



VESTRY'S VIEWS

This past week I was reminded again of the blessings that God bestows upon us when I held my newborn granddaughter. She is the embodiment of the great love that Christ spoke of between us and God. My joy will be watching her grow as part of the family with her parents, cousins, aunts, uncles, and other grandparents. My outward joy is the expression of the great love in my heart. I thank God for all His blessings and may He bless you and keep you in His care.

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FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

I am sure that you all enjoyed the wonderful summer and as we return to our daily chores and schedules with school and work, don't forget to say "thank you" to the Lord for all He has done.

Mary Young

PRAYER CONCERNS

United States Government
President Obama
Governor Cuomo
Supervisor Benson
Congressman Gibson
Senator Marchione
Senator Schumer
Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop Elect Michael Curry
The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop
David Ball
Daniel Herzog
Deacon Randolph Lukas
Pastor Jim
Brother Bill
Fr. John
Deacon Peter
Pope Francis

Jake Franchi	Spiritual Life Center
Kylie White	Chad Field
Ann DeVost	Kimberly Harrington
Eva Helen Egan	John & Teri Koepf
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 & Jeanne Mayer
Robin	Ray Garrison
Lou Amendalora	Nancy Mills
Florence Stock	Doug
Barbara Felter	Marie
Nathaniel	Malina
Beth	Michael D.
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
Rose G.
Church of Our Saviour Parish
Clint & Ginny Dugger
Tim Laraway, Jr.
Grace Smythe-Young
The Rev. Edward Smart
Bill Bourquard
Bennett
Dusty and Carol
Brenda Darcy
Aidan McGuire
Benjamin Morrill
Scott
Frank Sullivan
Katrina
Madeline
Malcolm Larabee
U.S. Military – Ross, Evan, Anthony and families

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN

Florence Stock
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Freehold, NY 12431

BIRTHDAYS

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

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 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!

DOLLARS AND SENSE

With the shorter days and cooler nights, I sometimes see a sight that always takes my breath away. Coming down New Lebanon Mountain on my way to Church, the valley is covered with what looks like fluffy clouds – no houses are visible but sometimes you see a church spire. Yes I know it is just ground fog but it seems like God's magic. On the way to Church the valley is covered but once Church is over, the valley in all its beauty is revealed.

Church both ends and begins my weeks. I practice the discipline of going to Church every week – do I miss sometimes? You betcha! Lots of other things sometimes jump into my schedule. Two years ago I was doing a couple of workshops in Savannah, GA and since my flight wasn't until Monday, I got up early on Sunday to attend 8 AM Service at the Episcopal Cathedral. I decided to walk (instead of the smart thing of driving my rental) and dressed as I would go to Church here. Needless to say, I was TOTALLY underdressed!

There were fur coats, men and boys in suits and ties – why one couple with young twins, came in dressed impeccably – even the twins were spotless! After the service, we all filed out and here is the difference between Church of Our Saviour and the fancy Cathedral – absolutely NO ONE spoke to me or welcomed me to the Church. Since I was almost the first one in the door, I know I stood out – even the ushers didn't offer friendly greetings.

I remember the first day that with a friend, I came to Church of Our Saviour. I don't think I had turned the car engine off when someone greeted us in the parking lot!! Along with greeting us as visitors, we were invited to breakfast – what a comparison to the Cathedral!

What's my point? Sometimes the smallest thing we do makes such an impression on us – the person who greeted us and welcomed us to Church of Our Saviour made us want to come back to worship. God sometimes hits me on the head when He wants me to do something. It's like Gibbs on NCIS – who am I to question what He wants me to do? God gave me a wonderful family, great friends, great health for the most of my life and so much more! So I try to follow His ways. Do I question sometimes? Sure I do – but I know God is Good All the Time!

So beginning and ending my week at Church of Our Saviour is like the ground fog – going in I am in the fog but on the way out, my fog has lifted! Don't forget – some Sunday come to 8 AM service and if you can, join us for breakfast (or coffee) at the Hitchin' Post. Like the 10 AM service better? Then join us about 9 AM at the Hitchin' Post before the 10 AM service.

Susan Darcy

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	

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Behold! New Lebanon

The Parish is sponsoring a Behold! New Lebanon event on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m.. We will have some brunch muffins made from a recipe in our Historic Cookbook and give a tour and talk about our stained glass windows. Church of Our Saviour has been a part of the valley since it was first settled, bringing the story of forgiveness, and new life through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is a new way to share Jesus' love and spread the word.

Contemporary Service

We will be starting a new service on Saturday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m.. This service is designed for those who work on Sunday morning, or have other activities they need to attend to or are looking for something more contemporary. We will have music and Eucharist at this service. The music will be some old melodies and some new. The service will not be as elaborate as on Sunday. If this sounds interesting to you or someone you know, stop on by and join us.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Program will be beginning on Sunday, September 13th and In-Gathering Sunday will be on October 4th.

Community Bible Study Resumes

After a summer recess, the community Bible study that is hosted by Church of Our Saviour will begin to meet again on September 17th. We meet each Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be the Gospel of

Matthew, and it will be a leisurely discussion, with some exploration of the quotes Matthew uses from the Old Testament and why he might have included them, and some applications of how this gospel could impact our lives today. One main focus will be what this gospel tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven.

If you have attended church for a while, most of the text of Matthew will sound familiar to you from Sunday morning readings. So it can be a challenge to look at the words with fresh eyes. This is where a group discussion in which questions and comments are encouraged can be very helpful. So, no matter how long or short an experience you have with Bible study, you have something to give and something to receive from this hour each week. Come try it for yourself, or perhaps invite a friend. You will be very welcome.

For more information, please call Sally Langendorf, at 413-684-0328.

Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting on Sunday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m.. Debi Gallucci has again agreed to share the love of Christ and teach our children about it. If you know of someone who has children who would like to be a part, just share the time and place.

Prayer Table

A Prayer Table is set up every Saturday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Plaza by the Family Dollar store. Carol, Meredith and Randy Lukas and Mary Young have been taking turns so there are two people at the site sharing a smile and encouraging word. They are available to pray for those who wish it and have had some people accept. If the Lord is leading you to help out, please see Carol Lukas.

Missions

Fall has arrived and our **School Bus** as come as well in the back of the sanctuary to hold school supplies to be donated school supplies to be donated to New Lebanon Central Schools. Supplies needed: spiral notebooks, ruled paper, no. 2 pencils, markers, and crayons (both kindergarten type and regular). The bus will be here unto the 20th for donations.

The **Berlin Box** for back pack food stuffs will return on Sunday, September 13th. This program is for the children who need help having food over the weekend when school is not in session. We donate money to the NLCS back pack program.

Women's toiletries for the Domestic Violence Shelter in Columbia and Greene County were given to the coordinator at the Deanery picnic. The empty box is available in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who donated.

Charlie's Pantry continues to thank us for all the support they receive from us with our food and money donations. Their basket is located in the back of the sanctuary.

The newsletter deadline for the October issue will be **Tuesday, September 15th**.

If you have any news to share, please send it to

Susan Darcy at susan@darcy-systems.com

or

Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com

or

leave a note in the secretary's mailbox in the church office.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 12 –

10:00 a.m. Behold! New Lebanon event

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 13 – Stewardship Campaign begins

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 14 –

6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 17 –

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

Saturday, September 19 -

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 20 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School begins

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 21 –

6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 24 –

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

Saturday, September 26 –

10:00 a.m. Special Vestry meeting to review survey and develop Ministry Portfolio

Saturday, September 26 –

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 27 –

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, September 28 -

- 6:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

COMING UP:

Sunday, October 4 – In-Gathering for Stewardship

- 9:00 a.m. Combined Service with Fr. Dugger celebrating.
Brunch will follow with a presentation by Katie Gallucci
of her mission trip to Ireland
Please bring a dish to share.
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – special service in the parking lot.
Bring your animals.

Sunday, November 29 – Advent begins