



VESTRY'S VIEWS

As September comes into view, there are so many memories associated with it for me. The start of a new school year, both as a student and as a teacher. I loved the smell of new crayons when I was a kid and as a teacher, the smell of the classroom after a summer of polishing and dusting, was so clean. As I moved onto another career, September brought new challenges to the realm of unionism, of which I was immersed. September with my own children heading off to school on the big, yellow bus, their first day of their last year in high school, their first month at college, all so precious in my mind. September 2014 brought the celebration of marriage with my love, Tony. This September brings the circle around as Olivia begins kindergarten. I wonder where the time has gone, but I realize that it is God's plan for us to create the memories and to savor all that life has to offer. I am thankful to our Lord to have these memories and to have the ability to create more memories. September is our renewal in the love that Christ gives us. Happy September, all!

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VESTRY – 2016

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Winig	(01/2018)
Junior Warden	Mary Young	(01/2017)
Vestry Members	Susan Darcy	(01/2017)
	Richard Dauchy	(01/2018)
	Eugenia Browning	(01/2019)
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Mary Young	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop
David Ball
Daniel Herzog
Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger
Deacon Randolph Lukas
Pastor James
Brother Bill
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Fr. John
Deacon Peter

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Senator Kathy Marchione
Senator Charles Schumer
Congressman Chris Gibson
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Roberta Page

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Richard Jones
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PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
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The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
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May Collins	Carolee Hearrel
Janis	Jessi
Eric	Angela B.
Larry & Carol & Teresa	George Ertel, Jr.
Lynne E.	Al & Jeanne Mayer
Jane Garnsey	Don Tinney
Peter Guiler	Lowell C.
Adrian	Sue H.
Norman Schultheriss	Cindy C.
Nancy O.	Nancy A.
Rick, Cindy & Anthony Morgan	
U.S. Military – Evan and families	
Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry/Prayer Table and Saturday evening contemporary service	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

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BIRTHDAYS

1 – Anna Prescott

8 – Fr. Clinton Dugger

9 – Vincent Teachout

10 – Tony 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 date so that I can update my list.

Thank you

DEACON'S MESSAGE

Dear Church of Our Saviour Friends and Family,

Many of you know that this past July I began a seminary education at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. It is a hybrid distance course in which I am required to attend classes on campus for one week every quarter and the remainder of the quarter is completed online.

This is a dream come true for me, I had always wanted to go to Nashotah House as a young man when I first discerned God calling me to ordained ministry and it has taken 40 years to become a reality. I pray each day that God will give me the strength, wisdom and resources to complete the study.

This quarter the first class is naturally an Old Testament survey. It is interesting how much scholarship and research has changed over 40 years from when I first began a pre-theology baccalaureate degree at Concordia College, Bronxville, where I met Carol.

The week on campus was enriching and there was not a single service that I did not find myself in tears. Whether it was a bit of sentimentality or healing or the presence of the Holy Spirit I am not sure, but do know is that it has reinforced my understanding that God has brought me to this day and to this school.

As we approach the Fall, and look forward to the close of this church calendar year, I pray that you all will find a closer walk with God. I pray for each of you, individually, knowing that God has you all in His care. I know that he wants Church of Our Saviour to grow in fellowship, love and understanding. I know that His will is that we spread His love and the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. That we should work together to spread His kingdom and to be a Light in the darkness.

You are all the salt of the earth, be salt.

Deacon Randy

Notes on Nashotah House Theological Seminary



This is Michael.

Michael is a 2700 lb. bell used as a call to worship. The bell is used to ring the Angelus before services. The bell tower was designed by the well-known architect Richard Upjohn to reflect the rural nature of the setting.

Students are invited to ring the bell as part of their service work while on campus. The rope is pulled hard to get the bell swinging with a hand-stroke (pulling down with the rope by hand) for a strike and a back-stroke (releasing the rope to allow it to swing back and strike again).

The new student is warned to let go of the rope or the weight and momentum of the bell will lift even the stoutest student off the ground. At the close of the angelus the bell is thus rung with 9 hand-strokes to cause it to strike 18 times. I offered to ring the bell on my last day on campus. No one warned me that once the momentum has begun it is impossible to stop the bell without being lifted off the ground!

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Wow, I can't believe it is the middle of August! When I was a kid, my grandmother used to say around the 4th of July, that Summer was over. Of course, I would tell her that there were months left but as I get older, I can definitely see what she meant.

Look at the stores – around the middle of July, out come all the school supplies. Someone told me the public schools will start the last week in August – actually before Labor Day! The Summer seems to have ended sooner than I want it to. One of the trees in my neighborhood is showing fall colors already.

God sometimes tells us to slow down, enjoy what is around us and as the ads say, “Stop and smell the roses”. Isn't that the truth? We're hooked up electronically 24/7. We look for the best gadgets, the best values, and the best of everything for our families and we are constantly running and seem unable to stop.

Maybe we can't stop – but what I find I can do is, when the coffee is brewing, have my conversation with God. Sometimes, my conversation is just very simple prayers – asking for better health for our parish families and for others, I know. Sometimes, it is asking God to help me make the right decisions. Some days it is a simple Thank You, God for all He has done for me.

Of course there are other times when I get in a quick prayer during my sometime whirlwind day but the coffee brewing prayer time seems to work for me. I know I enjoy my conversations with God – lots of time, (and this will sound kind of corny), it makes my day seem grounded. But then God does do that for me – sort of ties me to Him and that makes me feel completed. I guess it's time to make more coffee!

As we know, “**God is good – all the time!**” Come to breakfast some Sunday with the 8 o'clockers at Jimmie D's (around 9 ish). Lots of laughter and oh the stories!

Try it, I know you'll like it!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Community Bible Study Update

The Community Bible study has met most Thursdays this summer, and on August 18th we concluded our extended discussions of the Gospel according to Matthew. It was a good exercise to look closely at Scripture that we hear read in church often, in small sections, and put the teaching and stories in context.

I will not be teaching Bible study at Church of Our Saviour this Fall, so this is my opportunity to say thank you. I appreciate the clergy and Vestry who have allowed me to teach, and especially the people who have been part of the group. They showed up faithfully week after week to listen to me share what I had recently discovered, or always wondered, or connected with some other passage. They are a great bunch, with honest questions and insightful comments, and we laugh every week.

Whether formal Bible study continues or not, I am encouraged by Jesus's final promise to His disciples. He said, " Lo, I am with you all the days, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20. May we all be aware of His presence every day.

Sally Langendorf

School Bus

School starts on September 7th. In the back of the sanctuary is a school bus for us to fill with supplies for the students of NLCS. The Family Dollar has a list of supplies that students need. Teachers and teachers' aides in our parish say tissues are a product that they need a lot of. Please place whatever you can give in the box. We will take it to school the week of September 25th.

Pancake Breakfast

Join your friends and neighbors for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the New Lebanon Fire Station. They will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns and toast buffet style.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the October issue will be ***Thursday, 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.

Parish Picnic

A Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. The Parish will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Bring a lawn chair to sit outside and enjoy the fall evening.

Substitute Priest

Fr. Lockwood will be joining us on September 18th as well as the celebrant for Holy Eucharist.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will be meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m..

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Diocesan Convention was held at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York on June 10th through June 12th. Our theme was "Abide in Christ, Bear Fruit, Glorify God". As your representative, I attended the business meetings and workshops which helped us to live into these theme.

We met and voted on various pieces of business.

Elected were members of:

- Cathedral Chapter: Rev. Harding and Paula Sutcliffe
- Convention Representative to Diocesan Council: Rev. Thomas Malionek and Penny Bolton
- Trustees of the Diocese: Rev. David Haig and Helen Smith
- General Convention Deputy: Rev. Katherine Alonge-Coons, Rev. Scott Garno, Rev. Leander Harding, Rev. Jill Stellman, Lay Cannon Richard Carroll, Jennifer Dean, Martha Hasslacher and Mary Jones.

- Disciplinary Board: Rev. Paul Hart, Rev. Lora Smith and Scotty Gladstone.
- Standing Committee: Rev. Kathy Alonge-Coons, Very Rev. David Ousley, Sue Ellen Ruetsch and Elizabeth Strickland.

The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were reelected. The budget was presented by Mr. Curtis, Treasurer and questions asked. The budget was passed. The resolution to continue to use the same formula for assessment calculation also passed.

A resolution which changed the wording of Canon 15 which is about Church Architecture and the Arts was also passed. The resolution now encourages parishes doing remodeling or new construction to consult with the committee before committing to work for advice and gives a break on the interest rate by doing so when getting a loan through the Diocesan Development Fund.

The proposed resolution about increasing the salaries of priests was sent back to committee as many of the members of the convention thought it should apply to all parishes not just certain ones. The revised resolution will be brought before the Diocesan Council.

The Bishop addressed the Convention on Friday night and instead of discussing the past year as he has done in the past, he spoke about what he sees as the vision for the Diocese for the future. The Episcopalian will feature his remarks in the coming issues. His full speech is also available on the Dioceses Web site.

We then spent the weekend going to various workshops that expanded on the theme of the convention. Some of the topics were: Healing and Holiness: Crockpots and Microwaves; Foundations: Do You Need Them; Embracing the Recovery Community; Abide with Me – Making sense of John’s Gospel; From the Inside Out: The Gifts of the Spirit; Can the Western Church be Saved?; Vine Ripened: What Christian Maturity Looks Like and many more. Most workshops were offered twice during the weekend to allow plenty of choices.

There were also two times when we all met with our guest speakers. The first was Discover Bible Study: A Way to Make Disciples of Jesus. This was a presentation from a group from Pennsylvania that are taking Bible study back into homes, work places and the community. They gave a presentation about how to generate interest in this type of study and how to include the unchurched but interested in it. The second time, our Diocese gave a presentation called the DASH event. Again, a way to reach people in the community who do not see the “church” as something they want in their lives, but are open to “Jesus”. On Saturday night there was a Healing Service, which many attend who are in need of any and all kinds of healing. Others go to lift people up in prayer and be prayer warriors for those in need.

There is a youth program going on at the same time as the adult program and a vacation Bible school for elementary school age children as well as a nursery for the very young.

This facility is situated on a lake so there is swimming and canoeing available as well as a basketball and tennis court and miniature golf.

The housing goes from rustic A frames to hotel accommodations, the food is good with a variety to choose from and special events for various groups such as Men and Boys, Clergy wives, etc..

There is a room which is full of displays from various parishes and their programs related to the theme of the event as well as vendors of church supplies and materials.

The various missions of the Diocese had workshops or displays throughout the Convention to bring focus to how they share Jesus to communities they live in.

Matt Baker gave a report about Christ the King and the facilities and programs available there which include the Beaver Cross Camp Program. Matt has accepted the call to become the Priest at St. Luke's in Cambridge and is stepping down from being in charge at Christ the King. The diocese is looking for a replacement for him.

As I have been telling you all the years, Convention is an awakening and a time of renewal each year. It is a time to share the music of Christian life in the glory of God's creation with brothers and sisters in the Lord. A time to share with song and prayer and tears the struggles we have here on earth and find ways to lift each other up until we are in the presence of our Lord and Saviour. People ask, What did you learn? For me it is not about learning, I may find something I didn't know or understand but it is about renewing my heart and soul with what I have been learning since I was a child in a new way or emphasis. What I took away from this Convention, is the importance of daily time with Jesus, in his word and putting what I read into practice every day. My journey may be far from over or may end tonight but Convention helps me on that journey to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ and share the God news with those around me.

In the Parish Hall are some of the flyers and information we received at Convention. Consider coming next year.

Mary Young

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, September 3 -
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 4 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day

Saturday, September 10 -
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 11 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Pancake Breakfast at LPVA

Saturday, September 17 –
4:00 p.m. Church Picnic
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 18 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Frank Lockwood
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Saturday, September 24 -
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 25 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
3:00 p.m. Deanery Picnic at Dutchman Landing in Catskill

Coming Up:

October 3 – 5 - *Walk Through the Door to Holiness* – An Ecumenical Conference at Christ the King
Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY

I have been praying for two months about whether I should respond to the article in the June Dollars and SenSe. This not to malign the writer or to start a monthly battle of words. It is to ensure that all our readers understand that while "God is too big to fit in one religion", HE is the only one religion. We as Christians say and believe that the one and only way to GOD is through Jesus Christ. We did not make that up, God and Jesus Christ said it is so. John 3:13-21 "No one has gone up to heaven expect the Son of Man, who came down from there. And the Son of Man must be lifted up, just as that metal snake was lifted up by Moses in the desert. Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life. God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's son will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son. The light has come into the world, and people who do evil things are judged guilty because they love the dark more than the light. People who do evil hate the light and won't come to the light, because it clearly shows what they have done. But everyone who lives by the truth will come to the light, because they want others to know that God is really the one doing what they do." Matthew 22:37 Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." Yes, God/Jesus Christ tells us to love everyone and that is why we have a hard time with those who kill and steal and hurt others with words and weapons. WE cannot do it under our own power only through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the form of God and Jesus Christ in the world now. Please do love everyone and know that God does love everyone and is good to everyone but he is not in the Buddha Statue, or the Hindu Cow, or the Sufi plants or any of the other religions of the world. Unless a person accepts JESUS CHRIST as GOD the father and GOD the Son and GOD the Holy Spirit and asks him to forgive their sins and come into their life all the LOVE we give only makes a difference in this life not the next. So as we Love EVERYONE remember to share from where the greatest love to all mankind came from. Our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

Mary Young