



VESTRY'S VIEWS

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and enter into Advent, let us take a minute to think about what we are thankful for. For me, it's my family, my friends, the home I have created with love, and the love I have for Christ. Tony and I wish you all the most blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.

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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
Pope Francis
Fr. John
Deacon Peter

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Metropolitans of Easter Orthodox Services
Bishops of Lutheran Synods
Archbishop of Canterbury
Missionaries
United States Government
President Obama
Governor Cuomo
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Senator Kathy Marchione
Senator Charles Schumer
Congressman Chris Gibson
Supervisor Colleen Teal
President Elect Trump
Congressman Elect John Faso

Ann DeVost	Kimberly Harrington
John & Teri Koepp	Richard Jones
Robert Page	Kristen Thompson
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
Vince Flanigan	Mark & Sue Bull
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
Nancy Mills	Florence Stock
Doug	Barbara Felter
Marie	Nathaniel
Malina	Beth
Michael D.	Sharon
Jayne Sawin	Pat Ruby
Betty Hicks	Heather Kromer
Rose G.	Aidan McGuire
Scott	Katrina
Bill Bourquard	Bennett

Madeline
Janis
Eric
George Ertel, Jr.
Al & Jeanne Mayer
Don Tinney
Adrian
Jean F.
Judy P.
Everett
Rich

Carolee Hearrel
Jessi
Angela B.
Lynne E.
Jane Garnsey
Peter Guiler
Sue H.
Nancy O.
Margaret
Carol Lukas

U.S. Military – Evan and families
Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry/Prayer Table and
Saturday evening contemporary service

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
27 Canna Drive
Freehold, NY 12431

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 – Jon Spoto

17 – Florence Stock

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

DOLLARS AND SENSE

It just seems like the yesterday was Labor Day and now I'm planning the Holiday cooking. Even though I'm all grown up (well some may question that one), I anticipate the Holidays – do I get stressed? Sometimes – I do. The anticipation of the beauty of the Holidays – people seem so much more friendly. Maybe they're just enjoying the same things I do.

I drove into Pittsfield last week saw a beautiful sight – hundreds of American flags in Bank Square to honor our Veterans. What a great way to recognize and honor those who have given so much for us.

As Advent starts we're reminded that we're awaiting the celebration of the birth of Jesus who gave so much for us. Thinking of our celebration, I started looking for the decal I bought a few years ago with the saying "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Sometimes I think we forget the reason because we get so involved in all the things we try and jam into the upcoming days.

How wonderful it would be if we could take a deep breath and simply look at the beauty all around us. Years ago, my very close friends and I decided that instead of giving gifts to each other, we would find something to do for others. There are so many charities that do so much for others. We have done lots of different things like giving a goat or a flock of chickens or just making a financial contribution. There are so many people who need to have a blessing as we have been blessed.

Of course the flags will be taken down soon to light the Christmas tree. I've got a puzzler for you – does anyone know why Bank Square is called that?

I hope you and yours have a blessed Christmas and that the New Year brings you good health, joy and happiness. Maybe some Sunday you can join us for breakfast or coffee after the service – around nine at Jimmie D's – a great way to celebrate the joy of all of us being together.

Thank you God for bringing me to Church of Our Saviour and my parish family.

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Giving Tree Gifts

Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you!

Holiday Concerts

Tuesday, December 6 –

7:00 p.m. Messiah at Cathedral of All Saints

Saturday, December 10 –

7:30 p.m. Selections from Messiah at St. Paul's Church in Kinderhook.
\$12 adults, \$10 students

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate money to the Flower Fund is asked to submit any names they wish listed in the Christmas bulletin by Sunday, December 18th. Envelopes will be in the bulletins on Sunday, December 11th and Sunday, December 18th, or you can mail your names to the church.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Annual Meeting

All annual reports are due on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

The annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2017.**

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3 –
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, December 4 – *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sunday, December 11 – *Third Sunday of Advent*
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Thursday, December 15 –
Newsletter deadline!

Saturday, December 17 -
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, December 18 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Frank Lockwood
and with Greening of the Church with luncheon supplied by Bitsy
8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Saturday, December 24 – *Christmas Eve*
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25 – *Christmas Day*
8:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 31 –
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

COMING UP:

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 8 –
Annual Reports are due!

Sunday, January 22 –
Annual Meeting