

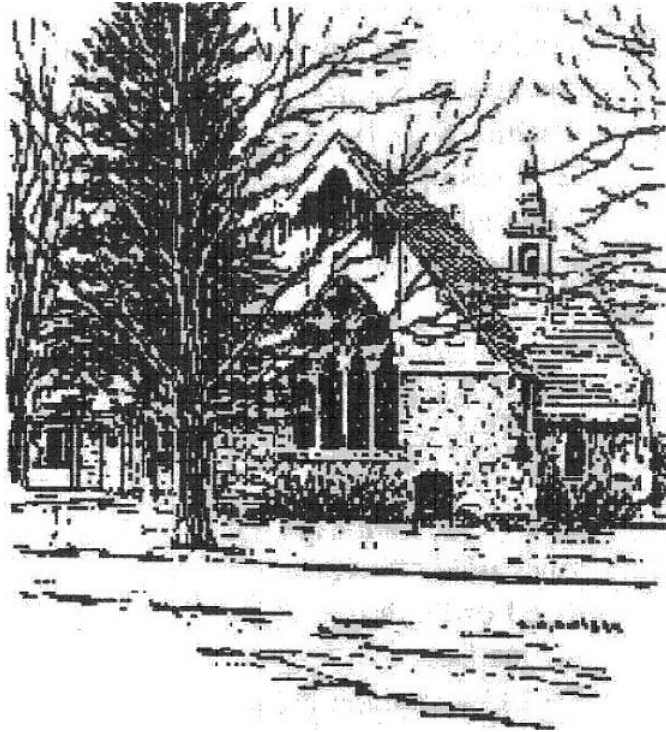
# **CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR**

## **GIDEON'S TRUMPET**

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### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you receive this, it is likely well into Epiphany. As we celebrate the season of light, the days starting to get longer. It hasn't been much warmer yet. I do remain optimistic that spring will return.

With the coming of spring we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. To get to that resurrection, we must first pass through the time of lent.

The advantage of a liturgical church is that it places our faith in an order. If we pay close attention to this order, it very much reflects the truth of life. All too often we may have seemingly easy life going on. The days seem to be getting better and better. Maybe

it is about a promotion at work. Or, perhaps other positive events that are building in giving you hope.

Yet while all this positive is taking place we may enter into a period of “darkness”. Things may seemingly fall apart. I have often heard of it as “entering into the wilderness”. This is lent. We must pass through this wilderness in order to get to a brighter place. On the other side of the darkness is the greatest of lights. The greatest of hopes. The promise of the resurrection and the new life that is within Jesus Christ.

Then, like our liturgical year, we may face a time of “the ordinary” wherein things are not as exciting. Yet, many opportunities may present themselves for times of excitement even in the ordinary.

But I digress.

Please allow me to leave you with this. Do not be surprised how things may change in life. No matter what you may be facing, hold fast to this single hope, this light on the other side of the darkness—He is there for you and His light will shine bright for you.

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

*Fr. Frank*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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### ***Other Side of the Mountain***

New name since someone else may want to use the other title – might not be as often an article but definitely will contain observations from the ***Other Side of the Mountain***.

Right now, I'm sitting here watching the snow fall the day before Church of Our Saviour's annual meeting and thinking about seeing pansies last weekend in Raleigh – I did see one teeny, tiny patch of snow the entire time I was in NC. Now doesn't that make you feel all warm and cozy? Of course, on the way south, God showed me something new and exciting to drive thru – **HEAVY** snow squalls and they were really whiteouts. I got myself behind a slow-moving truck and followed the red taillights – those truck drivers really know their roads! Really big prayers were emanating from my auto perch for some of the other drivers who are not well acquainted with our kind of weather.

I was invited to Raleigh to attend a day long meeting and to facilitate a life skill course and thought going south might be fun in January. The event was held in a spectacular facility, a multi-purpose school building belonging to the Resurrection Lutheran Church. The general meeting and my seminar was in the gymnasium (they had covered the floor) which included a stage with three mounted screens – no obstructed views in the room and a built in sound system. The best part for me was to have a screen mounted high on the opposite wall behind the attendees, the best "facilitator view", ever!

When the parishioners returned from their event, some stopped in including one of the ministers who wished us well. I think they wanted to make sure we hadn't destroyed their room as they were having a dinner that evening. A very busy facility.

Then the drive back to the 'warm weather' we had here – and now – snow and very cold temps – imagine, pansies in bloom – well it was Raleigh, and we will be able to ice skate or ski! God does have a sense of humor and of course we are in the northeast where we only have to wait for God's weather to change!

Love and Joy to all!

*Susan Darcy*

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

*Thank you note*

Church of Our Saviour parishioners,

Thank you so much for your lovely gift presented at the Annual Meeting. How can I express my thanks to you all enough for your generosity to Church of Our Saviour and the friendships you have shown me over the years, except to simply say: Thank You – you are a true blessing.

Thank you Wardens and Vestry for your extraordinary stewardship of our Church, God's love and peace to you all going forward.

Thank you Fr. Frank for your reminders of our daily walks with God – may God continue to bless your mission.

Blessings to all,

*Susan Darcy*

### ***Bible Study***

Bible Study is held on Saturday evenings beginning 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.

### ***Vestry meeting***

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m..

### ***Newsletter Deadline***

The newsletter deadline for the March issue will be **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any news to share, please send it to Kris Smith at [pioneer03@aol.com](mailto:pioneer03@aol.com).

### ***Deanery News***

There will be a Deanery meeting on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### ***Vestry Meeting***

The Vestry meeting for the month of March, will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m..

### ***Leadership Conference***

The Leadership Conference will be held at Christ the King Church on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. Everyone is invited, but you need to register. Please see the Diocesan website in February. Please see Mary or Bitsy if you would like to car pool with them.

## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Saturday, February 1 –

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

Sunday, February 2 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, February 8 –

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

Sunday, February 9 –

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, February 15 -

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

Sunday, February 16 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Saturday, February 22 –

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

Sunday, February 23 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

3:00 p.m. Deanery meeting – to be held at Church of Our Saviour – starting  
with evening prayer in the sanctuary, with the meeting in the  
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday

Time to be announced. Please watch the bulletin.

Saturday, February 29 –

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