CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have now turned the "liturgical corner" so to speak as we are now out of Lent and into the Easter season. Before we know it, we will be celebrating Pentecost and moving into "ordinary time."

The past month has included our continued Saturday evening bible study as well as a trip for Joanne and me to Ireland. We have also made it through Holy Week and are now moving along, liturgically, towards Pentecost and once again celebrating the birth of the Church. Also, we are celebrating 200 years for New Lebanon itself, Church of Our Saviour having played a significant role in the spirituality of the Valley.

Soon it will be time for all the many activities that summer calls us to. As we do, I pray that you experience more of God's blessings throughout each of these things. I look forward to ministering with you as we host Just As I Am. I also look forward to the

continued celebrations for New Lebanon throughout the year. I would encourage you to continue to be a blessing to those around you and to shine God's light into situations that arise.

May God's mercy and grace be always with you.

Fr. Frank

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Tony & Bitsy Winig Courtney

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

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Jean F.

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

Recently I began walking for a variety of reasons, all related to keeping healthy and getting ready for a great summer. My almost daily walk takes me past Church of Our Saviour twice – once out, and once back. This morning as I passed the church, I thought of the hand game I learned as a child – fingers interlaced, pointing inward then the little poem – Here's the church, Here's the steeple (pointer fingers up and together), Open the door and see all the people. The interlaced fingers are wiggled and squiggled around showing how happy the people are to be in church. This child's game and poem reminded me of all the people of Our Saviour and how happy we are and how blessed we all are to be a part of this wonderful community. Every person who attends, makes contributions of time, talents and treasures. Whether serving on the Vestry, playing the piano, ushering, donating time in projects, coming to Bible study and giving a willing hand to help someone in need, all are participants for the service of our Lord. The people have created an atmosphere of warmth and welcome to all who come through

our doors. The rectory is a cozy retreat for Father Frank and Joanne as they prepare for Bible study and Sunday worship. Wiggling and squiggling, interlaced fingers of joy to celebrate who we are in our love for Christ.

Bitsy

VESTRY

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

Sometimes, I stare at the computer trying to come up with some subject to write about that I think might pique your interest to read. Staring was useless this time, so I decided to do some errands and give up the task. It is amazing what a fresh prospective can do for me.

Going outside with the honk of geese, blue skies, and sun brought a glimpse of Spring. I observed God's handiwork everywhere I looked. A small stream runs near my house and all the grass there is really green. I haven't heard the peepers yet but soon, I hope! They definitely are a sure sign of Spring.

At one of the stores I went to, they had very tall forsythia in bloom. Absolutely beautiful! Tempting to buy — my ground is still frozen with a little mud on top. I remember my grandmother telling me you really cannot do a real planting until after the

full moon in June. She said you can plant peas and lettuce because they're cold weather plants. But nothing else yet.

I saw a huge flock of robins that God must make the worms or grubs available for them to eat. They are a sure harbinger of Spring. My outside day showed me God's handiwork from the blue, blue skies with white clouds, honking geese, lots of robins and my neighbor's strange crocus – these crocuses bloom all year long – thru snow and heat – another of God's special touches!

Happy Spring – thank you God for a lovely day! And thank you God, for giving me the ideas to share with everyone for Dollar\$ and \$en\$e!

Don't forget, come and join us some Sunday and celebrate with your parish family! *God's Love and Blessings to All!*

Susan Darcy

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

I was privileged to attend the Province II Episcopal Church Women's Meeting in Mendham, New Jersey this past weekend. I serve as secretary of this organization. This organization is made up of every woman who is a member of an Episcopal church. Each parish may have a group or as we are discovering, women's ministries taking on various forms, ie: Daughters of the King, Mothers' Union, Sonshine girls, to name a few. We have an ECW group in this parish. We have not met in a while, as the projects we would do are being sponsored from our suggestions through the Vestry. Every woman or girl is invited to give ideas as to ways you think we could spread the gospel to other women, girls, families and to all the world. If you have an idea, please let Susan, Eugenia, Bitsy or Mary know and we will talk to you and see you to accomplish it. The Albany Diocese will be hosting the meeting next year. Information will be coming. Plan to join us on April 26 & 27, 2019.

Mary Young

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Projects at the Church

Diaper Drive for St. Francis in Albany runs from May 6th until June 6th. Any size package and any size diapers are okay. Please bring packages of diapers to the church by June 6th. Mary will take them to the Convention.

Fencing will be installed in the backyard of the Rectory. You will be seeing tapes and posts as we check it out.

Coxsackie is going to be holding a **Nickel Social**. More information will be coming. Watch the calendar for the date.

Providing lunch for workers building a home as part of a **New Lebanon Habitat for Humanity** project. We will be asked to make a lunch that will be brought to the workers. Please let Bitsy know if you are interested in helping. She will be getting the date.

Father Frank has a **Discretionary Project** that he is working on for a family in Coxsackie. If you would like to contribute, please bring him the money on any Sunday between April 22nd and May 20th. Checks should be made payable to him.

Update on our Mission Projects

We continue to give to **Charlie's Pantry** at least twice a month. They are very appreciative as every little bit helps as the number of folks in need grows every day.

Toiletries for Women's Shelters. Mary will be making the next delivery on May 20th. Time to clean all those extra toiletries or gifts that you don't use. Please put them in the box at the back of the church.

Just As I Am mission to motorcycle groups starts in June and will go on through September.

I know that school is not over for this year, but as you shop this summer, please keep your eyes open for **school supplies** on sale. It won't be long before the school bus is on the pew again.

We have our missions projects that we will notify you of as they come about. Watch for the calendar from Coxsackie to see what they are doing and how we might participate with them.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the June issue will be **Tuesday**, **May 15**th.

If you have any news to share, please send it to Susan Darcy at sldarcy@roadrunner.com

or

Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com.

MAY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 5 -

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Church open as part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration 5:00 p.m. Bible Study begins

Sunday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 p.m. Cookies and Crafts – working on caps for kids in the hospital.

Wednesday, May 9 -

7:00 p.m. Healing Service at Christ Church, Coxsackie

Thursday, May 10 -

7:00 p.m. Ascension Day service

Saturday, May 12 -

9:00 a.m. Outside clean-up day. Please bring rakes, shovels, trimmers and wheelbarrows. Will be cancelled, if raining.

5:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 13 – *Mother's Day*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 15 - Newsletter deadline!

Saturday, May 19 –

5:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 20 - **Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – <u>please wear red</u>

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

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3:00 p.m. Deanery meeting at St. John's in the Wilderness, Copake Falls

Saturday, May 26 -

5:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 27 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 28 – *Memorial Day*

9:00 a.m. Parade begins at Shatford Park

9:30 a.m. Cemetery service

A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe out disappointments and calm all our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels and sent from God above.

- Author unknown