



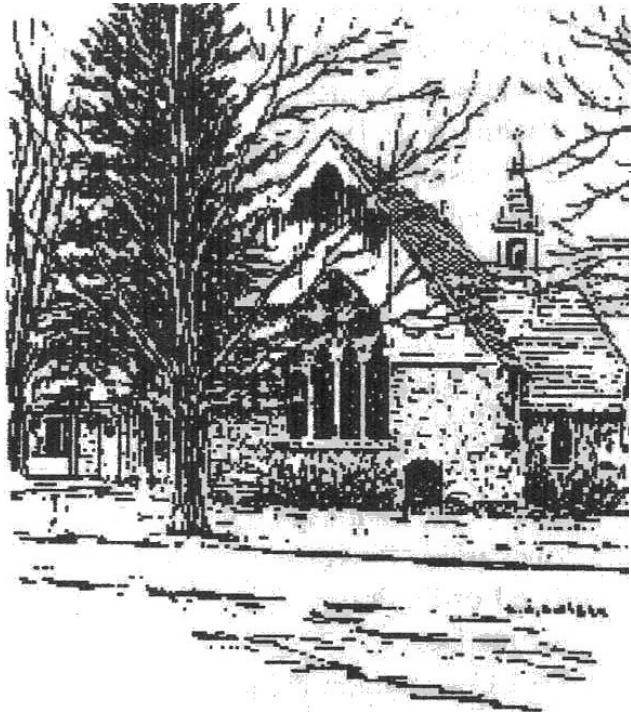
Gideon's Trumpet

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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.



Is it Winter or Early Spring?

We're experiencing a changeable season, almost everyday. Isn't it like our Church year? We celebrate the excitement of our Savior's birth at Christmas. Shortly after, we enter the solemn Lenten season. Easter brings us the joy of our Lord's resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

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Pastor's Points

"Behold, your reward is great in heaven"

(Luke 6:23)

God has manifested His Son here on earth that we may know the Father in heaven. How? By what we have seen and what we have heard. In our everyday lives we see over and over again the gifts Jesus has given us by the example of His love. If you look for it you can see or read about a kindness given that held no reward for the giver but the satisfaction of the deed itself. That is our legacy, passing on the love and sacrifice of self for others. Jesus manifested to us where our true reward would be, in Heaven.

Rev. Canon Clinton G. Dugger



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Treasurer	Susan Darcy

PRAYER LIST

As Christians we use prayer to communicate to God regarding our concerns, hurts and thanksgivings. The Bible says where two or three are gathered together the Lord is in their midst. Group prayer is just that, bringing many voices to the Lord.

Would you like to have prayer given by the group for yourself or someone else? You may call (518-794-7538) or write Mary Young a note, with the person's name you would like to have on the prayer list. Please include your name so that she can get back with you every thirty days or so to check on the person you added.

Some prayers are needed for a long time, some a short time, plus it is nice to know how the people we pray for are doing, one of the best thanksgiving prayers is to thank God for answered prayer.

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!

Editor Oops!!!

In the last issue, the "Birth of Our Saviour" Bible Quiz had incorrect answers given. The correct answers are:

1. B (Zacharias, the priest, was told by an angel that he would have a son named John, who would prepare the way for Jesus).
2. C (the same angel that visited Zacharias came unto Mary and told her her son would save the people from their sins and would rule over the kingdom of David forever).
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. B
7. C (long pieces of cloth, wrapped around Jesus)
8. A
9. B
10. B (the message was: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10,11)

I apologize to all Trumpet readers for any frustration caused by my error. *Susan Darcy*

A VERY *BIG*

THANK YOU!!

The Church of Our Saviour has been so blessed by the service and caring of so many people over the years and this past year has been no exception. Our Wardens, Elizabeth Sheffer and John Holbrook, Jr. and our Vestry, Jane Chittenden, Virginia French, Wyatt Haley, Vincent Teachout and Mary Young and our Clerk, Eugenia Browning have shown their love for our Church and have served us so well.

THANK YOU ALL
for your dedicated Christian service!



Spotlight on Parishioners!

Birgitta Peterson

Birgitta Peterson has been attending the Church of Our Saviour since the 1970's but has been interested in weaving for more than 60 years.

Weaving is in her blood. Birgitta's father was teaching weaving and design at Textilinstitutet in Borås, where Hilma Stenvall was also teaching hand weaving. While helping a woman to prepare her loom for the winter weaving, Hilma took her young colleague along and introduced him to one of the young women in the vicarage. That was how Birgitta's parents met. When the old weaving teacher died, Birgitta inherited her bobbin lace board, which she still treasures.



Birgitta learned weaving technique from her father, literally sitting on his lap when he was correcting his student's tests. Before she started school, he gave her a toy loom. But her first experience with a real loom came as the result of a tragedy. When she was five, her eight-year-old brother died. To help deal with her grief, her mother started to weave a flossa rug under supervision of Hilma Stenvall. As Birgitta was too young for school, her mother took her along. Her mother had her tie the small knots and loops on the far right end of the row, while she did the rest of the row. Birgitta still has this rug and can't bear to throw it away, even though the dogs have stained it badly!



When Birgitta was ten years old, she joined her father as he taught an evening course. She sat at a desk like the adult students and drew weaving construction drawings on squared paper. After the course was finished, her father took her drawings and the weaving compendium for the class to the bookbinder. Birgitta found this book a few years ago.

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Inside the cover was a copy of the final test of the course, which she had passed with a 100% score. "I knew all that when I was ten, and now it is all coming back," she said. "It is wonderful to think about my father, as I look through these drawings. It's really been with me all this time, but I haven't been able to do things with it until now."



Birgitta was unable to weave while studying medicine at the University in Sweden, because she didn't have a loom. But after she married and moved to the States, she rectified that. She purchased her Swedish Glimkra loom and used it in her weekend house in Woodstock.



Birgitta enjoys weaving many different things: Fabric for chairs in wool and linen, towels in cotton and linen, bags using hemp, curtains, woolen scarves, place mats, rugs,

and tablecloths in cotton, cottolin, and linen. (Swedish designs use a lot of linen.) She also enjoys using unusual materials, such as newspapers, paper yarn, straw, and even palm leaves from the Palm Sunday service at Church of Our Savior!

What Birgitta enjoys about weaving is the combination of technology and inspiration, and the creativity of doing things with your own hands. She finds it to be a soothing and meditative process, and enjoys seeing an idea materialize and become real.

Besides weaving, Birgitta also teaches informally and gives presentations. Her most recent demonstration was at the Woodstock Weaver's Guild. In March she will be at the Green Mountain Weavers Guild to give instruction in fabric analysis. She will give a second presentation on weaving with strange materials. And she does mean strange: electric cords from blinking Christmas tree lights, flagging tape, newspapers, pinecones, audiotape, and strips of leather!

Birgitta would love to see space set up at Church of Our Savior for a Swedish-style community weaving cottage. That would be good for people who want to learn to weave, but don't have a loom. She enjoys teaching informally, and would be happy to give instructions to anyone interested in weaving. She would specially love to help children start early. As she says, "Children like to do things with their hands, to produce things and show what they have made."

Contributed by Vince Teachout

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March Calendar At a Glance

March 2006

Thursday	March 2	6:30 PM	Simple Meal - Bring a Sandwich - drinks provided
		7:00 PM	Bible Teaching and Study
Saturday	March 4	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women Meeting - Friendship Hall
Sunday	March 5	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	March 9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	March 12	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	March 19	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
		11:30 AM	Church of Our Saviour Annual Meeting
Sunday	March 26	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School



Youth Corner



Church of Our Saviour is blessed to have Debi Gallucci as our Sunday School teacher. Debi shares her love of the Lord with her students. Bring your children or grandchildren to the 10 AM Service and let them share in this wonderful experience! Have a question about Sunday School? Please call Debi at 518-733-9356.

Jumble -- Find the word in the scrambled letters. The "block" letters are then used to solve the scrambled saying on the last line.

"Blessing of Wisdom" Jumble

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| 1. ASIMAAR | □ _ _ _ _ _ | 5. MBETEHLHE | _ _ _ _ _ □ |
| 2. ERVEMO | _ _ _ □ _ _ | 6. TCNOAVNE | _ □ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. ESEPRHUCL | _ _ _ □ _ _ _ | 7. NCIAATP | _ _ _ _ _ □ |
| 4. DAENTION | _ _ □ _ _ _ _ | | |

He made the right choice and was blessed more than any other man.

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Bible Quiz

"The Life of Jesus"

Think you know the answers? Take the quiz and find out



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| 1. Which books of the New Testament cover the life of Jesus?
A. The Truths
B. The Laws
C. The Gospels | 6. Who was Herod?
A. The innkeeper
B. King of the Roman Empire at the time
C. A prophet |
| 2. Who are the four Gospels?
A. Moses, Daniel, Solomon and Jonah
B. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
C. Charles, Israel, Jeb and Job | 7. On what mission did Herod send the wise men?
A. Herod had no connection with the wise men.
B. He sent them to find out where the baby Jesus was
C. He sent them to kill the baby Jesus |
| 3. The three wise men were also known as:
A. Solomon's messengers.
B. Adam's men.
C. Magi. | 8. What did the wise men do when they saw the baby Jesus?
A. They did not realize that this was the Son of God
B. They congratulated Mary and Joseph and left
C. They brought gifts of gold, frank-incense and myrrh |
| 4. How did the wise men happen to come to Jerusalem?
A. They were looking for the newborn king of the Jews.
B. They were just passing through
C. An angel told them to go to the city of David | 9. What vision did Joseph receive?
A. A vision which told him that he was not the father of the baby
B. A vision which told him to go to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, lest Herod seek to destroy the child
C. A vision of the greatness of the God of Moses |
| 5. From where had they (the wise men) come?
A. The East
B. England
C. Germany | 10. Wjat was Herod's horrible order?
A. He evicted Joseph, Mary and Jesus from the stable
B. He ordered the death of all boys of Bethlehem under age two
C. He ordered the genocide of all Jews |



**New Lebanon Youth For Christ
Annual Report: 2005**

God continues to bless the New Lebanon Youth for Christ Youth Center. This past year was a difficult year for me and my family, one that impacted our ability to be part of this ministry. However, God saw fit to bring people in and provide for the needs of the Center so that another successful year reaching out to our youths could be achieved. Thank you to all who God used to pick up the slack in our absence.

This past year we made a significant change in how we were organized at the Center. The Junior and Senior High School students were split. The Senior High students meet on Mondays while the Junior High meet on Wednesdays. We all agree that the change has been beneficial. Another change is that a weekly Campus Life meeting is held. It is a blessing to see the youth sit for close to an hour interacting with us, each other, and the material presented. They feel comfortable opening themselves up to us and their peers. Approximately 15-20 youth attend Mondays and 5-7 attend Wednesdays.

Activities this past year included summer programming where the Center was open a few times during the summer. The youth enjoyed horseback riding, miniature golf, a day at Onota Lake and a five day trip to Rock Mountain Bible trip where three of our four girls attending accepted the Lord.

An open House was held on September 18th, 2005 and it was well attended and a lot of fun

Three students participated in the See You at the Pole prayer gathering at the High school on September 21st. YFC was received by us in keeping up with reducing the risk of child abuse in youth programs.

Eight of our youth attended the Young Continentals concert at West Stephentown Baptist Church on November 2nd.

Volunteers also attended the YFC Annual banquet, "The Greatest Mission on Earth" in Albany on November 7th.

Close to 30 youth attended our annual Christmas party at the Center before the school break on December 19th. . Several of them performed in a puppet show ministry that brought forth the salvation message in a special and unique way. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and youth!

Many of our youth attended last year's Excel (for High School) and Breakout (for Junior High) weekends in Saratoga. They loved it and represented our Youth Center well. (They also attended Excel Jan. 13- 17th, 2006 and are planning to attend the 2006 Breakout in March).

Monthly Steering committee meetings continue to be held to oversee this important Youth ministry.

As we look at the first two years of the New Lebanon Youth for Christ Youth Center, we see the hand of God at work. Many youth look forward to coming to the Center, they hear the Word of God and words of encouragement. Our prayer for the coming year is that God would bring forth more volunteers. These youth can use a place to go every day of the week. We would love to be open four days a week and we wait on the Lord to provide in this area.

We have also been discussing the potential for hiring a worker to directly oversee the ministry. This person would have to be a Christian, have a passion for young people, be dependable and honest, and willing to serve the Lord in a life-changing ministry.

We thank you for continued financial support.

Volunteer training continues on a monthly basis under the teaching and mentoring of Kevin Post.

We covet your prayers for more volunteers, more youth, more activities and opportunities that would touch our youth for Christ.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Love,
Rick Morgan,
Steering Committee Chairman



Nigel Mumford to Lead Healing Service at Our Saviour



We welcome the Rev. Nigel Mumford to lead the Healing Service at Church of Our Saviour on Saturday February 25, 2006, at 2:00 PM. Nigel, who was born and educated in England, has been a leader in the Healing Ministry for over 10 years.

He served for 6 1/2 years in Her Majesty's Royal Marine Commandos and continued his education while in the armed forces. His last two years as a Marine were spent as a drill instructor at the Commando Training School.

In 1980, he came to America and set up the Mumford Company Inc., a picture framing business in Wilton and Bethel, Connecticut, which he owned and operated for 13 years. In 1995 he sold his business and has since dedicated his life to the ministry of healing.

His conviction to pray for healing came in 1989 when his sister, Julie Sheldon, a ballet dancer with the Royal Ballet in London, was healed by God through Canon Jim Glennon. This was a very dramatic healing from a disease called Dystonia, a neurological condition that curled her up into a fetal position and left her very close to death. Being a witness to her healing has had a profound effect on his life.

Nigel graduated from Episcopal Training, "The Ministry Exploration and Education Program" (MEEP) in June, 1995, as a lay minister. He was formally installed as the director of the Oratory by the Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut in 1997.

In 2004, Nigel was called to direct the Healing Ministries of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. Christ the King is a unique ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. The Center blends a Camp and Conference Center for youth and adults with the religious order of Saint Mary, a Parish Resource Library, Chapel and Healing Ministry Center. Nigel was ordained a Priest in the Episcopal Church on December 17, 2005.

His personal mission statement is: As a drill instructor in Her Majesty's Royal Marine Commandos, it was his job to teach recruits to kill or be killed. It is now a privilege to teach people to heal and be healed. My primary calling is to put people in touch with Christ the Healer, the Lover of souls.

Nigel is a published author, his publications include: *Hand to Hand From Combat to Healing* (ISBN 0898693489) Church Publishing Inc., New York, March 2001, reprinted Feb 2002. World rights were bought by Hodder and Stoughton Inc., London. 2002, the International version is entitled: *Hand to Hand, A Marine's Journey From Combat to Healing* (ISBN: 0340787147). Also: *Heartfelt Prayers For Healing*, Oratory Press in 1998, A CD titled *Relaxation and Healing Prayers* Oratory Press 1998. A prayer by Nigel is published in *Race and Prayer* Morehouse Publishing Inc. Pennsylvania, March 2003. Nigel regularly contributes to the quarterly magazines of *Sharing* and *Fishnet*.

Some of the venues in which Nigel has presented the healing ministry are: The Episcopal Cathedrals of Boston, Hartford, and New York. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; Conference on Complementary medicine; Seminaries: Yale, New Haven, Connecticut, Trinity, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and Nashotah House, Wisconsin. He has preached and led healing missions in many churches in California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, St Louis, MO, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin; In the UK: Sussex, Kent and London. Nigel is a circuit speaker for the International Order of St. Luke. He will be the American National keynote speaker in 2003. Nigel has spoken at the Universities of Cornell, New York and Hobart, and William Smith New York.

Thanksgiving, inspiration and encouragement from Nigel's father, The Reverend David Mumford an Anglican Vicar and his uncle, Alec McCowen, CBE. OBE. a renowned English actor, The Rev Canon Jim Glennon, Dr. Francis and Judith MacNutt, Rena Larson, and the healing of Julie Sheldon, his sister, all led to the empowerment of this ministry.

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Nigel is a Past President of the Wilton Rotary Club and is the recipient of the following civic awards: Paul Harris Fellow, given in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance known for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world. He also is the recipient of the Wittnauer International Humanitarian Award in New York, given to notable personalities and unsung heroes who have made outstanding contributions to their communities.

Nigel is a member of The Association of Christian Healing Centers, UK., and is also linked with Burrswood, a Christian Hospital in Kent, England. Nigel is the vice president of Fishnet, an organization to encourage the healing ministry in New England. Nigel is on the National Advisory Board of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida with Dr. Francis and Judith MacNutt.

Outside of the ministry Nigel enjoys sailing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, gardening, skiing, public speaking, wood working and playing the violin, bagpipes, and clarinet. Nigel lives with his wife Lynn in Greenwich, New York.

Nigel's love for the healing ministry and his heart for the Lord are expressed in his words: "Something always happens when we pray." "Every one is healed, some are cured." "Take it to the tree." "We cannot nail ourselves to the cross, there will always be one nail left! Jesus died for us, we do not need to reenact the crucifixion." "Lord, unwrap the bandages and expose the healed me." "The healing ministry, the resurrection of the forgotten touch." Post 9/11, PTSD: "The mind is witness to a catastrophic event, it cannot cope with what it has seen. The body reacts physically under duress. The heart gets scar tissue, and the soul weeps. It is a total body experience." Be well, Amen.



Mark Your Calendars to Plan for these Future Events

Saturday	February 25	2:00 PM	Healing Service
Wednesday	March 1	Noon and 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	April 2	Daylight Savings Begins	
Sunday	April 9	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	Palm Sunday	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Friday	April 14	TBA	Good Friday
Sunday	April 16	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	Easter	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist



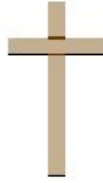
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Remember these Important Dates

Date	Subject
February 25, 2006	Healing Service
March 1, 2006	Ash Wednesday
April 2, 2006	Daylight Savings Begins
April 9, 2006	Palm Sunday
April 16, 2006	Easter

These are the Every Month Important Dates

1st Saturday - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - March 4 & April 1

1st Thursday - Simple Meal (Bring a Sandwich) and Bible Study - Mar. 2 & Apr. 6

2nd Thursday - Vestry Meeting - Mar. 9 & Apr. 13

Answers: Life of Jesus 1. C 2. B 3. C 4. A (they had studied the stars and were sure the Christ had come) 5. A 6. B 7. B 8. C 9. B 10. B
 Blessing of Wisdom Jumble - 1. SAMARIA 2. REMOVE 3. SEPULCHRE 4. ANOINTED 5. BETHLEHEM 6. COVENANT
 Overall Answer: He made the right choice and was blessed more than any other man. SOLOMON
 7. CAPTAIN