

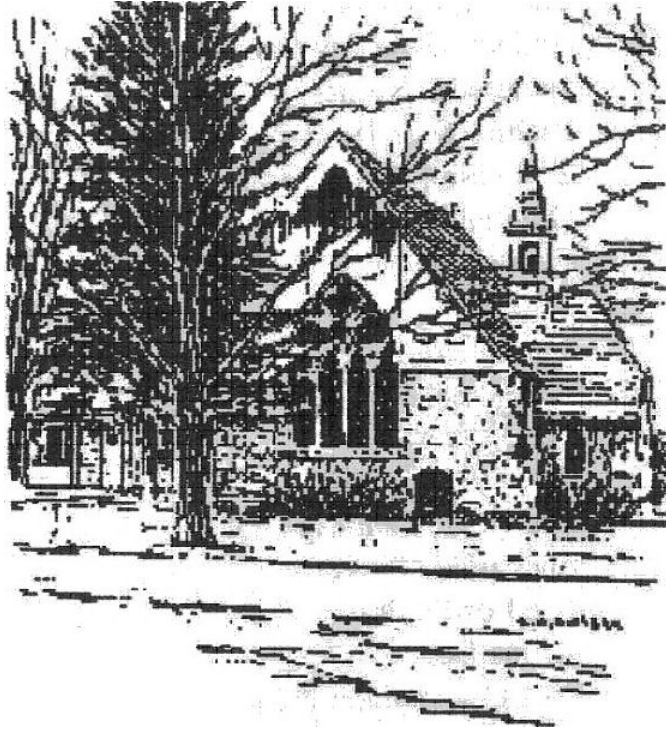
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VESTRY'S VIEWS

On behalf of the Vestry members of Church of Our Saviour, I wish you all a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving. It's important for us to remember all the blessings we have and the love of family and friends.

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)
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Diocesan Delegate	Mary Young	

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Deacon Randolph Lukas

Rev. Frank Lockwood

Pastor James

Brother Bill

Pope Francis

Fr. John

Deacon Peter

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Bishops of Lutheran Synods

Archbishop of Canterbury

Missionaries

United States Government

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Ralph	David
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Church of Our Saviour Parish/Vestry	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

Florence Stock
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Elizabeth Winig

3 – Jacob Gallucci

4 – Mary Young

17 – Anne Wever

21 – Janet Haley

24 – Rich Mayer

29 – Frank Tallett

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

24 – Clinton and Virginia Dugger

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 I sit and stare at the paper trying to see words just appearing on the page. This month is one of them. I cannot seem to make any sentences because I keep thinking about the weather. God does have a sense of humor, doesn't He? After all, one day it is Summer and the next we have a heavy frost!

It really surprises me, like a real wake up call, when I wonder at His magnificence. Look around – the trees seemed really blah this year what with all the rain we had, the lawns stayed green – but the trees just didn't have any oomph! Then bingo, the trees just turned brilliant.

Since the best sky colors are in the Fall (in my opinion – I know it is the angle of the sun). The clouds are whiter, the sky bluer and the trees stand out like red, yellow, orange and green markers against the sky. How can we not feel the blessings God gives us?

Driving on the Taconic the other day, I was reminded of the beauty of our area. There is a spot on the road where you look over a fantastic view. Hill behind hill go on almost forever – distant farmlands with barns and farmhouses peek at you and one of our small towns cluster nearby. Definitely God has given us one of the best areas to live in. When I get to that spot after being away, I relax and thank Him for bringing me back safely to the beauty I see.

I would be remiss to end this and not extend my thanks to everyone for the lovely surprise brunch – it was wonderful and I so appreciate all of you – you are just the absolutely **BEST** Family God gave me.

THANK YOU ALL!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the December issue will be **Wednesday, November 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.

Stewardship Program

It is that time of year when the parish asks its members to be praying and thinking of how they are willing and able to contribute to the life of the parish. “We are small but mighty” as the saying goes. We will be sending out or passing out the tithe and talent forms on November 12th and 19th, asking you to return them by December 17th. This will allow the Treasurer to put together a budget for 2018 in time for the annual meeting which is scheduled for January 28, 2018. It does seem like we should be talking about another year already.

Parish Requests

Continued prayers for our shut ins and those on our prayer list.

The parish is looking for someone who is willing to become the new Senior Warden as Bitsy has decided to step down. We also need two parish members who would be willing to serve on the Vestry for three years. The vestry is the lay body of the parish who maintain the plant facility, work with the Deacon and Sunday School and worship committee to develop programs for education, edification and development of the parish and the members and the community we serve. We work with the Diocese and participate in Diocesan programs as we want to. Our parish is represented at Diocesan Convention, Deanery and a parish member is the

representative to Diocesan Council. The vestry is also looking for someone willing to become the parish Treasurer as Susan Darcy is also wanting to step down. Please pray about these opportunities and how you see yourself playing a role in the parish.

Outreach opportunities

Charlie's Pantry

Our offering twice a month to the food pantry continues to be well received and appreciated. At this time of year the pantry also collects funds to assist residents with their fuel costs. If you are able to help, please give a check in the offering plate with “fuel fund” marked in the memo line and the Treasurer will be sure it gets to them.

Toiletries for Shelters

With the holidays right around the corner, one would think that shelters would have less need, however as much as the holidays represent joy and thankfulness to Christians, to the world it becomes a time of increasing stress and often the shelters are stretched to overflowing. They will need even more toiletries to provide for those who enter to give them basic hygiene needs. We gave two boxes full this past Deanery meeting and I will contact them again before Christmas, so donate what you can in the Toiletries box.

Cookies and Crafts

This outreach group will meet on Sunday, November 5th at 12:30 p.m. to put together shoe boxes full of items to be handed out to children around the world. This program called “Operation Christmas Child” is part of the Samaritan's Purse ministry which is part of the Billy Graham Evangelical Ministries. The goal is to provide a child with a Christmas present, who probably has never had a gift before much less a Christmas gift. You fill a shoebox with articles that children like: candy, pencils, crayons, soap, wash cloth, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toys, musical instruments, stuffed animals and the list goes on. The item must fit in a shoe box and cannot be something which is military in nature or glass. The boxes are wrapped in bright paper and filled. They then go to a central area where they are shipped to Samaritan's Purse center where they get a Biblical message added and then are sorted and sent to countries around the world. You can go on line and read about the program "Samaritan's Purse,

Operation Christmas Child", you can hear a presentation by a receiver of such a shoebox from a speaker at the Spiritual Life Center. Go to their site and get the date and time or the October issue of the Diocesan Program list. Ask your friends and neighbors to join us and fill boxes. Bring a box or two or something to put in them, each box needs money, I have forgotten how much to send each box but donations are accepted for this as well. In the past we have sent as many as 100 boxes from this parish. We are inviting the whole town to help so pass the word.

Help Needed

Father Lockwood has a young man who thought he could solve his problems by using drugs, he ended up overdosing and being beaten up. This young man was at the brink of spending eternity in a very dark place but with the prayers of his family's parish and the responding love of the Lord he is alive. He has lost both his legs and is in a wheelchair but is alive. His family is taking care of him and need to modify their home to do so. One of the needs is a ramp to allow him to enter and exit his family's home. Father Lockwood's parish is accepting monetary donations to help defer the costs of remodeling the home. If you would like to help you can send your check to Christ Church, memo line "ramp", 70 Mansion St., Coxsackie, New York 12051.

Christmas Tree Gifts

We will be putting up our Christmas Tree on November 26th with the information about students at NLCS who need some Christmas Cheer. Please take an ornament and give a child some love. The gifts need to be back the week of December 17th to get to the school and be distributed.

Christmas Dinner at Christ Church in Coxsackie

Joanne Lockwood serves Christmas Dinner to her town both at the church or take out. We are invited to join them in preparation starting at 9:00 a.m. on December 25th, the meal at 3:00 p.m. or in funding the cost. Checks can be made out to Christ Church Coxsackie with "Christmas dinner" in the memo line or contact Joanne at 518-731-9883 and leave her a message with your phone number with a message as to how you can help.

Diocesan Programs Update by Mary

I attended the Acolyte Festival on October 28th. It is a joyous educational time to meet together and experience worshipping together as servers of our Lord's table. Each year I find something more to add to the experience of serving at the Lord's table that I can bring back here.

Watch for the Christmas programs offered by the Cathedral and the Spiritual Life Center to bring more meaning to the season for you.

Christ Church Coxsackie has invited us to join them for Bible Study on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The study starts at 6:30 p.m. with Eucharist around the table and then a discussion of a particular passage. Bring your Bible, paper and pen and join the discussion. The second Wednesday is a Healing Prayer service same time.

St Luke's Catskill is inviting us to join them on November 4th and 5th for their Thomas Cole weekend. Thomas Cole is a famous painter that lived in Catskill in the 1800's. See their web site for specifics about events times and place at St. Luke's.

Calling all Curistas, If you have ever been a part of a Cursillo program then you know it is good to get together to continue to share about your faith journey. The Diocese does not have an Altria meeting here in this end of the Diocese. If you would be interested in participating contact Father Lockwood at Christ Church in Coxsackie as he is trying get a meeting started in Hudson or Catskill.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1 – *All Saint's Day*

Sunday, November 5 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Cookies and Crafts

Sunday, November 12 – *Stewardship Program begins*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 15 - **Newsletter deadline!**

Sunday, November 19 - *Stewardship Program continues*

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

Thursday, November 23 - *Thanksgiving Day*

Sunday, November 26 - *Gift Giving Tree*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Coming Up:

Saturday, December 2 –

5:30 p.m. Lighting of the Holiday Tree at New Lebanon Fire House

Sunday, December 3 - *Advent begins*

Sunday, December 17 – *Please return your Stewardship form*

Last day to accept "Giving Tree" gifts

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Frank Lockwood
9:00 a.m. Greening of the church with a luncheon hosted by Bitsy and Tony

Sunday, December 24 –

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services

Monday, December 25 –

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service

January 28, 2018 –

9:30 a.m. Annual meeting with a pot luck brunch