
GLAD TIDINGS

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From the Junior Warden's Desk

God-Given Gifts

We all have them individual as they may be, but extremely important because they all make up the Body of Christ.

We are **all** part of the Body of Christ. Not just when we are baptized, but when we recognize the gifts God has bestowed upon each one of us. Just like our human bodies have organs and extremities that make up our whole body, these individual God-given gifts make up the Body of Christ.

There is a book titled "Discover your God-given gifts" by Don & Katie Fortune, a very informative book that helps you determine what your gift is, are you using it appropriately, or are you ignoring your gift(s)?

"Scripture stresses that our motivational gifts are given to us to benefit others. They are not to be used for selfish purposes." The book goes on to say, "*Joy* is the byproduct of operating in your motivational gift. *Frustration* is the byproduct of trying to operate outside it."

The book lists three categories of gifts; manifestation, ministry, and motivational, but only one category do we possess from birth and that is the motivational gift: *1 Peter 4:10* speaks of this gift:

"As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace—faithful stewards of the extremely diverse [powers and gifts granted to Christians by] unmerited favor."

This is the gift that will help you understand why you do the things the way you do, why you think the way you do, or why you react to people and situations the way you do. This gift is what motivates each one of us.

From the Junior Warden's Desk (con't.)

Here is a list of the seven gifts and a brief definition and the correlating body part:

Perceiver (eyes) – one who clearly perceives the will of God.

Server (hands) - one who loves to serve others.

Teacher (mind) – one who loves to research and communicate truth.

Exhorter (mouth) – one who loves to encourage others to live a victorious life.

Giver (arms) – one who loves to give time, talent, energy, and means to benefit others and advance the Gospel.

Administrator (shoulders) - one who loves to organize, lead, or direct.

Compassion person (heart) – one who shows compassion, love, and care to those in need.

So you see, all of us are needed with our individual gifts to make our church whole in the Body of Christ.

I am focusing on our motivational gifts because I'd like to challenge all of you, especially my Zion family, to get this book and answer the questions to find out what your gift or gifts are. Before Zion can move ahead, before we can heal, we need to know how "whole" our body is, and how "strong" our body is to meet the challenges that are going to come our way. It's going to take the 'whole body of Zion' to help us move ahead and thrive again. We are all gifted in different ways and every one of us is very much needed to recover and succeed.

And if you have doubts about how accurate this test will be I've answered the questions in the book and to no surprise to me my primary gift is of a server.

Server: This is the hands of the body.

"... Of all the gifted, we notice that servers are literally the most capable with their hands. They have great dexterity. They seem to be able to fix or build just about anything. This is also referred to in 1 Corinthians 12:28 as the gift of helps. These people love to be helpful, anytime, anyplace ... especially if it includes hands-on involvement."

Therefore, I ask each one of you to please prayerfully consider my request. I would really love to find out more about you, your gifts, and how we can work together as the Body of Christ.

One more thing about the book ... it has a lot of information in it (33 short sections) not just the test. Well worth the time and effort to read. If you have children, there are parts for them to take. As parents you can see where your child's strength is and direct them accordingly.

Blessings and with Zion's best interest at hand,

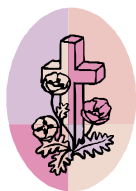
Tina Rescigno – *Junior Warden*

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Vestry 2011

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Kirk Millington ('13)	Sandie Latimer ('14)
Pat Hoffman ('12)	



MEMORIAL GIFTS AND FLOWERS Given to the glory of God

- May 1 – **Altar flowers** available
May 8 - **Altar flowers** available
May 15 – **Altar flowers** given in memory of Marilyn Wightman and Marion Collins DeVisser
May 22 – **Altar flowers** available
May 29 - **Altar flowers** given by Tom Krahl & Charles O'Neil in memory of Kurt Krahl

May 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"

Justin Blinn (Sharon Parson's great-grandson)
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)
Arthur & Laraine Galster
Jacqueline Southard (Diane Sroka's mother)
Carol Jones (Pat Cumming's sister)
Evelyn Gifford
Bill Osterhoudt
Georgia Newbury (Tina Rescigno's friend)
Marjorie Babcock
Jane Heilig
Evelyn Miller (Marjorie Babcock's friend)
Kathy Gambier & Jeannie Pearle (daughters of Ann Gambier)
Peggy Meyer (Georgia Ringlehan's sister)

Pat Rescigno (Mike Rescigno's mother)
Julia Burns
Mary Hyde
Gina Handy
Ann Marie Watkins
Pat Glasrud (Janice & Everett Hall's daughter)
Lillian Savery
Rita
John Carro
Brett McDonald
Harry Spraggins
Ryan Kelly
Butte Edel (aunt of Brenda Outwater)
Richard Edel (cousin of Brenda Outwater)
Nancy Smith
Catherine McMinn

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
 Ralph Gruner at The Terrace at Beverwyck, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Apt. 101, Slingerlands, NY 12159 (518-269-4956)
 Bill Osterhoudt at son's house - 4244 Skyline Dr., Vernon, NY, 13476



Happy May Birthday to:

May 2	Jonathan Jones	May 17	Daylynn Brundage
May 3	Dana Carr	May 19	Edward Evans
May 6	Ellen Putnam		Pat Hoffman
	Lois Walsh		Judie Viggiano
May 8	Eileen Jones		Allan Putnam
May 9	Kristin Grunder		Rose Ann Gardner
	Andrew Bush	May 22	Jennifer Jones
May 12	Heather Deeley	May 23	Mary Squires
May 13	Anne Staple		Jeffrey Stevener
May 14	Lucas Falcone	May 24	Melissa Cole
May 15	Christian Luszczynski	May 28	Ashley Sweatman
May 16	James B. Evans	May 29	Marion Hummel
		May 31	George Wakulik



Happy May Anniversary to:

May 7	Michelle and Ken Viscosi
May 17	Lucy and Meltiades Kousouros

Zion Happenings

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is celebrating its 25th anniversary of its *Sacred Sites* program. Zion has been a recipient of financial grants from Sacred Sites for various building repairs. As part of this anniversary celebration the Landmarks Conservancy is organizing a state-wide *Open House* the weekend of May 21st and 22nd. Zion will be participating in this Open House on **Saturday, May 21 from 10-2** and we are asking for your help.

Malinda Abraham is working on a brochure highlighting the history of our building and your input as to what you feel should be included is appreciated. You can email your ideas to her at: zionchurch3@verizon.net or call her at: 271-1114. Once the brochure is complete and printed help will be needed to assemble it.

We will be serving light refreshments in Clarke Hall during the tour. Donations of food and help manning the tables will be needed. Please let Tina know if you are able to help in this manner.

Help will also be needed to guide visitors during the Open House. More information on this is available from Tina Rescigno.

It is our hope that by participating in this event we will generate community awareness of Zion Episcopal Church and we hope we can count on your support to make this a successful Open House.



If you were not at the Chili Supper on April 30 – you missed a great time and great food!

Keep watching the newsletter and the weekly bulletins for more upcoming opportunities to gather as a church family and enjoy good food and even better fellowship.

Our Zion Family

In April the Rome Bar Association added new directors one of whom is our own **Bill Stevens**. **Bill** will serve a two-year term as a director. We wish him the best in this role.

Also in April the Fort Stanwix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their meeting and honored the Flag Essay Contest winners. The First Place winner was **Jack O'Shaughnessy**. **Jack** is the grandson of **Susan O'Shaughnessy** and a student at Rome Catholic School. Congratulations to **Jack**, his proud parents and his proud grandmother!



Pictured are: Cheryl Jacobs, Regent of Fort Stanwix Chapter; **Jack O'Shaughnessy**: Julianna Behr; Nancy Pawlikowski, Flag Essay Chairman; and Jason Evangelist, Principal of N.A. Walbran Elementary School

Editor's Note: Again this year – we would like to honor our high school and college graduates. If you or someone in your family has achieved this milestone, please send us a picture along with the details (i.e. name of graduate; school graduated from; major/college plans, etc.) All info can be emailed to: zionchurch3@verizon.net , given to Malinda, or left in the church office.

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Zion Episcopal Church
March 21, 2011**

Present: Jim Mott, Sr. Warden; Tina Rescigno, Jr. Warden; Mike Rescigno, Treasurer; Pat Hoffman, Sandie Latimer, Kirk Millington, Bill Stevens, Malinda Abraham, Mike Potter, Norm Hutchinson.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Sr. Warden Mott, who then called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the February 21, 2011 meeting were approved with a correction of the date Treasurer's report to 2010 from 2101, and correction of spelling of Hofstetter, on a motion by B. Stevens, seconded by K. Millington. None opposed.

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer M. Rescigno, and it was accepted as presented and filed for audit. It was noted that the Audit committee - chaired by Malinda Abraham, has met and has started the parish auditing process. The completed audit is due in Diocesan offices by 9/1/2011. It was also noted the Mark Mosher from Strategic Financial will meet with the Executive Committee and other interested members on 4/4/11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vestry room.

Property Committee: Report was presented by chair T. Rescigno. It was noted that several water leaks have been dealt with on a temporary basis. A lighting issue has been resolved, and a general church cleanup - inside and out- is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 commencing at 9 am.

Old Business:

New secretary has resigned. Maureen Henderson has offered to fill in temporarily. A replacement search is underway. Search for organist continues. Carol Stack and Georgia Ringlehan continue to fill in as available.

Search for transitional consultant still underway.

Parish special event calendar was passed around again for signups.

It was noted that the parish service schedule for Lent has been posted, and distributed in the parish newsletter.

New Business:

First Sunday collections- The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month has gone to the rector's discretionary fund in the past, but M. Abraham moved that during Fr. Hunt's sabbatical period the March collection go to El Salvador, April collection to Haiti, and May to Japan to support ERD . The motion was seconded by N. Hutchinson. None opposed.

Safe Church Training/licensing of EMs and EVs- S. Latimer reported that Revs. Donnell O'Flynn and Marilyn Sanders will be presenting a SFC at Zion on Saturday, April 3, from 9-12. All vestry members, EVs, EVs and Stephan Ministers are required to take this course every 5 years. T. Rescigno will ensure that notification gets into the Sunday bulletins, and J Mott will notify the Diocese for the Messenger. All EMs and EVs were sent a letter from Latimer reminding them of requirement needed to get their licenses updated as soon as possible, so that as many as possible will be in place when the Zion clergy search becomes active.

Historical Walk 5/21-5/22 -J. Matt announced a walk through Sacred Places in which Zion has been invited to participate. Volunteers are needed to lead tours, and be available for questions and answers. S. Latimer stated that there should be copies of some brochures available which have been published over the years. (1) the needlepoint work done in 1974-1976 for the parish's anniversary, and (2) on the stained glass windows, (3) Arlene Clough's History of Zion, and (4) an earlier history written by Dr. F. Reid.

Film Site Inquiry – no further details.

Anglican - Province 11- to be held at the Doubletree Inn in Syracuse. Seminar - 5/5-5/6-many choices of workshops available.

Diocesan Ministry Fair – 5/14 – Holiday Inn – Liverpool – no charge – many workshops.

There being no further business, Sr. Warden Mott adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandra Latimer, Clerk pro tem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH</h1> <h2>MAY 2011</h2>						
1 Easter 2 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Holy Eucharist Fr. Lewis	2 Saint Mark the Evangelist 10 a.m. - Property Committee Meeting Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	3 Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	4 Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo	5	6	7
8 Easter 3 Mother's Day  8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Holy Eucharist Fr. Lewis	9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	10 Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 7 p.m - Sociable Singles in Clarke Hall	11	12	13	14
15 Easter 4 8 AM - Holy Eucharist Fr. Lewis 10 AM - Holy Eucharist Rev. Sally Heiligman 2 PM - Deaf Service	16 Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 7 PM - Vestry Mtg in Vestry Room 7 PM - Coin Club Clarke Hall	17 Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 6:30 PM - Genealogy Society Clarke Hall	18	19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury	20 Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours	21 Historical Tour of Zion Church 10-2
22 Easter 5 8 AM - Holy Eucharist Fr. Lewis 10 AM - Holy Eucharist Rev. Sally Heiligman	23 Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	24 Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the United States Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 7 PM - Ultreya in Parlor	25 Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow	26 Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury	27	28
29 Easter 6 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Holy Eucharist Fr. Lewis	30 Memorial Day Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall		Evs 1 st & 3 rd Sundays	AA Sat. & Sun. - noon Sat. - 8:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. - 9 a.m. Wed. - 7 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sun. - 8 p.m. 1 st Sat. - District - 6 p.m.	NA Sat. - 11 a.m - 12:30 pm Sun.- 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.