

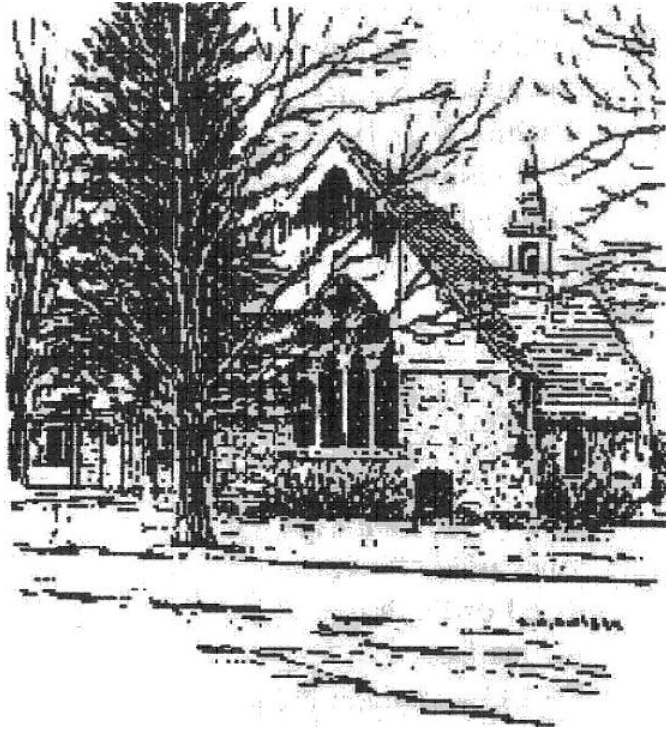
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

February was a busy month at Our Saviour. Father Frank Lockwood was installed by Bishop Love as our priest in charge. The day was a grand celebration and the reception was wonderful. So many people made the day memorable.

Members of the Vestry did a walk through in the rectory, assessing its condition and what repairs and cleaning needs to be done. We are moving ahead with getting the rectory livable for Fr. Frank when he needs to stay over.

There are activities ahead for Our Saviour:

Bible study will begin February 24th at 4:00 p.m.. After a pot luck supper, the Bible study will begin. We are excited for this ministry. Please join us and bring a friend.

In a short time, Our Saviour will be holding a healing service. Date and time to be announced soon.

The Vestry has approved our participation in the NL 200 celebrations. Mary Young will give a presentation on the history of our church at the March 3rd kick off event. The church will be open from noon to 2:00 or 3:00 the first Saturday of the month. A banner for the church will be part of the banners that will decorate the poles on Rte. 20.

Your Vestry hopes you will support our missions and services. Please bring to any Vestry member your thoughts about how Our Saviour can further our presence in the New Lebanon community.

Bitsy

VESTRY

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| Sr. Warden | Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig | 766-6343 | (01/2020) |
| Jr. Warden | Mary Young | 794-7538 | (01/2019) |
| Members: | Eugenia Browning | 794-8321 | (01/2019) |
| | Tom Stone | 794-7762 | (01/2020) |
| | Richard Dauchy | 794-0210 | (01/2021) |
| Clerk: | Eugenia Browning | 794-8321 | |
| Diocesan Delegate: | Mary Young | | |

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger
Rev. Frank Lockwood
Deacon Randolph Lukas
Deacon Leslie Gr.
Pope Francis
Fr. John
Deacon Peter

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Archbishop of Canterbury
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Eric
George Ertel, Jr.
Al & Jeanne Mayer
Don Tinney
Adrian
Margaret
Julie & Ken

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| Ralph | David |
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| Joanne Papucci | Sue G. |
| Scott & Merrill Greene | Heather |
| Gail Macumber | Barbara Burdick |
| Mrs. Sheridan | Mrs. Crisp |
| U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families | |
| Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Coxsacki and Church of Our Saviour | |

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!

Kris

DOLLARS AND SENSE

The other day I was thinking about Our Saviour and all my parish friends and it dawned on me that I have some other friends that might enjoy my parish friends. I sat and thought about why I didn't invite them?

That got me thinking about my long ago confirmation where I promised to be a soldier for Christ. Amazing how back then, I wanted all my friends to come to my church. We had a neat teacher for Sunday school and a super leader for Youth Group. So I asked them – did some come? Well not to church right away but to Youth Group. We were a solid bunch and after a while some started coming to church and Sunday school.

Sounds like a plan I should start again. God says: "Ask and you shall receive". I think I'll start with one person and see how that goes. After all, we've got the perfect Sunday school teacher – not only knowledgeable but also very creative. The adults will be embraced by all of us and we'll see about starting a youth group.

Let's definitely invite a friend – young, old, in-between – we are a loving parish of wonderful people. As Mikey in the commercial is admonished: "Try it you'll like it".

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Father Lockwood's installation, whether you just showed up, read or were part of induction, helped set up, brought chips or helped with cleanup. Everyone had a part and it was appreciated. We all have a talent/are a part of the body and when all the parts work the body is healthy and strong. Thank you again. Watch for pictures on the Web site.

Bible Study

A Bible Study will be held every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. starting on February 24th to March 24th. We will be discussing the Bible and the issues within. Bring your Bible, a dish to pass and join us.

You may also join the entire Episcopal Church in a Bible Study during Lent by reading and meditating on the Books of Luke and Acts. The *Forward Day by Day* prayer guide is available in the back of the sanctuary and ECUSA have joined together to read and study the Books of Luke and Acts. It is not too late to join the readings, you can go on line as well at ForwardMovement.org. It is a wonderful feeling to realize that we are praying and reading the same things all over the country,. Join in sharing the Lord's story.

Town Anniversary

The first event in the 200th anniversary of the Town of New Lebanon. The first event will be held at the Town Hall and runs from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The beginning of the Town from the Spiritual Point of view, Mary Young will presenting a program about Church of Our Saviour and other churches will be also presenting programs as well. Then the Church of Our Saviour will be open from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. for residents and visitors to see the windows and the inside of our parish. We will be opening the church on the first Saturday of every month through the summer to allow guests to see the beautiful sanctuary. If you would be able to help, please let Bitsy know.

"Bakeless" Bake Sale

Father and Joanne are headed to Ireland in March and the parish would like to give them a gift to assist with their expenses. We are having a "Bakeless" Bake Sale on Sunday, March 4th. Instead of all of the parishioners making their favorite dessert and then asking the rest of us to purchase them, we are asking that you take the money you would have used to make that dessert and the money you would have used to purchase someone else's and put it together as a gift. The

Lockwoods get some help with expenses and the rest of us keep our waistlines from expanding. Bring or send your gift to the church for March 4th. Deacon Randy will bless it and give it to the Lockwoods.

Upcoming Rectory Work

The parish is working to clean up the rectory so that Father and Joanne will have a place to stay when events at the parish come back to back and allow them a place to rest. The vestry will be cleaning up the rectory on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. We have someone to help us do the cleaning and to remove the unwanted items. We are looking for items to furnish the rectory for Father Frank. We need a dresser, a queen bed frame, lines and pillows, towels and washcloths, dish towels and cleaning supplies, shower curtain, wastebaskets to start the list. If you are able to donate bring your gift to the parish hall.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Cookies and Crafts

Cookies and Crafts will be on Sunday, March 4th 10:30. *(This is a change in time.)*

We made blessing bags at our February Cookies and Crafts and sent Valentines to some of our church friends and to children at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital. Please join us in March for fellowship and doing something to help others.

New Ministry Announcement!

Recovery Ministry Commission of the Albany Diocese

Have you or a loved one been affected by substance use disorder?

We are looking for representatives from every part of the diocese to join us in offering individuals and families guidance and support toward healing and recovery.

We believe in the power of recovery. We know that God's deep desire is to restore everyone to him, themselves, their families, and their communities.

For more information, contact Fr. Dave Haig, St. Luke's on the Hill and St. Luke's Recovery Resource Center - Phone: 518-664-4834 or Email: stlukes.rrc@biznycap.rr.com

Look for us at Convention!

MARCH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 3 –

- 10:00 a.m. Town Anniversary event at Town Hall,
with a presentation about Church of Our Saviour by Mary Young
- 12:00 noon Church of Our Saviour open house
- 5:00 p.m. *Lenten Bible Study* - Covered dish supper and Bible Study
led by Fr. Frank Lockwood

Sunday, March 4 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. “Bakeless” Bake Sale
- 10:30 a.m. Cookies and Crafts

Saturday, March 10 – *Lenten Bible Study*

- 5:00 p.m. Covered dish supper and Bible Study led by Fr. Frank Lockwood

Sunday, March 11 – Monday, March 19 – Fr. Lockwood and Joanne in Ireland

Sunday, March 11 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Savings Time – spring ahead 1 hour!

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 15 - **Newsletter deadline!**

Saturday, March 17 – *Lenten Bible Study*

5:00 p.m. Covered dish supper and Bible Study led by Fr. Frank Lockwood

Sunday, March 18 - *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with Deacon Randy Lukas

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Saturday, March 24 – *Lenten Bible Study*

5:00 p.m. Covered dish supper and Bible Study led by Fr. Frank Lockwood

Sunday, March 25 – *Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 29 – *Maundy Thursday*

7:30 p.m. Service with Fr. Lockwood

Friday, March 30 – *Good Friday*

12:00 noon Service with Randy Lukas

7:00 p.m. Service with Fr. Lockwood

Saturday, March 31 – *Holy Saturday*

Sunday, April 1 – *Easter Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Service