



PASTOR'S POINTS

"I Want to Thank You, Lord"

These words should be on our lips each morning; when we arrive at work (or our destination) and at bedtime.

We should show our "thanks" at all times, not just on Thanksgiving day. But God's blessings are with us each and every day too!! At least we acknowledge it.

God is Good! All the Time!

Fr. Dugger

The newsletter deadline for the January issue will be ***Monday, December 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
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

Jake Franchi
Spiritual Life Center
Chad Field
Sherri Boutard
Kimberly Harrington
Ted Beek
Richard Jones
Roberta Page
Michelle Kowalczk
Edgar LaCombe
Vince Flanigan
Sue Bull
Jane & Wayne Garnsey
Mindy Case
Margie & Steve
Bessam
Fred Desnoyers
Peter Guiler
Al & Jean Mayer
Jayne Sawin
Robin
Lou Amendalora
Florence Stock

U.S Military and families
Kylie White
Sue Schauder
Ann DeVost
Eva Helen Egan
John & Teri Koepf
Heather O'Grady
Kristen Thompson
Wayne Vincent
Melissa
Sue Frew
Tiffany Flowers
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba
Ruth Mary Deuel
Lois Johnson
Daeson Warne
Mike & Annie Delaney
Elaine Berrier
Dale Snyder
Diane Sanford
Ray Garrison
Nancy Mills
Bruce Bates

Virginia Moore
Robin Bahrnum
Marie
John Doris
Beth
Michael
Tina
Pat Ruby
People of Iraq and Sudan
Betty Hicks
Sean Lynch
George Ertel, Jr.
Hank Gallucci

Doug
Barbara Felter
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Fr. Duncan McQueen
Sharon
Linda, Mike, Pat & Bob Gluckman
Debra Kelly
Sabina Terrades
James Cross
Loretta Hendrickson
Heather Kromer
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 – Jon Spoto
17 – Florence Stock

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 2014

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| 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 | |

VESTRY'S VIEWS

On November 16th, the Vestry met and dug into what was a full agenda. As we went through the items, I kept thinking to myself that Church of Our Saviour is blessed to have such active, caring, and wonderful members of the Vestry. As each agenda item was brought forward, there was engaged discussion and if an action needed to be taken, it was done with the best interests of the Church in mind. Vestry members volunteered to contact organizations or people to get quotes for work that is needed to keep the Church plant updated. Repointing of the stonework is a major project that will be done next year. There are other projects that will take time and talent of our parish to complete, but we know that you all will step up. But, not only is the physical plant of the Church taken care of, but the spiritual needs are as well. Thoughtful prayer is put into setting up the worship services and special services for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Our mission work is continuing. We will be donating to the Oaks of Righteousness, an outreach program for youth in the North Troy area that has done great work bringing the word of our Lord to children in need. There will be one service on Sunday, January 18, 2015, with a pot-luck brunch after for the Annual Meeting. On April 19, 2015 there will be one service as we will be blessed with a visit from Bishop Love. A reception will follow the service. These are just some of the things the Vestry tackles at meetings and also through phone calls and emails in-between meetings. God has granted us many blessings with our Vestry and I am thankful for all they do.

Bitsy

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Well it's happened - our first snow fall! It's like the anticipation we have during Advent – we know Christmas and Jesus' birthday are coming but we wait on pins and needles to see the joyous event.

The snow reminds us to be prepared – not just for winter but for the joy we will feel as we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour. Sometimes we partially forget it is His birth. Christ is the reason for the Christmas season. We are thankful for all the blessings He brings us. And again this year we can share our blessings with the wonderful Giving Tree that Mary Young arranges for us.

For our parish, God provided excellent weather to get the parking lot completed with its new coating of grey wackie (No, I really don't know what grey wackie is). The vestry is now working to prioritize other major projects for the buildings and grounds. One big project is to continue the re-pointing of the church stonework. It is a big job so it will be going out for bids.

With the big projects we know who provided the work and the support for these major tasks. But for some of the unpublicized smaller projects, we tend to neglect to show our gratitude to the people we should thank more often. For example our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Kristine Smith, who not only puts our weekly bulletins and weekly readings together, plus our great Gideon's Trumpet, but provides emergency support for all our additional services with very little advance notice – Thank YOU Kris!

Another big thank you to both Gene and Eugenia Browning who put up the new gutter to replace the missing one on the Friendship Hall walkway. Thank you to Mary Young, always there behind the scenes, not only providing refreshments for the coffee hours, but organizing receptions and assisting at every service. – Thank You!

There are many others who quietly help and maybe they are angels God sent to our parish! God's angels sent As Father Dugger says: "God is Good – All the Time!". Thank you God for ALL our blessings!

Susan Darcy

YOUNG AND YOUNGER WOMEN OF CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

You are cordially invited to join other women at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant in New Lebanon for a Dutch Treat (separate checks) Celebratory Luncheon on Saturday December 13th at 11:30 AM.

What are we celebrating? Why you and every woman at Church of Our Saviour. Please let Mary Young, Eugenia Browning or Susan Darcy know you are planning to come. Need a ride? Let them know too and we'll arrange it.

Plan to attend our celebratory luncheon – Saturday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' Post.

NOTES FROM THE ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

The Acolyte Festival was lots of fun. Jacob found some of his friends from camp and together they checked out the incense and the cemetery. Eric and Mary Young attended programs about the Eucharist and the Art of the Covenant. We both learned something new. It is always nice to see how many churches attend. We had three churches coming for the first time.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Community Bible Study

Our Thursday evening Bible study, (7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall), is continuing with our discussion of Paul's letter to the Galatians. We will probably finish this topic by the end of 2014, although there will not be Bible study on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day. That means that when we meet on January 8th, we will begin to look at a new section of the Bible. This will be a perfect opportunity to discover whether you would enjoy discussing the Bible with others, and applying it to our lives today. If you are thinking about joining us in the New Year, and have a particular part of the Bible you would like

to talk about, let either Deacon Randy or Sally Langendorf know of your interest, and perhaps we will be able to meet it. Why not make a New Year's resolution to learn more about God's word in 2015?

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.

Advent

November 30, 2014 – December 21, 2014

Christmas giving

Again this year, we will have a Christmas tree in the sanctuary during Advent, decorated with names of needy children in our school district. Please think about and take a name or two to provide for. Please return the gifts, wrapped and labeled with the ornament you chose by Sunday, December 21st.

Greening of the Church

December 21, 2014 – 11:00 a.m., with a lunch which will be hosted by Senior Warden, Bitsy Sheffer-Winig.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve services at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day service at 9:00 a.m.

Epiphany Service

Epiphany Service on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. with a pot luck supper to follow. Come to the service and bring a dish to share as we eat with the company of the wise men.

Epiphany begins on January 6, 2015. There will be no service.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2015. There will be a joint service at 9:00 a.m. with a covered dish brunch and meeting to follow.

Future Event

Sunday, April 19th – Bishop Love will join us for a combined service at 9:00 a.m.. Mark your Calendars for this special event.

Thank you to:

Everyone who helped during the four funerals we had this past month.

Mission Updates

The **Berlin weekend food program** box is in the back of the sanctuary for your gifts. 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. Thank you to all you donate to this project.

The **women's shelter for Columbia and Greene County** is always grateful for donations and with the holidays coming, the need will be great. The empty box is in the back of the sanctuary and awaits new donations of toiletries.

Christmas Preparation

Flower envelopes will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 7th and 14th for those of you who wish to give money toward the Christmas flowers. On the envelope you may list names of those you wish to be remembered.

Cathedral of All Saints

Every year the Cathedral produces special musical performances during the Holiday season. This year they have scheduled:

Sunday, November 30th –

2:30 p.m. Organ recital

3:00 pm Advent Procession by the Men and Boys
Choir

Tuesday, December 9th –

7:00 p.m. Messiah (see poster for ticket information)

Sunday, December 21st –

3:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols by the Men and Boys Choir

Wednesday, December 24th –

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass with Cathedral Choirs

Mary Young has the schedule book for 2015 on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, December 1 –

6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 4 –

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study

Friday, December 5 –

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner at the Congregational Church

Sunday, December 7 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, December 8 –

6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 11 –

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 12 –

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner at the Congregational Church

DECEMBER CALENDAR *(Cont'd)*

- Saturday, December 13 –
11:30 a.m. Celebratory Women's Luncheon at Hitchin' Post
- Sunday, December 14 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting in Fellowship Hall
Reports are due for the Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- Monday, December 15 – **Newsletter deadline**
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Thursday, December 18 -
7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
- Friday, December 19 -
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner at the Congregational Church
- Sunday, December 21 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with Greening of the church and luncheon
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- Monday, December 22 –
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Wednesday, December 24 – *Christmas Eve*
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service
- Thursday, December 25 - *Christmas Day*
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service
- Friday, December 26 -
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free dinner at the Congregational Church
- Sunday, December 28 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Monday, December 29 –
6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer