



PASTOR'S POINTS

“Enjoy God”

Summer is here. It is time to get out and enjoy God's creation.

Enjoy the wonders of the stars in heaven. There is no one on earth that could create such a splendor of a summer night of stars.

God is the Creator of it all. It is for us to enjoy and thank Him each and every day.

Look up! Your Redeemer is here.

Fr. Dugger

The newsletter deadline for the September issue will be ***Friday, August, 15th***.

If you have any news to share, please send it to Susan Darcy at susan@darcy-systems.com,
Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com or leave a note in the "Trumpet" mailbox in the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The United States Government
President Obama
Governor Cuomo
Supervisor Benson
Pope Francis
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The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop
David Ball
Daniel Herzog
Priest Assigned Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger
Deacon Rev. Randolph Lukas
Pastor Jim
Brother Bill
Fr. John
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Roberta Page
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Bessam
Mike & Annie Delaney
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BIRTHDAYS:

JULY -

1 – Heather O’Grady
8 – Alexander Haley
8 – Judy Tallet
9 – Richard Dauchy
10 – Eugenia Browning
11 – Molly Allard
12 – Neil Haley
15 – Joanne Haley

AUGUST -

7 – Abby Allard
8 – Susan Darcy
12 – Franco Spoto
13 – Phyllis Howard

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY -

2 – Frederick and Janet Haley

2 – Edward and Anne Wever

AUGUST -

26 – Franco and Dianne Spoto

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that we haven’t included in past newsletters, please

- call the church office at 794-8702, leave a note in the church secretary’s mailbox in the office or email Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com with your birthday or anniversary date so that we can update our list. Thank you!

VESTRY’S VIEWS

This past Sunday we celebrated the commencement of two of our congregants - Mackenzie Stone and Katie Gallucci. These young women grew up in Church of Our Saviour and have been an important part of our lives. They will continue on to college bringing with them the faith and love of our Lord in whom they have grown. Keep these lovely ladies in your prayers as they follow their dreams into new ventures.

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VESTRY 2014

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer	01/2016
Junior Warden	Mary Young	01/2015
Vestry Members	Richard Dauchy	01/2015
	Eric May	01/2016
	Susan Darcy	01/2017
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Eric May	

DOLLARS AND SENSE

While driving over to Church Monday, to do some work, I saw one of God's beautiful creatures. A picture perfect black bear – just like the ones in the National Geographic pictures. It was crossing Dan Fox Drive from Bousquet's to the woods and had to climb over the guard rail. As she finished her climb, running out of the bushes on the west side was the smallest cub I have ever seen. It was so small it simply went under the guard rail following momma!

I'm constantly amazed at God's handiwork – the beautiful rainbow after the shower. Like the tiniest hummingbird drinking nectar from a flower bigger than itself. The other day, I was feeling kind of down – letting the little things that go wrong get to me. I decided to take a break and looked at an email a friend had just sent. It was excerpt from one of my favorite authors and speakers, Maya Angelou, which I feel is something to share.

Maya Angelou said this:

'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.'

'I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.'

'I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.'

'I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as 'making a life.'

'I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance..'

'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back..'

'I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.'

'I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.'

'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back..'

'I've learned that I still have a lot to learn...'

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

God, thank you for my parish who has made me feel like a family member!

Susan Darcy

MONEY, POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY

*We are up to Chapter 17 in the book.
Chapter title: Debt: Getting Out of Debt*

This topic has become a media sensation. There are programs on radio, TV, companies and government all designed to help us get out of debt. Why? Because we as a person, state, company and nation, have spent more than we make now or even ever to satisfy our continued appetite to have what we want or think we want or need today. To see how we can get out of debt, we must first understand how we got into debt in the first place. That is where we start. Write down for a month everything you purchase, EVERYTHING - include the mortgage, the monthly bills, the groceries but also include your coffee, what you donated to the pot at work, children's allowances - all of it. Then write down how much you make after taxes. Take these two pieces of paper and with your family unit, spend some time in prayer before the Lord. Ask God to forgive you for greed, compromising, not allowing him to care for you, or whatever He lays on your heart. Then use these steps or techniques to help you live a more productive, happier and satisfied life in His name. These are taken from the book mentioned above, in the order he lists.

1. Repent: Acknowledge that you have taken cues from the world not God on how to use your money. Read Romans: 12:2
2. Immediately give God the first fruits: Tithe not what you think you can afford but the full 10%. Give it weekly or monthly, however you are paid give it to Him first. Recognize He is in charge of everything and promises us He will provide for us. From experience I can tell you this is hard, really hard. I had to do some real soul searching and look at my words versus my beliefs. That first month was scary, I was sure we would be out of food, gas for the car or even money to pay the bills. Shawn and Michele were sure they would be ostracized by their friends because they would not be able to do some of the activities they had planned. WE did it though, we weren't hungry or hot (we lived in Florida then and air-conditioning was necessity) and I made it to work every day. Shawn and Michele did not suffer any ill effects because the events they had wanted to go on were canceled. HMM, I wonder why. Now these many years later, giving the tithe is not a problem it is a privilege.
3. Incur no new debts: Operate on this principle: "If I can't afford it now then it is not God's will now. I used this principle this past couple of months. I wanted a new rug for my parlor. I have been thinking about it, measuring, looking at the sales and saving my money for several months. A couple of furniture stores have gone out of business in Pittsfield and I have thought I should check out the sales but never did. Well this week I was going to Pittsfield for a trip to the Salvation Army and saw a sign for a going out of business furniture store I was not familiar with. I thought about it, prayed as I was driving and decided after I delivered the goods to check the store out. It was a small store which I have driven by but thought they sold mark offs, the things big furniture stores won't sell. I decided to stop and went in to check it out. To my surprise the furniture was top quality name brands that were not seconds. To my great pleasure I found just the rug which will go in the parlor, pink is a hard color to find in a rug, and a table for less than I was expecting to have to pay for the rug alone. Then the real joy came, the bill was \$30 less than what I had saved for this purchase. The parlor is set up and on the table rests a Bible to remind me of whose furniture this really is.

4. Systematically eliminate existing debt. Draw up a budget. Use the papers you have to prioritize your expenses. See number 9.
5. Perform plastic surgery on your credit cards. If the card is a temptation - destroy it. The exception is if you always make full payment when the bill is due so you never pay interest. Remember the studies show that those who use credit cards even if they pay them off monthly usually spend more than if they only use cash. Watch out for the illusion that using a credit card isn't really spending.
6. Stop rationalizing your debt habit. Houses and cars are strong temptations for some, where furniture, clothing electronic gadgets or eating out is the temptation of others. Learn yours and watch out for it. Remember the carpenter from Nazareth is making the perfect home for you in heaven. It's not here and now, it's then and there. John 14:2-3. Instead of getting better or bigger now, is it possible that God wants you to use his money here and now to send ahead building materials for his construction project in heaven? Matthew 6:19-21
7. If debt seems the best or a necessary choice, go slowly and prayerfully. Get objective financial counseling from good stewards who have proven themselves financially wise.
8. Learn the difference from saving and spending. Saving is when you have more money than when you started, spending is when you have less. A sale is not a sale if you really don't need the item. The show about how much people save by using coupons is very funny to me. I have not figured out how buying 20 or 30 of an item which will go out of date or I won't use or like is saving me money.
9. List your debts and if necessary contact your creditors. List your debts from smallest to largest, pay the minimum payment to stay current on all debts except the smallest. Every dollar you can find goes onto the smallest debt until it is paid off. Once the smallest is paid, the payment from that debt plus any extra money is added to the next smallest debt. Debt counselors will tell you to give up the coffee at McDonalds, the Friday night at the movies, have a yard sale or put the extra chair on Craig's list. There are lots of ways to get extra money. As you pay off one debt start on the next one. Do not stop tithing, remember robbing God is not part of the solution, it's a big part of the problem.
10. If you have done everything else and it still seems insufficient, consider ways to increase your income. A temporary part time job, selling more things to have less debt now or even your home. Be patient. You didn't get into debt overnight, it can't be reversed overnight. However, following these guidelines you will be on your way or better yet never in debt in the first place.

Have a great summer. Remember your responsibility to God and your goal to be debt free.

Mary Young,
Junior Warden

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Beaver Cross Scholarship Fund

As of this writing we have two students planning on going to Beaver Cross, please check with Susan Darcy as the summer progresses to know if we need further funds to support our students.

Convention

Diocesan Convention was held at Camp of the Woods, from June 6th through 8th. There were 8 of our congregation who went. Eric will give his report at our meeting in September but between now and then we will all share the excitement and joy from there. "Passion for Jesus, Going Deeper" theme certainly was present from the time we registered to the heart felt "see you later" as we left. As Randy told you in his sermon, we had four guest speakers. We also had a very special guest. A priest from the Diocese of Pakistan had seen our information on the Web, he came to know of the site from a couple he married last year from researching about our Diocese prior to their service. He got permission from his Bishop and made the travel arrangements. He spoke at the Youth Service on Sunday morning. The youth program is his focus in his diocese so he was very interested in our program. He was so surprised and filled with joy at what he saw and participated in during Convention. Katie and Nathanael can share with you about their experience and the joy of Jesus. Each speaker gave us an update on how the Lord is using them to share his love and bring people into his kingdom. The Bishop from the Horn of Africa is stationed at the edge of the border with Sudan and Ethiopia, he is seeing churches develop within days at the refugee camps. The needs are many, from housing to pastors to books in their own dialect. Some of the groups do not have a written language, so the teachers must start at the beginning. In the Fellowship Hall on the mission board, I put up some information on what that Diocese is working on. The Bishop of the Arctic is in need of prayer and supplies for helping the first responders who are finding people who have chosen suicide as their way to escape this world. The Bishop of Drown and Dunmore is praying for more missionaries to fill the spots where people are retiring from to keep the work going. We listened to informational meetings about how to take care of our body as the temple of God, how to prepare for our passing into eternal life, how to evangelize, read and comprehend scripture, how to involve adults and children in Bible study. We shared worship with 100s of others asking the Lord to use us mightily and allow the Holy Spirit to fill us again and show us how to be used by Him. As with each year my spirit was renewed, my desire for the Lord and my knowledge increased. Plan now to join us next year for Convention it is an experience you will rejoice in having.

– Mary Young

Thank you for Stepping Up

Thank you to Jacob and Gavin for stepping up and assisting Father Dugger as acolytes while Eric and I were at Convention. It is wonderful to know that the roles can be filled when time away is needed.

– Mary Young

Prayer Garden

The garden is beautiful with all the plantings in bloom and trees providing a cover of shade. Stop in during the week of after church and spend a few minutes relaxing in God's love through nature.

Fixing Up

Over the summer you will see some sprucing up as parishioners use their talents to maintain our property that the Lord has given us. So far I have seen the handiwork of Eric May, Timothy Laraway,

Josie Bates, The Gallucci's and Tom Stone. Thank you from the parish for seeing and doing to maintain the House of the Lord.

Safe Guarding Our Children

This is a program designed to give parishes a means to provide education for the teachers of Sunday school adult and children, to protect the students from sexual predators. The Diocese requires that anyone in a role of teaching as well as the Warden and Junior Warden have this program every three years. Most of us have taken the program in the past but the every three years is new. This program is available on line through our Dean Father John Thompson. If anyone is interested in the on line program, contact myself or Bitsy as we must get the information for you. You may also go to the Diocesan Web site a locate the live classes scheduled throughout the Diocese.

– Mary Young

Summer Events

We are planning two events so far this summer. The First is a picnic with the Deanery at the Dutchman's Landing in Catskill on July 20th at 3:00 p.m.. We bring our own food and games. Once there, we will share fun and fellowship. Anyone who is interested in going, please let me know and we will start from the church at 2:00 p.m..

Church of Our Saviour Picnic

Join us for an afternoon of family fun on 23rd at 4pm. The church will supply the meat and the bread. Please bring a dish to pass. We will have games and fellowship for everyone.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Benefit Show

On July 23rd, The Theater Barn will be presenting a musical comedy, "Guttenberg! the Musical!"

This show will be for the benefit of the Cemetery of the Evergreens and will be in the "Barn's" tradition of great theater.

Tickets are on sale for \$25.

If you would like to be entertained as you support this cause, please contact me.

Thank you for your attention,

Ed Wever

JULY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 3 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall	Community Bible Study
Friday, July 4 -	<i>Fourth of July</i>
Sunday, July 6 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, July 7 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Thursday, July 10 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study
Friday, July 11 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, July 13 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, July 14 - 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, July 17– 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 18– 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, July 20 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Deanery picnic at Dutchman’s Landing in Catskill
Monday, July 21 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, July 24 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 25 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, July 27 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, July 29 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, July 31 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

AUGUST CALENDAR

Friday, August 1 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, August 3 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 4 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 7 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study
Friday, August 8 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, August 10 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, August 11 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 14 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 15 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<i>Newsletter deadline</i> Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, August 17 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, August 18 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 21 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 22 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Saturday, August 23 - 4:00 p.m.	Church Picnic
Sunday, August 24 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, August 25 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 28 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 29 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, August 31 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist