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Vision as Challenge

The month of May probably seems extraordinarily busy for all of us. The glaciers are gone, replaced by the black flies....still creatures created by God, but singularly dedicated to bedevil me! And, while the days are longer, the list of chores to get done is longer still.

As of the date this column is written, Easter is still here everyone! The Day of Pentecost is fast approaching, but it is not here yet. The Day of Action is close upon us, but we at Zion still need this time of Easter as it is the season of the greater Church and our faith when we, as individuals as well as collectively, are encouraged....no, rather we are directed by Godto seek as well as celebrate what the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is to us and for us.

So, let's work on this a bit. And for what is that celebration? Or, better yet, for whom?

I remember hearing an intensely remarkable testimony to the power and love of God, but within a very simple story. Presumably being led by the Holy Spirit during the offertory, the pastor of a church told those who were in real need...who didn't know where their next meal was coming from...they could and should take money out of the plate instead of putting money in.

Following up, the results became overwhelming as this epiphany of the congregation had snowballed into Biblical proportions. Now, the effort has magnified beyond comprehension, so that congregants are going out themselves and giving to the needy directly...and yet God still provides in that the church's budgeted financial needs have been met and exceeded beyond all logical explanation outside of recognizing God's acts for faithfulness.

FR. HEIDT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED ON PG. 8

W Rector
o Warden
r Warden
s Treasurer
a Parish Secretary
t Financial Secretary
t Music Director
t Facility Maintenance

Fr. James K. Heidt
Willie Talmadge
Jane Padrón
Michael Rescigno
Annette Clark-Hani
Vacant
Erick Kroll
Chris Klara

Vestry 2021

Willie Talmadge, Warden ('22)
 Jane Padrón, Warden ('23)
 Harriet Brennan ('22), Michelle Luvisi ('22),
 Annie Deacon ('23), Brenda Outwater ('24),
 Sandie Latimer ('24), Wayne Osborne ('24)
 Annette Clark-Hani, Clerk of Vestry
 Michael Rescigno, Treasurer

Happy May Birthday to:

May 2 Jonathon Jones
 May 8 Eileen Jones
 May 12 Heather Deeley

May 13 Anne Staple
 May 22 Jennifer Jones



Happy May Anniversary to:

May 17 Lucy & Meltiades Kousouros
 May 23 Brenda & Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LISTED PLEASE LET ANNETTE KNOW IN THE OFFICE.

Memorial Gifts and Flowers - Given to the Glory of God

ALTAR FLOWERS-Cost \$35-Altar Flowers

May 2-OPEN

May 9-OPEN

May 16-Given by Tina & Mike Rescigno; In Memory of Chuck Kohler

May 23-OPEN-Given by: Brenda Outwater; In Celebration of: Wedding anniversary of Brenda & Cindy DeProspero-Outwater

May 30-OPEN

Candle Oil & Bulletins-Cost \$10-ALL THE TIME

May 2-OPEN

May 9-OPEN

May 16-OPEN

May 23-OPEN

May 30-OPEN

Our Prayer List

“Heavenly Father, watch over these your children, and grant that they may be restored to that perfect health which is yours alone to give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

Those needing extra prayers:

Russel Kirk	Ann Northup	Brandon Muldoon
Brett McDonell	Brenda Outwater	Anne Staple
Buffy Olsen	Catherine Zbiegien	Bea Golden
Charles O'Neill	Charlotte Rice	Erica Young & Baby
David Kane	Christine O'Connor	Kenny Delaney
Georgia Northup	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Janice McNaughton
J. Daniel	David Dutcher	Jim Hoffman & Family
Jill	Laurie LaForce	Christi Elaine
John and Linda Hunter	Ginny Telego	Karen Chapman
Joyce	Janet Renzi	Kathy Hawks
Julie Pangbourne	Joan Moore	Randy Jones Sr.
Justin & Ryan Pope	Joey Urbanek	Sara Steiner
Lance	Pearl Bienvenue	Mark Trifeletti
Lois Wiggins	Lauren & James Ziegler	Sal & Bill Smith
Susan Roberts & Family	Michael Potter	Sharon Parsons
The Gambier Family	Willie Talmadge	Shirley Reali
Dave Allen	Cathy Nelson	Shelley Land

Though you cannot be with us in person at Zion Church, you are with us in thought and prayer.

At HomeCharles O'Neill
Catherine Zbiegien
John & Linda Hunter



AnnMarie Bronson Hunter	Ann Northup	AJ Renzi	AnnMarie Br
Brett McDonell	Brenda Outwater	Anne Staple	Brett McDon
Buffy Olsen	Catherine Zbiegien	Bea Golden	Buffy Olsen
Charles O'Neill	Charlotte Rice	Erica Young & Baby	Charles O'Ne
David Kane	Christine O'Connor	David Land	David Kane
Georgia Northup	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Janice McNaughton	Georgia Nor

Who's scheduled at a glance ...

READINGS SCHEDULE

1st SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021-9AM- Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Sandie Latimer Jane Padrón
Acolyte	Sandie Latimer
Altar Guild	Harriet Brennan, Grace Millington
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno–Month of May

2nd SUNDAY: The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021-9AM Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Jane Padrón Jennifer Swinney
Acolyte	Jane Padrón
Altar Guild	Harriet Brennan, Grace Millington
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno–Month of May

3rd SUNDAY: The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021-9AM— Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Rick Weltz Georgia Northup
Acolyte	Rick Weltz
Altar Guild	Tina Rescigno/Jane McDonnell
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno-Month of May

4th SUNDAY: The Day of Pentecost
PLEASE WEAR RED
May 23, 2021-9AM— Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Jane Padrón
Lay Readers	Mike Rescigno Tina Rescigno
Altar Guild	Tina Rescigno/Jane McDonnell
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno-Month of May

SCHEDULE CONTINUED ON PG. 5

ERICK KROLL'S FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



Probably everyone knows by now that my allergies are out of remission and have been making me very sick in church due to the lingering Easter lily pollen. My primary care physician has armed me with epipens if the need arises since I am immune to antihistamines; and I have been referred to an allergist.

Continuing with the carol series, it just would not be Easter Day without "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today". Its origins date back to the 14th century as a Latin hymn largely from Bohemia. The first English translation appeared in 1708 and has appeared in 340 hymnals making this one of the oldest and most prolific hymns. Three of these hymnals include the Calvinistic Methodist Church 1918, the Primitive Methodist Church 1916, and the Iglesia Episcopal Americana 1907. (Never heard of these denominations? Neither have I.) This hymn first appeared in The Hymnal in 1847 with verse 4 added in 1898.

As you can imagine, with so many different hymnals, there are bound to be different verses that we don't have in our hymnal. I have identified about a dozen. Here are the ones I found the most profound; all have the alleluias at the end of each line:

Haste ye females from your fright,
Take to Galilee your flight;
To his sad disciples say,
Jesus Christ is risen today.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ hath opened paradise.

He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high
Pleads for us and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of Kings. ;

Sources are from The Hymnal 1940 Companion and Hymnary.org
Cheers,
Erick

5th SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021-9AM— *Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom*

Leader
Reader

Sandie Latimer
Annette Clark-Hani
Tina Rescigno

Altar Guild
Church Opener

Annie Deacon/ Annette Clark-Hani
Tina Rescigno-Month of May

Zion News

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our lovely ladies were at it again cooking up some wonderful food in the kitchen. Zion will try to do these dinners on a monthly basis and as far as of today there are 1 more dinner is planned as follows:

May 22nd-Pulled Pork Sandwiches

June 26th-MTBA

July 24th-MTBA

MTBA-Meal To Be Announced

All going to be served on a Saturday, between 4-5 PM; we do ask that you please make a reservation by either e-mailing Zion at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com or calling the church at 315 336-5170. You can leave a message on the answering machine. This is asked so we know how much food will be needed. Thank you, ladies for your hard work and dedication to this ministry.

HOME SWEET HOME

Homebound parishioners-Zion will be resuming visitations to your home from our LEV's. If you would like one of them to visit with you, please contact the office at (315) 336-5170 or by e-mailing zionchurch@twcny.rr.com.

Vestry retreat: On April 24th the vestry got together and discussed the future of Zion Episcopal church. With a new sense of community outreach with the combined congregational love of Christ that we all share. Along many topics of discussion, one was imminently wanted to bring a new light and that is the Mission Statement of Zion church. So, on Monday, April 26th the vestry has adopted the new Mission Statement as follows:

“Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community”



Zion's Bicentennial Planning

Looking back in Rome's history.....do the names Jay Hathaway, Henry Hayden, Numa Leonard, Hiram Denio and Peter White mean anything to you? How about Algernon Hollister? Or the date August 15, 1825?

The Rev Mr. Algeron Hollister was a missionary priest sent from Trinity Episcopal Church in New York City to the upper reaches of New York state in order to "awaken among Romans sufficient interest in the Episcopal Church to warrant a movement toward the organization of a local organization". Hathaway, Hayden, Leonard, Denio and White were members of the first Vestry of Zion.

We are in the process of beginning to consider Zion's 200th anniversary which is August 15, 2025- that's only 4 years distant folks, and we need to start planning an event to celebrate that huge undertaking. A famous, or infamous speaker? A dinner open to the public? A month of Organ recitals? A capitol campaign? We need ideas and people who are interested in helping get this event off the ground.

An organizational meeting will be held at Zion – in Clark Memorial Hall – at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, to start working on some suggestions. This is going to be a big undertaking, and we would like some assistance. It doesn't matter if you are a current member of Zion, or one from our past or if you are a member of the Rome community and are interested in participating and offering suggestions. If you would like to be involved, but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the parish office and let Annette of your interest. We will also be delighted to accept any monetary donations you wish to make for this event.

Please, if you have a suggestion and/or you are interested in coming to the organizational meeting you can send along your ideas by either calling the parish office at (315) 336-5170 and speaking to Annette the Parish Secretary or by e-mailing the office at zionchurch@twcny.rr.com Snacks will be served, and COVID restrictions will be observed.

FR. HEIDT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

So, what is all of this to Zion? It is a matter of vision. Of first, seeing a challenge in our midst...and second, having the courage of faith to engage that challenge.

The loving people of this parish have long come up against challenges, and they have met those challenges with dedicated effort and resources. We continually give thanks to God for who and where we are as a church of the 21st century. While we still need to take the measure of ourselves, our time to do so is coming to an end as Pentecost is upon us momentarily...the time that we are to **MOVE** in the Spirit of God.

It is about perspective...and perception...and vision. What is our vision, in the midst of the needs of our community? The parish has adopted a new mission statement...how do we live into it?

All in the love of Christ. Fr. Jim



Strawberry Festival-Yes we will have our strawberry festival this year along with a basket raffle. If you would like to help out; Swistak's is usually open about mid June for strawberry picking. We need as many quarts as you can pick, also this year's event will be take-out only.

A thought to ponder.....

