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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.



*Lent - a Time of Prayer
and Reflection*

*As we enter the Lenten
season - may we focus
on prayers for our fam-
ily, friends, community,
military, country and
ourselves and reflect
on the gift Jesus gave
us with His death and
His resurrection.*

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Annual Meeting Special Issue

This issue of Gideon's Trumpet contains information from the Annual Meeting. Wyatt Haley and Vincent Teachout were given a special thank you for their years of service to the Church of Our Saviour. Other reports are presented from different areas of our Church. For a complete copy of all the presented reports, let anyone on the Vestry or the Church's Administrative Assistant know and we will be glad to send you a copy.



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Secretary	Susan Schauder
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.

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Youth Corner

The Annual Meeting was the conclusion of our PPF theme for Stewardship Campaign. Mary Young provided a wonderful display of the Past of our Church and our Future, our young people, helped us solve the Present puzzle. The Present puzzle was a photograph of the Church of Our Saviour. The new cross, provided by Wyatt and Dorothy Haley, was atop the belfry pointing toward heaven. Our Senior Warden, Elizabeth Sheffer as the lay leader of the Church and Father Dugger as the spiritual leader placed the last two pieces in the puzzle.

We were blessed to have special music with our luncheon. With introductions from Katie Gallucci, Lauren Stone played violin selections and later Mackenzie Stone played selections on her clarinet. The young people: Jacob Gallucci; Maddy Teachout; Lauren Stone; Katie Gallucci; and Mackenzie Stone solved our PPF puzzle and received prizes for their efforts. Mackenzie, Lauren and Katie were awarded special prizes for their 'stick-to-it-tive-ness'. Our Church has so many blessings especially the caring and dedication of our Sunday School teacher, Debi Gallucci.

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

"Anointing" Jumble

1. DLEBSES _ _ _ □ _ _ _
2. RIPSIT _ _ □ _ _ _
3. UNORM □ _ _ _ _
4. DFAOBRE _ □ _ _ _ _ _
5. LPEINCAN _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _

He threw a party for Jesus but was not prepared for the woman with the perfume. □ □ □ □ □ □ (Mark 14:3)

Crucifixion and Resurrection

1. What displeased Jesus just before the Last Supper?
 - A. The meal had not been prepared on time.
 - B. The proper foods were not on hand
 - C. The disciples refused to wash each other's feet
2. How did Jesus designate the disciple who would betray him?
 - A. He said to the traitor "How could you ?"
 - B. He spoke not to the traitor at the Last Supper.
 - C. He gave the traitor a morsel of bread dipped in sauce.
3. Who was the traitor?
 - A. Judas
 - B. Peter
 - C. Nathaniel
4. What eventually became of the traitor?
 - A. He was forgiven and went on to teach the word of God.
 - B. He returned his reward money for turning in Jesus and then hanged himself.
 - C. He was crucified on a cross next to Jesus.
5. What happened at Jesus' trial at the meeting of the Sanhedrin?
 - A. Peter denied his Lord three times
 - B. The Jews forgave Jesus
 - C. The disciples rescued the Lord from hanging.



THE TALE OF THREE TREES: A TRADITIONAL FOLKTALE

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest Tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the Hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always Remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees.

When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a Carpenter, "and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened, because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the Woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the Baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the Greatest Treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill.

When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

Pass this on, so God may inspire more people on the way.

May your day be blessed. And until we meet again, may God cradle you in the palm of His hand.



Reports from the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2007

SPECIAL THANKS

The Church of Our Saviour gives a special thank you to Vincent Teachout and Wyatt Haley for the work they have done in serving the church for the past three years as members of the Vestry. Their expertise in computers and building as well as the history of the church has been so very valuable. They have been open to new ideas and have expressed their opinion when they had a better way. The both have said they would be available for the future needs of the church and willing to serve however the Lord may call. We thank them for their service and their leadership in showing the world their love of Jesus Christ through his church.

The Vestry of the Church of Our Saviour

REPORT OF ASSIGNED PRIEST

The year has been an active one for the spiritual growth of the parish. We have increased in numbers that have countered our membership losses, through death, burials and transfers.

There was a slight increase in average attendance at the Sunday services, about 2%. We had a total attendance of 1920 at Sunday services, and 1005 at all other services.

Holy Eucharist on Sunday	119
Weekdays	134
Private Communions	136
Baptisms	6
Marriages	5
Burials	4

Our Lenten Programs were well attended, highlighted by our relationship with our friends at the Stephentown Federated Church. Especially the help of their former pastor, the Rev. Timothy M. Klasnick. We could always count on his help at the organ when Mrs. Wever was not available.

We have had an interesting year. I thank all of you for your support in Our ministry here at Our Saviour.

The Rev. Canon Clinton G. Dugger

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The year 2006 saw some changes in the Church of Our Saviour but we continued to grow and prosper. Changes occurred on the vestry, but a new Junior Warden and new vestry person were elected and have served the people of this church and their God with enthusiasm and delight. Sadly, a few friends of the church passed into the loving arms of our Lord; they are missed, but remembered fondly in all our hearts.

We are lovingly led by the Reverend Canon Clinton Dugger. Each Sunday he preaches, a word or a story provokes thought and contemplation, whether it is in the sermon or the second sermon. Anne Wever continues to provide music of praise and the 10-o'clockers sing heartily and with joy. Debi Gallucci instructs our children in the Word and they delight us with the programs and songs they perform during the service or at special times. Vestry member Mary Young has faithfully led the Altar Guild and has served the Lord in many ways through her work for our church and Deanery. Vestry member Susan Darcy took over the reigns of the treasury and has gotten us on a steady footing. Mary and Sue designed the PPF stewardship campaign and I for one am looking forward to the conclusion of the campaign at this meeting. Sue Schauder and Marge Mooney co-chaired the Nominations Committee for this year's vestry elections. Vince Teachout and Wyatt Haley will be leaving the vestry and I thank them for their years of service. Wyatt will continue as the chair of buildings and grounds and Vince will keep the web site up and running. The members of the vestry, Junior Warden Molly Laird, Tom Stone, and the clerk of the vestry Eugenia Browning have given of themselves in service to the Lord and this church. My thanks go out to those mentioned for their dedication and assistance in bringing the mission of the Church of Our Saviour to the parish and to the community.

During 2006, several parish meetings were held. These meetings enabled the vestry to update the parish members on events planned or items that were under discussion. They also gave the vestry the opportunity to hear from the members of the parish. The meetings provided the vestry with information that was discussed and taken under advisement. Parish meetings will continue in 2007.

The vestry approved several projects to repair or improve the church building. The bell tower was repaired and the bells once again ring out in the community. Windows in the rectory were replaced and a water filter put in. The large stained glass window facing Rte. 22 was enclosed to protect the glass and allow for a clear view of the beauty of the window. The piano was repaired and tuned and adds its richness to the 10:00 service. One of our children attended Beaver Cross

We continue our support of missions and the Youth for Christ. Bible study continues on the first Thursday of the month. We have begun to have movie nights for families and open our doors to the community at the Opportunity Sale and special services. In 2006, we held a healing service in February and in June, we hosted an ice cream social with praise music provided by Common Ground and a barbeque was held in



August. The New Lebanon Junior- Senior High School has used Friendship House for the administration of the English language arts Regents exam and the AP exams. The un-bazaar bazaar was a success and the Opportunity Sale is scheduled for June.

Events and activities are being planned for 2007. There will be a review of the By-Laws of the Church of Our Saviour. The Lenten Suppers and programs will continue. Special services will be held during Lent and Advent. Discussions on repairs and fixing up the kitchen will continue.

Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners. If you are interested in listening to the work of your vestry, please join us.

I appreciate all of your support and prayers. I enjoy the office of senior warden and working for you and for our Lord in the mission of the Church of Our Saviour. I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Sheffer,
Senior Warden

ECW ANNUAL REPORT

The Ladies of the Church of Our Saviour hosted the Opportunity Sale in June under the direction of Phyllis Howard. It was a very successful sale with all members of the ECW working together to make it a wonderful sale. In the fall the Ladies held a 'NO BAZAAR BAZAAR' and over \$800 was realized from the fund raiser. The ECW lost three of our members during 2006, Elizabeth Godfroy, Betty Burzynski, and Rosie Sedgwick. These members will be missed by all of us. The ECW made a monetary donation to the Church for the repairs on the large stained glass window.

The ECW will be working to continue their mission work in the community. The Ladies will be working on Prayer Shawls to be given to needy people. All women of the Church are members of the ECW and we look forward to working together with all of you on our missions and any other projects that come along during the year.

Respectfully Submitted
Eugenia Browning, ECW President

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Youth For Christ is a program started by this church as an answer to prayer along with other churches in the valley to present Jesus Christ to the un-churched youth of the New Lebanon Central School District. We are partnered with the national Youth for Christ program. This church has provided the rectory for this program and pays the utilities. We also give a gift each month to assist in paying their operating budget.

Any student of the NLCS systems is eligible to participate in the after school program which is specifically geared to middle school and high school students. Two programs are offered each week. Wednesday afternoon is for middle schoolers with ten students registered; Thursday is for high school students with 14 registered. Adults trained by the Youth for Christ Program supervise the students.

Mary Young serves as our representative to the Board of Directors for this Program. This Board meets once a month and is made up of representatives from the churches who participate and oversee the program.

The students have a snack, activity, Bible study, homework help and free time during the three hours on Wednesday and Thursday. They go to conferences, Beaver Cross, help the community and do special projects such as the Christmas shoebox and the Alpha program for Teens. Most of these students do not have Jesus Christ or a reliable adult in their life. They come from broken or abusive homes. The adults show the love of Christ to the students and how they can break the pattern of their life and become all that Jesus would have them to.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Mary Young. The program is looking for people to provide food for snacks, community projects, and adults to teach the students basic skills in life such as sewing, cooking and bookkeeping or mentoring a student.

Jesus Christ is working in the world and does answer prayers,

Submitted by,
Mary Young, Youth for Christ Representative



February and March Event Calendar At a Glance

February 2007

Thursday	February 1	7:00 PM	Bible Study - (Bring a sandwich at 6:30PM)
Saturday	February 3	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall
Sunday	February 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	February 8	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	February 11	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	February 18	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Wednesday	February 21	Noon & 7PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday	February 25	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

March 2007

Thursday	March 1	7:00 PM	Bible Study - (Bring a sandwich at 6:30PM)
Saturday	March 3	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall
Sunday	March 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	March 8	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	March 11	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	March 18	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	March 25	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
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Mark your Calendars for these Future Events

Wednesday	February 21 - Noon & 7PM - Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesdays - Starting - February 28 - Soup, Bread, & Fruit at 6:30PM - Lenten Program at 7:00 PM	
Wednesday	February 28 - Lenten Program - Gary Doughty - MSW CASAL Berkshire Farm
Wednesday	March 7 - Lenten Program - TBA
Wednesday	March 14 - Lenten Program - The Rev. Mark Diebel Past Dean of Hudson Valley Deanery
Wednesday	March 21 - Lenten Program - Elizabeth Sheffer and Tony Winig - The Hill of Crosses
Wednesday	March 28 - Lenten Program - The Rev. Susan Shultz Hospice Chaplain
Sunday	April 1 - Palm Sunday Service - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Wednesday	April 4 - Lenten Program - Canon Clinton Dugger - Stations of the Cross
Thursday	April 5 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM - Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar
Friday	April 6 - Good Friday Service - Noon and 6:00 PM
Sunday	April 8 - Easter Services - Sunrise, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt



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Remember these Important Dates

Date	Subject
February 21, 2007	Ash Wednesday Services - Noon and 7:00 PM
April 1, 2007	Palm Sunday - 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
April 6, 2007	Good Friday Services - Noon and 7:00 PM
April 8, 2007	Easter - Sunrise, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

These are the Every Month Important Dates

1st Saturday - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - March 3 & April 7
 1st Thursday - Simple Meal (Bring a Sandwich) and Bible Study - March 1 & April ?
 2nd Thursday - Vestry Meeting - March 8 & April 12

Answers: Know Your Bible 1. C (the disciples, who were arguing who was the greatest, refused the customary service to ward one another) 2. C (and the traitor immediately left the supper. Other disciples were not altogether aware what happened) 3. A (he chose not to wear Saul's armor) 4. B 5. A (the Sanhedrin was the Great Council of the Jews.)
 Anointing Jumble - 1. BLESSED 2. SPIRIT 3. MOURN 4. FORBADE 5. PINNACLE Overall Answer: He threw a party for Jesus but was not prepared for the woman with the perfume. **SIMON**