

The Good News

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From the Wardens

Dear friends at St. Paul's:

As we come to the end of 2015, Don and I would like to thank everyone for all they have done to keep St. Paul's running smoothly. We were not sure if having Morning Prayer every other week would work. Especially since the congregation had gotten used to having Father Birxby opposite Father Grover. But, between Judy Montgomery, Judy Olmsted, Dorothy Saunders and myself, Robin Weisbrod; we feel that on the whole, things are going smoothly. We would especially like to thank Father Grover, for his dedication and service to St. Paul's. He truly has been a Godsend.

Don and I agree that we have a dedicated lay leadership, who always step up to the plate when needed and try hard to work as a team. That is truly important and not always easy to do. Taking the different personalities and meshing them, is always a difficult thing to do, but we have done it! Thank you to our Vestry, you are appreciated.

This brings us to something we want everyone to think about. Perhaps, the best time to answer the questions we are going to put forth here will be at the Annual Meeting. (Shameless plug – January 24th, along with a dish to pass meal). So, we put these forth for your consideration:

- What's going well?
- What concerns us?
- What would we like to see as we move forward?

We are moving into a new year, 2016 and with it, come renewed commitments, promises of what is to come and great hope. We pray that we can honor the renewed commitments, that we can live into the promise of what is to come and that we can continue to hold onto the great hope. We want us to all remember, that Jesus asks us to trust in Him and believe in Him. What does the future hold? We don't know. If we place our faith in God, recognize that none of us are perfect, accept each other's imperfections and pray unceasingly, we cannot lose.

Dear God, we come before you today in need of hope. We have felt the hopelessness of being helpless, we have felt weak and have wanted to run away. Forgive us for these moments of weakness. Help us feel hope, love, reconciliation and kindness. Help us to see the light, to lay our fears at your feet, to know that by living our lives in faith and glory, our burdens will be less.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Don Lee, Senior Warden Robin Weisbrod, Junior Warden

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chittenango, New York exists to restore all people to unity with each other and with God in Jesus Christ.

News of the Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The annual meeting has been scheduled for January 24, 2016. We hope all can attend. Please bring a dish to pass. (Meeting to follow morning prayer service.)
- The second Sunday of March (March 13) will be an Egg Mc Muffin Sunday. As a reminder while all food pantry donations are greatly appreciated, on this day donations of eggs, butter, or margarine are specially requested. For those unable to get to the store cash is also gratefully accepted! (On an unrelated note Daylight Savings begins at 02:00 AM on this day.)
- Sympathy to Mike Furtado and his family on the death of his mother Alice Furtado. Sympathy also to Joanne Furtado and her family on the death of her aunt.
- Thank you to all who helped clean and polish silver and brass in preparation for Christmas. Thank you to all who helped decorate the parish hall in preparation for Christmas.
- Happiness Abounds! Congratulations to Brittany Reals on her engagement to Erick Hass.
- More happiness! Congratulations to Molly Woodworth on her engagement to Travis Huttar.
- We will be having an in-gathering of baby/children clothes, diapers, wipes, formula and other items for babies/kids, sometime in February. We will be doing this in conjunction with other Churches in the area. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

A Special Invitation from Bishop Skip

The Bishop's Retreat for Laity- "All God all the time"

Saturday January 23, 2016

9AM-2PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

106 Chapel Street-Fayetteville

\$30. Includes full program plus luncheon.

Bishop Skip Adams will lead a day of prayerful reflection, gentle teaching, and contemplative worship.

Our gathering will focus on our experiences of the holy in everyday life.

This will be the Bishop's last lay retreat before his retirement.

Online registration is open at <http://cnyepiscopal.org/eventregistration.aspx>

The Compass Institute

January Birthdays

2~Ron Barber 22~Jada Lawrence
 7~Kanestio Tarbell 22~Jim Kraus
 11~Jennifer Courtwright 24~Dana Kraus
 14~Kimberly Chappell 27~Ellyanna Judd
 19~Claudia Jensen

January Anniversaries

30 Ed and Donna Hoffman

February Birthdays

1~Jerry Jackson 22~Neil Huebler
 6~Ida Goins 23~Jennifer Hobbs
 6~Carter Woodworth 26~Roberta Kincaid
 8~Arron Judd 28~Brittany Reals
 14~Jack Lawrence 29~Amy Randall
 16~Dan Rapp
 18~Dick VanValkenburgh

February Anniversaries

9 Jim and Becky Kraus
 14 Todd and Kim Chappell
 24 Doug and Darryl Tarbell
 29 John and Barb Tafe

Prayer List

John Asam (Furtado request), Eric Baker (Courtwright request), Ron Barber, Karen Beres (Weisbrod request) Lynda Blaziaa (Gerling request), Alexa Bolton, Jason Ceresoli (Furtado request), Leisha Doherty (Tedford request) Billy Dougan (Montgomery request), Colleen Eggers (Tarbell request), Joanne Furtado, Christopher Hartig (Grover request), Art Hildreth (Olmsted request) Terry Hoffman (Hoffman request), Evelyn McAllister, Ken Patterson, Yurie Rosenfeld (Gerling request), Joel Szachara, Joe Williams, Ruth Williams, Kathy Yates (Yates request) Zoey Zavodsky (Williams request)

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

On January 24th there will be a special worship service at 2:30 PM at the Grand Nursing Home in Chittenango. The Grand is located at 331 Russell St. Chittenango.

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