



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.

Welcome Summer!

God shares with us the vagaries of the summer -- hot and cool -- dry and humid -- sunny and rainy. And rewards us with bountiful harvests.

Let us THANK God for everything we receive every day — God, Thank You for life!



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Pastor's Points

"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say. Rejoice!"

In the midst of your hectic mid-summer activities, it is well to stop awhile to just feel the warmth and glow of Our Lord, Jesus. Just to bask in the soothing breeze of the love He has showered on you, then pause, to give thanks for His Blessings. Return, then to complete the tasks before you, with a happy step.

May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

Rev. Canon Clinton G. Dugger



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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.

Do you know Church of Our Saviour has a website? Want to see the Trumpet in color? Visit our website at:

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

So click away! Our presence on the web has been generously donated by a member of our Parish family, Vince Teachout. Thank you Vince for sharing your talent and technology.

THANK YOU FOR GIFTS!

What can anyone say about the Opportunity Sale except that it was a tremendous success -- lots of customers, many helping hands, terrific weather, great food, super fellowship and the joy of a parish event. To all who sold, bought, worked, helped, sorted, delivered, picked up, donated, called and prayed for our efforts -- MANY, MANY THANKS! For our Mission tithe of the proceeds, we have chosen to give equally to OXFAM and the Heifer Project.

Thank you all for your wonderful efforts!
Phyllis Howard - Event Chair.

Update on Operation Backpack -- As they say, "the Check is in the mail"! Our donation totaled \$855 -- with our parishioners donating \$755 and \$100 voted by the Vestry from the Church. The young people also donated hand-made cards to be placed in the backpacks wishing the recipients a wonderful school year. What a fantastic outpouring of Christian spirit!

A new project started by the Episcopal Church Women may be seen in Friendship Hall -- The assembling of Heart Pillows for Ellis Hospital. The pillows are given to heart patients after surgery to aid in their rehabilitation. Want to help? Contact Mary Young - 518-794-7538 for information.

ECW soon will be starting a Shawl Ministry -- come to the September meeting to find out more about this wonderful outreach. ECW is assisting the Vestry in providing welcoming gifts to our Sunday visitors. Look for these lovely tokens in the back of the Church.

A Computer Story

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them re-started their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate.

"Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said, "**JESUS SAVES**"





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!

Our first Sunday School is tentatively scheduled for September 10. We know Debi is planning lots of fantastic things for the students to learn more about God and our Church. Need more information? Please call Debo 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.

"Eyes in the Dark" Jumble

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| 2. CNNTIEA _ □ _ _ _ _ | 6. URWPOEFL _ □ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. ATRPSA □ _ _ _ _ | 7. STFUCALB _ _ _ _ _ □ |
| 4. BENSCRII _ _ _ _ □ _ | 8. AELAZB _ _ _ _ □ |

In this deep and dark place could Daniel be found. □ □ □ □ □' □ □ □ (Daniel 6:16)

Bible Quiz

"Know Your Bible"

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

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| 1. Who is generally credited with writing the first five books of the Bible?
A. God, alone
B. Moses
C. Solomon | 5. Whom did King James designate to use the new Bible?
A. The population
B. Prisoners
C. Churches of England |
| 2. Who wrote the King James version of the Bible?
A. King James, himself
B. Scholars and translators commissioned by King James I
C. Jesus Christ | 6. Many revisions of the King James Bible have been made. Which revision is recognized as the modernization we use today?
A. Oxford, 1769
B. Birmingham, 1801
C. Washington, 1903 |
| 3. King James I of England was also:
A. King James I of France
B. Mordecai
C. King James VI of Scotland | 7. What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?
A. Scrolls found in Qumran near the Dead Sea that contain the earliest records of Old Testament writings
B. Additions to Old Testament writings never before seen found near the Dead Sea
C. God's word as it is related today written with divine influence in 1947 |
| 4. From what was the King James version obtained?
A. Translation of old Hebrew and Greek scriptures
B. A combination of already translated English Bibles at the time
C. Both of the above | 8. How many books are contained in the Old Testament?
A. One
B. Three
C. Thirty-nine |
| 5. How long did it take for the King James Bible to be completed?
A. 25 years
B. Four years
C. Ten years | 9. How many books make up the New Testament?
A. Twenty-seven
B. Eight
C. Four |



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Report to the Church of our Saviour on the 138th Albany Diocesan Convention

The 138th Albany Diocesan convention was held at Camp of the Woods, in Speculator, New York on June 9-11, 2006. Laurene Teachout attended as delegate for Church of Our Saviour.

On Friday night, June 9, Bishop Herzog began the convention with an opening address. After his address, there was a presentation on Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, which is very successful in its first year of operation.

After the presentation, there were votes by plurality nominations for cathedral chapter members, diocesan council members, and trustees. The first night of convention was concluded by prayer, and delegates and clergy met afterwards for an enjoyable social period with refreshments.

The main business of the convention was held on the morning of Saturday, June 10. The assessments and budget were reviewed and discussed, and the resolution to adopt assessments and budget was passed.

The **resolution to increase clergy salaries** by 4% for 2007 generated some discussion as to the wording of the resolution. The first line was amended to read "If a parish has an attendance figure in one category and income in another, the overall category is the **higher** of the two." This refers to a graph that was in the Convention Book. The wording had previously stated lower, rather than higher. After discussion and amendment, the motion unanimously passed.

There were several courtesy resolutions, thanking people and commending people and those were all passed.

This was followed by voting by order nominations for Ecclesiastical trial court members, General convention provisional deputies, and standing committee members. This process was sometimes lengthy, with tied votes occurring several times. Each time the meeting went into recess and then reconvened a bit later. Finally, consensus was reached and the meeting adjourned.

There were many wonderful workshops offered. I attended a fascinating session on "Church Planting: aka Boring Wells" which focused on expanding youth ministry in Ireland. I also attended a workshop on the DaVinci Code, another on Developing Faith and what to teach kids and another on Inner Healing with Nigel Mumford. All were extremely enlightening and informative.

A large and joyous Youth Mass was held on Sunday, June 11. After the mass, the 138th annual Diocesan Convention was officially closed by prayer.

Respectfully submitted August 10, 2006,

Laurene Teachout

Senior Warden Report

July 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this, the morning has dawned glorious with blue skies, no clouds and the gentlest of breezes. My breath is taken away some days when I marvel at the works of God and thank Him daily for the life He has given me, my family and my friends.

God does many marvelous works and the work He is doing in Church of Our Saviour is truly wonderful. The Opportunity Sale was a time of great fellowship among the parish and with our community neighbors. What a great time to see and speak with people we haven't seen in some time and with the people we see at the bank, in the market, and in the post office. There are more marvelous works that the vestry is supporting.

Church of Our Saviour will begin to provide rides for those who need to go to the doctor, dentist, or do errands they otherwise would be unable to accomplish otherwise. Molly Laird is heading up this outreach and flyers have been distributed. If you are interested in working on this project, contact Molly.

The vestry has voted to donate money to our brothers and sisters in the Southern Tier who have been devastated by the recent floods. The money will be used to purchase backpacks for the children...one less item for parents to be concerned about. Parish members are welcome to make their own contributions. Look for the information in the Sunday bulletin.

There are other outreaches that the vestry has undertaken. Welcoming gifts for visitors and information/prayer request cards to name two. Church of Our Saviour is a friendly, loving parish and we will be sharing this with our neighbors and church friends on Sunday, July 23 with our ice cream social. Then there is the barbeque August 13 for the Deanery and local churches. Our hearts and minds are open to the community and our love for Christ will shine through on these days.

We keep our friends who are recuperating from surgeries, hospital stays and rehabilitation in our prayers. They know that they are never far from our thoughts.

Enjoy the beautiful season that God is sharing with us.

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August, Sept. and Oct. Event Calendar At a Glance

August 2006

Sunday	August 13	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		4:00 PM	Barbecue
Sunday	August 20	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	August 27	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:AM	Holy Eucharist

September 2006

Saturday	September 2	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall
Sunday	September 3	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Monday	September 4 — Labor Day		
Thursday	September 7	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Sunday	September 10	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Begins
Thursday	September 14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	September 17	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	September 24	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

October 2006

Sunday	October 1	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	October 5	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	October 7	10:00 PM	Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall
Sunday	October 8	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Monday	October 9 — Columbus Day Observed		
Thursday	October 12	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	October 15	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	October 22	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	October 29	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

Mark your Calendars for these Future Events

Sunday	August 13 - Church Barbecue - 4:00 PM
Sunday	September 10 - Sunday School Begins - 10:00 AM



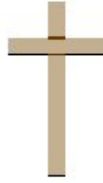
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Remember these Important Dates

Date	Subject
August 13, 2006	Church Barbecue - 4:00 PM
September 10, 2006	Sunday School Begins

These are the Every Month Important Dates

1st Saturday - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - Sept. 2 & Oct. 7

1st Thursday - Simple Meal (Bring a Sandwich) and Bible Study - Sept. 7 & Oct. 5

2nd Thursday - Vestry Meeting - Sept. 12 & Oct. 14

Answers: Know Your Bible 1. B (they are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy - Note: the last chapter of Deuteronomy was probably not written by Moses, for it tells of Moses' death and burial) 2. B 3. C 4. C (scholars and translators were gathered and told to write the English Bible from already existing English translations, but to be guided by the Greek and Hebrew scriptures) 5. B (1607-1611) 6. C 7. A 8. A (and other commentaries on life around 100 B.C.) 9. C (from Genesis to Malachi) 10. A (from the Gospels through Revelation)

Eyes in the Dark Jumble - 1. FRIGHTEEN 2. ANCIENT 3. SATRAP 4. INSCRIBE 5. ATTEND 6. POWERFUL

Overall Answer: In this deep and dark place could Daniel be found **LIONS' DEN**