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# GLAD TIDINGS

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## **From the Rector's Desk**

### Leaving

When it became clear to me that my time at Zion was coming to an end, I resisted it. After all, I was planning on staying at least until 2014, as that was the plan I had made with the leadership at the time of my call in 2004. So, through these past almost eight years, whenever things got rough, I reminded myself that I was put here for a reason: "hang in, it will get better." My family and I became comfortable with the fact that we would be in Rome for a while. At one point, I even planned to stay as long as Rev. Egar, the longest serving Rector at Zion. When the children graduated from High School and were on their way to college, then we would begin to look for another place, if that was what we felt called to do.

When people get comfortable, they don't always listen to God. God responds to our inattention by speaking more loudly. Sometimes, God needs to scream at us before we will listen. Last fall, all I could see was the pain involved with the situation I found myself in. I kept saying in my prayers, "but there is so much work for me to do here. I don't want to leave before it's been done. I don't want to be a quitter just because things have gotten bad and people are doing strange things." What is clear to me now is that the events of last fall were not caused by humans; they were the voice of God.

As much as we would like to believe that we live and move and have our being solely by our own choice, it is actually God who is controlling the situation. People do not have the capacity to act by their own design. To think we are in control of our destiny is to ignore the presence of God in the world. We say and do things and we think we know what we are doing, but we mostly just stumble in the darkness. We can use our free will to temporarily thwart the Will of God, but that only works for a bit. Eventually, the resistance becomes too much to maintain, and we give in to God.

## **From the Rector's Desk** (con't.)

In the course of conflict, people become more real to each other. We only get mad about things that are important to us. Sometimes the middle way is clear, sometimes it is not. Sometimes it does not exist. And it is not up to us to make a middle way when one does not exist. Sometimes conflict is just the incomprehensible way God interacts with us. We, indeed, see through the glass dimly. And God blesses us on our journey.

The final piece about leaving Zion, and my resistance to leaving, is realizing that I will probably never see Zion or its people again. I have grown fond of the parish, but I also know that once my feet leave the parish, they should never touch it again. I do not say this out of anger or despair. I say it because I want what is best for Zion, and staying in contact with parishioners or even my coming back to visit will not help the people who are trying to do ministry here. Those who are in leadership positions will need to acquire the necessary skills to lead when I am no longer here, and I would be doing no good by interfering from 1100 miles away.

And so it seems sad to say that after October 16th we will never see each other again. But the journey cannot continue any other way. I am off on another adventure, and so is Zion. God blesses our leavings, and let us give thanks to God for that.

God's Peace and Blessings to you all

Father Edward W. Hunt  
15<sup>th</sup> Rector of Zion, Rome

### **Zion Staff**

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev Edward Hunt
<b>Senior Warden</b>	James Mott
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Tina Rescigno
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Rescigno
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Donna Reily
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	

### **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

Nov. 6 - Altar **flowers** available  
Nov. 13 - Altar **flowers** given by Malinda & Charles Abraham in Thanksgiving of their anniversary.  
Nov. 13. – **Candle Oil** is given by Mike Potter in memory of Renee Vaikus  
Nov. 13 – **Bulletin Contribution** is given by Mike Potter in memory of Renee Vaikus  
Nov. 20 - **Altar flowers** available  
Nov. 27 - **Altar flowers** available

**Endowment fund contributions** were given in memory of **Barbara Miller Washburn**

By:

John and Genie Barry  
Paul Swancott  
Harry and Fran Washburn  
Mr. John Kahler  
Mr. Robert Olney  
Virgil E. and Marilyn M. Washburn

Robert R. O'Brien  
Peg and Pat Corbett  
John and Regina Barry  
Mr. and Mrs. McDermott  
Mrs. Susan O'Shaughnessy

### 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"*

Lillian Savery  
Sarah Todora  
Gina Handy  
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  
Doug Hewitt

Julia Burns  
Mary Hyde  
Janice and Everett Hall  
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)  
Janice and Everett Hall  
Wanda Younglove

## Our Homebound Members

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

Rome Memorial Hospital .....Jane Heilig, Marjorie Babcock  
 Stonehedge ..... Lillian Savery  
 Betsy Ross .....Catherine McMinn, Harry Spraggins  
 At Home .....Julia 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..... Janice and Everett Hall  
 Bethany Gardens .....Evelyn Gifford (room 411)



## November Birthdays

November 1	Randy Jones, Sr	November 19	Isabel Whiting
November 3	Brittany Luszczyński	November 21	Carol Ringdahl
November 7	Virginia Storms	November 22	Sharon Parsons
	Holly Osterhoudt		Alicia Millhouse
	Mary C Hunt	November 23	Nick Watkins
November 8	Garry Coleman		Gary Beckwith
	Ann Neri		Marsha Rapke
November 9	Betty Schaller	November 26	Erin Neri
November 11	Judy Brown	November 27	Douglas Walsh
November 12	Marjorie Babcock	November 28	Michael Moore
November 15	Jane Padron		David Carr
	Carol Stack	November 29	Cathi Savery
November 16	Jim Hoffman		

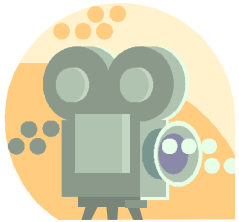


## November Anniversaries

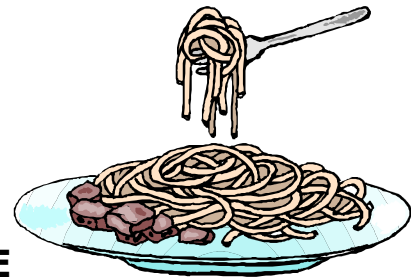
November 1 Jackie and Anthony Falcone  
November 3 Shirley and Rudy Reali  
November 14 Mary and David Kemp

November 15 Malinda and Charles Abraham  
November 27 Eileen and Randy Jones

## Zion Happenings



### **DECEMBER 14th DINNER & MOVIE**



6:00pm: Time to eat! Bring a covered dish to share. Dining in Clarke Hall.

7:00pm: Movie (will have subtitles). Guaranteed to be most enjoyable and relaxing, not to mention put a smile on your face!

Will take place in the parlor.

Concerns, questions: Contact Theresa Mott, 337-1318.

# Our Zion Family

In our September issue we mentioned the passing of members of our Zion family. I inadvertently omitted another member of our family and for that I apologize.

Our condolences go out to **Peg and Pat Corbett** on the passing of **Peg's** brother **Richard C Robinson** in August. Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to all of you during this difficult time.

When I first started attending services here at Zion one of the things I kept hearing over and over was how "famous" Zion was for food – over my years here, I have found this to be very true. Thank you to **Shirley Reali** and **Theresa Mott** for the following recipes:

## Zucchini Crescent Pie

1 8oz pkg Pillsbury Crescent Rolls  
4 cups sliced zucchini (can also use a mixture of yellow squash and zucchini)  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 stick butter or margarine  
1<sup>1/2</sup> tbsp. Italian seasoning  
1 tbsp. mustard  
8oz brick of cubed cheese (Muenster, provolone, mozzarella, Monterrey jack, sharp)  
2 eggs

Line 9" pie dish with crescent triangles; spread with mustard.  
Cook squash, onions and seasoning in melted butter until tender.  
Beat 2 eggs in a large bowl; add cubed cheese. Add cooked squash mixture.  
Pour into pie pan  
Bake at 375° 18–25 minutes.  
Cool before cutting

Shared by Shirley Reali

## PINEAPPLE/CHEESE CASSEROLE

20 oz. can pineapple tidbits, including juice  
1 c. sugar--I use 1/2 cup or less  
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese  
4 tbsp. flour  
1 stick melted butter  
1 c. Ritz crackers, crushed

Combine first 4 ingredients and put in buttered casserole dish.  
Combine butter and crackers to make a crust and spread on top.  
Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Great with ham!

Shared by Theresa Mott

**Newsletter Distribution:** Over the past few months, the parish office has been mailing each issue of *Glad Tidings* to all members of the parish. We would appreciate it if you would let us know whether you wish to continue receiving our monthly newsletter. You can call the parish office at 315-336-5170 and let us know your wishes. If you have access to a computer and email and wish to have the newsletter emailed, please let us know this (and your email address) as well. Thank you.

**Thanks to Mike Rescigno for the following "Bits of Wisdom":**

## **SUPPORT A FAMILY**

THE PROSPECTIVE FATHER-IN-LAW ASKED, "YOUNG MAN, CAN YOU SUPPORT A FAMILY?"  
THE SURPRISED GROOM-TO-BE REPLIED, "WELL, NO. I WAS JUST PLANNING TO SUPPORT YOUR DAUGHTER. THE REST OF YOU WILL HAVE TO FEND FOR YOURSELVES."

## **FIRST TIME USHERS**

A LITTLE BOY IN CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME WATCHED AS THE USHERS PASSED AROUND THE OFFERING PLATES.

WHEN THEY CAME NEAR HIS PEW, THE BOY SAID LOUDLY, "DON'T PAY FOR ME DADDY I'M UNDER FIVE."

## **CLIMB THE WALLS**

"OH, I SURE AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU," THE LITTLE BOY SAID TO HIS GRANDMOTHER ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE. "NOW MAYBE DADDY WILL DO THE TRICK HE HAS BEEN PROMISING US."  
THE GRANDMOTHER WAS CURIOUS. "WHAT TRICK IS THAT?" SHE ASKED.

"I HEARD HIM TELL MOMMY THAT HE WOULD CLIMB THE WALLS IF YOU CAME TO VISIT," THE LITTLE BOY ANSWERED.

### **Minutes of Vestry Meeting Zion Episcopal Church September 19, 2011**

Present: Rev. Edward Hunt, James Mott- Sr. Warden, Tina Rescigno- Jr. Warden, Norman Hutchinson, Michael Potter, Malinda Abraham, Kirk Millington, Patricia Hoffman, Sandra Latimer, William Stevens, Treasurer-Michael Rescigno.

Excused: Wayne Towne

Absent: Doug Hewitt

Evening worship was led by Fr. Hunt.

Fr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Minutes of June 20, 2011** - Correction: Rectors discretionary fund - add: "The loose plate offering for the first Sunday of March, April and May 2011 will be allocated and distributed to ER&D". The minutes were approved as amended on

a motion by M. Abraham, seconded by P. Hoffman. None opposed. Thanks were extended to Lee Towne for her past service as clerk of the Vestry.

**Treasurer's Report:** M. Rescigno presented the completed **parish audit** for 2010, and stated that it had been filed with the Diocese. The audit committee was thanked for their work. Since the audit was initially voted on by email to expedite the delivery to the Diocese in a timely fashion, it was approved tonight on a motion by W. Stevens, seconded by N. Hutchinson. None opposed. M. Abraham abstained from the vote, as chair of the audit committee. M. Rescigno stated that there were no material findings. All of the recommendations made by the audit committee are being addressed.

He then presented the **Treasurer's Report for August, 2011**. He stated that he has reduced our weekly draw from Strategic. O expenses have been lower than expected because of less expense for organist and financial secretary salaries. This should increase our investment earnings. Rachelle is doing a survey of telephone companies for competitive bids for combined services. M. Rescigno is reviewing our insurances with David Grow. There being no questions, the report was filed for audit.

**Property Committee:** T. Rescigno reported that Fred Dennis has completed the repair and replacement work on the parish hall porch roof. A new leak has developed in the choir rehearsal room and one ceiling tile has fallen down. Temporary repairs have been made to prevent further damage.

**Worship Committee:** There being no meeting, there was no report.

**Old Business: Music Director/Organist –** T. Rescigno stated that there have been no further candidates presented, but one of the candidates is still under consideration.

**Rector's Report:** The Rector tendered his resignation stating that he has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Bishop Adams has requested that he remain at Zion for at least 4 weeks following his resignation. A letter will be sent to the Zion membership this week announcing his resignation. The Vestry went into Executive Session at 7:30 pm on a motion by W. Stevens, seconded by T. Rescigno, and came out of Executive Session at 7:45 on a motion by W. Stevens, seconded by T. Rescigno. None opposed.

The Vestry accepted Rev. Hunt's resignation effective September 19, 2011 with his final day of employment being Sunday, October 16, 2011 based on Bishop Adams' recommendation that he stay four weeks following his resignation. This was accepted on a motion by W. Stevens, seconded by M. Abraham. None opposed.

Rev. Hunt then appointed J. Mott as presider of the Vestry, and left the meeting.

W. Stevens then made a motion to return to Executive Session at 7:54 pm, seconded by K. Millington. None opposed.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:34 pm on a motion by W. Stevens, seconded by M. Abraham. None opposed.


The Vestry accepted the resignation of The Rev. Edward Hunt effective 9/18/2011, with his final date of service to be Sunday, October 16, 2011, on a motion by M. Potter, seconded by P. Hoffman to present Rev. Hunt with the following severance package:

- His compensation paid by Zion Episcopal Church will cease on October 16, 2011.
- Zion will waive receipt of payments on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) mortgage held by Zion Church, pending the sale of his primary residence at 1206 North James Street, Rome, New York, date not to exceed November 1, 2012.
- Zion will reimburse Rev. Hunt for the cost of the COBRA for his family medical insurance premium minus the \$250 already being paid for September through October 31, 2011, when Zion receives a copy of the COBRA bill. The motion was passed with one (1) abstention. None opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Sr. Warden J. Mott at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Latimer, Clerk pro tem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: orange; text-align: center;">ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH</h1> <h2 style="color: orange; text-align: center;">NOVEMBER 2011</h2>					'Ev's 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays  NA Fri - 7pm - 8:30pm Mon 7:30pm - 9pm	
		<b>1</b> All Saints Day  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	<b>2</b> All Souls Cay  6pm - Parish Dinner in Clarke Hall w/ Fr. Giroux as guest speaker	<b>3</b> Richard Hooker, Priest	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Pentecost 21  8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Holy Eucharist 2pm - Deaf service - chapel	<b>7</b> Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht  10am - Property Committee Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	<b>8</b>  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 7pm - Sociable Singles	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome	<b>11</b> Martin, Bishop of Tours	<b>12</b> Charles Simeon, Priest  2pm Wedding: Potter/ Urbanek
<b>13</b> Pentecost 22  8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Holy Eucharist	<b>14</b> Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	<b>15</b>  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 6:30pm - Genealogy	<b>16</b> Margaret, Queen of Scotland	<b>17</b> Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln	<b>18</b> Hilda, Abbess of Whitby	<b>19</b> Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary
<b>20</b> Last Sunday of Pentecost  8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Holy Eucharist / Baptism - Sroka	<b>21</b>  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall 7pm Vestry meeting 7pm Coin Club	<b>22</b> Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist & Spiritual Writer  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	<b>23</b> Clement, Bishop of Rome	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Advent 1  8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Holy Eucharist	<b>28</b> Kamehameha and Emma, King & Queen of Hawaii  Noon - Lunch Clarke Hall	<b>29</b>  7pm - Ultreya	<b>30</b> Saint Andrew the Apostle	<b>AA</b> Sat & Sun - noon Mon - Fri, 9am & noon Wed 7pm Thurs, Fri, Sun - 8pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat - District - 6pm		