

**CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR-
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“God is Good, All the Time? All the Time, God is Good!”

A favorite saying of our friend, mentor and past Priest, Father Clinton George Dugger. What can I say except he was a true Christian in every way. He embodied the teachings of Jesus all the time in everything he did.

On a beautiful Saturday morning at a service that Father Clint would have enjoyed, Father was laid to rest with his own wonderful family present plus the special Church families he loved. It was my honor to be at the service not only to mourn his loss but to celebrate his life.

The newspaper writeup touched on all the milestones Father achieved during his lifetime but did not touch on the milestones he made in our lives. Think about how he touched your life. I remember his fantastic Dugger hugs. His unending smile to greet all of us – his blessings at our parish meals.

His generosity in coming to give the blessing at a meeting I chaired in Williamstown and joining in the festivities as if he knew everyone there all his life. Maybe that was the key – he was a friend to all even though he just met you. Father made you feel welcome in every way. There were so many little and big things that come to mind. The twinkle in his eye and the sermons that seemed to hit the high and low points of our day to day lives.

His family was his blessing to all of us – Michael and Simone plus the boys who now are all young men. Remember when they would visit in the summer for “camp” in New Lebanon and down at Oak and Spruce, but also, they’re being “up front” at Church?

We each have our own memories of Father, but we do know he is taking care of his flock in heaven and as Father always said: ***“God is Good, All the Time?”***

And we would all answer: “All the Time, God is Good!”. This is Father’s legacy to all of us: “God is Good!” God let us borrow Father to touch our lives just for a while.

Love and Peace plus lots of Blessings!

Susan Darcy

From the Junior Warden Mary Young

VESTRY REPORT 7/21

The Vestry reviewed with the Treasurer the mid-year report and he reports that we are where he expected us to be. Parishioners and friends have been generous with their tithes and offerings allowing us to keep our investment money in reserves for now. Upcoming expenditures include fuel oil; an increase is expected due to the rising cost of fuel. Cleaning services were higher than usual for a couple of months when the Sexton was cleaning the parish hall, sanctuary, and rectory for a few weeks. Now she will be cleaning only the sanctuary so that cost should return to budget allotment.

Father reports that the conversion back to regular church services is going well. We continue to host Zoom and Facebook services every Sunday with some regular attendees who still are not comfortable coming to in-person services.

Bitsy reports that Facebook continues to have many hits -- over 50 last month. People are tuning in to see the service especially during the week.

The Bike/Cage Blessing was well attended. Forty-five wheeled vehicles were blessed by Father Lockwood and the Chaplain of the Red Knights. Everyone enjoyed the cookout held afterwards.

Pastoral visits continue. Father is available most weekday evenings after 6pm.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER:

- June 27th, 3pm: Deanery Convocation. See report elsewhere in Trumpet.
- August 1st, 1-4pm: Community Picnic in Shatford Park. Bring a dish to pass around. Meat will be provided by the town. We will have a table set up to share information with the community about our parish and activities.
- August 15th, 4pm: Parish Picnic on Church grounds. Bring a dish to pass around. Meat and beverages will be supplied by the parish vestry. Ice cream sundaes for dessert! Father Lockwood will contact and invite Christ Church Coxsackie.
- August 18th, 6pm: Vestry meeting in Fellowship Hall. Vestry will operate by email for the summer.
- September 5th, 1-4pm: Music in Shatford Park. We will have a table set up to share information with the community our parish and activities.
- September 5th - 18th: Father Frank will be away. Services will be Deacon Mass and Morning Prayer. An email will be sent about which day is which.
- September 23rd, 5:30pm: Bible Study resumes in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. We will resume in the 1st Book of Samuel.
- September 26th, 3pm: Deanery meeting starting with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary and then moving to the Fellowship Hall for the meeting.
- October 3rd, 3 pm: Blessing of the Animals (both great and small) in the church parking lot. All animals are invited to be blessed.
- October 17th, 2pm: Lebanon Valley Historical Society. We will present a program about our stained-glass windows. Refreshments to follow.
- October 23rd: Diocesan Convention - online

UPDATE ON COMMITTEES:

The signage has been ordered to replace the present sign at the intersection of Rt. 20 and Old Rt. 20 coming down the mountain.

The electric upgrade in the rectory and rectory garage is complete.

The electric panel in the sanctuary has been repaired.

The sign in front of the church will be upgraded to our correct service times at no cost by the company that made the sign for us.

The repair to the sign board is continuing to be worked on.

The Vestry voted to nominate Mary Young to the Deanery as a possible candidate for the Bishop Search Committee.

Jill Curtin has agreed to assist Richard Dauchy in producing the Trumpet with the next issue due in July.

REDEDICATION:

A service of rededication of Church of Our Saviour was held after service on Sunday July 4th. The retired Holy Oils were poured out onto the ground at the Southeast corner of the building and prayers were given for the continued Blessing of Jesus Christ on the parish and the town.

DEANERY REPORT:

The Deanery met on June 13, 2021, via Zoom.

The Treasurer reported that Beaver Cross is open for in-person camping this year and so far we have given out three scholarships.

Beaver Cross is having summer camp in person. See their web site for specifics. They have weekend, four day, and week-long sessions. If you need financial help, contact Hudson Valley Deanery, Mary Young, 14640 Rt. 22 New Lebanon, New York 12125 for scholarship applications.

The Dean has been working on setting up the Deanery Convocation meeting which will be held on June 27th at 3pm at St. Paul's Kinderhook. Mary Young has agreed to act as secretary for the meeting and directions to the parishes have been sent out.

Diocesan Council Representative reports that the Cathedral has had to reinforce the wall by the choir section as it was falling. The Dean has been teaching at Trinity School of Ministry with online courses.

Expenses for the Diocese are down due to Covid 19 and the lack of a Bishop. Assessments report is available.

The Sisters of St. Mary have decided to leave the Diocese and partner with the Anglican Communion instead. They continue to own and live at the property at Christ the King.

The Swan Street property by the Cathedral is no longer occupied and the Standing Committee is looking into maintenance needs to either sell or allow new tenants.

The Rev. Brenda Nichols was reelected to serve as the Clergy Representative to the Diocesan Council.

St. Mark's Philmont is working on remodeling the sacristy to build a winter chapel. They received some furniture from Canterbury House to use there.

Christ Church Hudson has two new priests, The Rev. Kathleen Killian and The Rev. John Allison from the Diocese of Maine.

Christ Church Coxsackie took part in the Baccalaureate service held by the local High School.

The next Deanery meeting will be held September 26th at 3pm at Church of Our Saviour in New Lebanon.

CONVOCATION MEETING OF THE HUDSON VALLEY DEANERY:

The meeting was held on June 27, 2021 at 3pm in St Paul's Chapel in Kinderhook New York.

The Very Rev. Tom Malione, Dean, called the Convocation meeting to order at 3:20 pm and then turned it over to Rev. Brenda Nickels, President of the Deanery. Rev. Nickels opened the Convocation with Evening Prayer Rite II.

A motion and a second by Rev. Frank Lockwood and Rev. Randolph Lukas accepted the Rules for Meetings to be used during this meeting.

Rev. Tom Malione appointed Mary Young from Church of Our Saviour as secretary for the Convocation meeting.

Mary gave the attendance report:

We have 17 certified lay representatives representing nine of ten parishes of the Deanery; 90 percent of the parishes in the Deanery are, therefore, represented.

We have in attendance 8-14 priests or deacons canonically resident in the Diocese of Albany and residing or having a cure in the Deanery. 57 percent of the clergy residing or having a cure in the Deanery are, therefore, represented.

Rev. Tom Malionek then appointed Tellers for the election: Shirley Kelly, Head Teller, Rev. Kathleen Killian, Christ Church Hudson, and Rev. John Allison Christ Church Hudson.

Rev. Tom Malionek then opened the floor for nominations. None were presented and the floor nominations were closed.

Candidates who had previously submitted applications were then presented:

Rev. John Thompson from St. John's in the Wilderness, priest, from Copake Falls nominated by Virginia Johnson and Ellen Freeston from St. John's in the Wilderness.

Rev. Leslie Groneman from Christ Church, Coxsackie, Deacon, nominated by Rev. Frank Lockwood and Charles Sell, Warden, Christ Church Coxsackie.

Mary Young, Church of Our Saviour, New Lebanon, nominated by Rev. Frank Lockwood, and Richard Dauchy from Church of Our Saviour.

David Malsean, from St. Paul's Kinderhook nominated by Rev. Richard Erickson and Roger Leithead from St. Paul's, Kinderhook.

David Palmquist, from Christ Church Hudson, nominated by J. Thomas Martin and David Palmquist from Christ Church Hudson.

Each candidate presented to the audience a short summary about him/herself and what their plan would be. Elections were held.

While the ballots were being counted the Dean gave his report:

In the foyer are oils of 2 kinds for the parishes that have not already picked them up: one for the anointing of the sick and one for general anointing. Please sign that you have taken them.

Because we no longer have a Bishop in residence, we no longer have a relationship with the Diocese of Down and Dromore. Once we have a Bishop again hopefully that relationship can be re-established.

The following parishes in the Deanery have been or will be decommissioned: Calvary Cario and Tannersville.

Rev. Malionek has developed a Web page for the Deanery but needs someone to maintain it. If any of the parishes has anyone who may be interested, please have them contact him.

The Sisters of St. Mary's who are an independent group have decided to no longer be connected to the Diocese of Albany and have joined the Anglican Communion. They still reside in Greenwich on their property next to the Christ the King Center. The next Deanery meeting has been changed to Sunday September 26 at 3pm at Church of Our Saviour in new Lebanon.

Camp of the Woods has notified the Diocese that it can no longer host our Convention at their facility. The Committee is looking for another place, although the Convention will be held virtually this year.

The results of the election were announced. Clergy Rep will be Rev. John Thompson from St. John's in the Wilderness and the Lay Rep will be David Palmquist from Christ Church, Hudson.

There was no further business to attend to and a motion/second to adjourn the meeting was made by Rev. Tom Malionek and Mary Young. The meeting was closed at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Young, Secretary of the Convocation

From the Rector, The Rev. Frank Lockwood

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As the summer begins and we are in the midst of rainy weather, I do hope that each has had time to reunite with family and friends after a long year of possible isolation. Emotionally, this has been some difficult times. We have faced possible isolation, changes within our Diocese and numerous personal challenges associated with simply trying to live life.

I pray that through faith many have been able to weather these storms of life. Perhaps, some have even found a higher purpose to life as they have had the time to sit and reflect on what life has been like for them.

An uncommon practice in our modern world is one of retreating for time periods to spend time alone in meditation and contemplation. These periods may be guided or

unguided, silent or not, spiritually led by others or just simply self-directed. The idea overall being to give oneself time to reflect without distractions from everyday life as we know it.

Many cannot afford the time, let alone the cost, of doing such a retreat with any kind of consistency. However, one could simply make time to do so on a daily or weekly basis. It may be so simple as taking 15 to 30 minutes to read a meditation, read through a Daily Office or listen to some audio recording. The importance of this is to set aside the time to “listen”.

I struggle with this at times. I have many “irons in the fire” so to speak and I tend to over stretch myself. It requires a disciplining of the mind and heart to set aside the time needed. There was a story that went around attributed to a monk that goes something like this: everyday a Brother would spend at least 30 minutes in prayer and meditation. One of his fellows came to him early in the morning one day with a packed itinerary. As the fellow started going over how much was needed to get done that day, Brother just calmly listened. When the fellow finished, he asked Brother how he was going to make time for all of this. Brother responded, “well, we must make first things first and given how busy I am going to be today, I will have to adjust my prayer time.” His fellow asked how much he was going to shorten it. Brother responded, “No, by no means, with so much to do can I afford to shorten my prayer time. In fact, to be better focused to handle the day, it would be best if I doubled my prayer time instead.”

The priority was on self-care to be better able to then provide care to others.

I would encourage each of us to take this kind of time for ourselves. Take the time to shut off or walk away from phones, computers, tablets or other devices. Give yourself a break. Worried about children? Here it becomes more difficult but attempt to teach them the same. It is better to learn how to do this early in life rather than later in life unlearn all the bad habits that get in the way of doing so now (yes, I am pointing a finger at me).

Perhaps, you may even include a notepad as part of your time. All the thoughts to flow. You may be surprised what comes out of it.

Blessings and peace to all,
Father Frank Lockwood

PRAYER CONCERNS

CLERGY

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry	Deacon Leslie Gronemen
Rev. Randolph Lukas	Pope Francis
Father John	Deacon Peter
Rev Frank Lockwood	Archbishop of Canterbury-Justin Welby
Diocesan Standing Committee	Dean's Committee
Vestries of Church of Our Saviour & Christ Church Coxsackie	

GOVERNMENT

President Biden	Governor Cuomo	Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Senator Charles Schumer	Senator Daphne Jordan	Assemblyman Jake Ashby
Congressman Anthony Delgado		Tistrya Houghtling- Supervisor

Mary Dodd	Ralph	Richard Jones
Kathy Lepore	John & Teri Koepf	Becky Morshimer
Sharon	Packy Root	Richard W
Shirley Vickery	Michael D	Al & Jeanne Mayer
Joanne Lockwood	Ron Peterson	Storm Riders
Janice C	Joe M	Theresa Hoffman
Jamie	Martin	Sheila Roberts
Scott Larabee	Gail S	John
Rich D	Kenneth Duchhazme	Dave F
David Curran	Richard W	

U.S. MILITARY

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM COVID 19

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS

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