



VESTRY'S VIEWS

As I sit in my living room looking out the window at the snow I remember that buried beneath the cold, whiteness are the flowers of spring. The sap will start running up the trees and the sugaring season will begin. Our Christian life takes on the flow of approaching Lent and Easter. Our lives ebb and flow with the changing meteorological seasons and church seasons. Our one constant though is the love that God gives us and His hand in making these seasons come to be. I am thankful for the many blessings that I have. During the coming season of Lent I will take the time to reflect on those blessings and will try to be a blessing for others. Will you take the time to count your blessings this Lenten season? I hope you will.

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VESTRY – 2017

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig	(01/2018)
Junior Warden	Mary Young	(01/2019)
Vestry Members	Richard Dauchy	(01/2018)
	Eugenia Browning	(01/2019)
	Tom Stone	(01/2020)
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Mary Young	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 – Meredith Lukas

12 – Derek McKeon

13 – Elizabeth Spoto

31 – Carol Lukas

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

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1 – *Ash Wednesday*

12:00 noon Service

7:00 p.m. Service

Sunday, March 5 – *1st Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Crafts and Cookies

Sunday, March 12 – *2nd Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Savings Time – spring ahead 1 hour!

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Wednesday, March 15 – ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!***

Sunday, March 19 – *3rd Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Frank Lockwood

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday, March 26 – *4th Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Coming Up:

Saturday, April 8 –

9:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup Day

Sunday, April 9 – *Palm Sunday*

8:00 p.m. Service

Thursday, April 13 – *Maundy Thursday*

Friday, April 14 – *Good Friday*

Sunday, April 16 – *Easter*

8:00 a.m. Service

Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11 – Diocesan Convention

PRAYER CONCERNS

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop

David Ball

Daniel Herzog

Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger

Deacon Randolph Lukas

Rev. Frank Lockwood

Pastor James

Brother Bill

Pope Francis

Fr. John

Deacon Peter

Metropolitans of Eastern Orthodox Services

Bishops of Lutheran Synods

Archbishop of Canterbury

Missionaries

United States Government

President Trump

Governor Cuomo

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator Kathy Marchione

Senator Charles Schumer

Congressman John Faso

Supervisor Colleen Teal

Ann DeVost

John & Teri Koeppe

Roberta Page

Edgar LaCombe

Vince Flanigan

The Rev. Christian Agunwamba

Nancy Mills

Doug

Marie

Malina

Michael D.

Jayne Sawin

Betty Hicks

Rose G.

Katrina

Bennett

Janis

Eric

George Ertel, Jr.

Kimberly Harrington

Richard Jones

Kristen Thompson

Melissa

Mark & Sue Bull

Lois Johnson

Florence Stock

Barbara Felter

Nathaniel

Beth

Sharon

Pat Ruby

Heather Kromer

Scott

Bill Bourquard

Carolee Hearrel

Jessi

Angela B.

Lynne E.

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Al & Jeanne Mayer

Don Tinney

Adrian

Margaret

Julie & Ken

U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families

Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry/Prayer Table
and Saturday evening contemporary service

Jane Garnsey

Peter Guiler

Sue H.

Rich

Ralph

Florence Stock
27 Canna Drive
Freehold, NY 12431

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Crafts and Cookies

Crafting is fun, even as Senior Citizens. We had a great time sharing and crafting simple crafts for Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 5th. The Hudson Park Nursing home was appreciative for the decorations and used the owl idea for residents to make cards to send to their families. It was great to just visit with friends. Spread the word and come again on Sunday, March 5th. March surprises will be in store.

Spring Cleanup

As I write there is 2 feet of snow covering the yard and with it a large amount of gravel from the driveway. Easter is in mid April and we will probably have some daffodils by then. Mark your calendars for the spring clean up day now so you can come and join us. Bring rakes and shovels, clippers and gloves. ALL HANDS ON DECK on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you, Mary.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the April issue will be ***Wednesday, March 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.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Traveling time for me – left the Berkshires on the Saturday before the BIG storm. Talk about a chicken! I know I have one of the safest cars but there are other drivers on the road too. Now I'm in Richmond and talking to my friend at home telling me of the 12 to 15 inches of snow at present with more to come! I say I was lucky but we all know God told me to leave before the storm.

Ruth Brady, a dear friend and neighbor, used to ask me where I was going since the forecast was terrible. I think she is sitting in heaven laughing every time she sees a storm coming and knows I'm going somewhere. It is ironic that even when we traveled together the weather was terrible.

But let me tell you about the good things God did for me on this trip. I couldn't find something I really needed and all of a sudden it appeared right where I left it but just couldn't see it. There are some other things – like leaving just in time to avoid the storm and then getting a room where I wanted to stay. Or the zipper broke on my suitcase as I was loading it in the car and I could repair it. I know some will say coincidences but you and I know it is God's hand showing me the way.

With God's hand and my prayers, I pray the snow we get this winter will be enough for the skiers and snowboarders but not enough to dampen our spirits. May we enjoy a safe and warm and healthy winter season. Don't forget to join us some Sunday at Jimmie D's – just for coffee or even breakfast. It's a happy time for all of us – and great way to start the week.

Blessings to all!

Susan Darcy