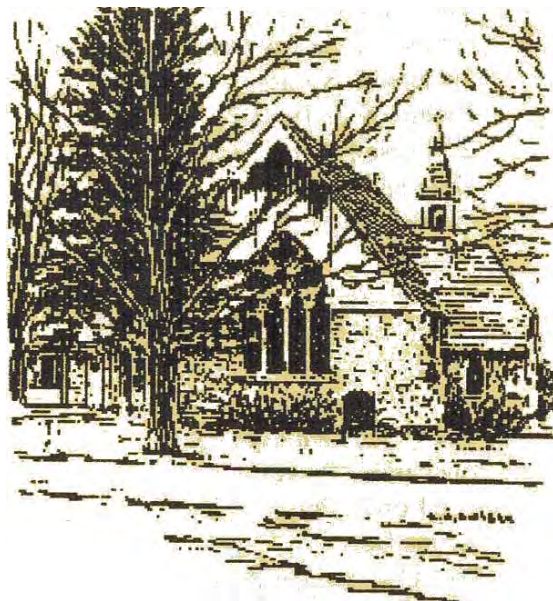


GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

On March 9th, I had a very productive meeting with Bishop Love. Two very important details were agreed upon - Church of Our Saviour will remain open and Reverend Lukas will remain as our deacon. The vestry will be working with the diocese liaison in this transitional period. Several options were presented and the vestry will be discussing them at the April 12th meeting. We are blessed that Our Saviour is a small but mighty church and that Randy will be with us. Please keep the work of the vestry in your prayers as we move forward. Also, mark your calendars to be at the one service on Sunday, April 19th as we welcome Bishop Love. A happy and blessed Easter to you all. He is risen!

Bitsy

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
Deacon Rev. Randolph Lukas
Pastor Jim
Brother Bill
Fr. John
Deacon Peter

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Jake Franchi	U.S Military and families
Spiritual Life Center	Kylie White
Chad Field	Ann DeVost
Kimberly Harrington	Eva Helen Egan
John & Teri Koepp	Richard Jones
Roberta Page	Kristen Thompson
Michelle Kowalczk	Wayne Vincent
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
Vince Flanigan	Sue Frew
Sue Bull	Tiffany Flowers
Jane & Wayne Garnsey	The Rev. Christian Agunwamba
Mindy Case	Margie & Steve
Lois Johnson	Bessam
Daeson Warne	Fred Desnoyers
Mike & Annie Delaney	Peter Guiler
Al & Jean Mayer	Robin
Ray Garrison	Lou Amendalora
Nancy Mills	Florence Stock
Josie Bates	Virginia Moore
Doug	Barbara Felter
Marie	Nathaniel
John Doris	Malina
Beth	Michael
Sharon	Tina
Linda, Mike, Pat & Bob Gluckman	Pat Ruby
Debra Kelly	People of Iraq and Sudan
Sabina Terrades	Betty Hicks
James Cross	George Ertel, Jr.
Heather Kromer	Hank Gallucci
Dusty and Carol	Ted Beek
Ayden Maguire	Rose G.
Kathy Lepore	Church of Our Saviour Parish
Clint & Ginny Dugger	Benjamin Morrell
Tim Shupe	Ruth Grundstrom

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
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Malden Bridge, NY 12115

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jane Allard

8 – Nathanael Lukas

Lauren Stone

18 – Phil Marriner

21 – Thomas Stone

24 – Kathy LePore

27 – Michael O'Grady

28 – Laurene Teachout

ANNIVERSARIES

8 – Thomas and Janet Stone

14 – Neil and Joanne Haley

22 – Frank and Judy Tallet

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

- Call the church office at 794-8702 and leave a message
- Leave a note in the church secretary's mailbox in the office
- Email Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com with your birthday or anniversary date so that we can update our list.

Thank you!

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Did we have a taste of spring? Or was that just a figment of my desire for this winter to be over? But it smells like spring – really, really fresh air – a glimpse of blue skies – and of course mud mixed in between the ice. A neighbor has crocus that come up three or four times a year – I’ve never seen crocus like that before – they were out in December but have been hidden since by lots of snow which has to melt – and it will melt – Right?

I’ve still got my ice cleats on my “house to garage to house“ boots – but the sun is moving and soon, I think it will be high enough to attack the ice rink of my driveway. Blacktop definitely needed – maybe this year!

The parking lot at Church has been well kept – so we only have a few spots of ice and water. Snow stay away. We’ve got some trees down that need to be cut up – another spring project. Again – the theme is spring – new birth – baby chicks, robins, geese and ducks coming back and hopefully lots of flowers!

Easter is such a beautiful service with our flowers and the joy of His Resurrection. Come and join our celebrations at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.! There is also a special service of light on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Please come and join your parish family as we rehearse the Easter story from Palm Sunday thru Holy Week and culminating with our Easter services.

I wish us all to be blessed and to be a blessing to all!

Susan Darcy

DEACON'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this we are in for another cold week. What is the adage? March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lion?

Speaking of adages reminds me of a well known story about St. Francis. While praying at the Church of San Damiano, he heard Christ speak to him saying, "Francis, rebuild my church." He sold his belongings, much to the chagrin of his father, and bought brick and mortar to physically rebuild the Church of San Damiano. He did not realize that God did not mean to rebuild the church building but rather the universal church that was suffering from inside scandal and avarice as well as outside heresies. Another adage, you may have heard me repeat in the past and attributed to St. Francis, though doubted as authored by him, is to "preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."

Church of Our Saviour does indeed own a physical premise over which we have the responsibility to be good stewards of the property. However, Church of Our Saviour is not the physical plant standing on the property donated by the local Shaker Community. We can sometimes become confused between the property and the people. Jesus wants his people in communion with each other and with the saints and all the company of heaven to be about spreading the Good News of Salvation.

As we approach Easter, let us renew our faith in the hope of the Resurrection and rejoice that Our Saviour reigns. Let us rebuild Our Saviour's church by how we live our lives. Let us look for opportunities to live the Gospel and thereby spread the Good News.

Yours Faithfully in Christ,

Deacon Randy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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.

Confirmation Development

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m..

Community Bible Study

We continue to meet on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. Since finishing our discussions of Paul's letter to the Galatians, we have been looking each week at the readings appointed for the following Sunday. This gives us an exposure to both Old and New Testaments, and brings out some interesting points of contrast or comparison. We usually spend the most time on the Gospel reading. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate, with no long term commitment, e.g. to finish a certain book of the Bible or topical study, so this is a good opportunity for a visit. You

will be warmly welcomed.

For more info, Sally Langendorf or Deacon Randy.

- Note: We will not be meeting on Thursday, April 2nd due to Maundy Thursday.

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. A brunch will follow. Everyone is asked to please bring a dish to share.

Summer Camp

Applications for Beaver Cross are located in Fellowship Hall. Scholarships are available. Forms for Church of Our Saviour are also in Fellowship Hall.

Call to Diocesan Convention

June 5th – 7th. "Three Persons, One God – Three Streams, One Church". Applications are available online and are due May 29, 2015.

Mission Updates

The Helping Hands committee at Berlin Elementary School would like to thank you for donating to our school food pantry. We are serving 10 families at this time. We send home food every Friday; and Thursday and Friday if it is a vacation week. We try to have enough food to cover 2 breakfast, 2 lunches and dinners. (More for the longer breaks). We appreciate all your help. We can always use juice boxes, cereal, oatmeal, can chicken, tuna, peanut butter, pasta, fruit and vegetables. Thank you again for all your help.

God Bless,

Debi

Charlie's' Pantry continues to need nonperishable food items to assist those in need in our area.

The **women's shelter for Columbia and Greene County** is always grateful for donations. The empty box is in the back of the sanctuary and awaits new donations of toiletries. Three boxes of toiletries were delivered to counselor.

Thank you to:

Tom Stone who changes the light bulbs.

Lebanon Springs Excavating for snow plowing

To All of You who come and worship every week to Give God the Glory.

COS Facts

- Were you aware Church of Our Saviour gives \$1517 every year to Mission work from our budget?
- Were you aware that we pay 100% of our Deanery and Diocesan Assessments every year?

The newsletter deadline for the May issue will be ***Wednesday, April 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.

APRIL CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 p.m. No Community Bible Study this evening	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service
Friday, April 3 - 12:00 noon 7:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday</i> Service Service
Saturday, April 4 – 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ECW meeting in Fellowship Hall Service of Light
Sunday, April 5 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School 11:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Service Service Celebration of the Resurrection Coffee Hour
Monday, April 6 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 12 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Vestry meeting Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, April 13 - 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 15 -	<u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!</u>
Thursday, April 16 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 19 – 9:00 a.m. Brunch to follow and 11:30 a.m.	Combined Services with Holy Eucharist visiting with the Bishop Bishop to meet with Vestry
Monday, April 20 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 23 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 26 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, April 27 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 30 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall