

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

GIDEON'S TRUMPET JANUARY 2022 VOLUME 14 #1

CHURCH SCHEDULE

ANNUAL MEETING 1-23-2022 @ 9 AM- Zoom Available

Nominations for Vestry members will be accepted until 1-23

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 2, 2022

SERVICE WILL BE @ NOON

ALL REGULAR SERVICES DURING LENT WILL BE @ 9 AM

Starting March 6, 2022

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022 @ 9 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 14, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 15, 2022 @ NOON

EASTER SERVICE APRIL 17, 2022 @ 9 AM

Outreach Opportunities

St Francis Mission- Arbor Hill Albany NY Saturdays 9AM – 1:30 PM-

Help prepare & serve meals at this Arbor Hill Mission in Albany- Mary Young has already committed to this for the next 2 months- If you wish to participate please let her know

Carpenter's Closet – Christ Church Coxsackie- Needs Donations of Clothing for their Outreach Center- They provide free clothing to those in need.

Leave donations with us @ the Church...and we will get them delivered

From Father Frank

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Welcome to a new year. At least that is what the calendar says it is. Though, it feels a lot more like 2020/2021 stuck on repeat.

I have been considering what to write regarding this article and find myself stumped. I would offer this up, though: in all that has transpired over the past couple of years, what has the impact been on you? I don't just mean the impact of COVID, honestly getting a little over done with talking about it. I mean, with all things that have happened over the past couple of years, what has the impact been?

Where are you in your walk of faith? Has it been damaged by things going on? Have you found prayers left unanswered? Do you find yourself asking more questions and getting less answers? Perhaps you have found your faith deepened. Perhaps prayers have been answered for you and that has been an encouragement?

If you find your faith waning and waxing, I have some very sharp truth for you. You are in a greater company than you know. It is quite normal to find our faith growing one moment and feeling nearly non-existent in another moment. Faith is a muscle. It requires these struggles to grow. It also requires these struggles to be pruned.

Pruned? Yes, pruned.

I used to have a rose bush. I studied a bit to understand how best to help it to grow. I found that, besides needing the right balance of sun, water, and nutrition, to truly grow well, it needed to have buds snipped. New growth would take place. New blossoms would appear. I studied where on the stem to cut. I looked for the evidence of the plant's desire to grow in a certain place and out came the clippers. In doing so the plant was able to achieve greater fullness and produced even more flowers.

God often will do the same with us. It comes in those moments when the challenge takes place. As we seek Him through those challenges spiritual clippers may appear. Snip! Here comes the Vine Dresser doing what He does. Thus, on to the next stage in our spiritual growth. No, it is not easy. It is certainly uncomfortable. I have the hardest time seeing it for what it is when in the moment. But there it is.

I pray that perhaps 2022 will not be more of the same. I pray that it would be a year of growth, personal as well as corporate.

In the love of Christ,
Fr Frank

From the Junior Warden

Do you know a senior who lives in Columbia County and is homebound? There is a new program available in Columbia County to help these citizens to stay safe in their home. For further information call EverHome Inc. 877-730-9666 and speak with Nora.

Christmas services were beautiful and well attended in person and virtually. Thank you so much to Anne Wever and Rich Mayer for providing our music for the services during the Christmas season. Epiphany was celebrated on 1/9/ at 8am. Our celebration of our Lord's birth is now complete, and we spend time reviewing his ministry as we walk the road through Lent to Easter.

Annual Meeting 1/23 after 8am service: Watch for updates about where the service will be held, all baptized communicants of the parish are allowed to vote.

Parish Leadership Conference 2/5/2022 in Oneonta, 3/12 in Greenwich subject Bishop Search Committee. If you would like to attend, please contact Mary Young and we can ride together, I will be leaving New Lebanon at 7:30 a.m to go to Greenwich A continental breakfast and lunch are provided at the meeting by the Diocese.

Deanery meeting scheduled for 3pm on 2/27 will be held virtually.

Lent starts on March 2, 2022, with Ash Wednesday service. Lent is a time of reflection and prayer as we walk to Calvary and Easter Sunday. During the Lent season the Church will have services starting at 9am as a trial to see if we like it better and perhaps more people from the community will attend. If you know anyone who has said they would prefer a later service time, please share this news, it will be publicized as well.

During Lent this parish has often held educational programs in addition to the Adult Bible Study. Father Lockwood is willing to provide an instructional time for us to learn about the various types of services of the Episcopal church over the centuries and how they have evolved. Watch the February Trumpet for dates and times.

Retreats offered by the Diocese:

Pre Lent 2/8-10 at Christ the King, Greenwich -Designed for anyone to prepare their heart for the season of Lent. Discussion will be held on the themes from the Lessons for this years Liturgy.

Women's Retreat: 4/1 and 2 at Christ the King, Greenwich: Theme and speakers to be announced, check the Christ the King Web site.

Bishop Smith will be holding a Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of All Saints on 4/11. See their Web site and February Trumpet for the time.

The Cathedral has many of its services held virtually, see their Web site for educational programs and services.

From the Senior Warden

January began as all January's do with well wishes for a Happy New Year, resolutions, and reflections of the past year. The year 2021 presented challenges that we may have struggled with but came out stronger than before. I had foot surgery in October that repaired a tendon and created a "new" foot. I am in PT and for the first time in years I can walk without pain. That is a blessing. I look forward to 2022 with enthusiasm as vacations are planned, work to be done is mapped out, celebrating the joys of grandchildren, and enjoying God's world. Church of Our Saviour will be a presence in our community, on social media, and will carry the word of our Lord to those who want to listen. Happy New Year and many blessings to you in 2022.

From the Treasurer- Money Needed for Sanctuary Repairs

We are planning repairs & painting to our Sanctuary in 2022. Please think about donating to Our Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity

Thanks again for all your generosity during 2021. With your help we are continuing to provide worship and fellowship in these difficult times

Church Service Zoom information- also for Annual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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Bible Study – Thursday @ 6:30 Topic: Bible Study

Time: Jan 13, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Thu, until Dec 22, 2022, 50 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEpcO->

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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM COV 19 INCLUDING ALL VARIANTS

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS