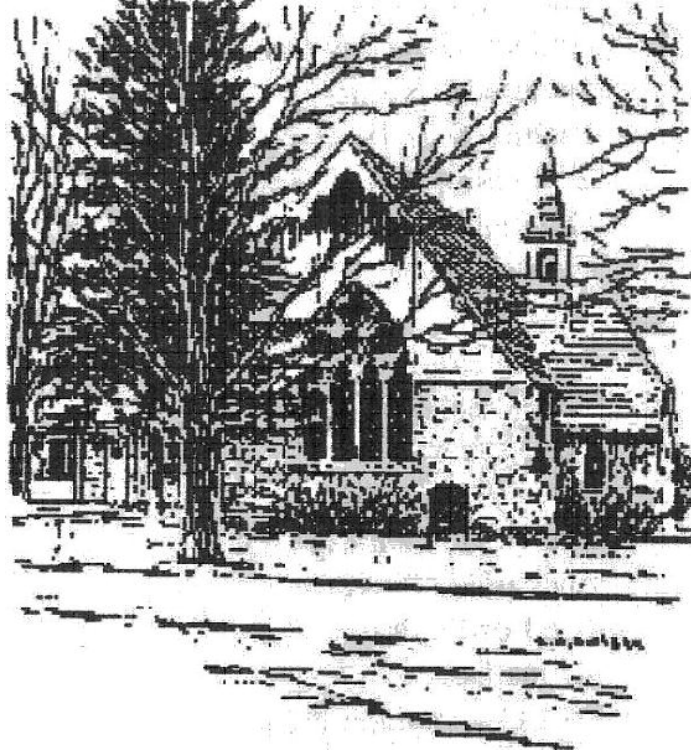


GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

Your vestry has begun the process of calling a priest to Our Saviour. We met with Beth Strickland from the Diocese and were provided with much information. We are working on a parish survey that will be sent to you. When you do receive it, please fill it out and return it. This will help us develop a parish profile that will be sent out to prospective candidates. The process is not a quick one, so patience will be on our side. We will keep you abreast of all developments in the process and ask for your prayers to guide us in this work. Thank you for your trust and faith in us.

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VESTRY – 2015

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig	(01/2016)
Junior Warden	Mary Young	(01/2017)
Vestry Members	Eric May	(01/2016)
	Susan Darcy	(01/2017)
	Richard Dauchy	(01/2018)
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Eric May	

PRAYER CONCERNS

The United States Government
President Obama
Governor Cuomo
Supervisor Benson
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
Pope Francis

Jake Franchi
Spiritual Life Center
Chad Field
Kimberly Harrington
John & Teri Koepf
Roberta Page
Michelle Kowalczk
Edgar LaCombe
Vince Flanigan

U.S Military and family
Kylie White
Ann DeVost
Eva Helen Egan
Richard Jones
Kristen Thompson
Wayne Vincent
Melissa
Sue Frew

Sue Bull	Tiffany Flowers
Jane & Wayne Garnsey	The Rev. Christian Agunwamba
Mindy Case	Margie & Steve
Lois Johnson	Daeson Warne
Fred Desnoyers	Mike & Annie Delaney
Peter Guiler	Al & Jeanne Mayer
Robin	Ray Garrison
Lou Amendalora	Nancy Mills
Florence Stock	Virginia Moore
Doug	Barbara Felter
Marie	Nathaniel
Malina	Beth
Michael	Sharon
Tina	Linda, Mike, Pat & Bob Gluckman
Pat Ruby	People of Iraq and Sudan
Sabina Terrades	Betty Hicks
James Cross	George Ertel, Jr.
Heather Kromer	Hank Gallucci
Dusty and Carol	Ayden Maguire
Rose G.	Kathy Lepore
Church of Our Saviour Parish	Clint & Ginny Dugger
Benjamin Morrell	The Shupe Family
Brenda Darcy	Tim Laraway, Jr.
Lauren Stone	Scott
Sandra Tilander	Mission Trip to Ireland
Grace Smythe-Young	Frank Sullivan
The Rev. Edward Smart	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
 1055 Route 3
 Malden Bridge, NY 12115

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14 – Elise Haley

16 – Louis Godfroy, III

24 – Dianne Spoto

25 – Cecile Best

27 – Darian Bates

ANNIVERSARIES

14 – Phil and Jeanne Marriner

21 – Michael and Heather O’Grady

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

As I write these short blurbs, I sometimes wonder why I focus so much on the weather. This time of year, which I personally think is so beautiful, I see God’s hands in everything. From the many shades of green against the blue-blue sky and puffy white clouds to the flowering trees of pink and white. Tiny lilies of the valley with tulips, daffodils, jonquils and violets are popping up in yards along with colorful phlox.

God also gives us all the birds, ducks, geese, and turkeys along with their young. The other day in a parking lot, I saw a female duck – don’t know where her nest was – but she was checking everything out. Sort of like what we do – we check a lot of things out - - our surroundings, our kids, their friends and lots of other things but do we do we check in with God too?

Now when I’m driving from my home to wherever, I have a little mantra that I recite: “Thank you God ...”. Sometimes I thank God for just getting me up in time so I won’t be late. Other times I even thank him for the bad drivers and ask Him to watch over them as they hurtle down the highway. Sometimes I simply thank God for everything He has given me.

When I go to Church, my prayer is a simple Thank You for my week – being with my parish family shows me the love God has for all of us. As an 8 o’clocker, I join the group for our ‘coffee hour’ at a local restaurant to listen, share, love, and laugh lots.

You should try the 8 o’clock service and when you do, make time to join our ‘coffee hour’ – some have just coffee and others breakfast but we all have a great time! All are invited – if you go to the service at 10 AM, come say a little before 9 – usually HitchinPost. It starts our coming week with another blessing from God

We are so blessed at Church of Our Saviour so much in every way.

Susan Darcy

DEACON'S MESSAGE

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

For the past several weeks we have opened all of our services with “Hallelujah! Christ is risen!”

And the response from the congregation is “The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!”

It is interesting to note that although we declare this, many Christians today fail to live into its meaning. Good Friday and Easter are overwhelmingly significant. This past Thursday we celebrated Ascension Day, a day that should be just as significant to Christians as Easter and Good Friday yet it is often overlooked. However, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension are all invariably linked; remove any one of them and we risk dismissing Jesus as possibly a charlatan or a con artist but definitely not God. With no Good Friday there is no Resurrection; with no Resurrection there is no Ascension; no Ascension – no Church. Each element leads to the next and ultimately to you and me.

In the early 4th century, the priest Arius denied the divinity of Christ. He claimed that Jesus Christ was like God, but was not really God. He fashioned a Christ acceptable to the non-Christian world, to both the Jewish people and the pagans. You could say Arianism was the first "ecumenical" religion. Millions were led astray by this charismatic priest, including four out of five bishops according to St. Jerome, and two-thirds of all priests.

Easter is the beginning of our new life; but Ascension Day is the beginning of our new ministry. It may be the day we celebrate Jesus' ascension to His Father, but it is also the day that He is leaving us to start acting on his instructions. Jesus said that we would do greater things than He has done because He was going to His Father, but sometimes doubt that this can happen creeps into our thoughts. We look at dwindling Sunday attendance at churches across the United States and diminishing church bank accounts worried that there will be no way to keep the lights on, instead of trusting that God can do all things. When we despair we have started to believe “the lie” because we stop believing in God's omnipotence.

Yes, we have to act on the call Christ has given each of us, but we must trust that He grows the fruit! We cannot be wishy-washy about Who Christ is, or we risk falling into heresy. If we accept that Christ is God then all that has been said and done by Him and by the apostles supports us to trust that He will continue to grow His Church and nothing can stand against it.

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Deacon Randolph Lukas

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.

Community Bible Study

New Seven Week Bible Study begins

The Community Bible study, which meets each Thursday evening in Fellowship Hall, is beginning a new study on May 21st. Each week for seven weeks (through July 2) we will discuss the words of Christ to one of the seven churches in Asia, contained in Revelations chapters 2 and 3. After any available historical background is presented, discussion will include these same 3 questions:

What are the positives and negatives in this Church?

Can we relate any of these to our own spiritual life?

What do these factors mean for the life of our Church?

Although no one is ever called upon to speak unless they volunteer, class participation will be a big factor in how rewarding this study is. Please consider coming at least once during the 7 weeks, to add your thoughts and/or to gain some understanding of the ideas of others. Jesus said to each church, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." In obedience, we are gathering to listen and to learn. We welcome you all to join us!

For more info, call Sally Langendorf, 413 684 0328.

Schedule of readings:

May 21	Rev. 2:1-7	Church at Ephesus
May 28	Rev. 2:8-11	Church at Smyrna
June 4	Rev. 2:12-17	Church at Pergamum
June 11	Rev. 2:18-29	Church at Thyatira
June 18	Rev. 3:1-6	Church at Sardis
June 25	Rev. 3:7-13	Church at Philadelphia
July 2	Rev. 3:14-22	Church at Laodicea

Bible Study

The Deanery is working with Christ Church Hudson and St Luke's Catskill to start two Bibles Studies within the Deanery, watch for more details on the Youth Report sent out by the Diocese.

Diocesan Convention

June 5 – 7th in Speculator, NY. Please be in prayer for guidance as we study how to share the “Good News”.

Strawberry Picnic

St. Paul’s Church in Kinderhook is having their Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

Triennial Convention

The Triennial Convention will take place in July. The Episcopal Church of the United States will be meeting in Salt Lake City to elect a new Presiding Bishop and to consider and vote on suggested changes in the structure of the Episcopal Church. Please pray for the guidance from God as to what they should do.

Deanery

The Deanery Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at Dutchman’s Landing in Catskill. Bring a picnic for your family and share in the fellowship.

Mission Updates

The **Berlin weekend food program** will be on hiatus while school is out. We will return the box in the fall. Thank you to all who donate.

Charlie’s’ Pantry sends their thanks for our continued support. Thank you to all you donate to this project.

The **Women’s Shelter for Columbia and Greene County** is always grateful for donations. Please place your donations in the Toiletry Box located in the back of the sanctuary. The next delivery date will be Sunday, August 23rd.

Thank you:

To all who helped with the spring cleanup. We have more trees to take down so another cleanup will be planned for the fall.

To all who attended Father Dugger’s retirement party and made it a success.

Welcome home to all the “snowbirds” .

PSALM 23

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;*

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff –
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.*

JUNE CALENDAR

Monday, June 1 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 4 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 6 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, June 7 - 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 11 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 14 – 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, June 15 - 6:15 a.m.	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 18 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 21 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>Fathers' Day</i> Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, June 22 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 25- 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 28 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Monday, June 29 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer

The newsletter deadline for the July/August issue will be ***Monday, June 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.