
GLAD TIDINGS

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From the Editor's Desk

“Zion Episcopal Church is a Christian community called to bear witness and celebrate the love of Christ in our parish family and throughout the world.”

This is Zion's Mission Statement – it is a good statement and I'm sure if a survey of parishioners was taken, most would agree that that is what we believe, **but**, do we put our belief to action?

I was talking recently to a regular customer at the pharmacy across the street from our church – he was asking me the times of worship at Zion. As I told him the times of our worship services and the differences between the two services, he commented that he used to attend Zion years ago because he knew a family that attended but when they left, so did he. Since I was working at the time, I was unable to pursue why he didn't continue to attend worship. When I did ask him which service he thought he might attend, he asked me which one I attended. I told him and asked why – his response – “I'll go to the 10 o'clock because I'll know someone there”.

This brief conversation made me think – are we a welcoming community of Christians? Or do we only welcome those that look like us, dress like us, act like us?

Now before you fill my inbox with “hate mail” – think about it for a moment. The customer I mentioned above is a very nice guy, he lives alone and he has some difficulties getting around due to the effects of a stroke. He may look a bit disheveled due to his disability – would we still welcome him? Invite him to stay for coffee? Hold the Hymnal or Book of Common Prayer if he needed help?

As a child growing up in a less than normal family, when we attended church services I was expected to dress appropriately, be quiet during the service, and sit still. Sitting still was difficult for me – I have ADD – sitting still still doesn't work for me! At this point I bet most of you are stunned – you're probably thinking “she doesn't act like she has ADD” “she does so many things for our church” “I never would have guessed”. And you'd be right in all those thoughts.

My “disability” is invisible, unless I told you you'd never know. Other “disabilities” are more visible – we can see them or the effects of them. Either way – does it really matter? Does it make one less of a person?

My point is that many of our conversations turn to “how do we attract more people”? “How do we grow as a congregation”? I think the answer lies within each one of us and how we welcome those that are different from us. Can we find it in ourselves to overlook those things that ‘aren't like us’ and focus on the fact that every single person out there is a child of God?

With God's love,

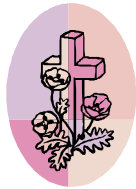
Malinda

Zion Staff

Rector	The Rev Edward Hunt
Senior Warden	James Mott
Junior Warden	Tina Rescigno
Treasurer	Michael Rescigno
Parish Secretary	Rachelle Ellis
Financial Secretary	

Vestry 2011

James Mott, Senior Warden ('12)	
Tina Rescigno, Junior Warden ('12)	
Doug Hewitt ('14)	Mike Potter ('12)
Bill Stevens ('13)	Malinda Abraham ('14)
Norman Hutchinson ('13)	Wayne E. Towne ('12)
Kirk Millington ('13)	Sandie Latimer ('14)
Pat Hoffman ('12)	



MEMORIAL GIFTS AND FLOWERS Given to the glory of God

- June 5 – **Altar flowers** available
June 12 - **Altar flowers** available
June 19 – **Altar flowers** given by Malinda Abraham in celebration of Charles Abraham's birthday
June 26 – **Altar flowers** given by Mike Potter in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Potter
Baptismal Basket given by Janice McNaughton in memory of Leon and Diana Pecon's wedding anniversary.

June 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"

Lillian Savery
Sarah Todora
Marijean Levering (Mary Anne Hutchinson's friend)
Yolanda D'Amore
Preston Bonelli (Diane Herder's son-in-law)
Linda Hunter
Gary Craig (Tina Rescigno's friend)
Rita
Bill Osterhoudt
Pat Rescigno (Mike Rescigno's mother),
Georgia Newbury (Tina Rescigno's friend)
Marjorie Babcock
Evelyn Miller (Marjorie Babcock's friend)
Richard Edel (cousin of Brenda Outwater)
Kathy Gambier & Jeannie Pearle (daughters of Ann Gambier)
Catherine McMinn
John Carro.

Julia Burns
Mary Hyde
Gina Handy
Ann Marie Watkins
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
Ryan Kelly
Jane Heilig
Butte Edel (aunt of Brenda Outwater)
Nancy Smith
Evelyn Gifford
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
 Stonehedge Lillian Savery
 Betsy RossCatherine McMinn, Harry Spraggins
 At HomeJulia Burns, Evelyn Gifford, Wanda Younglove
 At The Terrace at Beverwyck, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Apt. 101, Slingerlands, NY 12159 (518-269-4956).....
 Ralph Gruner
 At son's house - 4244 Skyline Dr., Vernon, NY, 13476..... Bill Osterhoudt
 At the Terrace At Woodlawn..... Barbara Washburn and Janice and Everett Hall



Happy June Birthday to:

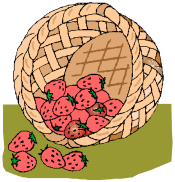
June 1	Lucile Ellison	June 12	Michael Kerber
	Kristopher Towne	June 14	Cary Flack
	Anne Gambier		David Gambier
	Marcella Smith		Vickey Todora
June 4	Jean Bush	June 15	Cheri Talmadge
	William Magee	June 17	Kurt Frank
June 5	Stephen Grunder		Gail Early
June 6	Lee Martin	June 19	Clifford Brundage II
	David Wiggins	June 20	Charles Abraham
June 7	Donald Bush		Ed Watkins
	Lori DeMarco	June 24	Tony C. McConkey
	Bob Olney		Tracy Luszczynski
	Eric Ringdahl	June 25	Howard Reid Smith
June 8	Deborah Stitt	June 26	Randall Phillips
	Katherine Mott	June 27	Eric Michael Viscosi
June 9	Tom Krahl		Elizabeth Blair
	Bill Smith	June 28	Tiffany Thomason
	Tracy Millhouse	June 29	Thomas Squires
June 11	Mark Eychner		
	Barbara LaConte		
	Rev. Edward Hunt		



Happy June Anniversary to:

June 5	Ruth and Rick Weltz	June 11	Susan and Corey Colmey
	Stacy and Gordon Chandler, Jr.	June 19	Suzanne and Garry Coleman
June 10	Susan and Brian O'Shaughnessy		Jessica and Gary Podkowka, Jr
	Janice and Everett Hall	June 27	Jane and Angel Padron

Zion Happenings



This year's **Strawberry Festival** will take place on **Saturday, July 30**. Local strawberries should be ready for picking in the next couple of weeks. We will need donations of strawberries, biscuits, whipping cream and time. Sign-up sheets will be in Clarke Hall and further information will be coming. For now, please mark your calendars, and, if you're so inclined, pick some strawberries! Let's make this year's Strawberry Festival the best one yet!

Our Zion Family

Dear Friends,

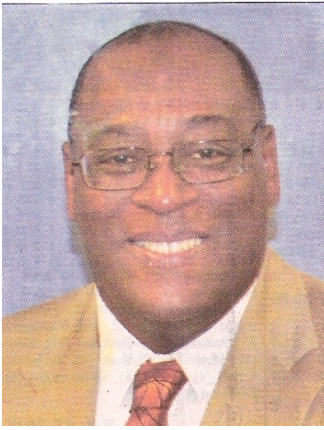
It was a great joy to be with many of you over the Wednesdays of Lent as we wrestled with Tom Wright's book, "Surprised by Hope". The Revd. Mr. LaVoe and I had a good time preparing for and leading the programs.

We have had positive "feed-back" and gotten a sense that the participants have a new, deeper understanding of many aspects of the Christian life.

Thanks for taking part in the program and thanks for your willingness to engage in some hard thinking.

Sincerely -- (The Revd.) Dick Lewis

Congratulations to **Margaret Latimer** on her **2** gold medals from a recent Special Olympics Event held in May. **Margaret** won first place in both shot put and softball throw. Great job **Margaret** we're all very proud of you!



Sunday, July 31 the Rome Sports Hall of Fame will be inducting six individuals during its 35th annual dinner. One of those six individuals is our own **Tom Nelson**. For the better part of 30 years **Tom** has spent much of his time teaching young people basketball. In addition he has coached a number of successful teams and founded the Rome Spangles program and organized the Maureen's Jewell Basketball Tournament named in honor of his mother, Jewell Nelson, and Maureen Anken, both cancer victims. He is also an accomplished athlete himself. Congratulations **Tom!**

The post quoted below first appeared in the blog *The Anchorhold @ St. Laika's* and was re-posted by The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York on their Facebook page. I was particularly taken by the last paragraph.

“The great hockey player Wayne Gretsky said, 'I skate to where the puck is going to be, not to where it has been.'

I believe this skating for the puck is about searching for where God is at work dismantling barriers and transforming lives, not where we have already been. I believe it is about discovering fresh ways to embody God's love among the people, in surrounding neighborhoods, across every barrier, trusting the Spirit of Christ to transform lives. This is what it means to be a missional church whose primary purpose is lives being transformed by the Spirit.

The Church did not begin as an institution whose survival its members were enlisted to ensure. It began as a movement of believers, whose lives were being transformed by the Holy Spirit and summoned by God's love into the streets to announce the Good News.”

Written by [Roy Howard](#)

Submitted by: Norman Hutchinson

Editor's Note: If you have already sent me your graduate information – thank you. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year – please forward the information (photo, name of school, major, further pursuits, etc.) to me via email at zionchurch3@verizon.net, given to me any Sunday, or let with Rachelle in the church office. I will be featuring all of our graduates in the July/August newsletter. Thank you.

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Zion Episcopal Church
April 18, 2011**

Present: Jim Mott, Sr. Warden, Tina Rescigno, Junior Warden, Mike Rescigno, Treasurer, Sandi Latimer, Wayne E. Towne II, Kirk Millington, Malinda Abraham, Doug Hewitt, Lee Towne, Clerk

Absent: Mike Potter, Norm Hutchinson, The Rev. Edward Hunt, Rector, Bill Stevens, Pat Hoffman

Proceedings

Meeting was called to order by Jim Mott at 7:10 pm. Opening Prayer led by Kirk Millington
Minutes from Jan 24th, 2011 meeting reviewed. A motion was made to accept minutes, by Wayne Towne and 2nd by Malinda Abraham Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Mike stated we were "holding our own" Pledges are where they should be. We haven't been drawing as much from the Endowment as budgeted. There was enough money in the general due to expenses being lower mostly because of lack of personnel

Finance Committee Report

Funds are same; they haven't gone up or down. Mike would like to review the Property insurance Policy a little more thoroughly just to be sure we have accurate coverage's. Malinda Stated that the Audit is going well, and she's confident it should be done by June.

Property Report:

A property committee Report has been submitted, The Committee got a quote from Fred Dennis for an estimate for repairs, and the estimate was \$18850.00. They checked with church insurance, they only pay for damage for the inside. Anything in excess will have to be taken from the Hoffstetter fund and possibly look into getting grants.

Worship Committee: Rev. Sally, the Choir, Carol, & Georgia are doing a nice job.

Old Business

The vestry is still in the process of looking for a transitional consultant. There is a new secretary, Rochelle Ellis. We are still looking for a musician.
There was a great turnout for the Safe Church Training. Sacred Sites open house is May 21st. With refreshments.
Anglican Remix seminar—still need 2 people to go may 5th—6th. Diocesan Ministry Fair May 14.
No Inquiry re: film sight.

New Business

Closing Worship

Adjourn 9:12 pm

Move to Adjourn by Tina, 2nd by Wayne, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee A. Towne, Vestry Clerk