

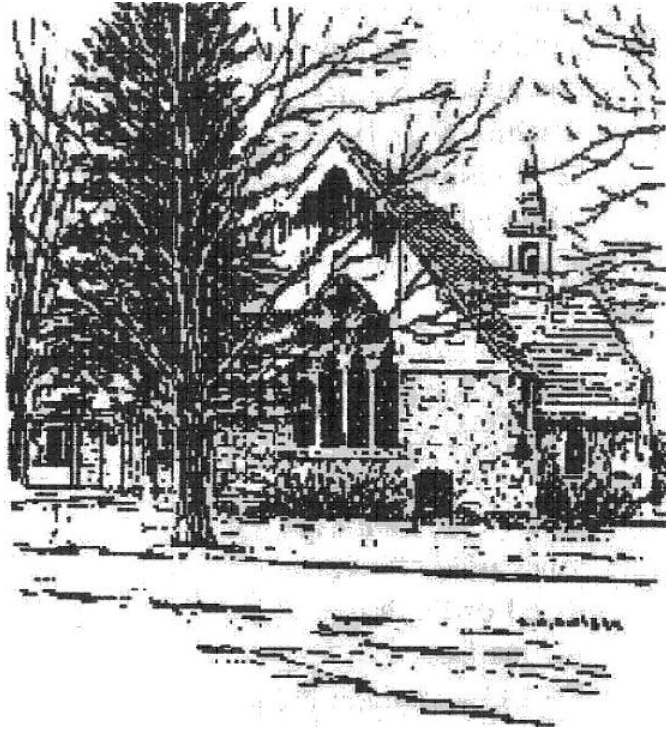
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

After a wonderful and glorious Easter service, Tony and I went home to a house filled with adult children and grandchildren. An Easter egg hunt was held outside in the beautiful weather, then the crew trudged inside for a delicious breakfast. More outside running around, dancing and swinging was followed by the families dispersing to their homes or other grandparents' homes. At four we hosted an Easter meal with friends. After a long and tiring, but joyful day, Tony and I relaxed and reflected on all the events. The words and music of my favorite Easter hymn played through my brain. I share it with you as you reflect in the joy of our Resurrected Lord.

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Bitsy

VESTRY – 2017

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| Senior Warden | Elizabeth 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 | |

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

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

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| Ann DeVost | Kimberly Harrington |
| John & Teri Koepp | Richard Jones |
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| Edgar LaCombe | Melissa |
| Vince Flanigan | Mark & Sue Bull |
| The Rev. Christian Agunwamba | Lois Johnson |
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| Marie | Nathaniel |
| Malina | Beth |
| Michael D. | Sharon |
| Pat Ruby | Betty Hicks |
| Heather Kromer | Bennett |
| Rose G. | Scott |
| Katrina | Janet |
| Carolee Hearrel | David |
| Janis | Jessi |
| Eric | Angela B. |
| George Ertel, Jr. | Lynne E. |
| Al & Jeanne Mayer | Jane Garnsey |
| Don Tinney | Peter Guiler |
| Adrian | Sue H. |
| Margaret | Rich |
| Julie & Ken | Ralph |
| Ken | Anne Wever |

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

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN

Florence Stock
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

8 – Madelyn Teachout

12 – Steve Smith

MAY ANNIVERSARY

6 – Vincent and Laurene Teachout

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!

Kris

DOLLARS AND SENSE

As I write this, Sunday is Easter – almost my favorite Sunday. Why, you ask? Because not only is it a celebration that Jesus rose from the grave to save us but the Church altar, which was bare on Good Friday, is beautifully bright with the linens, candles and the flowers of Easter. The sky is bluer, the clouds whiter and the birds are more lyric in their songs.

Someone told me once that the earth wakes up on Easter – green shoots stick their heads above ground to signify their re-birth. I noticed one of the trees in my yard has little buds and of course the pollen has started to rain down under some of the trees – coating the ground in yellows and reds.

What a wonderful time of the year – now with God there is always hope but in the bleak winter, some need further assurance that life will be renewed. I heard the ice cream truck on Tuesday afternoon although I personally thought it was too early, it was another indicator or re-birth – ice cream, green grass, flowers, and leaves on the trees.

I will try and remember the joy I have looking at the new tree life when I'm raking leaves in the fall! It is funny to me that when I sit down to write Dollars and Sense, I have these great ideas, until I start to type. If I do find a train to jump on, sometimes I don't know how to stop it at the station to end the article.

The other concern I have with my rambling observations, is if people can actually follow the train before it gets derailed. Only time will tell – but no matter, Spring is coming along with the joy we have found with Jesus!

May that joy bring us happiness, health and lots of love for each other. Come join us some Sunday for just coffee or breakfast at Jimmie D's after service. Just a super way to share the joy and love we have with one another.

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Trivia Night

Would you like to spend some time together and have some fun? Let's get a team from Church of Our Saviour to compete at the New Lebanon Trivia Night on Friday, May 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.. This event costs \$10.00 per person and you can have 3 to 6 people on a team. The New Lebanon Foundation is dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experience of the students and teachers of the New Lebanon Central School District. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks! *Debi*

Spring Cleanup

Cleanup day will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Crafts and Cookies

Sunday May 7th from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. will be our monthly Crafts and Cookies. We are having a great time and hope you will join us. This month we will continue with our Spring theme and will also have some Mothers' Day Cards and Crafts, too. We have been able to send some of our crafts and cards to the nursing home where Mary works and also to the Veterans at *Soldier On* in Pittsfield. We are going to send craft kits in June to the Albany Medical Center Children's Center. We will be putting together some activities/crafts for the children and their siblings to do while spending time at the hospital. I will put up a list of things we need if you would like to help with this project. Thank you and God Bless.

Debi

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the June issue will be **Monday, May 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.

Vestry News

The Vestry is continuing to maintain our property. We have a large hive of bees that have settled in the attic area over the altar and part of the sanctuary. We have contacted a bee keeper who is willing to come and remove the bees, we will then repair the damage they have caused and seal the roof edge so they can not return. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information about when the removal of the bees will occur.

MAY CALENDAR

Friday, May 5 –

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. New Lebanon Trivia Night

Saturday, May 6 –

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Spring clean up day

Sunday, May 7 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Crafts and Cookies

3:00 p.m. Deanery meeting at Coxsacki

Sunday, May 14 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, May 15 -

Newsletter deadline!!!

Sunday, May 21 –

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

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, May 25 – *Ascension Day*
7:00 p.m. Service

Sunday, May 28 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, May 29 - *Memorial Day*
9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade steps off from Shatford Park

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 4 – *Pentecost Day*
8:00 a.m. Worship Service

Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11 – Diocesan Convention – see Diocesan website.

I was raised a Methodist and this certainly feels like my childhood and early adulthood. You may substitute Episcopalians wherever appropriate. Submitted by Bitsy Winig

GARRISON KEILLOR ON "METHODISTS"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

*Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

*Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good - bye !

Church Of Our Saviour

invites you to:



CRAFTS

&

COOKIES

Sunday May 7th

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

In the Friendship Hall. Route 22 across from New Lebanon High School.

Please come out and make a craft for yourself and one for a Veteran, Hospital or Nursing Home.