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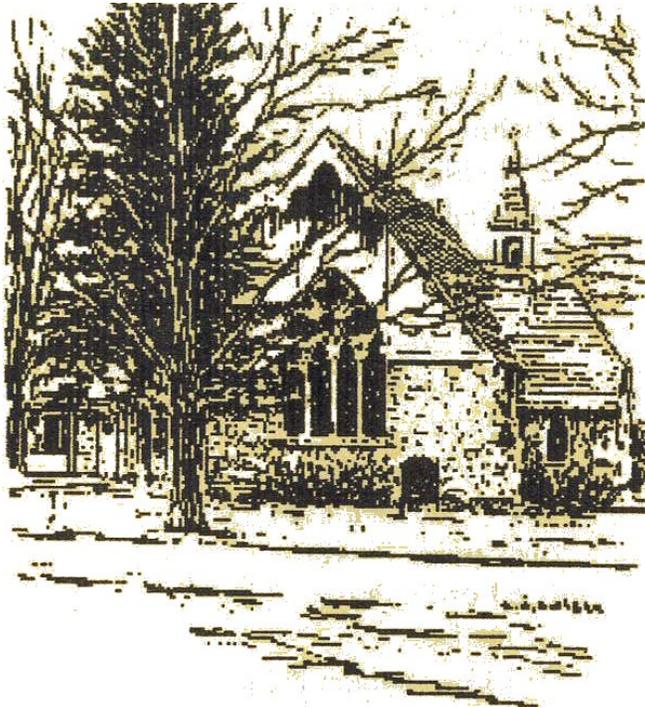
June 6, 2004

*Spring is here!*

Well it's that special time again when we can see God's handiwork all around us.

We don't always think of winter as being one of God's greatest works but when we see the burgeoning green we look forward to the re-birth of life.

Does the coming of Spring remind us of Easter and God's promise?



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## Pastor's Points

Happy Birthday! is the greeting for The Church. The Church has two calendar days for the secular world New Years Day, Advent with a Birthday and Pentecost. Pentecost, the Coming of the Holy Spirit, was the "birth" of the Church and a little band of 'followers' of Jesus Christ, 'disciples' became 'those sent forth' or 'apostles' "to shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel" (BCP Collect). May your life in The Church be a "shedding abroad" of the Gospel of Christ.

Fr. C. Dugger

*Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.

Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped rather, He equips the 'called.' Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire. So touch someone by passing this little message along.

May God bless you and be with you always!

Thank YOU all for a wonderful Easter season and church year. Thanks to our Vestry: Wardens - Elizabeth Sheffer; Louis Godfroy, III; Clerk - Eugenia Browning; Treasurer - John Holbrook; Members - Virginia French, Wyatt Haley. Vincent Teachout, and Leonard Westfall and to Jane Chittenden. Thank you Mary Young for decorating Our Saviour with plants, flowers and your gifts.

Thank you to our Sunday School teacher Debi Galusha and Sunday School advisor - Hortense Zeller for sharing God's words. Thank you Marge Mooney for our Sunday bulletins. To our Acolytes, Crucifers, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Greeters, Altar Guild and Coffee Hour Providers - Thank You All!

And a Very Big Thank You to Anne Wever, our Minister of Music, Jim French, our guitarist and Father Dugger for making our Sunday services so memorable.



## Snippets and Bits

### Hope

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Psalms 31:24

### Joy

These things I have spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full. John 15:11

### Faith

Faith is not believing that God can -- it is knowing that He will!



Got something you would like to have in Gideon's Trumpet? Want to share with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ? We encourage *YOUR* participation in the Trumpet and solicit your contributions which can be left in the Church Office; or mailed to Susan Darcy, 7 Hutchinson Lane Lenox, MA 01240-2217 or sent by email to:

Susan@darcy-systems.com.

I'm looking forward to your suggestions and contributions!



### Youth Corner



June 13th will be the last Sunday School meeting until the Fall. We hope all the students and their parents or guardians will be able to join us for the graduation celebration. After the Church Service, the celebration will continue with a Golf Outing at the Three Nickel Golf Course located at the Coffee Kiosk on Route 20 across from the Lebanon Library. Need more information? Please call Debi Galusha at 518-733-9356.

Want to join us to celebrate this fun event? Everyone is welcome -- join us after service June 13th at the golf course!

Mark your calendars for these Sunday School events: June 13th and the start of the Fall Sunday School on September 12th.

Hope to see you soon!

*Debi*

*Celebrate with the Sunday School students with a golf outing at the Three Nickel Golf Course at the Lebanon Coffee Kiosk on Route 20 across from the Lebanon Library.*



#### Answers to the TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is **A MOST reMARKable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolu**LU**, **KE**eping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois, worked on this while fishing from his **JOHN** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his ban**JO**. **EL**aine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **JUDGES** the **JOB** of solving this puzzle so involving, **sHE BREWS** a cup of tea to help her nerv**ES**. **THERE** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **FACT**. Some people, however will soon find themselves in a **JAM**, **ES**pecially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **TRUTH**fully, **FROM ANSWERS** we get, we are forced to admi**IT IT US**ually takes a minister or scholar to see some of the**M AT THE WORST**. Research has shown that something in our **GENES IS** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **PHI LEMON**ade, booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The **CHRONICLE**, **Surveyed** over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult that had ever seen. As **DANIEL** **HumANA** **HUM**bly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **THOSE** **Able** to find all of them will hear great **LAMENTA-TIONS** from those who have to be shown. One **REVELATION** that may help is that books like **TIMOTHY** and **SAMUEL** may occur without their **NUMBERS**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are nor**MAL**. **A CH**ipper attitude will help you **COMPETE** **Really** well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **EXODUS**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurKING** **Somewhere** in this paragraph waiting to be found.



# YOUTH for CHRIST

## Youth for Christ Ministry Report April 2004

Youth for Christ is happening in Lebanon Valley! And since Church of Our Saviour plays a major part in this local ministry/mission, we will try to give you periodic updates to keep you informed of current events and happenings. This report is a brief rundown of our last couple of meetings, held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in the rectory.

At our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we opened with prayer lead by Rick Morgan. Then, while we toured the building, members of the steering committee lead a prayer in each room asking God's blessings upon each room and the volunteers and teens that will be using them. The 2 upstairs bedrooms and bathrooms have been re-painted; the entire house cleaned; (both done by teens and volunteers) and the place looks great! Gene Browning and crew are finishing up the front porch and we should be ready for our opening the week of April 5.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>, volunteer training was given by Kevin Post of Youth for Christ in Friendship House with 14 volunteers in attendance. We discussed what the expectations from the youth would be, what the expectations would be from the volunteers and what God expects from us. Volunteers were encouraged to look at their role as one of building relationships with the teens. We must remember that we are mentoring and developing relationships built on love and caring and that we are not chaperones. We also spent time on the practical how-to's of working with the teens.

Our work as a committee is really God's work. It is vital for us to approach everything we do in prayer. We also decided that it was a good idea for each of us to share our personal testimony on how we came to Christ. Rick was the first to give his testimony and each committee member will be sharing their own in the coming weeks.

Elizabeth Hanlon volunteered to be in charge of setting up a schedule for the volunteers. Volunteers scheduled to work will be required to give at least 24 hour notice if they can't be there and be responsible for getting their own coverage if they can't make it that day.

The committee felt that it was important for the both the volunteers and teens to have CPR and first aid training. Elizabeth offered several good suggestions and since she has experience in the field, is willing to give instructions in that area. Hazel suggested possibly getting the fire company to help us out during a training sessions.

We also spoke about having an Open House to let the community know what we are all about, whereby involved teens would host and set up the event with adult volunteers. This would occur after our opening, but before the end of the school year.

Capital District Youth for Christ is sponsoring the "Step By Step Walk-a-Thon" on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2004. We decided that this would be a worth while fund raiser. If we raise \$3000.00 dollars, 50% would go to our local YFC chapter. You can sign up to walk or to sponsor a walker. Sign up to support our youth and our ministry!!

We are investigating the possibility of a link off of the Capital District Youth for Christ web site which would list our schedule and activities.

After over a year of prayer and planning we officially opened our doors Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with 16 teens in attendance!! We will continue to open on Tuesday's in April and perhaps opening on both Tuesday's and Thursday's in May. Praise God!

If you have any questions, would like to become involved as a volunteer or provide donations of general supplies, (paper products, pizza, snacks, light bulbs, etc), (we are grateful for any donations!), please contact Jim French, John Holbrook, or any committee member.

In Christ,  
Jim French



## June and July Calendar At a Glance

June 2004			
<b>Sunday</b>	June 6	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	June 10	6:30 PM	Simple Meal
		7:00 PM	Bible Teaching, Prayers for Local Churches, Compline
Saturday	<b>June 12 - Date Change</b>	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	June 13	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Last Sunday School Class until Fall
Thursday	June 17	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday	June 19	9:00 AM	Opportunity Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	June 20 - Fathers' Day	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b>	June 27	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Laying on of Hands
July 2004			
Saturday	July 3	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	July 4 - Independence Day	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	July 8	6:30 PM	Simple Meal
		7:00 PM	Bible Teaching, Prayers for Local Churches, Compline
<b>Sunday</b>	July 11	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	July 14	TBD	Healing Service - Mother Von Wrangle from Grace Church Waterford
<b>Sunday</b>	July 18	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b>	July 25	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Mark Your Calendars to Plan for these Future Events			
<b>Saturday</b>	September 11	TBD	Faith Stories Retreat
<b>Sunday</b>	September 12	10:00 AM	Sunday School Begins
<b>Friday and Saturday</b>	September 24-25	All Day	New Lebanon Fall Festival



## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting - 13 May 2004

Present: John Holbrook, Elizabeth Sheffer, Jane Chittenden, Wyatt Haley, Virginia French, Vince Teachout, Bud Godfroy, Father Dugger, Eugenia Browning, Clerk

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a prayer from Father Dugger.

The minutes of April 2004 meeting were approved with one change to pledge to Youth for Christ, pledge reduced by \$815 for cost of insurance. Motion by Wyatt Haley and John Holbrook to approve. Carried.

### Financial Report

John Holbrook - approved as presented.

### Father Dugger

Ascension Day, May 20, 2004 7:00 PM service.

Pre-convention meeting last week attended by Vince Teachout & Father Dugger.

Proposed budget put out with assessments for 2005.

Father Dugger will not be here Sunday, July 11, 2004, his grandson, Jacob is being baptized.

Father Dugger working on a replacement priest.

On Wednesday, May 13, 2004 Spiritual Life center had a cookout for retired clergy and spouses. Life Center is moving right along. Father suggested a caravan for a tour of the Life Center in the future.

### Discipleship - Jim French

Healing service is planned for Wednesday, July 14, 2004. Mother Von Wrangle from Grace Church, Waterford and her parish will be helping with the service.

Parish Development has emailed Father Bob Haskell for information with assistance they might offer us.

Faith Stories Retreat - Organizational meeting at COS on Wed, May 19, 2004 at 7:00 PM to start planning for event. Motion by Bud Godfroy & Vince Teachout to hold on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Carried.

### Restoration

Bud Godfroy working is moving forward.

Building and grounds - Kyle Godfroy to mow grass at church. Approved.

### Correspondence

New Lebanon Fall Festival September 24-25. Have asked to use Friendship House for pre Walden Players party from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Approved by vestry.

Letter from Mary Young thanking vestry for convention presentation and meeting.

### Worship

Betsy is taking care of music requests



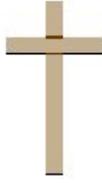
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<http://www.churchofoursaviour.us/>



*The mission of the Church of Our Saviour is to spread the Gospel and inspire a renewal and commitment to living the Christian life through the love of Jesus Christ as expressed by His People.*

## **During June and July Remember these Important Dates**

Date	Subject
13 June	Last Sunday School with Golf Outing
19 June	Opportunity Sale
20 June	Fathers' Day
4 July	Independence Day
14 July	Healing Service