
December 2011

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Glad Tidings



The Lord be with you all! Ordination is now ancient history, but what a wonderful day it was! So many people coming together to celebrate, and Ruthie helping make sure everyone was right where they were supposed to be. Truly a wonderful, wonderful day.

It's my hope that we never let the spirit of celebration fade. We have some amazing opportunities ahead of us, but we can certainly expect the going to get tough from time to time. And when it does get tough, that's precisely when we have to remember what we are here for.

In the words of our diocesan motto, "it's to be the passionate presence of Christ."

In the words of our Baptismal covenant, "it's to turn to Jesus Christ as our personal savior and to put our whole trust in his grace and love (BCP, 302)."

In my own vision, it's to be the faithful Anglican presence in our communities.

Our tradition has stood for a number of things through the centuries - it has represented quite a variety of viewpoints — but it seems to me to have always presented one attitude — the three-legged stool. Though the 16th Century Anglican theologian Richard Hooker first spoke of Scripture, Tradition and Reason as a hierarchy with Scripture at the head, the popular imagination of our church has settled on the analogy of the three-legged stool of Scripture, Tradition and Reason. Each leg of the stool works together to support the whole.

Changing gears to what I consider to be a related topic — from time to time I like to read books on management. Recently, I've found one to be quite helpful; partly because it's easier to understand than most of the current offerings. This book, "Managing the Nonprofit Organization," was first published in 1990 by Peter Drucker and it seems to me to contain ideas that I hope we all take the time to grapple with.

Some of what I think are the most important comments:

"The non-profit organization [such as our parish] exists to bring about a change in individuals and in society. The first thing to talk about is what missions work and what missions don't work, and how to define the mission. For the ultimate test is not the beauty of the mission statement. The ultimate test is right action."(p. 3)

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Message from Father David, continued from page 1...

"Look outside at the opportunities, the needs. Where can we, with the limited resources we have — and I don't just mean people and money, but competence — really make a difference, really set a new standard? One sets the standard by doing something and doing it well." (p. 7)

And, in case you were beginning to doubt it, I do realize that it is December, so I probably ought to say something about Advent and Christmas. Well, I would consider it to be the very best Christmas present to the parish, not to mention the most faithful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior, if you all would seriously consider how our parish can best be the Anglican presence in our community. What are the real needs of our community and how can we make a difference with our limited resources?

Blessings to you all!
Dave+

Christmas Day

On Sunday, Dec. 25th there will be Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM.

December 2011 Christmas Services' Schedule at Zion: *

December 4

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon

December 11

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon
11:00 AM Morning Prayer

December 18

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon

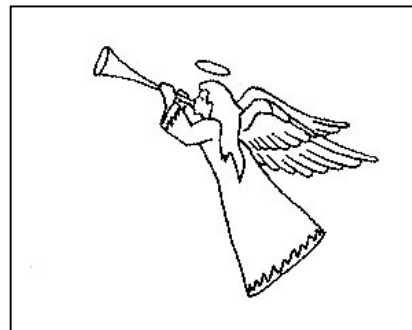
December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:30 Family Service and Pageant, Evening Prayer
11:00 Festival Eucharist

December 25 (Christmas Day)

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Sermon

*See Calendar page for other activities, events and celebrations.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December

- 2 Alexis Taylor
- 3 Mike Paino
- 4 Doreen Crissey
- 5 Todd Towns; Laurie Harrison
Madison Puglisi
- 8 Mike Hendrickson
- 9 Nancy Bromley
Marie Henninge
- 10 Jim Hallenbeck
- 11 Rylee Gollogly
- 14 Millie Auwater
Julianna Ayers
- 20 Steven Jay Hanyon
Daniella Edmonds
- 21 Kurt Weir
John Flannagan
- 22 Kirsten Eaton
Alexandra Phillippone
- 23 Jim Prentice
- 24 Meagan Ross
- 26 Mary King
- 27 Will Stacy
Curt Gwilliam
- 28 Shane Rifanburg
Ed Winchell
- 29 Bea Lindblom
Annie Simpson
- 30 Dick Najarian
Bill Merwarth
Erik Reckdenwald

- 3 Bob and Ann Eldred
- 4 Phil and "Izzy" Martin
- 16 Art and Nancy Phillips

Stewardship Corner

We would appreciate donations of the following supplies for coffee hour:
Juice, decaf coffee, 8 oz. hot cups, 5 oz. juice cups, 6-8" plates, coffee creamer, finger foods, heavy duty forks, spoons and knives.

Thanks to all who shared of their time, talents and treasure to make the Turkey Dinner a huge success. Nearly every ticket was sold for both seatings and good fellowship and good food was had by all! You are great!

ACOLYTES

We welcome and thank all our acolytes: Max Flanagan, Alexis Shenk, Mallory Fowler, Ciara Gunderson, Quintin Pezzino, Maggie Cass, Kyle Stanton and Allie Stanton. They are doing a great ministry to Zion.

Prayers of the People

Pete Vail, Donna Madara, Sue Martin, Jack and Trena Najarian, Steve Ford, Eliza Whitaker, Jean Ford, Bill Williams, Cherie Curtin, Todd Hasz, Tracy Langstaff Sandy Bullock, Bill Hoyt, Reverend Jay Zaremba, Bernie & Christine Cooper, David Crocker, Carl Tomion, Rick Smith, Marty Williamson, Donna Fazio, Kim Fazio, Elissa Case, Lynn Ford, Ellen Morehouse, Aeden, Aidan & Logan Cavanaugh, Nathan Salvemini, Justin Tyler, Barbara Pezzino, Julie Smart, Catherine Wedge, David Goetcheus, Jessica Trepia, Ciara Gunderson, Jacqui Rayne and family, Thomas Zeno, Marilyn Gardner, Pat Mahoney, Lt. James Cope (Jay), Edilu Hunt, Bill Merwarth, Jeanette McCurdy, Marge Waddell, John Fako, Grace McQueen, Melissa Burnett, Ann English, Steve Amell, Chuck Cook, Richard Crissey, Kenny Krebs, Diane Rice, Jeanette Taylor, David Cass, Fran Lee, Barb Fuller, Father Tom Margrave Father Ralph Groskoph. Andres (Andy) Falcon, Nita Borst, Father Ralph Locke.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18. Please plan to stay after the 11:00 AM service and bring a pair of gloves, pruners, old clothes, etc. This year the hurricane globes will be left in the windows after Community Christmas Collections. Snacks and soda will be provided for all helpers.

Sunday Readings

December 4 Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a;
Mark 1: 1-8.

December 11 Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 4-9; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24;
John 1:6-8. 19-28.

December 18 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Canticle; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1: 26-38.

December 24 Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 97; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20).

December 25 Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12);
John 1: 1-14.

Family Prayer List

December 4 Bill Lee; Fran Lee; Bea Lindblom; Clint Loomis; Ashley and Amanda Lyon; Zac, Stephanie, Ryan and Cameron Lindow.

December 11 Harry, Jennifer, Lucinda and Jonathon Lindsay; Nancy Lozzi; Mike and Val MacCrabie; Donna Madara; Amy Marsland.

December 18 Phil and Izzy Martin; Phil, Sue, Joel and Stephanie Martin; Geraldine, Marilee, and Kelly McCarthy and Courtney Muller.

December 25 Jeanette McCurdy; Bernie, Kris, Megan, Mark, Maureen, and Margo McDermott; John, Kayla and Sarah McLaughlin; Tonya McLaughlin; Sam, Tracy, Gage, Reese, Gavin, Rania and Sofia Mathias.

Zion’s Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22 after the 11:00 AM service. Please bring a dish or food to pass and share. We'll have the oven on to keep foods warm during church.

At the Annual meeting we will be electing two new Vestry members and a Junior Warden. To be a Vestry member, you need to be baptized, a member of Zion and a regular attendee. Those members going off are: Terri Gunderson and Curt Gwilliam, Victoria Gear was elected to another 3 year term last year. Senior Warden Terri Weir is also going off with Junior Warden Kate Stacy moving up to Senior Warden. If you are interested in serving on Vestry, please talk to Kate, Terri Weir, or any Vestry member.

Offering Envelopes

Will be available in the back of the church the second Sunday in December. Please remember to pick yours up.

“... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God , The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 K.IV



Community Christmas Collections

This is the 13th annual year for this event and the date is Friday, December 2 at 7:00 PM. Plans are under way. If you would like to join the ecumenical choir for this one evening, the rehearsal dates are: Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 PM and the night of performance, Dec. 2, at 6:00 PM. This promises to be another great year of talented community people to come together for an evening of entertainment to start the season.

Christmas Eve We will have two services on Christmas Eve. At 4:30 PM we will have our Family Christmas Pageant with Evening Prayer At 10:30 PM Barb will be playing Christmas Carols. We invite you to join us around the piano and sing along. At 11:00 PM we will have our Festival Eucharist with a wine and cheese party to follow, hosted by the Vestry or choir.

Greene Food Pantry

Zion Episcopal Church members have been generous with their time serving the Greene Food Pantry. January & July are the months that we serve. Anyone willing to serve will be welcomed to work for the 2012 Greene Food Pantry. The NY State food pantry truck usually arrives once a month. I will need men/or strong women to offload that truck. Soon I will be calling those of you that are ever faithful to this project. Anyone that has Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday open from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM and/or one hour on the first & third Saturday from 11: AM to noon, are invited to participate.

I welcome all of you to serve the pantry. Thank you for the work that you do.
Sincerely, Carole Westbrook (Call me: 656-9530)

Christmas Flowers and Plants add to the beauty of our church for the season. If you'd like to give a plant in memory of a loved one, or in Thanksgiving, please contact Renee in the church office, 656-9502, by Friday, December 16, 656-9502.

Additionally, flowers always add to the beauty of our services. Available dates in 2012 are: January 8 and 15; February 12 and 19; September 30; November 4. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration, please call Renee. Pire's in Norwich will deliver for free. (1-800-358-3097.)

Please call your order in soon.

(You will need to contact the florist yourself to make the arrangements.)

TO: Rector & Vestry Members, Zion Episcopal Church

FROM: Jennifer Lee, Treasurer, Zion Episcopal Church

TO: Rector & Vestry Members, Zion Episcopal Church

FROM: Jennifer Lindsay, Treasurer, Zion Episcopal Church

DATE: November 9, 2011

RE: October 2011 Treasury Report

Accompanying this memo are the following Financial Statements:

- Balance Sheet dated October 31, 2011
- Income Statement for the Ten Months Ended October 31, 2011

Highlights from Financial Statements:

- Cash Balances (unreconciled)

Account Title	Balance
Petty Cash	\$25.00
Regular Checking Acct – Charter One	\$673.85
Special Savings – Charter One	\$6,137.87
Investments – Edward Jones	\$336,819.36
Total	\$343,656.08

- Special Savings Account Reconciliation:

Purpose	Amount
Rectory Work	\$1,576.06
Church Maintenance	\$606.62
Interest Earned	\$76.00
Youth Breakfast	\$557.84
Youth Room	\$234.00
Organ Repair	\$50.00
Outreach	\$515.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$1,522.35
2012 Prepaid Pledges	\$1,000.00
Total	\$6,137.87

- Investments – Edward Jones balance as of the October 28, 2011 statement

Account Title	10/28/11 Balance	10/28/10 Balance	Gain/(Loss)
General Fund	\$310,067.71	\$322,273.58	(\$12,205.87)
Sabbatical Fund	\$2,873.64	\$2,758.76	\$114.88
Outreach Fund	\$4,333.05	\$4,210.42	\$122.63
Building Fund	\$11.23	\$9,964.28	(\$9,953.05)
Music/Organ Fund	\$19,533.73	\$0.00	\$19,533.73
Total Investments	\$336,819.36	\$339,207.04	(\$2,387.68)

- Current Month Activity - \$7,956.22 Net Loss
- Year-to-Date Activity - \$7,699.92 Net Loss

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2011</h1>						
				1	2 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Christmas Collections	3
4 ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY - 2 ADVENT 7:45 am Holy Eucharist/Sermon, church 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Breakfast 10:15 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Holy Eucharist/Sermon, church Coffee Hour follows	5 7 pm AA	6	7 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga 6:15 pm Cub Scouts	8 6 pm Vestry	9 10 am Bible Study	10
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 am Holy Eucharist/Sermon, church	26 7 pm AA	27	28 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga	29	30 10 am Bible Study	31

December 2011 LEM

	Dec 4 Holy Eucharist	Dec 11 Morning Prayer	Dec 18 Holy Eucharist	Dec 24 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Evening Prayer	Dec 25 Holy Eucharist
Acolytes:	Maggie Cass	Ciara Gunderson	Max Flanagan	Mallory Fowler Dec 24 11:00 PM Allie Stanton, Kyle Stanton Maggie Cass	Ruthie Koerts
Altar Guild	Martha, Isabelle	Kate, Catherine, Christine	Marge, Helen, Carole		Tanya, Carole
Flowers	Mike Page	Annette Patten	Grace McQueen	Christmas Eve	Christmas
Greeters	Donna Madara	Amy Marsland	Grace McQueen		Freddie Beach
LEM		No chalice bearer			
Ushers' Schedule by Team for December	Chip Treyz Capt. 875-4201				

Nursery Schedule Dec. 2011

Dec 4 Jennifer Lindsay
Emma Anderson

Dec 11 Page Flanagan
Jenn Fowler

Dec 18 Tracy Mathias
Maggie Cass

Dec 25 Merry Christmas!
No Nursery

Acolytes - Remember to arrive by **10:45 a.m.**, vest and light candles, perform functions for which you are trained and qualified.

Remember always find a substitute Should you have any questions, please contact Ruthie Koerts, 656-4586, or RuthieK10@aol.com

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Ruthie Koerts, Pastoral Leader

Renee Schultz, Secretary,

Financial Assistant

Barb Fuller,

Music Director/ Organist

Senior Warden

— Terri Weir

607-656-4419

Junior Warden

— Kate Stacy

607-656-4081

Acolytes

— Ruthie Koerts

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Altar Guild

— Jack and Trinna

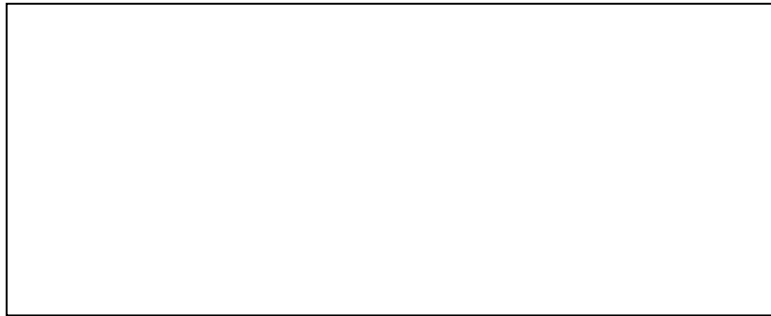
Najarian

607-656-4946

Sunday School

— Kate Stacy

607-656-4081



Our mission...is to spread the word of God and the message of Christ the Savior in an atmosphere of fellowship and love; to stimulate interest in Zion's activities and worship services, and to continue to reach out to others.

Our Vision...

Zion is a place where God lives and works through its members. We are warm and welcoming to all. We nurture and actively support the spiritually seeking, and present the hope of Christ. God is real in our lives.