

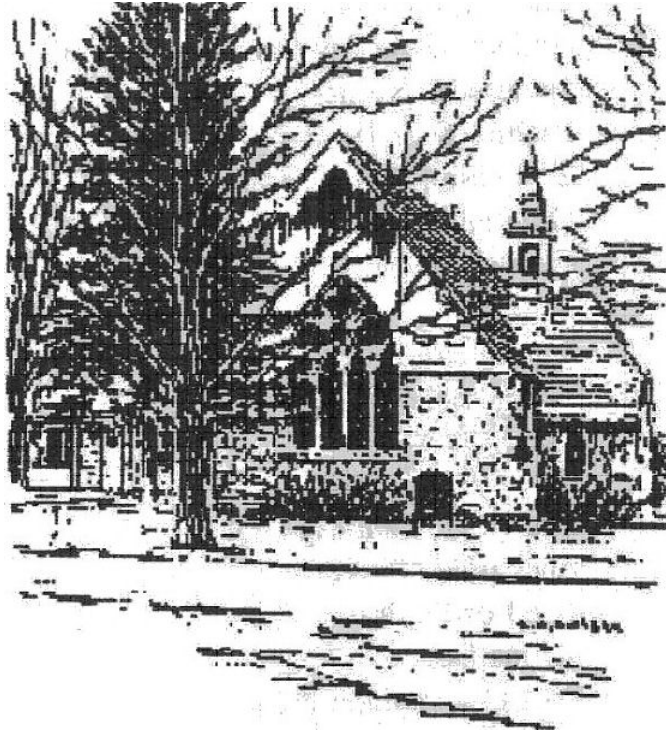
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now we are passing Christmas and on our way to Epiphany. As I contemplate this, I think back to a time when I had my own "epiphany" regarding my faith. Prior to that, time, I often struggled with my relationship with God. I imagined him as this old man sitting on some throne with a constant scowl on his face. I would spend my time thinking I could hide from him and anything that went wrong, I would blame on me having done something wrong that led to him punishing me.

The day came later in life when God allowed me an epiphany of who he is. I was shown his love, his desire to be in relationship with me, his forgiveness and his sacrifice. I began to see how what I had been through as a child had shaped my previous image of God into some out of my childhood nightmares instead of out a of a creator who desires to have this genuine relationship with me.

I am prayerful and hopeful that, as we prepare to approach Lent this year, that God would continue that Epiphany for each of us. As we set our sights on Easter and the Light of the Resurrection, may we all find ourselves filled afresh with God's Holy breath.

In the love of Christ,

Father Frank Lockwood

From the Senior Warden

Dear friends of Our Saviour. Tony and I wish you all the very best for 2019. May the love of Jesus Christ fill your hearts, your homes, and your life.

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Nancy A.	
U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families	
Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Coxsackie and Church of Our Saviour	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jesse Haley

6 – Robert Allard

7 – Debi Gallucci

8 – Alice Jones

18 – Frederick Haley

23 – Randolph Lukas

25 – Ben Prescott

27 – Mackenzie Stone

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Happy New Year! May God bring you blessings, good health, love and joy this year. I am so blessed to have my parish family. Every year around January 1st, I take stock of the previous year. I look at the pluses and the minuses. I wonder at the speed with which the entire year flew by. When I'm listing things for the minus side, I use the old facilitator adage, for every minus you have to give five pluses.

So with Church of Our Saviour, it is really easy – a minus for me were the times I just couldn't attend services or the craft meetings. The pluses were that Debi included me in what they were doing (the hats, the shoe boxes and the fellowship), so I didn't feel isolated. As for services, attending other churches when I was away, showed me how lovely our services are. How Mary and the Altar Guild make everything perfect. And of course, the after-service breakfast is just the way to start the week.

See the theme? It isn't the big things but rather the little pieces that God gives us that show us His love and blessings every day. He was traveling with me in December when I drove back in terrible weather – roads almost impassable with a bad accident diverting traffic. God showed me an icon on my GPS I hadn't seen before which when selected, showed me a detour. Off I went – a dirt road – with tracks where others had been – with up and down hills that were somewhat terrifying, but I trusted God.

From now on, I am going to focus more on the little things – they will make the big things easier. And I can enjoy God's blessings and gifts! Sunday services and the social connection of

the craft meetings (you all know I have no crafty talents!). And definitely breakfast at Jimmy's after Church. Just some of the special gifts God has given me!

Join us when you can for services or even coffee at Jimmy's!

God's Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Study

Bible Study restarts Saturday, January 5th at 5:30 p.m.. Please bring the Bible you read or would read and come to learn and share and have some fun.

Annual Meeting

All annual reports are due on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th at 9:30 a.m. after brunch. Please bring a dish to share.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who came or participated in any part of all the Advent and pre Christmas programs as well as Christmas Eve and or Christmas Day services.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Saturday, January 5 –
5:30 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 6 – *Celebration of the Epiphany*
All annual reports are due
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 5 –
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 6 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 12 -
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 13 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, January 15 - *Newsletter deadline!*

Saturday, January 19 -
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 20 -
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 26 -
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 27 –
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting after brunch.

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

By: Robert Frost

*Whose woods these are I think I know,
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*