

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

## GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is such an honor and privilege to be serving here at Church of Our Saviour. I realize it has been only a brief moment since the "official" beginning of our ministering together, yet having served as supply here for a while, I would say our ministry together has been ongoing. I am excited about what the future holds for Our Saviour and the work we do in the community.

I write this today sitting in a kitchen in Kilhorne Parish, Annalong County Down UK. It reminds me of both Peter and Paul. They did much in the way of travel (Paul of course more so than Peter). The church then as now was so much more in need of being connected with other churches in order to more fully be The Church. As we stretch out across rivers, highways and even oceans to connect with the faithful from other churches we are doing the work the early apostles did. This is what worked in spreading the gospel and surviving the persecution that the first three hundred plus years brought. I thank you for working with me on fulfilling that.

May we continue to do the same; a light to enlighten the nations.

God's peace, grace and love be with you always,

*Fr. Frank*

## **VESTRY'S VIEWS**

As I sit at my desk on a Saturday morning, listening to Evelyn play in the living room and humming along to the tune for Curious George, I count my blessings for my wonderful families - my husband, children, grandchildren, and my church family. Father Frank and Joanne are enjoying their mission to Ireland. The Irish parish family will be blessed by Father's preaching. Another blessing to add to the day. Later today I will be preparing the portion of the meal that Tony and I will be bringing to Bible study. The Bible study has been a blessing to me as I learn more and more at each class. Sharing the Eucharist and breaking bread with my church family is a special time. The rectory has been cleaned and set up for Father and Joanne. Another blessing for the work that members of the parish did to get the rectory up and running.

The work of the Vestry continues to move Our Saviour towards doing more with our sisters and brothers of Christ Church. This is a great blessing to expand our outreach and mission. I invite you all to share with us all the blessings that Church of Our Saviour has to offer.

*Bitsy*

## **VESTRY**

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

Daniel Herzog

Rev. Frank Lockwood

Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger

Deacon Randolph Lukas

Deacon Leslie Gr.

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

Supervisor Colleen Teal

Ann DeVost

John & Teri Koepp

Roberta Page

Edgar LaCombe

Vince Flanigan

The Rev. Christian Agunwamba

Barbara Felter

Nathaniel

Beth

Pat Ruby

Heather Kromer

Rose G.

Katrina

Carolee Hearrel

Janis

Eric

George Ertel, Jr.

Al & Jeanne Mayer

Don Tinney

Adrian

Margaret

Julie & Ken

Kimberly Harrington

Richard Jones

Kristen Thompson

Melissa

Mark & Sue Bull

Lois Johnson

Marie

Malina

Michael D.

Kyle

Bennett

Scott

Terry

David

Jessi

Angela B.

Lynne E.

Jane Garnsey

Peter Guiler

Sue H.

Rich

Ralph

## **PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)**

David	Dennis & Mary
Nancy Mills	Carl B.
Nancy O.	Andy S.
Heather	Scott & Merrill Greene
Sue G.	Gail McCumber
Barbara B.	Mrs. Sheridan
Mrs. Crisp	The Stock Family
U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families	
Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Coxsacki and Church of Our Saviour	

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Jane Allard

8 – Nathanael Lukas

8 – Lauren Stone

18 – Phil Marriner

21 – Thomas Stone

24 – Kathy LePore

27 – Michael O'Grady

28 – Laurene Teachout

## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

7 – Thomas and Janet Stone

14 – Neil and Joanne Haley

22 – Frank and Judy Tallet

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](mailto:pioneer03@aol.com) with your date so that I can update my list.

Thank you!

*Kris*

### **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

It seems I've been away from Church of Our Saviour FOREVER but it really has only been weeks. My last Dollar\$ and Sen\$e was written on the road and now I'm home! I've missed a lot – the installation and reception; decisions and cleaning of the Rectory plus who knows what else.

But I'm glad to be back especially now when I can celebrate the Risen Lord. I celebrate Palm Sunday by remembering my special friend Susan Schauder who always made the Palm Crosses for us. Sue passed on her gift to her daughter and our special friend Donna Faulkner. We are so blessed by her legacy.

Good Friday is another special day for me. Jesus died for me and I think about that gift. But I also tend to reflect on all the friends that have passed and the gifts of friendship they have given me.

On Easter, I marvel at the beauty of our Church – I bless the hands who cleaned and decorated the altar. I thank God for bringing me to such a loving family – where every person is respected and thanked for all the things that they do for all of us.

May you and yours have a blessed and holy Easter!

Come join us when you can and enjoy your parish family.

*God's Love and Blessings to All!*

*Susan Darcy*

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

### ***Thank you!***

Thank you to everyone who helped to transform the Rectory, so that Fr. and Mrs. Lockwood will be able to stay over.

### ***Town Anniversary***

A Bicentennial flag is being flown from the utility pole by the church.

### ***Newsletter Deadline***

The newsletter deadline for the May issue will be ***Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>***.

If you have any news to share, please send it to

Susan Darcy at [susan@darcy-systems.com](mailto:susan@darcy-systems.com)

or

Kris Smith at [pioneer03@aol.com](mailto:pioneer03@aol.com).

### ***Outside Work***

An outside work detail will be set up after the snow is gone. Watch the bulletin for the date.

## APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1 – ***Easter Sunday***

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 8 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Cookies and Crafts

Sunday, April 15 – ***Newsletter deadline!***

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Saturday, April 21 –

Town Anniversary dinner dance at the high school

Sunday, April 22 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 29 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*Coming Up:*

Sunday, May 20 –

12:00 noon First “Just as I am” service – watch for more details in next month’s *Trumpet*

3:00 p.m. Deanery meeting

**Program for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Town of New Lebanon,**

**given on March 3, 2018 at Town Hall**

**by Mary Godfroy Young**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the plants, the animals and Man.” We were created to commune with God, to be with him and share our lives with him. God gave us one rule: we should not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or we (humanity) would die. We did eat of the Tree of Good and Evil because we wanted to be “wise” and we were banished from living with God in the Garden of Eden and to be separated from God. For thousands of years, God and humanity continued to seek a way to share his life and love using hundreds of people. Constantly we refused to share in his love and God reproved us in many ways.

Then the day came when God chose to be born as one of us in the form of a male child; born to a Virgin and she named him Jesus. Jesus/God grew to be a man and spent 32 years showing us how to share the love of God and be a part of his world. Again, humanity rebelled and in its desire to be in charge, we crucified Jesus. “But God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever shall believe in him shall have eternal life and never really die.” So Jesus arose from death and showed himself to his followers the way to a new life and charged them to “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, to the close of the age. “

Jesus changed the world and continues to do so. The people who have taken up his call have gone around the globe to share his message of love and forgiveness. Such were some of the men and women who came to the shores of a New World in the 1600’s. They came for many reasons, but for some it was to worship God in the manner they felt was right without interference of government. In most parts of the world at that time, to worship as Baptists or Methodists or Lutherans or Catholics or Episcopalians outside of the confines of a particular nation was a crime. And so, they came bringing with them a desire to know God and be known by God. Congregations grew as more people came to the New World. The one unifying cry was “Freedom of Religion”. They worked to make roads from Indian trails and build towns and cities from forests in which to proclaim the truth of God.

And so, it happened in 1743 that Johnathan Edwards, a Congregational minister during the Great Spiritual Awakening Movement, sent Rev. David Brainard as a missionary to live and teach among the Mohican Indians of Stockbridge along the Kinderhook and Housatonic Creeks and to show the love of God to man and they listened and in 1757, they brought an English Lieutenant by the name of John Hitchcock across the mountain on a litter to a pool of warm spring water to heal him of his disease and he was healed. He returned over the ensuing years and eventually settled near the spring. The word



spread of his healing and settlers came east from the Kinderhook and west from the Housatonic to settle on the hillsides of the Wyomanck and the warm spring. Some of these families were of the faith of the Church of England and now known as the Episcopalians. Even though the Puritans had established their community in Plymouth in 1620, by the year 1700 it had become the Massachusetts Bay Colony under British control as a colony. The Church of England was the established denomination and as the people spread westward so did the Church.

By 1772, Rev. Bostwick from St. James Church of Great Barrington, came and gave services in the homes of people of New Lebanon known as the Springs. He continued this practice until 1793. During the Revolutionary War it was not in good standing to be a part of the Church of England and so many followers left and went to live in other parts of the British Empire. Those who stayed renounced their allegiance to the throne of England but not to God. These men and women continued to build a life for themselves showing their love of God to the world around them by working in the community. You will be hearing many of their names this year as they were the early settlers. Some no longer have descendants in this valley, some do. New faces have come and gone over the 276 years since this valley saw its first missionary.

By 1790, the Episcopal denomination was growing again under a new name Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. In that year an Episcopal missionary/teacher came to Columbia Hall, by now a destination for many wealthy citizens, by the name of Jonathan Nash. He established a school during the week and held services on Sunday at the Academy above the Columbia Hall. By 1828, the congregation had grown, and a priest, Rev. Butler from Troy, baptized parishioners using the Baptist church baptismal. The town and parish continued to grow: Tilden, Gillett, Hand, Haight, Wells, Bull, Preston, McMeehan, Tryon, Hall and Odel are all names associated with those times and the Episcopal parish of the Springs. Then in 1869, the Trinity Church of New York gave a missionary donation of \$1500 toward building a church building here. In October of 1869, Rev. Wells came from St. Stephen's in Pittsfield and started services; a morning service in the district school house of the Springs and an afternoon service in the Baptist church. The congregation continued to grow and in Nov. 1869, Lebanon Springs became a mission of the newly formed Episcopal Diocese of Albany. In February of 1870, a corporation was declared and recognized as the Church of Our Saviour in the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York. Plans were formed using a well-known architect Richard Upjohn and a building committee was formed. Rev. Wells was instrumental in organizing and directing the mission so that our first rector came in January 1871 and the mission grew. In February of 1871, the North Family Shakers deeded the ½ acre of land on which our church stands, to the mission for \$1 "to be used for a church edifice of the Protestant Episcopal Church forever". Fundraising and construction started in earnest only to be stopped by a lack of funds. In 1873, the chapel in the Columbia Hal was closed and in 1874 a new missionary, Joseph Hooper, was sent from Albany. With new plans, the building started again in 1879 and on October 27, 1881, the church was dedicated.

Joseph Hooper was our fourth rector and following in the footsteps of Joseph Torrey, a Presbyterian from Stephentown, started "Free Libraries" all over the country."

From 1881 to now, the Episcopalians of New Lebanon have worshipped in the "Little Stone Church". In 1889, the first book of "Tired Receipts" was published and the rectory was built. In 1926, an updated version was published and in 1953, 200 years of Lebanon Valley Cookery was published, which many of you have and the Fellowship Hall joining the rectory and the church was built. The "Little Stone Church" has many familiar names as congregants that have added to the life of New Lebanon: Tilden - the first packaged pharmaceuticals and the governor of New York; Kendall - the first thermometer; Ransom Gillett - Rep. to US congress and Assistant Attorney General of US before the Civil War; Bull - the first indoor swimming pool in Columbia Hall; Harry Cox, Augustin Haight, Ross Rider along with members of the Congregational Church started the LVPA in 1921; missionaries from all denominations became teachers who joined together to form one of the first district schools in New York State NLCS; Charles Fayerweather -a banker on the New York Stock Exchange; Almar H. Shatford - Senior partner in Merrill Lynch and a farmer in the valley; Robert and Margaret Aylward - US ambassadors for the US in the Far East. We have sent our people to war to protect our country. Our people keep this community running with stores and gas stations, construction companies; our money has gone beyond this valley to build the first cathedral in the US in Albany New York; priests and deacons have come from and still come from us. Nurses, doctors, lawyers, teachers of all kinds, firefighters, EMS, policemen; for any kind of job or role, I can show you how someone from the "Little Stone Church" has influenced them.

This year the Town of New Lebanon celebrates 200 years; for the Episcopal Diocese of Albany we celebrate 150 years; for NLCS we celebrate our 101st graduating class. The Church of Our Saviour is happy to be a part in the formation and growth of all these groups,

You are welcome at our church today and any first Sat. of the month from noon to 2 pm to see the church, the windows and more information about who we are. You are welcome to join us on a Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. for Bible Study and/or Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. for worship.

We are 246 years old and our mission continues to be to spread the Gospel and inspire a renewal and commitment to living the Christian Life through the love of Jesus Christ as expressed by his people as Disciples making Disciples.