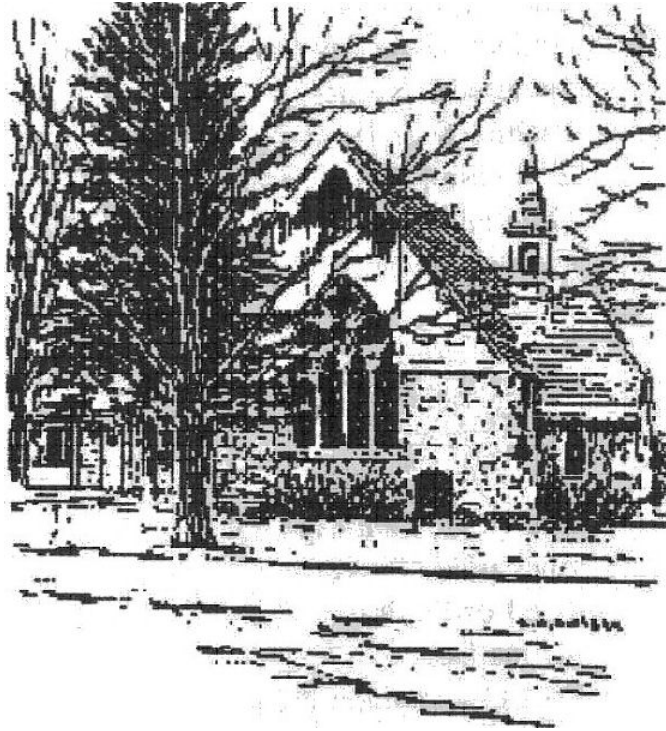


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VESTRY'S VIEWS

As we look to the changing of the seasons from summer to autumn, the world will transform to the many colors of this time of year. I always looked at the autumn colors as God painting a beautiful masterpiece for us to enjoy before the hues of the white winter ahead. Your vestry was at work this summer, taking care of matters dealing with the physical plant and planning for the church year ahead. The bees that have been in the roof and walls of the altar area have been removed and the area sealed up. The beekeeper took the hive and many pounds of honey. Other work on the church roof and the repointing will be done. Fr. Frank's motorcycle ministry has found a home at Our Saviour and the first meeting/service held in July was a success. We are blessed to have Fr. Frank with us and rejoice in the success of this ministry. Our organist Anne Wever continues to recover from her fall. Richard Mayer has been playing the piano on the third Sundays, for which we are grateful. I wish you all well as we continue our journey in the Lord through the autumn and the coming of the celebration of His birth.

Bitsy

VESTRY – 2017

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
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 Churches
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
Legislator Steve McLaughlin
Supervisor Colleen Teal

Ann DeVost
John & Teri Koepp
Roberta Page
Edgar LaCombe

Kimberly Harrington
Richard Jones
Kristen Thompson
Melissa

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Vince Flanigan	Mark & Sue Bull
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
Florence Stock	Barbara Felter
Marie	Nathaniel
Malina	Beth
Michael D.	Pat Ruby
Anne Wever	Heather Kromer
Bennett	Rose G.
Scott	Katrina
Craig	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	David
Dennis & Mary	Chloe & Alex
The Lukas Family	Nancy Mills
Beth M.	Andy S.
Carl B.	Art Koepp
Vince Teachout	Molly Allard
U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families	
Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
1055 CR 32
Malden Bridge, NY 12115

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Anna Prescott

8 – Fr. Clinton Dugger

9 – Vincent Teachout

10 – Tony Winig

30 – Katie Gallucci

SEPTEMBER 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!

Kris

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Sometimes, God is just like Gibbs on NCIS and hits me on the back of my head to listen to His message. This past Sunday driving to Church, I was mentally complaining that too many red lights took my drive almost 30 minutes to go the 13 miles and wacko, I got His wakeup call, ***“SEE What is around you”***.

Looking, I could see His handiwork everywhere. The heavy clouds were sitting on the mountain waiting. The sun just peeking through wisps of clouds setting the night's rain droplets to shine like little diamonds on the leaves.

The valley itself was invisible under the huge blanket of ground fog. There was only a small space under the clouds where a sky of the brightest blue met the green hills and the thick white valley covering. I marveled at these special visions God had shown me. I wondered if I hadn't gotten His wakeup, would I have noticed? I wondered if perhaps, I have ignored some of His messages in the past.

When I'm driving, I pray a lot for others but my wakeup Sunday showed me that I might be missing some of God's unique gifts to me. It told me to be quiet and listen more – God has a plan and if I don't listen, I'll miss it.

I guess that why I like going to breakfast with the Sunday group – God lets me share in the fun times – this past Sunday was no different. This time we all went to support the Lebanon Valley Protective Association Buffet Breakfast at the firehouse. We almost made a whole table! Lots of laughs – we even could pick from souvenirs. What did I pick? A brand new coffee mug!

Come join us and see what I mean. Jimmy D's after 8 – and make it a date. It will fill you with the impetus to share the fun and joy we have with one another.

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

FROM THE DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Convention Report

The Diocesan Convention was held from June 9th to the 11th Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York. We gathered together through the afternoon on Friday enjoying the sunshine and greeting old friends. Our theme “Let Your Light Shine” allowed us to explore new and different ways we might share the Love of Christ to the world.

The Business meeting elected new members to various offices of the Diocese and we passed the budget for 2018.

To The Great Chapter of the Cathedral were elected: Rev Paul Hunter, Rev. Matthew Stromberg, Jeffrey Hart and Margaret Haskell

A Convention Delegate to Diocesan Council: Rev. Thomas Malionek

Trustees of the Diocese: Rev. Mark Chestnut, Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis and Nancy Madrian

Provisional Deputies to General Convention: Rev. Canon Robert Haskell, Rev. N. Bradley Jones, Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis, Rev. William Strickland, Mark Brittel, Randell Demler, Sarah Garno, MacKenzie Shoen

The Disciplinary Board: Gayle Campbell, Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis and David Malsan

The Standing Committee: Rev. N Bradley Jones, Very Rev. Derik Roy, Barbara Beaulac and Randall Demler

We approved the resolution for clergy Salary and Benefits: The full resolution is available from the Clerk if you want to see it. For our level, we would be expected to pay \$35,800 per year minimum were we to have full time priest. Recommended compensation for supply clergy is \$130 for one service, \$155 for two services on the same day, \$100 other liturgical services and \$80 per unit for pastoral services beyond services. A unit is a measure of time: morning, afternoon or evening.

After the business was completed, we ventured onto the campus to participate in a number of workshops designed for us to see how we can spread the Light of Christ. Our guest Bishops

were: Bishop Grant and Wendy LeMarquand from The Horn of Africa; Bishop Todd and Patsy McGregor from Madagascar; Bishop John Tarrant from South Dakota; Bishop Parsons from the Arctic and Bishop from Drown and Dramor in Ireland and Father Jacques Deravil from Haiti.

Other presenters were priests and deacons and lay people from the Diocese who are sharing their light in some unique and not so unique ways .

If you are looking for a new and exciting way to study the Bible and get a new look at old words, I suggest the Beth Moore Bible Studies. Karen Love has facilitated two of these at the Spiritual Life Center but they are available online to do as an individual or as a group.

Looking for a way to use up the yarn you have stored? The Prayer Shawl ministry may be just what you have been waiting for. Our ECW participates in this ministry. You can see Mary Young or Carol Lukas for more information.

We had a number of opportunities to learn about various ministries going on around the Diocese from a room full of different types of program material to workshops about music, youth, Bible Study, addiction and how to combat it, SafeGuarding God's Children, a 12 step meeting and puppets.

Each of the Bishops gave a presentation about life in their Diocese and how Christ's light shines there. We worshipped our Lord through Morning Prayer, a healing service, Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist. The Youth Mass on Sunday morning is always an inspiration and a glorious closing note for the Convention.

Convention is a wonderful way to share the love of Christ with brothers and sisters that live near and far to us and share our beliefs. We are not so different after all. It makes the world a smaller place.

We at Church of Our Saviour may be small but we are mighty. Of the many ways to shine our light to the world that were presented I can tell you we do a lot of them and some not even presented. As we greet each new day, thank God for the days past and the day ahead. Ask Him to show you how to share His love in a new way so our love does not grow stale.

Plan to join the rest of the Diocese at our 100th Convention to be held June 8-10 at Camp of the Woods. The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be joining us.

Mary Young

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

School Supplies needed

The school bus has arrived at the back of the church to donate school supplies for NLCS. Remember that Debbie says they need Kleenex. We will collect supplies until September 10th and then Nathanael will deliver them for us.

Newsletter Deadline

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 10 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday, September 15 – **Newsletter deadline!**

Sunday, September 17 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 24 -

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

Coming Up:

October:

Sunday, October 1 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, October 8 – 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals in the church parking lot

Sunday, October 22 – 9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

December:

Sunday, December 3 - Advent begins

Sunday, December 17 – Greening of the church with a luncheon hosted by Bitsy and Tony

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve services at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day service at 8:00 a.m.

January 28, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. Annual meeting with a pot luck brunch