



Gideon's Trumpet

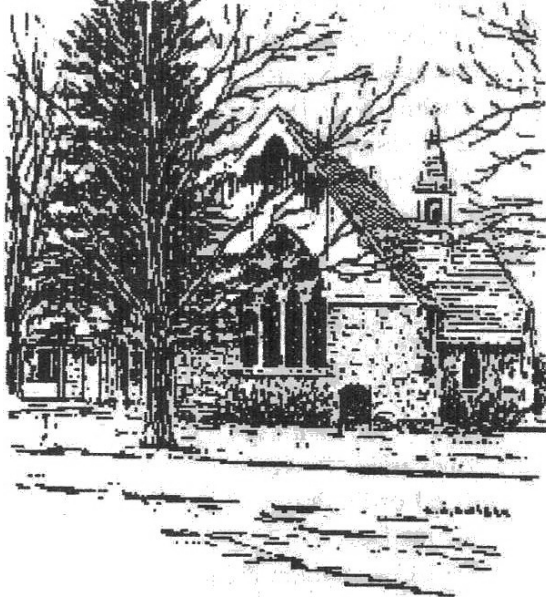
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The mission of the Church of Our Saviour is to spread the Gospel and inspire a renewal and commitment to living the Christian life through the love of Jesus Christ as expressed by His People.

Advent is the special time God gives us to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. In our busy lives we try to find some quiet time to reflect on all Jesus brings to our lives – we can always say a prayer for those near and far when we're waiting in line or driving. We can even find that quiet even when we're in a crowd.



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Why, What and Where

Why do we have Christmas? Ponder this is your heart.

What does it mean to you to have ***Jesus*** is your heart?

Where do we find a love of mankind that is so great a gift as ***Jesus Christ?***

At this time of year we should ask ourselves ***Why, What and Where of Christ*** in our lives.

Fr. C.G. Dugger



Senior Warden's Message

The Advent Season is here and as we go about our busy days, we should take pause to think about those who are less fortunate than us. In buying gifts and fixings for our Christmas Day activities, buy an extra toy and donate it to Toys for Tots. Add one or two extra canned goods or dry goods to your cart and bring in to the next Sunday service for Charlie's Pantry. In the season of giving, it is better to give than receive.

Susan Darcy and Mary Young have begun the Stewardship Campaign.. As you fill out your Time, Talent, and Treasures card pray over what you can provide for the parish. Many hands make light work, so consider joining the Altar Guild, or volunteer to read the scriptures on Sundays, or bring in baked goods for the coffee hour. Giving of your time is a precious gift and one that is well appreciated.

Our annual meeting is fast approaching. Two seats are open, Senior Warden and one vestry member. After much thought and prayer, I have decided to run for one more term as your Senior Warden. It is an honor to work with the vestry, Father Dugger, and all the parishioners in doing the good work for Church of Our Saviour. Please pray for guidance for our Nominating Committee and maybe a volunteer will come forward to serve for a three year term on our vestry.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our Lord comes as a newborn babe to bring us goodness and light.

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Church of Our Saviour Happenings:

Sunday, December 20 -- Greening of the Church and Lunch provided by Senior Warden Bitsy Sheffer -- 11:15 AM

Thursday, December 24 -- Christmas Eve Services -- Young People's Service 7 PM and 11 PM

Friday, December 25 -- Christmas Day Service -- 9 AM

Sunday, December 27 -- Services at 8 AM and 10 AM

Sunday, January 3 -- Combined Service 9 AM with Brunch to follow

Wednesday, January 6 -- Epiphany Service 7 PM

By: **Katie Gallucci**

Over the summer I attended a week at Beaver Cross Summer Camp. I thought it was a really fun experience. A day at camp: Every day we woke up at 7:30- 8:00am, if you needed to take a shower you could at this time. Then when everyone was awake we got ready for the day. At about 9:00 am all of the cabins went to the blacktop, and then went to the dining hall for breakfast.

We would say a prayer before we went in (the prayers always went along to a song, like the Flinstones theme song, or jaws). After breakfast we went back to our cabins for cabin clean up, where everyone got a job (whether it was cleaning the toilets or moping the floor).

As soon as the cabins were clean we walked up to the pavilion for Beaver Blast. Beaver Blast is like Christian Ed. where Tyler (the Christian Ed. Director) would talk to the whole camp about a lesson that involved God. One of our lessons was about how we were all sheep and God is our shepherd, and how we shouldn't listen to the other distractions of life, only our shepherd.

After Beaver Blast we went to our camper choice activity, mine was dance and drama, but you could do arts and crafts, nature, volleyball, or tennis.

When our activity was done we went to lunch, and after lunch we would go to our cabins for chill time. Chill time is the period of time in your cabin where you could read a book, write to your parents, take a nap or just hang out and talk to your friends.

When chill time was over the campers went to the blacktop again for our camper choice A and B. Your choices were, high ropes, waterfront, arts and crafts, archery, and chill time with God. In the middle of camper choice A and B we would go to the canteen and get a snack and drink. When camper choice B was over you walked back to the dining hall for dinner.

After dinner the entire camp would walk to the pavilion for the camp game, where everyone in the camp (even councilors) played a game. Over the week we played clue, capture the flag, gold rush, and in the middle of the week had a campfire. Lights out was about 10-11ish. My experience at Beaver Cross was amazing! My best friend and I had so much fun, and are looking forward to going again next year. I would encourage anyone to go to camp!

Editor's Note: Katie received scholarships from the Deanery and Church of Our Saviour to Beaver Cross Camp. The parish received a lovely Thank You from Katie and she was asked to write of her experiences at Beaver Cross to share with us.



December, January and February Events Calendar At a Glance

December 2009

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| Sunday | December 20 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| | | 11:15 AM | Greening of the Church & Lunch |
| Thursday | December 24 | 7:00 PM | Youth Service & Holy Eucharist |
| | Christmas Eve | 11:00 PM | Holy Eucharist |
| Friday | December 25 Christmas Day | 9:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday | December 27 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |

January 2010

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| Sunday | January 3 | 9:00 AM | Combined Church Service followed by a Brunch provided by the Vestry |
| Sunday | January 10 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Wednesday | January 13 | 7:00 PM | Vestry Meeting - Friendship Hall |
| Sunday | January 17 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Sunday | January 24 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| | | 11:30 AM | Annual Meeting & Luncheon |
| Sunday | January 31 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |

February 2010

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| Saturday | February 6 | 10:00 AM | Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall |
| Sunday | February 7 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Wednesday | February 10 | 7:00 PM | Vestry Meeting - Friendship Hall |
| Sunday | February 14 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Wednesday | February 17 | Noon & 7:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Services |
| Sunday | February 21 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Wednesday | February 24 | 7:00 PM | Lenten Program with Soup & Bread Supper(6:30 PM) |
| Sunday | February 28 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |

The Lenten Programs will continue on Wednesdays, on March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 ending with Stations of the Cross on March 31st. Soup and bread at 6:30 PM -- Program at 7 PM



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Remember these Important Dates

| Date | Subject |
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| December 20 | 8 AM and 10 AM Services followed by Greening of the Church with Lunch supplied by the Senior Warden |
| December 24 | Holy Eucharist Services at 7 PM with Youth Program and 11 PM |
| December 25 | Christmas Day Service 9 AM |
| January 3 | Combined Services at 9 AM followed by Brunch supplied by the Vestry |
| January 24 | Annual Meeting, Election and Pot Luck Luncheon |
| February 17 | Ash Wednesday Services Noon and 7PM |
| March 28 | Palm Sunday |
| April 2 | Good Friday |
| April 4 | Easter |

These are the Monthly or Bi-Monthly Important Dates
1st Saturday Bi-Monthly - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - February 6, April 3, June 5
Vestry Meeting - 2nd Wednesdays - January 13; February 10; March 10