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VESTRY'S VIEWS

When you read this, summer will have officially begun. The time for family and friends to enjoy the beauty of the world that God has made. Along with the sunshine and the liquid sunshine, the summer holds our joy in refreshing, rejuvenating, and renewal. Your vestry will be working over the summer months preparing the survey, creating a parish profile, and working with the Diocese on our quest to find a priest to serve our parish. When the survey arrives in your mailbox, please take the time to fill it out and return it. It is so important to have your thoughts and wishes for the parish that will guide the vestry in the search.

While you enjoy the summer, please keep your vestry in your prayers. God is good...all the time.

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VESTRY – 2015

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer	(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
Congressman Gibson
Senator Marchione
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	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
Wayne Vincent	Edgar LaCombe
Melissa	Vince Flanigan
Sue Bull	Tiffany Flowers
Jane & Wayne Garnsey	The Rev. Christian Agunwamba
Mindy Case	Margie & Steve
Lois Johnson	Daeson Warne
Mike & Annie Delaney	Peter Guiler
Al & Jean Mayer	Robin
Ray Garrison	Lou Amendalora
Nancy Mills	Florence Stock
Virginia Moore	Doug

Barbara Felter	Marie
Nathaniel	Malina
Beth	Michael
Sharon	Jayne Sawin
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
Rose G.	Kathy Lepore
Brenda Darcy	Church of Our Saviour Parish
Clint & Ginny Dugger	Benjamin Morrill
The Shupe Family	Tim Laraway, Jr.
Lauren Stone	Scott
Helen Koepp	Mission Trip to Ireland
Grace Smythe-Young	Frank Sullivan
The Rev. Edward Smart	Patty Laraway
Katrina	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT IN:

Florence Stock
 1055 Route 3
 Malden Bridge, NY 12115

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

BIRTHDAYS

August

7 – Abby Allard

8 – Susan Darcy

12 – Franco Spoto

13 – Phyllis Howard

ANNIVERSARIES

July

2 – Edward and Anne Wever

August

22 – Michael and Caitlyn Williams

26 – Franco and Dianne Spoto

- 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

Took a short vacation to Martha's Vineyard. It was a wonderful time with some friends from Pittsfield. We had harbor view rooms with a small beach. As we sat and watched the sky and water change as the days progressed, I again saw the hand of God brush the sky and calm the sea.

I have a background on my computer which seems to have the same sky and boats that were in the harbor. God painted the sky with blues and pinks and a little red. The clouds scuttled away and the waves which had been roily with white caps calmed down to a mill pond. Just an amazing picture of the beauty all around us.

We did all the tourist things – photographed all four lighthouses on the Vineyard. We even saw the new location for Gay Head Light. Of course, they have just moved it 100 feet back from the cliff and it isn't open yet. The interesting item is that the Expert House Movers were in charge of the move. We did skip the lighthouse on Chappaquiddick – one ferry too many.

Of course we had to eat at the Black Dog and have lots of fish and clams. And then it was time to come home and say goodbye to the Vineyard 'til next time. There were some awesome trees on the island – some I think were holly grown tall and another with beautiful white flowers all over it. Not like an apple tree but almost like a canopy – I think it is the *Cornus kousa* dogwood allée. I remembered the story of the dogwood being the wood of the cross Jesus was crucified on. The tree wept and God made the tree more delicate and the flowers have the stains on the tips representing the blood of our Lord.

When you see this tree, you just know God made it so much more beautiful to show not only His forgiveness but His beauty in everything. The photo below just does not do justice to how striking the tree is – you come upon one set against a lot of other green trees and it is just awesome and covered with blooms.



God shows His love for all of us in so many ways. We are blessed by Him and our church family at Church of Our Saviour. Come join us some Sunday for breakfast or coffee at the Hitchin' Post about 9AM before or after the church services – it starts our coming week with another blessing from God.

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Summer Fun

July 19th

3:00 p.m.

(Rain or Shine)

Ice Cream Social

August 15th

5:00 p.m.

Parish Family Picnic

Please bring food for your family plus 2. We will put it all together for a Pot Luck. There will be a grille available. Dessert will be provided.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to these events, they are a time to get together as a family and just have fun.

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 Update

On July 2nd, we will finish our discussions of the 7 Churches of Revelation. I think it has been interesting and occasionally uncomfortably relevant to life today. We will probably have fewer sessions during the summer, so if you are thinking of dropping in some Thursday evening (7:00 -8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall), be sure to check in church on Sunday to find out if we will be meeting, or call me at 413- 684-0328 or email slangendorf@verizon.net. Regular Thursday night sessions will resume in the Fall.

You are never too old or too wise to learn something new, and September is still "back to school" time, so plan to join us in September, if not before. We would be glad to share our thoughts and learn from yours!

Sally Langendorf

Diocesan Convention

The weekend was spectacular. The weather was beautiful, the food better than ever, the fellowship refreshing and the worship gave a full renewal. Bishops from Ireland, the Artic, Malawi, the Horn of Africa, Tanzania and the previous Archbishop of Canterbury were in attendance. We gave \$12,000 dollars which was divided four ways to the Bishops to use for the spreading of the Gospel in their part of the world. There were workshops on Bible Study, Diet plans, Vestry retreats, hearing the Holy Spirit, and various evangelical programs here in the Albany Diocese and around the world. Each worship service had a different style of music and worship. The Youth service which was held Sunday morning raised \$5000 for the youth program in the Diocese. The Plenary sessions and the worship services were videotaped and are available online. There was time to talk to old friends, make new ones, take a sail or a swim or a nap. There was plenty of fresh air and sunshine and exercise. Plan to join me next year and be refreshed and renewed.

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 of you** who come and worship Our Lord and Saviour here in this place.

A Summer Blessing

*May you walk with God
this summer
in whatever you do
wherever you go.*

*Walking with God means ...
walking with honesty
and with courage,
walking with love
and respect
and concern for the feelings of others.*

*May you talk to God
this summer
and every day and
in every situation.*

*Talking with God means ...
praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation,
saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times,
asking God's help
in all your decisions,
expressing sorrow
when you have failed.*

*May you talk with God
every day. Amen.*

Author Unknown

JULY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 5 -
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 6 -
 6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, July 12 –
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 13 -
 6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, July 19 -
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 20 –
 6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, July 26 -
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 27 –
 6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday, August 2 -		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Monday, August 3 -		
6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Sunday, August 9 -		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Monday, August 10 -		
6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Saturday, August 15 -	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Parish Family Picnic	
Sunday, August 16 -		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Monday, August 17 -		
6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Sunday, August 23 -		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Monday, August 24 -		
6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Sunday, August 30 -		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	

The newsletter deadline for the September issue will be ***Saturday, 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.