

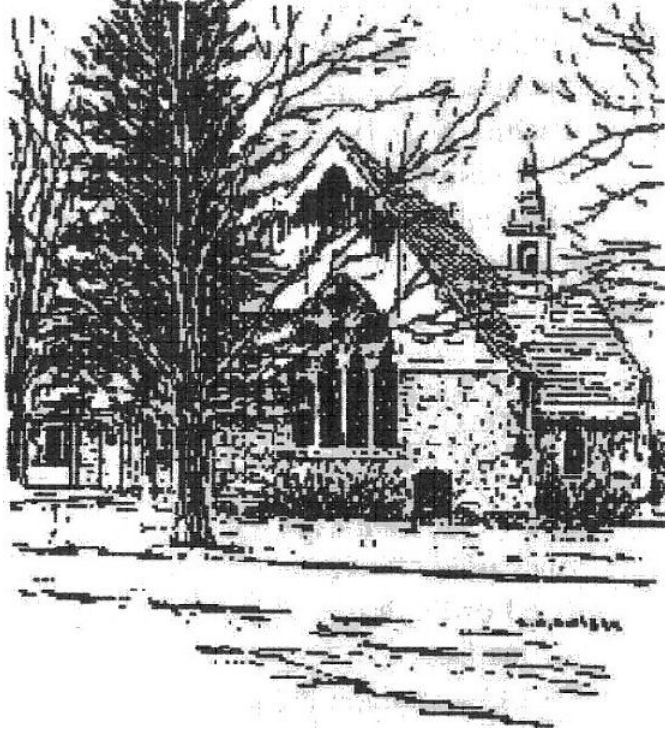
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VESTRY'S VIEWS

As summer winds down and the season of autumn draws near, it's a pleasant task to remember all the wonderful fun, and interesting things we did over the warm days. Tony and I spent some lovely time with our families and enjoyed the peace of our yard and brook. Life is a blessing and a gift and we praise His name for the joy that abounds in our lives. We both look forward to more days with the kids and grandkids, our friends, and our family at Our Saviour. Enjoy the waning days of summer, but look to the new season that God will give us.

Bitsy Winig

PRAYER CONCERNS

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
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Rev. Frank Lockwood

Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger

Deacon Randolph Lukas

Deacon Leslie Groneman

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Fr. John

Deacon Peter

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Peter Guiler

Margaret

Ralph

Joanne Papucci

Scott

Mary Ann H.

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Eddie	St. Mark's Church – Philmont
Storm Riders	Michael
Jane & Freida	Janice C.
Beverly	Bitsy & Tony Winig
Sue H.	Cliff Myers
Theresa Hoffman	Peter Quinn
Grace H.	Ruth M.
Mary	Carl
Jamie	
U.S. Military – Evan, KI and families	
Vestries and ministries of Christ Church Cossackie 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

It is amazing how you can easily slip out of a routine. Every Sunday, I get up at my normal time and get ready to go to Church. Because of other things that have been happening, I have skipped a couple of Sundays. The interesting thing about that is that I really did miss the service and probably having breakfast with some of my Parish family.

It was tough not having that quiet time to connect with God – maybe the time I missed I tried to re-create during my 3 or 4 hour drive to some other somber event. It is really something I try to do on my lengthy drives. Prayers for some of the other drivers (or crazies) in my path. Lots of times, I revel in the views God provides – having grown up in bigger cities and towns, I am so blessed to live in the beautiful Berkshires. Green hills, azure smog free skies, and lazy roads.

For years I drove highways to work or commuted to distant areas but always when I arrived back, I felt the stress leave. Obviously, it has been a few years since I was working out of the area but that stress-free arrival still happens. God has given me a lovely place to live, special friends and my parish family. Going forward, I will try to not miss Church although I know at times, it will be impossible.

Come one Sunday and join us for time to reflect and pray for everything God has given us. It will allow you to refresh your connection with God and your parish family. As Mikey says in the commercial, **“Try It -- You’ll Like It”**. I know I did. And **yes, I like it** – you really might say **I love it!**

Please join your parish family some Sunday for service or after, simply for coffee or breakfast at Jimmy D’s.

God’s Love and Blessings to All!

Susan Darcy

151st CHURCH CONVENTION REPORT

June 7 – 9, 2019

A wonderful revival filled weekend filled with sunshine, teaching, and the Holy Spirit
Convention started on a beautiful Friday afternoon at Camp of the Woods

We donated 16 cases of Diapers to the Diaper Drive

After lunch I walked with the delegation of Daughters of the King around the facility. It was a spiritual time of prayer to all the areas of the facility, seeing the water, the clouds, the trees, the people all worshipping our Lord and Saviour. A wonderful way to start the weekend calling on the Lord to join us and protect us.

The Convention address by Bishop Love is included with Episcopalian as well as pictures and other stories of the events of the weekend..

We were joined by Bishop Miller and his wife Liz from Down and Dromore

RT. Rev. Ken and Helen Clarke, retired Bishop of Kilmore Elphin & Ardagh

RT. Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand and wife, Dr. Wendy LeMarquand

After the Business session I chose to attend some workshops that I thought might be helpful to the parish and myself.

One of the workshops was Social Media and the Church, the speaker, Deacon Landon Moore, discussed ways to produce a Web site, use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. He talked about how to add photos, your parish story and create online banking for giving. I am not a user of social media so most of it I did not understand, If the parish is interested I have the speaker's name and he is willing to come and help us.

Go Deep: Listen and Lean into the Presence of God: Mother Jean DeVaty

Rev. Jean gave us ways to listen and hear the voice of God. I shared this with you on one of the Sundays Father was away. We read the passage and went through the process ourselves.

Future Church: Mother Laurie Garramone We talked about the church of the past. The present and what it may look like in the future. We decided that the buildings we have are not the true church and discussed how the changes in society will affect us. How some churches are growing, how, why and why not “us”. We talked about ways to take the church outside of the four walls of our building. Prayer tables, Healing services participating in events of the community, Love is the key. Hold discussions about issues in the Bible that effect our lives and open them up to the public or hold them in our spaces. We were left with one truth “ DO NOT BE AFRAID”

I am looking forward to more of this discussion in future diocesan programs.

Thank you again for allowing me to represent you at Convention.

Mary Young

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bible Study

Please join us on Saturday, September 21 at 5:00 – 6:30 (or 7:00) p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we rejoin the patriarchs of the Bible in the formation of the nation of Israel. We continue through the book of Genesis starting in Chapter 28 join us in the escapades of Jacob as he becomes a man and starts his family. We have snacks to share and coffee, tea or water.

Outreach for School Supplies

School is opening soon. Our fall community outreach is for school supplies. Our school bus is stationed in the back of the sanctuary ready to hold school supplies to be delivered to New Lebanon Central the week of September 16th. We assist both the elementary school and the high school. Any and all types of supplies are needed. Pencils, pens, notebooks and paper and other things. Kleenex, Deb says is always welcome.

Operation Christmas Child

While you are buying for the school bus if you are able look to see what might fit in a shoebox. No glass, food items including no toothpaste are allowed any more.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Diocese Events

Albany Recovery Commission

An evening with Darryl Strawberry will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 12th. "Though Darryl was extremely successful in his career, his personal life was plagued with addictions, abuse, divorce, cancer, jail time and other issues. Darryl finally found true redemption and restoration in Jesus Christ." Come and hear his story and how he can relate to you.

Cathedral Events

Silent time for artmaking and reflection every Saturday in September from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Writing from your Heart

Diane Cameron is a writer and columnist and is available Sunday, September 29th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. to help you start your writing project.

Guided Meditation Through the Poetry of T.S. Eliot

A group meets monthly on Saturday mornings from October, 2019 through May, 2020. A spiritual journey for those seeking growth through poetry, personal written response, and the company of the group.

Blessing of the Animals

Will be held on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m.. Bless your beloved pet at this short service in the tradition of St. Francis. Pet portraits available before and after the service.

Diocesan Bible Symposium

Will be held on Saturday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m.. Discussion of Cathedral of All Saints with C.S. Lewis Scholar & author of Planet Narnia by Dr. Michael Ward.

Handel's Messiah

To be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.

Lessons and Carols

To be held on Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1 -

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Mass - Holy Eucharist
(Fr. Lockwood will be away)

Monday, September 2 – *Labor Day*

Sunday, September 8 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 15 –

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Mass - Holy Eucharist
(Fr. Lockwood will be away)

Saturday, September 21

5:30 a.m. Bible Study Continues – Parish Hall

Sunday, September 22 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting – Parish Hall

Sunday, September 29 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE FADING SUMMER

*The Autumn chill is coming,
flowing thru the trees.
Behind the touch of summer
goes with the flight of birds and bees.*

*The hummingbirds fly swiftly
south across the Gulf so far.
By day they travel with the sun,
by night, the shining star.*

*The crops are in, the storage
made in fruit jars on the shelf.
The final garden remnants,
look as jaded as one's self.*

*Preserves and jellies put aside,
and pickled melon rinds,
Tomato juice for drinks or stews,
and perhaps a touch of wine.*

*The fields still hold bright yellows though,
for the wandering eye to view.
As pumpkins labor to finish their growth
and serve as they must do*

*As jack-O'-lanterns for the child,
that lives within us all,
And pumpkin pies for dinner
when the family comes to call.*

*Thanksgiving comes upon us
with snow not far behind,
But lasting thoughts of summer
still linger in the mind.*

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