sue and I take on every year. When we began making the baskets, we relied heavily on donations from a few faithful parishioners. Over the years, we have found ourselves purchasing, out of our own pockets, many of the items that we use, including the baskets themselves. This has become more onerous as we also make a number of baskets each Spring for our Tricky Tray. It is time for us to ask for help from the parish in finding items for the Crafte Faire gift baskets. The following is a list of items that we could use. Anything that is not used for this year's Crafte Faire will be used for either the Tricky Tray baskets or next years Crafte Faire gift baskets.

Napkins, white and cream colored ones are always useful. We could also use green, red, black, blue and any other color that you can find.

Placemats, particularly holiday themed ones (Christmas) and neutral colors.

Mugs, white, cream, brown, cranberry, green, black, red, blue are always useful. We can use any color that you find. We also use a lot of Christmas and winter themed mugs.

Candles, both jar candles in a variety of sizes and colors and votive candles in a variety of colors.

Holiday ornaments and snowmen and Santa Clauses are also useful.

Large baskets; we have a collection of small and medium sized baskets, but we always need large baskets.

All items donated should either be new or in pristine condition. After all, we are selling the baskets to be used as gifts.

Sue and I often have good luck finding items at Michaels and AC Moore or the Christmas Tree Shop. TJ Maxx, Home Goods and Marshalls are also good sources for the kind of things we use.

If you would prefer, it is possible to make a monetary donation, which Sue and I will use to purchase the things that we need.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to give one of us a call. Claire can be reached at 845-344-7885. Sue's number is 845-343-7060. Items may be given to one of us on Sundays or left in the parish office. ~Claire Newquist

## Set-up And Clean-up



As we prepare for this day of fun and fellowship, there is a lot of work that is done ahead of time AND long after everyone has gone home. On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will begin setting up for our Faire. If you are available to help set up, we could really use the help. The work is not hard, and many hands will make light work. Although it is work, we also have fun. We begin at 4:30 and around 6-6:30 will take a break and have dinner together. What goes best with hard work? Pizza and beer (wine, soda and water too!). We won't have you out late either. We tend to finish up about 7-7:30.

After the Faire, beginning at 3 pm, we begin the process of take-down. Believe it or not, this tends to go a lot faster than the set-up (probably because we have sold everything!). Many of us have spent the day working at the Faire, Fish & Chips and Tea and are very tired. A fresh set of hands is always appreciated after the Faire.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the next couple of weeks posted on the bulletin board outside of Phyllis' office. If you are so inclined please add your name to it! Thanks. ~Eileen

