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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.

Frost and Advent

The days grow shorter and frost glistens on window panes, often catching rays of pale sunlight and surprising us with sparkle!

Advent prepares us for the surprise and sparkling celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



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Greetings in the Holy Name of Christ

This year we are in the place where our Parochial Report will reflect our true assessment of our giving and spending. Now it is up to us to bring more souls to Christ by taking advantage of the many spiritual offerings of the Church of Our Saviour. Our spiritual relationship with other churches has been strengthened. We can see this in the attendance at our Lenten programs and Youth for Christ.

In the year to come I would like us, as a church group to make a spiritual journey to the Spiritual Life Center, some Sunday afternoon and end with Evening Prayers at the Convent of St. Mary's. Please ponder this in your hearts. For now, enjoy the yearly remembrance of the Coming of Christ into the world and our hearts.

A BLESSED ADVENT and CHRISTMAS to all.

Fr. C.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 prayers.

PLEASE NOTE:

For the Annual Meeting (27 January 2008) please complete your reports and send them electronically to susan@darcy-systems.com by January 14. We need to allow enough time collate the complete Annual Report and make copies for distribution. Not able to send the report electronically? Simply write your report and put it in the Treasurer's box in the parish office by the 14th of January. If we have any questions, we will call you for clarification.

Need an answer? Please give us a call. Thank you so much for your assistance. Susan Darcy and Kris Smith (518 794-8702 or 413-637-2275)

Youth Corner

On Christmas Eve at the 7 PM Holy Eucharist service, the young people will be present their gift to the Church of Our Saviour. It is a special program they are working on with their teacher Debi Galucci.

Having young people visiting you for Christmas? Please bring them to the service to enjoy this special presentation. It will be a wonderful way to share in the joy of Christ's birthday.

See you there?



Quiz -- "What's in a Name or Guess the Carols"

Listed below are some "possible alternate names" for popular Christmas Carols. Figure out the real name of the Carol.

- Bleached Yule
- Seeds Grilling in a Conflagration
- Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
- Righteous Evening
- Arrival Time: 2400 hrs - Weather: Cloudless
- Loyal Followers Advance
- Far Off in a Feeder
- Array the Corridor
- Small Male Percussionist
- Monarchical Triad
- Nocturnal Quiet
- Jehovah Deactivate Happy Chevaliers
- Red Man En Route to City
- Frozen Precipitation Commence
- Proceed and Proclaim on the Pinnacle
- Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
- Delight for this Planet
- Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
- The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals



Scoring to Rate Yourself

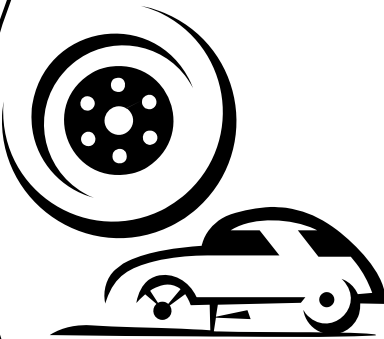
According to Number of Right Answers

- 18+** (Potential Santa Claus) **6-9** (Not Qualified to Receive Gifts)
15-17 (Potential Elf) **0-5** (Scrooge, Deserve Fruitcake)
10-14 (Ready for Christmas)

Answers to Quiz are on the last page



PROJECT HELPING



Helping Wheels



Helping Hands



Helping Outreach



Project Helping Thanks YOU!!

For all YOU did, for all YOU do and for all YOU said you will do next year — Thank YOU! Everything you do helps lots! Project Helping is extending the Church of Our Saviour into our parish family; our communities; our nation and our world. Thank you for volunteering to participate with your time, talent and treasure.

God Bless you for your love of one another and your generosity.

Susan Darcy and Mary Young

(Haven't returned your forms yet? Don't worry -- you still have time, place in the collection plate or mail to the Church and Thanks to YOU too!)

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Vestry wishes to thank you for your support of the Evening Service we have had on Wednesday evening. Father Dugger has reviewed the recent questioner and decided to continue the services through November 14. Wednesday services will then stop and restart with Ash Wednesday on February 5, 2008.



Senior Warden's Notes

Advent and Christmas are my favorite times in the church year. The music that prepares us for the coming of our Lord is rich, joyful, and reminds us of the gift that God is bestowing upon us. Bible readings inspire and give us comfort that the Christ Child will bring us goodness and light. The greening of the church reflects the beauty of the earth in a time of year when the landscape is white and the glimpses of color show brilliantly amidst the snow.

The Church of Our Saviour is doing well as we enter into this Advent season. So many people contribute to the parish life and I am thankful for them all. The joy that fills our church on Sundays and during Bible study reflects the love for Christ that we share. January will bring the annual meeting, where the business of the church will be discussed, reports given, and vestry members elected. There are four positions open on the vestry, senior warden, junior warden and two vestry seats. Tom Stone and Mary Young will be leaving the vestry. Molly Laird will not be seeking another term as junior warden. She has been such a joy to work with and her innovative ideas will be missed at the meetings. I have prayed on my decision and will be seeking another term as your senior warden. There are opportunities for us as a parish to thrive in the love of Christ to build our congregation and to share our message with the Lebanon Valley. The vestry will be looking at how to increase our outreach. We can, with all of our assistance.

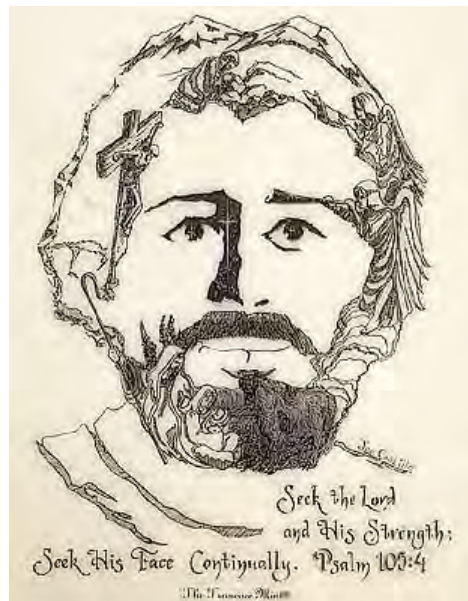
As you prepare your homes and your hearts for the coming of Christ, you will be remembering those loved ones who have passed on to be with our Lord. The candles may not burn as brightly, but they will remind us of the bright spark our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, children, and friends gave to our lives. That is part of the miracle that is Christmas.

Have a joyous, wonderful and blessed Advent and Christmas.

Snippets and Bits



*Amongst all of the junk we get over the internet, occasionally we get something like this. It is just too good not to send around.
If a dog has time to pray, what is wrong with us?*



Although hard to see on the copy, the picture is comprised of small drawings. Find the angel or the Crucifixion. Visit the Church website and see the picture in more detail..



December & January Events Calendar At a Glance

December 2007

Saturday	Dec. 1	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	West Lebanon Elementary School Craft Fair
Sunday	Dec. 2	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	Dec. 6	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Simple Supper (6:30PM)
Saturday	Dec. 8	10:00 AM	Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall
Sunday	Dec. 9	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Open House
Thursday	Dec. 13	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	Dec. 23	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Greening of the Church followed by a Luncheon hosted by Senior Warden Bitsy Sheffer.
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with Children's Presentation
		11:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday	Dec. 30	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

January 2008

Thursday	Jan. 3	7:00 PM	Bible Study – (Bring a sandwich at 6:30PM)
Sunday	Jan. 6	8:00 AM	Epiphany -- Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Epiphany -- Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Thursday	Jan. 10	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	Jan. 13	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	Jan. 20	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Sunday	Jan. 27	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
		11:30 AM	Potluck Luncheon and Annual Meeting

Mark your Calendars for these Future Events

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday - (February 5, 2008) — Services at Noon and 7:00 PM
Wednesdays during Lent	Soup and Fruits Supper followed by a Lenten Program or Services of Evening Prayer alternating with Compline—Check the Sunday Bulletins for the Programs and Times
	Additional Calendars Items will be coming soon



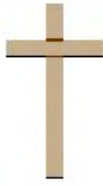
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Remember these Important Dates

Date	Subject
Dec. 24, 2007	Christmas Eve Services at 7 PM and 11PM
Dec. 25, 2007	Christmas Day Service at 10 AM
Jan. 27, 2008	Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Feb. 5, 2008	Ash Wednesday Services Noon and 7 PM

These are the Every Month Important Dates

1st Saturday - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - Dec. 8 **, No Meeting in Jan., Feb. 2

1st Thursday - Simple Meal (Bring a Sandwich) and Bible Study - Jan. 3, & Feb. 6

Vestry Meeting - Thursdays - Dec. 13, Jan 10, & Feb. 14

Wednesdays Starting again on February 5, 2008 with Ash Wednesday Service***

**** Postponed from Dec. 1st**

***** Check the Sunday Bulletins for the Lenten Program and Time**

Answers: 1. White Christmas. 2. Chestnuts Roasting over an Open Fire. 3. All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth. 4. O Holy Night; 5. It came upon a Midnight Clear. 6. O Come All Ye Faithful; 7. Away in a Manger; 8. Deck the Halls; 9. The Little Drummer Boy; 10. We Three Kings; 11. Silent Night; 12. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen; 13. Santa Claus is Coming to Town; 14. Let it Snow; 15. Go Tell it on the Mountain; 16. What Child is This; 17. Joy to the World; 18. Hark the Herald Angels Sing; 19. The Twelve Days of Christmas