

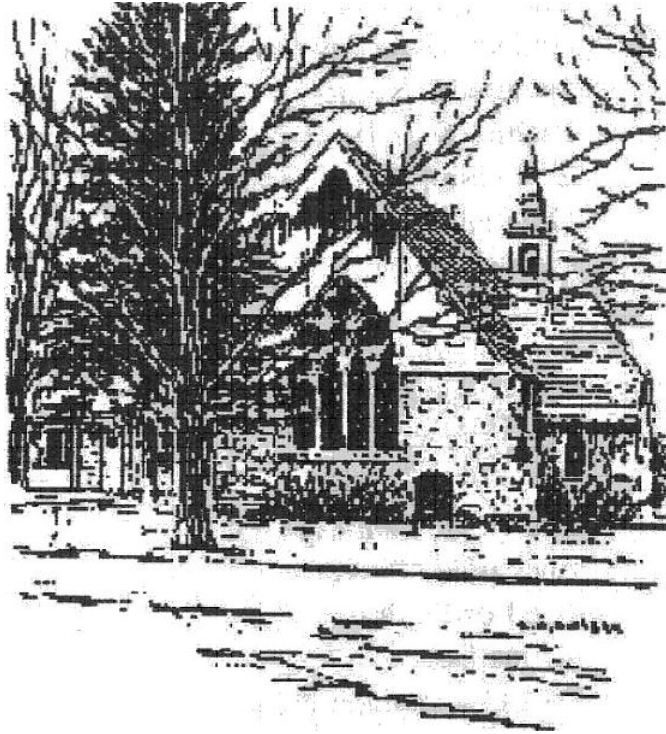
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the “roller coaster”, I guess. I say that with a smile. The true testimony of a Christian is not how well we do during the good times. It isn't even how well we do financial or for that matter, how many butts are in the pews on a given Sunday. The real measure of our faith is the way we respond to crisis. Not only our own personal crisis but how we respond to our brothers and sisters and strangers and enemies when they are in crisis. This is how we fulfill the commandment of Jesus as found in the gospel of John chapter 13 “Love each other as I have loved you” and “by this they will know that you are my disciples, by the love you have for each other.”

You my dear brothers and sisters do this very, very well. The ministries that you are doing for the community, the way in which you have joined with Christ Church in Coxsackie to help families in need and the way that you have supported me and Joanne in our needs, all point to the fulfillment of these commands. I am excited to say to people

that I am your priest. I am also excited to see what else it is that you are doing that I wasn't quite aware of.

As we move forward in our relationship with each other and Jesus Christ, I am excited to see whatever else it is that we might do. The Bible study is about to resume. It is my intent that this will begin late September on Saturday evenings. The new format for it is thanks to you all. It is through your suggestions that the changes were made. Why? Simply put, so that we can continue to explore the Word together and this format is done so that you will be invited to do just that.

I may (read more than likely) make mistakes along the way. We are only less than a year into our relationship, so there is still some learning and growing to do. I ask please for your grace as we continue.

To those who haven't yet tried out the worship time or the Bible study, please, give it some prayerful consideration. I would love to get to know you and be known by you. In so doing I hope to better meet whatever pastoral needs you may have. Services remain every Sunday morning at 8:00 am with Eucharist celebrated and hymns every other week. The Bible study will begin in the early evenings starting with a meal (bring a dish to pass) and then right into the study. We are beginning in Genesis. We will conclude with Compline (a brief prayer service) before heading home. No level of biblical literacy is necessary to begin attending.

We may be heading for turbulent times. Maybe. who knows other than our Lord? Yet, even if we do, it is during those times that the church has experienced its greatest periods of growth. My commitment is to walk with you, share the love of Christ with you and minister the sacraments. You all are in my prayers daily.

In the love of Christ,

Fr. Frank Lockwood

VESTRY'S VIEWS

September brings the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the turning of the leaves and how God provides us with such vibrant colors as His way to remind us that diversity and color creates a palette of wonder in our world. September also brings new beginnings to our young adults of Our Saviour as they return to school or head out to make their way into the world of work. Bible study resumes in September and Pentecost is preparing our way for Advent and Christmas. We also remember those we lost this summer and hold them in our hearts and keep their families in our prayers. Your vestry continues the work of keeping the church and grounds safe, fit, and repaired. I hope that the new month and new season brings new joys to you and yours.

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VESTRY

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| Sr. Warden | Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig | 766-6343 | (01/2020) |
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| Members: | Eugenia Browning | 794-8321 | (01/2019) |
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Harold & Mary Ann H.
Phyllis Hurlburt
Karen
Nicki

Al & Jeanne Mayer
Carol Lukas
Louis & Carolyn
Carol
Eddie

U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families

Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Coxsackie and Church of Our Saviour

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Gavin Bates
1 – Anna Prescott
8 – Fr. Clinton Dugger
9 – Vincent Teachout
10 – Tony Winig
30 – Katie Gallucci

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Fr. Frank and Joanne Lockwood
6 – Tony and Bitsy Winig
15 – Eugene and Eugenia Browning

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Just call me a travel maven – this time to Minneapolis! Of course, I drove so I really got to see lots of NY, PA, OH, IN, IL, WI, MN. Bet you didn't think I knew the abbreviations! (Actually, I did but I checked with Google!). God's handiwork was everywhere – lots of beautiful farms with cattle and horses – I even saw a chicken farm and a small herd of goats.

Interesting states – lots of things to see including lots of construction – some touches of spring and summer and fall. Ads for fairs and pumpkin patches and fall events. Minneapolis is a very clean city – with lots of restaurants with every cuisine offered.

The churches were beautiful – everything from very old to super modern. The city has a light rail that goes to the famous or infamous, Mall of the Americas. Did I have time to go? No BUT I have lots of information from the friends who went. There is an amusement park with lots of rides. My friends ate their way thru the mall – everything imaginable ending with ice cream and candy. Imagine, they didn't even SHOP!

My meetings were the standard kind but one thing that stood above everything else was the 400 people in attendance said both the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Bangled Banner. We did have help as there was a men's choir there to lead us. Very, very moving.

Would I go to Minneapolis again? Maybe – it is funny – traveling, I missed church and I really missed it. I did go over a lot of the service in my head as I was driving. I also missed getting together with our Sunday group for breakfast and lots of laughs. Please join us on Sunday – back to Mikey, “Try It, You'll Like It!”

God's Love and Blessings to All!
Susan Darcy

CHURCH CONVENTION REPORT

Diapers to St. Francis – We gave 20 cases.

Budget for 2019 – Expected Income if everyone paid their assessment - \$1,603,502, Expenses - \$1,627,702. Passes.

Unaudited 2017 Budget Income - \$1,629,422. Expenses - \$1,563,823

As of May, 2018 - \$537,235 received. \$1,0384.16 outstanding for 2018 budget.

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.” Hebrews 13:8

Rev. Tom and Judith Malioneck were the co-chairs for the workshop sessions. The introduction to the workshop schedule identifies the purpose of the workshops for this convention. For over two thousand years, the earth has been in existence and during this that time, empires and cultures and societies have come and gone. The earth itself and the sky above it have also changed, but God remains the same. God’s plan for creation is the same, His will remains the same. We need a Saviour and he has provided one in his son Jesus Christ. God loves us and always will. He desires a relationship with each and every one and never gives up on us. God, in the form of Jesus Christ, remains forever the same – loving and kind and generous. He asks but one thing – To Believe in Him. How we deliver that message has changed over the years and yet there are still multitudes who have yet to hear and respond. The workshops were designed to equip us to deliver Jesus’ message to a hungry world.

There were workshops on “How To’s: for Acolytes, Bible Study, starting Sunday School, Daughters of the King, ECW, Men’s groups and communication.

Workshops on how, we as individuals, could dig deeper into our personal relationship to God through studies and prayer.

Workshops on the present: Sister of St. Mary in Malawi, the Arctic, Horn of Africa and Taize services.

Workshops on social issues: Addiction, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse.

Workshops for the future: Developing new parishes, developing Vestries, Bi-vocational ministries for churches around the world, empowering the next generation.

There was time to sit and read or just sit and listen to the lake, the birds or the still, mall voice within you. Music was everywhere, creation, the groups who sang for service or those who played in the evening for entertainment, the children learning a new song, the adults humming a favorite hymn. There was time to play, swimming, basketball, miniature golf, swing sets, boats and the beach.

There were exhibits about the missions and programs within the diocese and around the world.

Thank you for allowing me to attend,

Mary Young, your delegate

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Town Bicentennial events

Church of Our Saviour will be open on Saturday, September 1st from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for tours and questions.

School Supplies Needed

The school bus has arrived at the back of the church to donate school supplies for NLCS. We will collect supplies until September 2nd.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout troop 166 from Nassau includes boys from New Lebanon. They are collecting shoes to send to a church in Uganda through the Methodist missions program. They are accepting useable shoes/sneakers of all sizes and types until September 2nd. Mary will put a box in the back of the church, if you would like to donate.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the October issue will be **Saturday, September 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.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Saturday, September 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No evening meal.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, September 1 –
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Church of Our Saviour will be open for tours and questions.

Sunday, September 2 –
8:00 a.m. Deacon's Mass (Fr. Lockwood and Joanne will be away)
School bus arrives for school supplies – donations due today.
Last day to donate shoes for Uganda.

Monday, September 3 – *Labor Day*

Sunday, September 9 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 15 – *Newsletter deadline!*

Sunday, September 16 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 23 –
8:00 a.m. Deacon's Mass (Fr. Lockwood will be away)

Saturday, September 29 –
5:30 – 7:00 pm Evening prayer and Bible Study
No evening meal.

Sunday, September 30 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting