

GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S POINTS

Direct us, O Lord, in all that we do

We are guided by Our Lord in all that we do. So when you are doubtful in doing things that concern the Church, its people and spiritual guide, remember we are the servants of the Lord.

Fr. Dugger

The newsletter deadline for the September issue will be

Monday, September, 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Gavin Bates
8 – Fr. Dugger
9 – Vincent Teachout
10 – Anthony Winig
30 – Katie Gallucci

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 – Gene and Jayne Sawin
15 – Eugene and Eugenia Browning

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!

PRAYER CONCERNS

The United States Government
President Obama
Governor Cuomo
Supervisor Benson
Pope Francis
Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori
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
Deacon Peter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jake Franchi	U.S Military and families	Spiritual Life Center
Kylie White	Bob Jones	Chad Field
Sue Schauder	Sherri Boutard	Ann DeVost
Kimberly Harrington	Eva Helen Egan	John and Teri Koepf
Richard Jones	Heather O'Grady	Roberta Page
Kristen Thompson	Michelle Kowalczk	Wayne Vincent
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa	Vince Flanigan
Sue Frew	Tiffany Flowers	Jane and Wayne Garnsey
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba		Mindy Case
Ruth Mary Deuel	Margie & Steve	Lois Johnson
Bessam	Daeson Warne	Fred Desnoyers
Cheryl Alderman	Mike & Annie Delaney	Peter Guiler
Elaine Berrier	Al & Jean Mayer	Dale Snyder
Jayne Sawin	Wyatt Haley	John Haak
Diane Sanford	Jerry & Robin	Ray Garrison
Brother William Spellman	Lou Amendalora	Nancy Mills
Florence Stock	Bruce Bates	Jim Schroeder
Virginia Moore	Doug	Robin Bahrnum
Barbara Felter	Marie	Nathaniel
John Doris	Malina	Beth
Fr. Duncan McQueen	Michael	Jean Folsom
Linda, Mike, Pat & Bob Gluckman		Pat Ruby
Debra Kelly	People of Iraq and Sudan	Sabina Terrades
Betty Hicks		

Remember Our Shut-ins:

Sherri Boutard	Florence Stock	Sue Schauder
Churchill Road	1055 County Route 32	P.O. Box 383
New Lebanon, NY 12125	Malden Bridge, NY 12115	New Lebanon, NY 12125

VESTRY'S VIEWS

The days are turning cool and there is a touch of color in the leaves of the trees. Summer is drifting into fall. The seasons change, each bringing something new and beautiful for us to enjoy. The circle of life sometimes bring added joy. We welcomed our newest family member, Alora Elizabeth, on July 22nd. To see the love that encircles this child from her parents, grandparents, her aunts and uncle, and family friends assures us that God is present in our lives. May the blessings of the coming season bring joy into your lives.

Bitsy, Senior Warden

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

I saw the swamp maples have started to turn – Fall, that wonderful season of God's paintings. God dabs paint of red, yellow, pink and green on the landscape in perfection. Then He makes the sky as blue-blue as only He can do while reminding us of what's to come by throwing in a few white clouds to remind us of the season of Winter.

So for Church of Our Saviour, what have we done to prepare for the upcoming seasons? Well, we purchased the heating oil for the physical plant and as lots have seen, the women are working on the kitchen with new cabinet doors and paint.

The next project (with your help) is to redo the parking lot before winter. We want to get rid of the bumps and holes and put some more crushed shale (Is it wickie/wackie?) to make it level – cut down on the ice patches.

How can you help? The estimate we have is for \$2500 which is definitely pushing our financials. So if you have a little extra you feel you can donate to this project, please think about giving to this project. Anything you can give is wonderful! Mark your donation as Parking Lot and I promise it will help us get it done!

God blesses us every day in every way – just look outside at the hint of Fall and school buses on the roads. Thank you God for ALL your blessings!

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

Susan Darcy

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Summer is drawing to a close and with that the warm, humid days that cause us to relax and rest. I hope you took time to read, visit family and friends and just enjoy the beautiful creation God has given us. Soon the cold and snow will be upon us, but before that happens, we have the lovely experience of fall and all the colors. With each season is the reminder that life is a cycle.

So, too, is the cycle of the church - we are at the very center of Pentecost looking forward to a new church year with Advent. But before we start again we have much to complete.

Mary Young

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Study Continues

The Bible study that has been meeting on Thursday evenings is continuing this Fall at the same time and location, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Interested members of Church of Our Saviour or of the local community are invited to join the conversation. We will complete our study of Exodus in early September and have not yet decided on the next topic. So this is a good time to visit, see if you enjoy discussing Scripture with a group, and if so, have some input into the choice for the Fall study.

We hope to see you! For info, talk to Randy Lukas or Sally Langendorf.

Worship

Randy and Eric are leading Morning Prayer every Monday at 6:15 a.m.. Eric leads Morning and Evening Prayer as his schedule allows. We hope to come up with more definitive times and those will be announced in the bulletin.

Missions

As in years past we will start up the school bus and collect school supplies for **NLCS** to help our children get the most from the education we can provide.

We will also put out the donation box for the **Berlin** school weekend food program. Jacob attends Berlin Central and he will be sure the donations get to the proper people.

Charlie's' Pantry send their thanks for our continued support. They continue to have a need for peanut butter and toilet paper

The women's shelter for Columbia and Greene County is helped by the donations to the **Toiletry Box**. Here is a great way use those toiletries you picked up on vacation.

Sunday School

The first week will be September 21st at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Debi Gallucci does a great job with all ages and this year Confirmation is again available to those who wish. Please see her to get started on the required classes.

Wedding

We will celebrate Bitsy and Tony's wedding here on September 6, 2014. We all wish them the best and lots of love and years together.

Acolyte Festival

Set aside Saturday, November 15th, as we again attend the one day retreat for those of us who assist at the altar. This will be the fourth year for some of us to attend. The sessions are always informative and I am sure Jacob will be there and have something to do with fire again this year.

Funeral

We have been asked to have the funeral of Carrie Alyward here on October 25th at 2:00 p.m.. She is the daughter in law of Bob and Margie Alyward and part of the Fayerweather family - long time members of this parish.

Thank you to

Godfroy's Lawn Mowing Service as they kept the yard looking great throughout the summer months.

The cleaner, Barbara Burdick who keeps the spiders at bay during these hot humid damp months.

The ECW and their contractor Eugene Browning who have been working on the kitchen upgrade. It looks great.

Eric, Ed, Tom and Tim who have done odd jobs around the facility to maintain it.

MONEY, POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY

Chapter title: *Money Possessions and Eternity: Ministry Finances and Fund Raising*

This chapter discusses giving outside of the family unit and the support of that unit. There are many worthy causes asking for our money every day. It is up to us as individuals and the Vestry of the parish to choose those we find promoting God's desires which are to "love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself". For every secular group relieving distress there is a Christian organization doing the same thing but with an eternal perspective.

Giving to the local church and them acting as a clearinghouse for giving gifts to the needy and to reach the lost is the New Testament direction for the church. Our giving should go first to our local parish because it is our direct source of nourishment, then the elected leaders of the parish decide through prayer where these funds should go.

We at Church of Our Saviour have very capable leadership in the form of our Treasurer and Vestry. We give to worthy ministries, then we pay our staff and then the facility. Susan is able to stretch a dollar a very long distance, because she is encased in prayer. God is working through this parish to reach the lost.

From time to time a special project may need a special call for fund raising, an addition on building, to repair a part of the building due to damage, a special evangelism or missionary support. Then we as the laborers must reach out to God in prayer and ask for his direction.

Speakers, conferences, para ministries, gifts or premiums given in response to a donation are all forms of getting us to give additional funds to worthy causes. The author cautions us to research carefully these requests in order to weed out those who do not have an eternal perspective. The author gives 19 questions which we should ask before we give to an organization. I will make a copy and have them available in the back of the church.

We have come to the end of the stewardship year, with October we will again ask you to consider what the Lord is asking you to give to this parish. There are still more chapters to the book, so I will continue to offer you the insight it provides in dealing with our Money and Possessions for all eternity.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Monday, September 1 – Labor Day
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Thursday, September 4 -
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
in Fellowship Hall
- Friday, September 5 -
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
- Sunday, September 7 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Monday, September 8 –
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Thursday, September 11 – Patriot Day
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
- Friday, September 12 –
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner
at the Congregational Church
- Sunday, September 14 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Monday, September 15 – **Newsletter deadline!!!**
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Thursday, September 18 –
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
in Fellowship Hall
- Friday, September 19 –
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner
at the Congregational Church
- Sunday, September 21 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Sunday School begins
- Monday, September 22 –
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 25 -
7:00 p.m.

Community Bible Study
in Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 26 -
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Free dinner
at the Congregational Church

Sunday, September 28 -
8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Monday, September 29 –
6:15 a.m.

Morning Prayer