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From the Rector's Desk

How do you spell Jesus?

Some years ago, an antacid manufacturer started an ad campaign with "How do you spell relief?" The answer was the name of the product. It got peoples' attention, and I'm sure increased the sales of the antacid dramatically. While I'm not hoping to "sell" the product of Jesus, part of my calling as a priest is to proclaim the good news of God in Christ. The thing is, my image of Jesus is not the same as other people's image of Jesus.

When you think of Jesus, what image do you see first? The gospels portray Him in different roles and in different settings. Some are comforting and some are disturbing. Just as all of those separate images are true, each one has a special significance for each one of us. The great mystery of the Church is that when we gather as Christians, and come to worship the one true and living God, we do so using various "filters". Somehow, the completeness of God is composed when we put our images together. Just as a mosaic is made up of individual pieces of glass that mean very little on their own but can create an astoundingly beautiful piece of art when they are all put together, so too does the church become a thing of beauty when all of our images blend in harmony.

So, who is Jesus?

Healer?

Lover of the poor?

Worker of miracles?

The innocent sacrifice?

Teacher?

Friend of prostitutes and sinners?

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Yes, of course, all the above are true, but what is interesting is “who is Jesus for you?” When that image is clear individually, then we have a way to identify with the way God is working out salvation, and we can invite others to do the same.

How do YOU spell Jesus?

God's peace

Fr. Hunt

Zion Staff

Rector	The Rev Edward Hunt
Senior Warden	James Mott
Junior Warden	Tina Rescigno
Director of Music	Andrea Radesi
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Bookkeeper	Pat Cummings

Vestry 2010

James Mott, Senior Warden ('12)	
Tina Rescigno, Junior Warden ('12)	
Doug Hewitt ('11)	Mike Potter ('12)
Pat Hoffman ('12)	Tammy DeVries ('11)
Norman Gopsill ('13)	Brenda Outwater ('11)
Norman Hutchinson ('13)	Wayne E. Towne ('12)
Ashley Sweatman ('13)	

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND FLOWERS
Given to the glory of God

Feb. 7 – **Altar flowers** given by Dorothy Nevinger in memory of Donald R. Nevinger.

Feb. 14 - **Altar flowers** given by Jean & Donald Bush in memory of Mary Ellen Bartlett.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Easter is Sunday, April 4, 2010. There are no altar flowers during Lent but a bulletin contribution or candle oil can be given.

February 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"

Patti Slaughter (John Ringlehan's daughter)
Jeanette Fountain (Janice McNaughton's daughter)
Rose & Ricky Gardner (Mike Potter's sister & brother-in-law)
Pat Glasrud (Janice & Everett Hall's daughter)
Arthur & Laraine Galster
Jacqueline Southard (Diane Sroka's mother)
Carol Jones (Pat Cumming's sister)
Brett McDonald
Harry Spraggins
Georgia Newbury (Tina Rescigno's friend)
Ryan Kelly
William Hoover
Marjorie Babcock
Jane Heilig
Evelyn Miller (Marjorie Babcock's friend)
Patty Sweet (friend of Georgia Ringlehan)
Butte Edel (aunt of Brenda Outwater)
Richard Edel (cousin of Brenda Outwater)
Kathy Gambier & Jeannie Pearle (daughters of Ann Gambier)
Nancy Smith
Evelyn Gifford
Catherine McMinn
Peggy Meyer (Georgia Ringlehan's sister).

Our Homebound Members

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

Rome Memorial HospitalJane Heilig, Marjorie Babcock
Rome HomeMary Delong
StonehedgeHilda Gillander, Lillian Savery
Betsy RossCatherine McMinn, Harry Spraggins
At HomeJulia Burns, Arlene Clough, Evelyn Gifford, Wanda Younglove, and Ralph
Gruner at The Terrace at Beverwyck, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Apt. 101, Slingerlands, NY 12159 (518-269-4956)



Happy February Birthday to:

February 2	Jacqueline Falcone	February 18	Colleen Corbett
February 3	Malinda Abraham	February 21	Chelsea Hensley
February 4	Judy Bottini	February 22	Michelle Eychner
	Jonathan Washburn	February 23	Muriel Boulerice
	Lisa Wiggins		Brenda Outwater
February 5	Catherine McMinn		Ken Viscosi
	Paul Rapke	February 24	Adam Lisser
February 8	Maya Nelson		Harold Potter
February 9	Breanna Deeley	February 26	Michael Boudreau
February 11	Bill Ernst		Samantha Grunder
	Ashleigh Nelson		Alexandra Towne
	Kirk Ringdahl		Michael Neri
February 12	Cathy McMinn Zbiegien	February 28	Tammy Ernst DeVries
February 14	Susan Grow Colmey		
February 16	Janice Hall		
	Margaret Latimer		



Happy February Anniversary to:

February 9	Lois and Douglas Walsh
February 12	Grace and Kirk Millington
February 21	Michelle and David Eychner



Stephen Ministry Update

On June 28th last year six Stephen Ministers were commissioned by Father Hunt during Sunday worship services. Prior to the commissioning we had received fifty hours of training from Father Hunt and Harriet Brennan starting in March and extending through the end of June. Father Ed and Harriet had previously traveled to Florida where they spent the week learning about the Stephen Ministry program and how to implement it at Zion.

Since our commissioning we have had the privilege of providing care for a number of persons from Zion's church family. If you are not familiar with Stephen Ministry, you may wonder what type of care is being provided. A quote from literature supplied by the Stephen Ministry organization succinctly describes that care, "Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is **confidential**, free, and very helpful." The length of time that someone receives this care from a Stephen Minister varies with the needs of the person receiving the care and is ended when both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister mutually agree to complete the relationship.

There is another way that the Stephen Ministry national organization has described who Stephen Ministers are. They are described as "The After People." The national organization also says, "Stephen Ministers are there: *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get. ...*after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you..." The flyer below mentions some of the other *afters* that can occur in any of our lives.

If you feel that you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Father Hunt.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

. . . *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

. . . *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

. . . *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

. . . *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

. . . *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

. . . *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

. . . *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
. . . *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
. . . *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
. . . *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

Episcopal Relief and Development

The following article highlights the Episcopal Relief and Development’s work in aiding those in Haiti suffering the devastating effects of the January 12, 2010 earthquake. In addition to the donation methods listed in the article, if you wish to donate, you can make your check payable to “Zion Episcopal Church” with “Haiti” in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. All donations will then be forwarded to EDR.

Relief Efforts Continue in Haiti After Earthquake

January 21, 2010

Over a week since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti on January 12, the nation is still being affected by large aftershocks, including a 6.1-magnitude event yesterday morning. However, the continued geological events are only one challenge facing those trying to provide relief in Haiti.

Despite the efforts of international aid organizations, food, water and other critical resources are still greatly needed by many residents of Port-au-Prince and other parts of the country. Congested runways and ports have made it difficult to get materials into Haiti, and while the situation is slowly improving, lack of available fuel continues to hinder the transport of available supplies to those in need.

“We’ve been working closely with the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic to get shipments into Haiti on a daily basis,” said Kirsten Muth, Episcopal Relief & Development’s Senior Program Director, who is currently working on the ground with Katie Mears, Program Manager for USA Disaster Preparedness and Response.

“We are also using helicopter support from our partner Worldwide Village to provide medical supplies and food to affected rural communities and parishes, including Gressier, Grand Colline and Trouin,” said Mears. “The team here has also recently secured additional transport vehicles, which are allowing us to deliver more supplies and reach a larger number of people. Relief efforts are expanding daily.”

By collaborating with diocesan staff in the Dominican Republic to secure vehicles and create channels through which they can help those most impacted by this disaster, Episcopal Relief & Development is establishing a long-term response mechanism that can continue to operate efficiently as the recovery process gets underway in the coming weeks and months.

In addition to assisting with daily supply shipments, Episcopal Relief & Development is working to stabilize communications through the provision of satellite phones and solar power chargers.

The satellite phones will enable coordination of efforts between dioceses and increase Episcopal Relief & Development's ability to communicate with Bishop Duracin and his colleagues as they serve the thousands of survivors that have congregated in their tent camp in Port-au-Prince. Maintaining these channels of communication will also be crucial during the recovery process.

"The infrastructure of the church, even where damaged and wounded, represents an amazing network of people, skills and resources," said Muth. "It is important that we continue to support the people of Haiti as they take the lead in the nation's recovery."

While they face enormous challenges, the Haitian clergy are immensely grateful for the prayers and support coming from the United States. In a [letter](#) to the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Lauren Stanley, The Episcopal Church Appointed Missionary to Haiti, writes, "On behalf of the Bishop of Haiti, the Rt. Rev. Jean Zaché Duracin, first let me say *Mèsi anpil*, thank you very much, for your love, your prayers, your support, your generosity and your kindness."

The letter also states that while the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti is appreciative of the compassion and concerns of Episcopalians in the US, Bishop Duracin is discouraging mission trips at this time.

"I believe the best course of action right now is to pray, to be generous in your financial assistance and to begin praying about how you can respond in the future," continues Stanley. "Please know that Bishop Duracin is counting on everyone here to work together, to help the people and to be faithful. Together, we WILL help God's beloved children in Haiti."

For access to the most up-to-date information, a [video interview](#) with Bishop Duracin, downloadable bulletin inserts and other resources, visit the [Haiti Crisis](#) page.

To assist those suffering in the wake of this disaster, please consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Haiti fund](#) at www.er-d.org or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Please write "Haiti" in the memo of all checks.

Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States and an independent 501(c) (3) organization. The agency takes its mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25. Its programs work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, Episcopal Relief & Development strengthens communities today to meet tomorrow's challenges. We rebuild after disasters and empower people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Zion Happenings

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in Clark Hall on February 16th. Supper will consist of pancakes, sausage, *real* maple syrup and a beverage of your choice.

Please keep the date open and join us for a great meal and even greater fellowship.

Watch your bulletin for further details.

Relay for Life 2010

Work has begun on Team “Lifesavers” efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society by participating in the Rome Relay for Life, set for June 5 and 6 at the NYS School for the Deaf. Zion’s Team Co-Captains for 2010 are Mary Hunt, Mary Anne Hutchinson and Norm Hutchinson. Ann Watkins is stepping down as Co-Captain and will continue to serve on the Planning Committee.

The first Planning Committee meeting will be February 7th following the 10 am service. The first fund-raiser will be a Valentine’s Day Bake Sale on February 14th following the 8 and 10 am services. All proceeds from this and other fund raisers will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Planning Committee seeks new and returning members to help plan and execute fund raising; walker recruitment and site set-up, management and take-down. If you would like to help plan this community outreach ministry, please sign up at the Relay Bulletin Board in Clarke Hall and come to the meeting on Feb. 7th in the Parlor, following the 10 am service.

If you want to raise money for the American Cancer Society and walk in the Relay, please sign up at the Bulletin Board. The initial sign-up is for planning purposes only. Actual commitment to walk and raise money will take place later in the Spring. This year the Planning Committee is asking for a \$10 registration fee when the walker commits to participating.

If you are unable to plan or walk, please look for opportunities to help in other ways. Bake a goodie to sell at the Valentine’s Day Bake Sale, donate through a walker or buy a baked goodie to give to a loved one. And please PRAY for the committee and walkers as they prepare for the Relay. Cancer has affected every Zion parishioner’s life in one way or another. Won’t you please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry at Zion?

Our Zion Family

On January 6 **Margaret Rose Hunt** auditioned for a seat in the All County Orchestra. Her audition was a success – she has been selected to participate in All County Orchestra. Awesome job, Meg!



2010 RELAY FOR LIFE KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE
FEBRUARY 14, 2010

CLARKE HALL

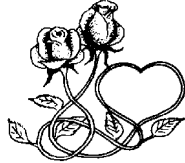

Following the 8 am and 10 am services



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Please plan to purchase baked goodies for the ones you love, while donating to Team "Lifesavers" Relay for Life effort.

If you would like to donate homemade baked goods for the sale,
please see Mary Hunt or Pat Hoffman.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2010</h1> <p>Zion Episcopal Church, 140 W. Liberty St., Rome, NY 13440, 315-336-5170, Fax 315-281-0071</p>						Events 14 - Bake Sale for Cancer Society 16 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 17 - Ash Wednesday 25 - Lenten Study Series
Evs 1 st & 3 rd Sundays	1 Brigid 10 a.m. - Property Com. Meeting in Clarke Hall	2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	3 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark & Sweden 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room	4 Cornelius the Centurion	5 The Martyrs of Japan	6 6 p.m.- AA District Meeting in Clarke Hall 8 p.m. - Open Speaker
7 Epiphany 5 8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist	8	9 7 p.m. - Sociable Singles in Clarke Hall	10 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room	11	12	13 Absalom Jones, Priest
14 Last Epiphany 8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Bake Sale for Cancer Society 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist	15 Thoms Bray, Priest & Missionary 7 p.m. - Coin Club Meeting in Clarke Hall 7 p.m. - Vestry Meeting in the Vestry Room	16 5 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Clarke Hall	17 Ash Wednesday <u>Disposition of Ashes</u> 7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in Chapel Noon - Holy Eucharist 7 p.m - Holy Eucharist	18 Martin Luther	19	20
21 Lent 1 8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist	22	23 Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr of Smyrna 7 p.m. - Ultreya in the parlor	24 Saint Matthias the Apostle 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room	25 7 p.m. - Lenten Study Series	26	27 George Herbert, Priest
28 Lent 2 8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist					AA Sat. & Sun. - noon Mon.-Fri - 9 am. Wed. - 7 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sun.- 8 p.m. 1 st Sat. - District - 6 p.m. Open Speaker - 8 p.m.	NA Sat. - 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sun. - 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.