

planning to attend and what type of food you will be bringing.

We look forward to having another great celebration and hope you will be there!

Kathryn Riedener
Event Chair

Parish Directory

Zion's 2009 directory will be published at the end of February. Please call the office or stop by if you have any changes in your address, phone number, name, email, etc. so we can provide accurate information to all. **The deadline for changes is Feb. 15th (Please, no exceptions!)**
Thank you.

Women of Zion

February will be the annual "blanket month". Paper "blankets", costing \$5.00 each, will be hung on the "clothesline" in church. Our offering will be given to *Episcopal Relief and Development*. Write *ERD* on your check memo line.

The Spring Rummage Sale will be in March. Please save your items for the March Rummage Sale. Items may be left in the second floor room at the head of the stairs nearest the church. We cannot accept television sets. Please make sure any clothing you bring is clean and rip free.

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Remember to continue giving daily thanks to God using our "blue boxes".

Our thank offerings, along with those of the other parishes, will be used to do God's work throughout the world. Let us remember, "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.

Circle Nursery School

The new year has been off to a great start. Julie Shutt welcomed her new daughter, Onnolee. The school children have all been able to meet her.

The 3 day class is filling the cold days reading wintery books, taste testing jelly, (which is tied into the letter *Jj*, and making cute winter related projects, like the snowmen that line the hallway. They continue to learn the alphabet, days of the week, months, and recognizing their friends' names. They have also been learning numbers and how to graph. They enjoy figuring out who likes what and how many kids like the same things.

The 2 day has been busy with winter projects too. They have sponge painted winter clothes lines and self

portraits, designed mittens, and made snow storm pictures. Preschoolers will soon be able to let off some energy at their winter carnival and enjoy decorating ice cream snowmen.

SUNY Geneseo has volunteered their time to come to *Circle* to give free speech evaluations for all classes. Parents will then have the option to continue this *free* service, if needed, at the college.

Registration for the new school year began on January 25th. This year, *Circle* is signed up to offer information at the preschool fair held at HFL. Please share any information about *Circle* with family and friends. We feel that we have a **great** program to offer that really helps prepare children for Kindergarten.

Shannon DiFranco

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is so much more than just what we pledge to the church, although pledges are an important part of it. Stewardship has been defined as:

What I do, with all that I have, after I say, "I believe," and using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.

Source: www.episcopalchurch.org
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The new year will be an especially challenging one, for both individuals and for Zion, as we struggle with tough economic times. As you consider how best to use the gifts God has blessed you with, please consider how you can use those gifts in support of Zion and its ministry in Avon and throughout the world. And, if you have not yet made a pledge, it is not too late to do so. Just place your pledge card in the offering plate any Sunday, or mail it to the office. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Kathy Maltby and Dennis Mack
Stewardship committee

Happy February Birthdays

7 th	Samantha Riedener
8 th	Lori Meath
23 rd	Jean Batzing
23 rd	Jim Miller
25 th	Paul Tilly
26 th	Fr. Mark Stiegler
28 th	Deb Jarrett

Happy February Anniversary
15th Jake and Beverly Dziekonski