

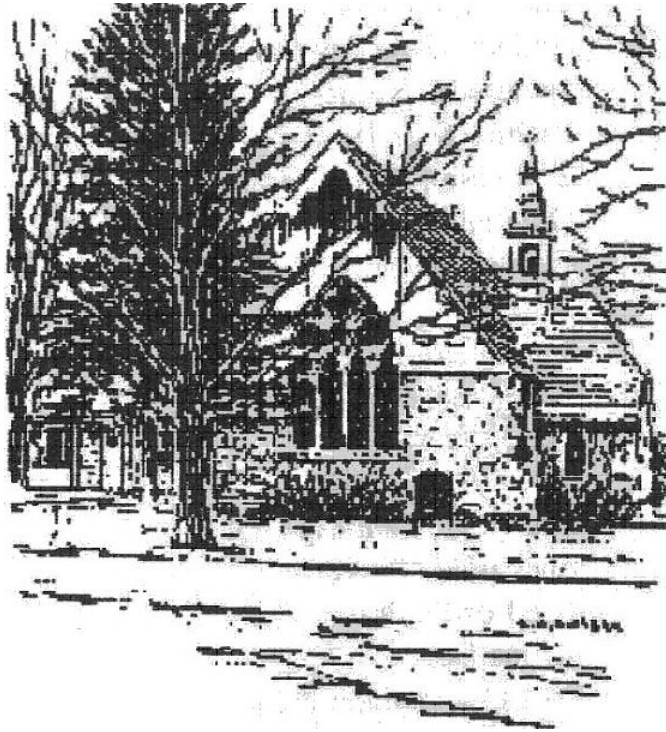
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

The Vestry of Our Saviour has been busy these past few weeks. There was a flurry of emails back and forth with the Diocese and a meeting with Bishop Love and Father Frank. It is with joy that I can share with you the appointment of Father Frank Lockwood as Our Saviour's Priest-in-Charge. Father will be celebrating the Eucharist with us on Sundays and will be available to minister to the sick and to our shut-ins. Fr. Frank will still minister to Christ Church in Cocksackie. Our Saviour's service will still be at 8:00 am, while Christ Church's service will move to 11:00 am, giving Father time to be with us before heading across the Hudson River.

We are so grateful for Rev. Randy Lukas' service to Our Saviour. Randy will still be our deacon, so we are doubly blessed. Randy is finishing up his seminary studies and will be graduating Spring 2018.

An official start date for Fr. Frank has not been determined as details are being worked out.

Please join us Sunday mornings and welcome Fr. Frank as our Priest-in-Charge. There will be a celebration of the installation of Fr. Frank at a future date.

God is good, all the time.

Many blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving.

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

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John & Teri Koepp	Richard Jones
Edgar LaCombe	Melissa
Vince Flanigan	Mark & Sue Bull
The Rev. Christian Agunwamba	Lois Johnson
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Malina	Beth
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Kyle	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.	Vince Teachout
Nancy O.	Joanne Papucci

Scott & Merrill Greene
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

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!

Kris

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

All of a sudden, things can change dramatically – sometimes you just know eventually they will change and other times, God just drops changes out of the blue! That was what it was like last Saturday when Bishop Love gave the Vestry the opportunity to have Fr. Frank Lockwood as our Priest-in-Charge. What a wonderful gift God has given to Church of Our Saviour!

Lots of parishioners already know Father Frank since he has been with us every third Sunday for about a year. But now, he'll be with us every Sunday at the 8 AM service starting soon. What a blessing for our parish. The burden on Deacon Randy will be lessened too, allowing him more time to focus on his seminary studies. We will keep you all posted as to when everything becomes "official"!

As you know, our fantastic craft leader, Debi, signed us up for Operation Christmas Child! This is a great program which allows everyone the opportunity to share our Christian love with children around the world. Why they even let (no talent) me help! What we did was wrap shoeboxes with pretty Christmas paper and then fill it with donated items for boys and girls in age groups from 2 to 14. There were big and little socks, crayons and pencils, paper, small toys, small books, stuffed animals, pencil sharpeners and pop up cloths when wet. It was amazing how much stuff can be jammed into a shoebox! I volunteered to deliver the completed boxes to the assembly point in Pittsfield.

What a production line we had packing the boxes – two wrapping (one was very, very slow – ME and the other was a speed demon). Others filled the boxes from the wealth of donated items and labeled the box. Since you cannot seal the boxes, we used large rubber bands to keep the lids on. When I delivered the boxes to the assembly point, I was amazed at how many boxes had been delivered and this was only the first day! There was a table full of filled boxes which were checked for labeling and then packed into big cartons for shipping. It was fantastic! We were so blessed with a generous donation from a parishioner to help with the cost of shipping. The women's group made up the difference.

I know some of you would have joined us to help with the “Stuffing” so keep it in mind for next year. I found a lot of fantastic stuff at the dollar stores so I'm thinking to shop all year to get some of the items. Debi can provide a list of things that we can include.

We do have lots to be thankful for this year. We are truly blessed – and we're also part of a blessing to children. Join us for our service and reconnect or connect with Father Frank and then join us for just coffee or breakfast and camaraderie at Jimmy D's.

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Newsletter Deadline

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

Stewardship Program

Stewardship is looking out for the goods God has given us. He has filled our lives with good and bad experiences as we journey on this path called life. How we respond in returning God's gifts of tithes and talent is our stewardship. How can you respond to the call Church of Our Saviour has given to you? You have been given during the morning service or mailed to you, two forms - one to let us (the vestry) know how you can share of your talents and your tithes. We are asking that you return them by Sunday, December 17th so that the Treasurer and Vestry can work on a budget for 2018. Please be in prayer about this important issue.

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 17th. Envelopes will be in the bulletins on Sunday, December 10th and Sunday, December 17th, or you may mail your names to the church.

Annual Meeting

All annual reports are due on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, December 2 –

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

Sunday, December 3 - *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Sunday, December 10 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:30 p.m. Cookies and Crafts in Fellowship hall

Friday, December 15 - ***Newsletter deadline!***

Saturday, December 16 –

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild to polish silver and brass

Sunday, December 17 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

Last day of Stewardship Campaign. 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 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve*

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

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – Deacon’s mass – Family Christmas service

Monday, December 25 – *Christmas Day*

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service – Deacon’s mass

Sunday, December 31 – *First Sunday after Christmas Day*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Coming Up:

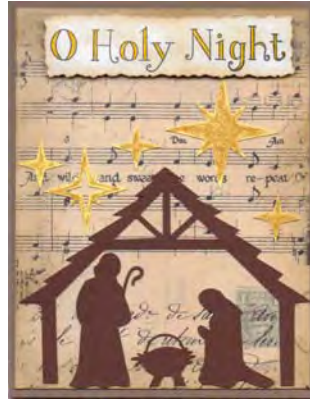
January 7, 2018 – **ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE!**

January 28, 2018 –

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

Watch for Leadership Programs in January and February at Christ the King Church





O Holy Night

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine*

*Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.*

Adolphe Adam