

# GLAD TIDINGS FROM ZION

## JANUARY 2012

Due to the illness of the newsletter editor, Catherine Wedge, the newsletter will be in a different format until she returns.

### HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!

Blessings for a New Year!

As we begin a new year, I think it's a good thing to remember that we're still in the midst of Christmastide. I can guess that many of you are tired (dare I say, "sick and tired"?) of the whole Christmas rush and crush and general craziness. There's probably a good many of you who are also suffering through the "Christmas blues".

Maybe now is a good time to (re)consider the meaning of Christmas - the meaning of God becoming human. Take some time to rest. Take some time to relax.

Take some time to remember the "big things" and all the "little things" God has done throughout your life. Perhaps even some of the things you wish God had done, or hadn't done. Remember that you are a child of God.

And, while you're at it, I have to ask you all to take some time to reminisce about the time you've spent in your parish. In particular, I'm really interested in hearing the stories of the parish - your individual stories of singular moments of grace. I'm interested in hearing the stories of small kindnesses that ended up meaning a great deal to you. My hope is to periodically share them in the monthly newsletter.

I'll begin by sharing a story from my experience at my home parish. Years ago when we made the official announcement to St Paul's, Waterloo that I would be pursuing ordination, there was one particular matron of the parish who seemed particularly happy for me. Just about every time I saw Ruth Gardner, she would remind me that I was the first "boy" from St Paul's that she knew of to try to become a priest. Since she was the oldest member of the parish, her memory stretched pretty far back!

The little kindness that meant so much to me was every time we'd pass the peace, she'd take my hand, pull me down closer to her (she was in a wheelchair), kiss my cheek and say how proud she was of me. The discernment process and seminary were no walk in the daisies (so much of life is no walk in the daisies!), but her little words of kindness and faithfulness were precious little memories planted in my heart.

Ruth Gardner passed on to the loving and welcoming arms of Jesus just a week before I graduated from seminary. The memories of her small kindnesses were treasured in my heart at my graduation, ordination to the diaconate and more recently at my ordination to the priesthood. Her small kindnesses have been treasured, if not decidedly bittersweet, precious blessings to me. May God forever bless her loving spirit. And, may God bless all of you! I look forward to hearing your stories of grace.

Fr Dave

# January 2012 Church Calendar

If you cannot attend church please find a substitute

## **SUN., JAN. 1 7:45 Eucharist 11:00 Eucharist**

Altar Guild – Annette Patten & Louise Eggleston

Flowers – Kate Stacy

Ushers - Cary Najarian, Captain

Greeter – Lisa Colwell

Acolyte – Alexis Shenk

LEM – 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, Kathy Rutz; 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson, Jim Weir; Prayers, Annette Patten; Chalice, Jenn Fowler

Nursery – no nursery

Coffee Hour – host needed

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Psalm 8, Luke 2:15-21

Birthdays – Megan McDermott, Catherine Wedge, Mary Brady, Joel Martin, Neil Guiles, Jake Flanagan, David Levee

Anniversaries – John & Martha Gerty

Families: Brian, Annette and Melissa Patten, Elizabeth, Kiera, Jocelyn, Andrew and Clarissa Pezzino, Eddy Pezzino, Anna Rutz, Alex, Quintin, Isabella and Ashton Pezzino, Peter and Justin Pezzino, Stephanie Pfeil

## **SUN., JAN. 8 7:45 Eucharist 11:00 Morning Prayer - move into chapel**

Altar Guild - Carole Westbrook, Martha Gerty & Izzy Martin

Flowers - Open

Ushers – Cary Najarian, Captain

Greeter – Pat Whitaker

Acolyte – Quintin Pezzino

LEM – 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, Jean Ford; 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson, Annie Simpson; Prayers, Terri Gunderson

Nursery – Janet Stanton & Allison Stanton

Coffee Hour – host needed – please sign up

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Birthdays – Jake Flanagan, David Levee, Bev Deabler, Phill Brown, Jennifer Rayne, Helen Hunsinger, Kaitlin Porter, Margo McDermott

Families: Louis, Wanda and Logan Pixley, Jim, Sue, Kaitlin and Michael Porter, Jim and Pat Ramsdell, Robert, Jacqui, Jennifer and Rebecca Rayne, Jean Rhodes

## **SUN., JAN. 15 7:45 Eucharist 11:00 Morning Prayer - chapel**

Altar Guild - Kate Stacy, Christine Cooper & Catherine Wedge

Flowers – Open

Ushers - Cary Najarian, Captain

Greeter – Victoria Gear

Acolyte – Ciara Gunderson -

LEM – 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, Steve Koerts; 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson, Jenn Lindsay; Prayers, Jenn Fowler

Nursery – Lisa Colwell & Tricia Colwell

Coffee Hour – host needed – please sign up

Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel: 3:1-10, (11-20), 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:12-20, Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17, John 1:43-51

Birthdays – Paul Koerts, Tom Smart, John Weir, Anna Rutz, Martha Gerty, Ruthie Koerts

Families: Scott, Sue, Brian and Tyler Rice, Wilbur Rice, Joan, Shane, Eric and Dean Rifanburg, Mary Rosekrans, Kathy, Dewey, Ben, Clare, Mary and Peter Rutz

**SUN., JAN. 22 - one service - 11:00 Eucharist – Annual Meeting - chapel**

Altar Guild - Marge Kennedy & Helen Hunsinger

Flowers – Catherine Wedge

Ushers – Cary Najarian, Captain

Greeter – Bev Deabler

Acolyte – Maggie Cass

LEM – 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, Annette Patten; 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson, Kathy Rutz; Prayers, Annie Simpson;

Chalice, Terri Weir

Nursery – Jenn Lindsay & Emma Anderson

Coffee Hour – host needed – please sign up

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm, 62:6-14, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:12-20, Mark 1:14-20

Birthdays – Bob Hoag, Margaret Wedge, Don Simpson, Bernard McDermott, Christine Cooper, John Harrington,

Families: Don & Annie Simpson, Karl and Lydia Stickley, Tom and Fran Smart, Bob, Mary Sue and Andrew Smith, Bill, Kate and Will Stacy

**5<sup>th</sup> SUN., JAN. 29 7:45 Eucharist 11:00 Morning Prayer – chapel**

Altar Guild - Tanya Fazio & Page Flanagan

Flowers – Kate Stacy

Ushers – Cary Najarian, Captain

Greeters – Donna Madara

Acolyte – Mallory Fowler

LEM – 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, Terri Weir; 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson, Jenn Fowler; Prayers Jenn Lee

Nursery – Page Flanagan & Max Flanagan

Coffee Hour – host needed – please sign up

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Birthdays – Michael Gerty, Peter Rutz, Marilyn Gardner, Brittany Doolittle

Families: Mark, Janet, Kyle, Allison, Riley Stanton, Cheryl Tarby, Charles Tourtual and Carrie Dean, John and Kathie Treyz, Chip Treyz and Alexis Shenk

**EVERY SUNDAY** 9:30 – Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 – Children’s Breakfast  
10:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Children’s Sunday School

**EVERY FRIDAY** Morning Bible Study is held in parishioner’s homes at 10:00. Please call the church office for location. You can always meet Fr. David and Ruthie at church by 9:45 and carpool. We study the readings for Sunday. You are always invited to join us and attend when you can.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUN. JAN. 29<sup>th</sup>** please bring a dish to pass or food to share after the 11:00 AM service. We will have the ovens on to keep food warm.

**FLOWERS** add to the beauty of our services. Available dates in 2012 are: January 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>; February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; September 30<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration, please call Renee in the church office, 656-9502.

**LADY BUG FLORIST (800-392-2660 toll free)** in Whitney Point has offered to deliver to the church any pieces that are ordered through their shop. Delivery would be at ½ of the regular delivery prices. For any flowers ordered under this program, Lady Bug Florist will put 5% of the arrangement cost in a church account. The church will then have credit to use towards flowers such as Mother’s Day. Identify yourself as a Zion Parishioner ordering under the flower program. If you do not have a credit card you can pre-pay for your flowers by asking the total and sending a check. Mary, the owner of Lady Bug Florist said that arrangements start at **\$20 per vase**. Mary can also do one triangular piece for the front of the cross or altar starting at \$25. If you want something bigger or with more expensive flowers you need to let her know. The toll free number is: **1-800-382-2660**

**UNDERWEAR** for the Primary School for UPK thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is needed. Some younger children still have accidents in school. The sizes range from: 4, 6, and 8. There will be a basket in the back of the chapel for you to drop off by Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SOUP SALE** is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The soups are Italian Wedding and Cream of Broccoli. It is take out only. You may pick your soup up from 11:00 – 2:00. The cost is \$5.50 and a pint is \$3.00. Order/sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board or call the church office (656-9502) to order. Pass the word to your friends. This is a great time of year for soup.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are due to Renee by Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for **Sun., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> after** the 11:00 AM service. There will be **no** 7:45 AM service that Sunday to encourage attendance. Please bring a dish or food of some sort to pass and share.

**DEADLINE** for articles for the February newsletter is Weds. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

**BONFIRE AT THE BALLFLATS** There will be a Christmas tree bonfire, sponsored by the Congregational Church, for the community on the ball flats on Sat., January 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. please save your Christmas trees for the bonfire and join us for a nice warm bonfire.

**FUNDRAISER** for Zion. We encourage you to shop at Maines. If you stop by the church office you can pick up a MAINESAVER Value Card. Present the card whenever you make a purchase, and Maines will donate 5% of the total to Zion. Maines doesn't just sell in bulk; they now sell smaller packaged food.

**THANK YOU** to one and all that helped during the Christmas Holiday. Whether you bought gifts for the Giving Tree or helped hang the greens in the church, made an appetizer for the Wine and Cheese Party, or helped in an unknown way, you helped to make Christmas extra special for many people. We are fortunate that Zion has generous parishioners.

**COFFEE HOUR** It's that time of year when you are asked to sign up for Coffee Hour. We are in need of many more people willing to host Coffee Hour after the 11:00 service on Sunday's. People enjoy the fellowship and it's nice to invite newcomers and visitors to stay and have a cup of coffee with us. Please take a look at your calendars and let Victoria Gear (656-7371) know what Sunday(s) works for you. There will be a calendar on the food table so you can sign up by the month or year. If you would rather supply goodies that would also be very helpful.

**COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES** we are always in need of 8 Oz. Hot cups, 5 oz. Juice glasses, 6-8 inch plates, heavy duty forks, spoons, knives, creamer, decaf coffee and juice.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Jim Weir would like to thank those that delivered for Meals on Wheels for the month of November. They were: Helen Hunsinger, Marge Kennedy, Phil and Izzy Martin, and Nancy Bromley. Thanks again.

**PRAYER LIST** Pat Whitaker, Cathie Bagnall, Evelyn Evans, Fr. Ralph Locke, Andy Falcon, Fr. Tom Margrave, Catherine Wedge, Nita Borst, Marilyn Gardner, Pat Mahoney, Edilu Hunt, Bill Merwarth, Lt. James Cope, Fr. Ralph Groskoph, Jeanette McCurdy, Tracy Langstaff, Todd Hasz, Aedan, Jean Ford, Lynn Ford, Barb Fuller, Elissa Case, Kim Fazio, David Cass, Fran Lee, Bernie & Christine Cooper, Eliza Whitaker, Melissa Burnett, Ann English, Bill Williams, Richard Crissey, Kenny Krebs, Ciara Gunderson, Thomas Zino, Cheri Curtin, John Fako, Marge Waddell, Jacqui Rayne & family, Jessica Tropa, Rev. Jay Zaremba, Pete Vail, Donna Madara, Sue Martin, Jack & Trena Najarian, Steve Ford, Sandy Bullock, Bill Hoyt, Rick Smith, Marti Williamson, Donna Fazio, Aidan & Logan Cavanaugh, Nathan Salvemini, Justin Tyler, Barbara Pezzino, Ellen Morehouse, Julie Smart and David Goetcheus.

**Newsletter and Directory**

To save our church the cost of postage, paper, ink, etc. we are emailing newsletters. We are also updating the directory at the same time. If you have a new email address or if your information has changed please let us know.

Please return this form by January 31<sup>st</sup>, either by placing it in the offering plate, dropping it off in the church office or mailing it.

- I wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail
- I will pick up my newsletter at church
- Due to my circumstances, I am unable receive the newsletter by e-mail or in person. Please mail my copy.

**For the newsletter and directory:**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number (indicate if it's a cell number):

Email Address:

Birthdays of those that live in the household:

Anniversaries:

TO: Rector & Vestry Members, Zion Episcopal Church  
 FROM: Jennifer Lindsay, Treasurer, Zion Episcopal Church  
 DATE: December 6, 2011  
 RE: November 2011 Treasury Report

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Accompanying this memo are the following Financial Statements:

- Balance Sheet dated November 30, 2011
- Income Statement for the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2011

Highlights from Financial Statements:

- Cash Balances (unreconciled)

Account Title	Balance
Petty Cash	\$25.00
Regular Checking Acct – Charter One	\$2,636.70
Special Savings – Charter One	\$7,954.11
Investments – Edward Jones	\$333,143.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$343,759.10</b>

- Special Savings Account Reconciliation:

Purpose	Amount
Rectory Work	\$1,576.06
Church Maintenance	\$735.40
Interest Earned	\$76.00
Youth Breakfast	\$483.90
Youth Room	\$234.00
Organ Repair	\$50.00
Outreach	\$515.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$2,783.75
2012 Prepaid Pledges	\$1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,954.11</b>

- Investments – Edward Jones balance as of the November 25, 2011 statement

Account Title	11/25/11 Balance	11/25/10 Balance	Gain/(Loss)
General Fund	\$306,386.03	\$318,223.72	(\$11,837.69)
Sabbatical Fund	\$2,901.41	\$2,734.39	\$167.02
Outreach Fund	\$4,366.55	\$4,178.54	\$188.01
Building Fund	\$11.23	\$9,876.26	(\$9,865.03)
Music/Organ Fund	\$19,478.07	\$0.00	\$19,478.07
Total Investments	\$333,143.29	\$335,012.91	(\$1,869.62)

- Current Month Activity - \$3,480.30 Net Income
- Year-to-Date Activity - \$4,219.62 Net Loss

