

**CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR-
PO Box 827 Lebanon Springs, NY 12125**

GIDEON'S TRUMPET NOVEMBER 2021 VOLUME 13 #5

FUTURE SERVICES & EVENTS

11/21/21 after 8am service: *Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service to pack 10 boxes for the *Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box* ministry. We will join together to pray over the boxes and then send them on their way all over the world. Coffee, tea and treats will be available to give us energy.

12/19/21 after 8am service: *Greening of the Church.*

We will put up the decorations for the Christmas service at 9:15am and join together for a Christmas covered dish brunch.

12/24/21 at 7:30 pm: *Christmas Eve Service:*

Music and singing, Creche display. Family service to remember and welcome the Lord of our lives into the world.

1/7/2022 at 8am service: *Epiphany Service*

Vestry News

10/31/21: All Saint's Day service was beautiful, many saints in our lives were recognized and given thanks for.

Back Pack Program: We donated \$1,336 to assist students from the school district with food over the weekend and holidays. Thank you to everyone who donated.

The bell rope which broke due to wear. We have scheduled the repairs and soon we can hear the bells call us to worship again.

The Vestry has decided that for the present time we will continue to worship in the sanctuary through the winter. Tom Stone helps make sure the sanctuary is toasty warm while we worship.

Missions and Giving

New Lebanon Central School will send us information on five needy children from the High School. Please choose an ornament from the bowl in the back of the sanctuary on 11/28/21 or 12/5/21 and bring back gifts or gift cards for the kids to have Christmas joy by 12/12/21.

Christmas giving: The parish is accepting funds to be divided between the Town of New Lebanon and Christ Church Coxsackie to help with their Christmas gift giving programs. Please send checks to Richard Dauchy or put in the offering plate with “Christmas Giving” in the memo line. The last day for this program will be 12/12/21 in order for Richard to get the money to the Town and Christ Church.

Diocesan Convention

The 153rd Diocesan Convention was held Saturday 10/23/21 via Zoom. The Convention opened with prayer and within minutes was asked to vote “not to vote” on resolutions 4-7 as presented in the Convention booklet. This change was requested because these resolutions are likely to be controversial and the Zoom format was not conducive to effective discussion. Several locations do not have stable internet and may not be able to hear or participate in these discussions. Both Father and I had problems with our internet connections and others said they had problems as well. The change “not to vote” was approved, and resolutions 4-7 will be added to the next in-person Convention.

Other business included passage of the budget, election of persons to fill committees, a resolution to increase salaries of Priests and Deacons and the election of a new Diocesan Secretary.

Secretary Rev./Deacon Marion Sive has chosen to retire. A new Secretary was elected, The Rev. Scott Garno, who had been Acting President of the Diocese.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were reelected: Clark Curtis and Sharon King respectively.

The proposed budget of \$1,477,425 was passed. Our assessment for 2022 will be sent to the parish in December as well as the form for our parish choice option.

The resolution for the Standard Formulas for Assessments was passed and remains the same as it has been for the past 20 years.

Committee reports:

Finance Committee: The Standing Committee reports that the budget for 2021 is doing well and that most parishes have submitted 75% of their assessment. They also reported that the full assessment was sent to the National Church. The committee formed to develop a Capital Building Plan is determining a project on which to work.

Youth Team: Beaver Cross did well with 87 overnight campers and 77 day-time campers. New programs started during 2021 will continue for 2022: Mother/Daughter weekend, Young Adult online Programs, and Community Service projects. No episodes of COVID reported during any of the programs.

Christ The King: The center is reopened for groups and individuals for retreats, healing ministry and prayer meetings. They have continued Welcome Home Initiatives for Veterans and Healing services in-person and online. Reuben Todd, Director, has invited anyone who would like to contact the center go online at Christ The King.

Cathedral of All Saints: Dean Harding spoke about programs from the Cathedral. Three stood out.

- 1) A group of 100 from Clarkson University attended their 125th Anniversary Program in Albany. The Clarkson Quarry had provided most of the stone for the building of the cathedral. The group was given a tour of the cathedral and were impressed.
- 2) A Muslim couple who had moved to Albany, came to the Cathedral looking to see if Jesus Christ is real. They have been baptized and now participate in the life of the Cathedral as Acolytes.
- 3) A couple, who had met in Hong Kong and moved to Albany, came to the Cathedral, were married and have joined the Cathedral.

The grant the Cathedral had applied for to help build and maintain the Cathedral was denied, but the group is giving them a debriefing and is very impressed with the programming of the Cathedral online and in-person.

The Dean reports that the day-to-day finances are covered by the congregation, but any building monies need to be found elsewhere. The Cathedral is the 5th largest Cathedral in the United States and is unfinished. The Dean is looking to obtain ½

million dollars for upkeep and improvements for this year. He will be sending an appeal letter to all parishes for funds over and above the parish choice monies.

See the Web site for programs available.

Bishop Smith spoke to the group via video. He is excited to work with us and is impressed with the Diocesan mission as a whole and our programming to accomplish this. He is available by contacting the Diocesan office.

Missions Committee: Patti Johnson Chr. spoke about the work of the committee and how much has been done to maintain our relationships by using the internet. They were not able to travel due to COVID. The rest of the world has food insecurity, wildfires, and natural disasters, and also no vaccines, no testing, nor treatments. Missions continue to evangelize people in their countries and new Christians are growing. The committee hopes to be able to travel to Zimbabwe and the Dominican Republic in 2022. The committee will be sending a survey to each parish to learn about the missions each parish is doing and how to expand those. The committee has raised and distributed \$30,000 over the past three years to partners throughout the world. Anyone who is interested in joining the mission committee is welcome.

Bishop Search Committee: The Chairman spoke to the group about the committees that have been formed and the work they will be doing. Someone from the committee will be reaching out to each parish through Deanery meetings to hear about desires and goals for the new Bishop. She asks that each parishioner and parish pray for God's will to be found for the Diocese and ourselves. See Diocesan prayer online.

The next Convention is scheduled for 6/3-5/2022.

Convention was closed by the President with prayer.

CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST FOR COXSACKIE FAMILIES

Joe- Age 13

Visa Gift cards/ Cash / LED Lights/ PS4 Gift Card/ Air Pods/ Hoodies/ Comfy pants/ Celtics basketball/ Steelers Football/ Blankets

Jordan- Age 5, Size 7

Comfy Cloths/ Toy Story/ Anything Legos/ Superheroes/ Ninja Turtles/ Art Supplies/ Blankets

Jeremiah- Age 11, Size XL Boys

Nerf Guns/ Giants Football-Size XL Boys/ Scooter Skateboard/ Headphones/ Hoodies/ Blankets

Skyla- Age 2, size 2T/24 months

clothing/ anything Minnie or Mickey

Landon- Age 3, size 3T

Clothing/ Legos/ Lincoln Logs/ Cars

Animal Food

Iam Blue Bag cats/ Purina Dog Chow-Dry/ Milk Bones any Size

Father Lockwood became the Great Pumpkin on 10/29 at 5:30 pm for the Trunk and Treats for the Town of New Lebanon. He met many of our children and their parents. He passed out candy and invited them to join us in church.

