

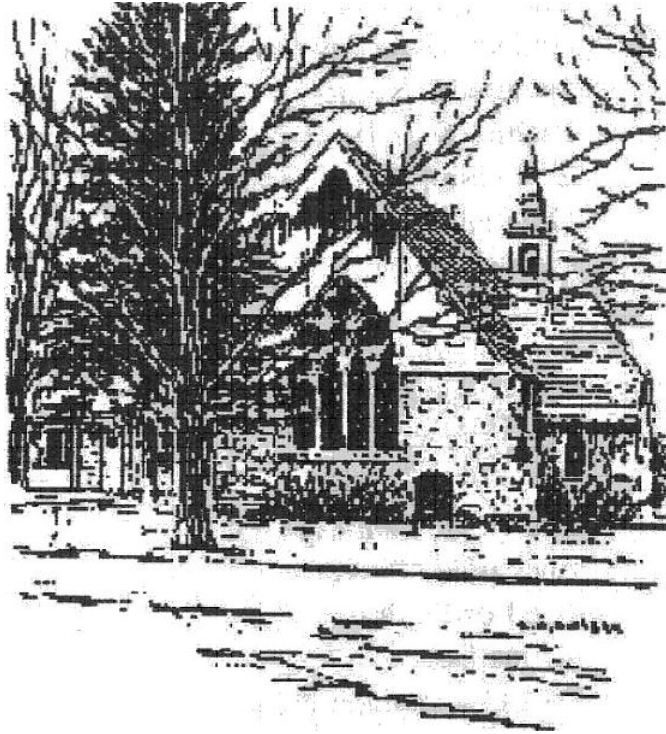
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write this as we prepare to enter into Christmas. We just got past the 2nd Sunday in Advent and are approaching the 3rd. By the time you read this, we will be entering the season of Epiphany.

Epiphany is an interesting time. Liturgically, it is the time in which we celebrate the naming of Jesus following his birth. With that naming, the annunciation as proclaimed by Gabriel to Mary is fulfilled. It is celebrated as God's unveiling of his son to all.

The term epiphany is more, however, than that. For each of us, we each may go through our own epiphany. Throughout the journey of our faith, we may have multiple epiphanies. God may be choosing to unveil himself to you even now in this time and season.

What does that unveil look like? I do not know. He will unveil for you in ways that will speak to you. He has unveiled to me in ways that allow for me to see what he would have me see. I would encourage you to consider what it is that God may be unveiling and how would be the best way for you to see that unveiling. Perhaps it is in a song that you hear afresh for the first time. It may be in a child's smile or the struggle they are going through that is suddenly eased. It may be in a moment of quiet reflection.

However, it comes, are you ready to see it? Are you ready to receive it?

When I traveled in Africa and would be praying for someone, they had an interesting response. Many would quote from the Annunciation using Mary's words, "May it be to me according to your word." They were hungry for the prayers to be made factual. Are you hungry in such a way? Do you wish for God to unveil more to you?

I pray you that you will join me in seeking that unveiling. I pray that he will unveil to us more and more of his desire for Church of Our Saviour and for New Lebanon. Let us use his Epiphany in preparation for entering into a Holy Lent with full expectation of the promises awaiting us in the Resurrection.

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

Fr. Frank

A WORD FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we gather with friends and family to celebrate the birth of our Lord, we should remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. Our Saviour has had a tradition of donating gifts to students in New Lebanon to make their Christmas' joyful. This year Our Saviour donated to the drive spearheaded by our Town Clerk and Town Supervisor-elect Tystra Houghtling to provide gifts and spread joy to our community. This gift also represents the spirit of giving that our Lord taught and we continue today.

Tony and I wish our friends of Our Saviour a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Bitsy Winig

DOLLARS AND SENSE

By the time you receive this issue of the Trumpet, all the Holidays will have passed, and we have fallen into that 'blue funk' – the days when there is nothing frantic that we have to do. No last minute things to cook, or buy or wrap and we're figuring how we'll stretch the monies to pay for everything.

I just got a delivery of fuel and thought why couldn't they wait until after the first? I know my oil company wants to keep me warm but ... I'll just add that to the bill pile. As some of you may know, I'm stepping down as treasurer – time for a replacement. I have been so blessed with you as parishioners, who have given so generously – I owe you all a very ***BIG THANK YOU!*** You've given to the community, the women's project plus items the schools needed including the children in need and the backpack project and the Christmas Child program.

How wonderful to know people who are so kind and generous – I know there is not enough words to say thank you for all you have given me with your friendship and generous spirit. Just know how wonderful you have made me feel over the years – God blessed me with Church of Our Saviour.

People asked if I'm moving to warmer climes and the answer is not right now. Maybe in the future but right now, I've got lots off house projects and other obligations in this area. As for the Dollars and Sense articles, they may get a name change or not be as frequent. Afterall, others may want the space for their own spin.

Please join us in celebration for the new year at service and then come for coffee or breakfast at Jimmy D's after. Again, thank you for all you've done for Church of Our Saviour.

I Pray God's Love and Joy Bless You and Yours in the New Year!

Susan Darcy

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 Groneman

Pope Francis

Fr. John

Deacon Peter

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Archbishop of Canterbury

Missionaries

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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator Daphne Jordan

Senator Charles Schumer

Congressman Anthony Delgado

Assemblyman Jake Ashby

Supervisor Meg Robertson

Ann DeVost

John & Teri Koepp

Roberta Page

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Lois Johnson

Nathaniel

Pat Ruby

Heather Kromer

Rose G.

Katrina

Janis

Angela B.

Martin

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Eddie

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The Rev. Christian Agunwamba

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Michael D.

Kyle

Bennett

Scott

Terry

Jessi

George Ertel, Jr.

Peter Guiler

Margaret

Ralph

Scott

Mary Ann H.

St. Mark's Church – Philmont

PRAYER CONCERNS (Cont'd)

Storm Riders	Michael
Jane & Freida	Janice C.
Sue H.	Cliff Myers
Theresa Hoffman	Jamie
Barkat Curtin-Pollack	Martin
Carol & Beth M.	Karen McKeon
Gail S.	
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
18 – Frederick Haley
23 – Randolph Lukas
25 – Ben Prescott
27 – Mackenzie Stone

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Annual Reports due on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.

Healing Service

A Healing Service will be held on Friday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m.. Prayers and music will bring healing from the Lord into the New Year.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be starting up on Saturday, January 4th at 5:30 p.m.. We will continue the path of the beginning of the Jewish religion as we hopefully travel to Egypt soon to follow Joseph and his coat of many colors as the twelve tribes are born.

Epiphany Service

The Epiphany Service will be held on January 5th at 8:00 a.m.. Lessons and Carols will be included.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th after the service. Included on the agenda are the election of Vestry members and the approval of the budget. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.

Removal of Greenery

The removal of the greenery in the sanctuary will be held on Sunday, January 26th after the service.

Vestry meeting

No Vestry meeting will be held in January due to the Annual meeting. The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Sunday, February 16th at 9:00 a.m..

Vestry News

The Vestry would like to thank all of you who share in the life of the parish of Church of Our Saviour.

To the discerning ear, the piano has been tuned. The Christmas carols will sound so very wonderful.

There is a new stove installed in the rectory. Joanne is ready to cook up some special treats.

The mailing list for the parish has been updated.

If you have any ideas to stretch our parish dollar, please let the Vestry know.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the February issue will be **Wednesday, January 15th**. If you have any news to share, please send it to Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com.

Deanery News

There will be a Deanery meeting on Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Church of Our Saviour, beginning with evening prayer and then the meeting. Everyone is invited.

Leadership Conference

The Leadership Conference will be held at Christ the King Church on Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 a.m.. Everyone is invited, but you need to register. Please see the Diocesan website in February.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 2 – Annual Reports are due!!!

Friday, January 3 –

7:00 p.m. Healing Service

Saturday, January 4 –

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 5 – *Epiphany*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with Lessons and Carols

Saturday, January 11 –

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 12 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 15 –

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Saturday, January 18 –

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 19 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting with potluck

Saturday, January 25 –

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, January 26 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

After service Removal of the greenery in the sanctuary

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.*