



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Andover, N. Y.
Neil Strong, Pastor
Phone: 478-8504
Sunday, December 7
10:00 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Worship Service

METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN PARISH OF ANDOVER

Rev. Ray E. Albaugh, Minister
Mrs. Jackie Bale, Secretary
Parsonage - Study - 478-3743
Office Phone - 478-4185
Sunday, December 7
9:45 a. m. Sunday School in the Presbyterian Building.
11:00 a. m. Worship Service in the Presbyterian Sanctuary during the month of August.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Rev. Francis J. Zmoyzinski
Phone: 478-5900
12 Church St., Andover, N. Y.
October and December - 5:30 - 7:30 Saturday P. M.
Sunday Mass - 10:30 A. M.
Confessions - 30 minutes before Mass in A. M., between 3 and 4 P. M., and at 7 P. M., before 7:30 Mass.

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Sunday Mass - 8:30 A. M.

ANDOVER CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH

Rochambeau Avenue
Andover, N. Y.
Parsonage & Study: 8 Baker St.
607-478-8678
Rev. Jeffrey A. Mackey, Pastor
Mrs. Nancy Brewster, Pianist
Sunday, December 7
THE LORD'S DAY
10:00 a. m. - Sunday Bible School, Mr. Paul Bailey, Supt.
11:00 a. m. - Morning Worship
7:30 p. m. - Power Hour
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. - Prayer and Share Hour.

INDEPENDENCE GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

Glenn Brubaker, Pastor
A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend the Independence Gospel Fellowship Services at their Independence Church every Sunday.
Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Preaching Service 10:30 a. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ray Albaugh, Pastor
Mrs. June Roilins, Organist
Mrs. Raymond Duke, Choir Director
Mrs. Harriet Redmond, Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday, December 7
9:45 a. m. Morning Worship
10:50 a. m. Church School
Jr. High Youth Fellowship - 6:00 - 7:30 P. M.
(1st and 3rd Sundays)
Wednesday
8:00 p. m. Choir Practice

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Andover, N. Y.
Rev. Lowell Hall, Pastor
Phone: 478-8476
Sunday, December 7
Place - Grange Hall
Sunday School - 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship - 7:00 p. m.
Thursday, Bible Study and Prayer Service - 7:00 p. m.

The Clergy Review

WHERE IS THE PROMISE?
By Rev. Ray E. Albaugh

Advent season of the Christian year is the season of expectancy and preparation for the coming of the Christ child in fulfillment of God's promise to enter personally the planes of human history. Advent is a time of preparing our lives through prayer and worship and openness to receive the love of God more fully into our hearts as our response to His love for us manifested in the Christ event. Advent also is a looking forward to the second coming of Christ in power and glory.

Regarding the second-coming of Christ, Peter wrote in II Peter 3:3-4, "That there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming?' For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." Such religious skepticism can be well understood. With the evil that is rampant about us, with the stife of nations, the increasing rate of crime and irresponsibility, one surely can ask "Where is the promise of His coming?" What about the Peace of which the angels sang; what about the tidings of great joy which was to be to all people? This is what was promised by the angels that first Christmas but look at us - things are continuing as they were men warring against one another; from the beginning of creation - through the manipulations of their power and pride, men and women continue to exploit one another to protect their preconceived prejudices.

Of course, the truth is that the Promise is there and those who have spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear can of en detect its fulfillment. We will not see the fulfillment of the promise of hope, joy and peace if we look for its signs in the upheavals and earthquakes of our times, although it is even possible to see how God often uses historical crises to bring about his ultimate purposes. Rather, the fulfillment of the promise of His coming is seen more often in the lives of persons who have been transformed by God's love from being self-centered persons to persons who sacrificially love and care for other person's well-being. So often this love is expressed in what would appear to the world to be very insignificant happenings, even as the birth of Jesus was seemingly insignificant to the world of his day - such happenings as a concerned visit to someone in the hospital, or in prison; the offer to help a mother or father overburdened at a time of family illness, or perhaps just voting on a political issue according to one's Christian conscience, writing a letter to your political representatives, volunteering your help on projects to better the community. Good works can be quite meaningless depending upon the motivation; but if they are performed out of a real love and concern for persons because we are filled with God's love, such works are signs of the fulfillment of His coming. Jesus said, "He that gives a cup of cold water in my name shall not lose his reward."

Where is the promise of His coming? The fulfillment of the promise of His coming that first Christmas to bring peace, joy and hope to every person was assured in the Christ who lived and ministered among us, was crucified, and won the victory over sin and death for all men everywhere, the greatest miracle God could perform. We claim that promise and its fulfillment, not by waiting for some further miracle from heaven to solve our problems; but by responding to His love by a commitment of our lives to Him so that the miracle of His love can also work in our human and social relationships bringing peace where there is strife, harmony where there is discord, hope where there is despair. As we do this, Christ does come more fully into our lives and our world and we will receive the spiritual insight which will help us be aware of this truth despite the seeming victory of evil forces about us.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Allegany is offering for sale to the highest bidder the following items: three, six cubic yard refuse containers, sealed bids will be received for said items until 12:00 P. M., December 8, 1975 at the Clerk of the Board of Legislators' Office, County Courthouse, Belmont, New York, 14813. The said items can be viewed by prospective bidders at the Allegany County Highway Shop in Friendship, New York, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. The successful bidder will be required to take the said items from the said premises and pay the bid price and sales tax in cash or certified check within 30 days of notification of acceptance of bid.

FRANCES S. BARNES, Clerk
Dated: December 3, 1975

Legal Notice

Local Law Establishing The Annual Salaries of Certain County Officers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Local Law is published pursuant to Section 214 (2) of the County Law:
A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Allegany as follows:

Section 1. The annual salaries, none of which include any earned longevity increment, of the incumbents of the county officers herein set forth shall be the amount herein set forth opposite each such office, to wit:

Office	Annual Salary
County Attorney	\$19,000
County Treasurer	14,500
Public Defender	13,500
Commissioner of Elections	4,000

§ 2. This local law shall take effect on January 1, 1976; provided, however, in the event this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State after January 1, 1976, then, in such event, this local law shall take effect on the date of such filing.

FRANCES S. BARNES, Clerk
Allegany County Board of Legislators
Belmont, N. Y.

Legal Notice

NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Andover, N. Y., will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the "Old Town Hall" situated on the West-erly side of Main Street in And-over, N. Y., being a small frame building. The said sealed bids will be received until 1:00 P. M., on Thursday, December 11th, 1975. The said sealed bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed bids for Old Town Hall", which sealed bids must be delivered to Gladys Fox, Town Clerk, Andover, N. Y., on or before the said 1:00 P. M., on Thursday, December 11th, 1975, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board of the Town of Andover, N. Y., reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the successful bidder will be subject to a permissive referendum by the Town Board of the Town of Andover, N. Y.

Dated: November 18th, 1975.
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