

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

**GIDEON'S TRUMPET AUGUST 2022 VOLUME 14 #4**

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**All Regular Church Services Begin at 8:30 AM**

**CHURCH SCHEDULE** – Mary Young- Junior Warden

**August 7-14:** Father Lockwood will be on vacation. We will celebrate with Morning Prayer at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. If you need clergy services call Mary Young, as Bitsy is also away (518-794-7538), and Mary will contact Father Randy Lucas or Father Malionick of Kinderhook, who is the Dean.

**August 21:** Back to School Bus will arrive on the back pew. A list of what students need is available on the school web site, but they can use most any supply you donate. We share the supplies between the Elementary and High School. We will collect until September 18<sup>th</sup> and then the supplies will be taken to the schools.

**August 21, 12-4pm: Community Picnic: August 21 Shatford Park. All are welcome.** There will be music and information booths about groups in town. Hamburgers, hotdogs, corn, soft drinks and water will be available as well as covered dishes brought by community members for salads and desserts.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Father Lockwood is away, Morning Prayer service at 8:30 am. Again, Father Lucas and Father Malionick are available if you need clergy services. You may call Bitsy or Mary.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm:** Bible Study resumes in the Fellowship Hall or by Zoom. We pick back up starting with the book of Ezra.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am, Teaching Sunday:** We will be celebrating from the 1789 Prayer Book; the first United States Prayer book. Music will be inspirational songs from Post Revolution and Coffee Hour will have food from that period. Dressing in costume is optional.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 3pm:** The Deanery will join us for Evening Prayer from 1789, a business meeting and refreshments. Mary cannot talk at this meeting either, what will she do?

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm:** Vestry meeting

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3pm:** Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot. Let your friends and neighbors know. We will have treats for the animals and maybe some for the humans, too.

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 3pm:** Lebanon Valley Historical Society will join us in the sanctuary to see and hear about our Stained-Glass windows. Refreshments will be served.

**News from the Diocese:** Minutes from the Standing Committee are available at the back on the church for 2 weeks and then they will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Food donations:** We continue to collect nonperishable food items and give them to the Stephentown Food Pantry. Eugenia keeps in contact with Charlies Pantry, and we will support them again when they tell us they can use the items.

**Domestic violence shelters donations:** We continue to collect supplies for the Domestic Shelters. The box is on the back pew. We sent three grocery bags full this past month.

### **Upcoming Mission Projects:**

Samaritan Purse: November Shoeboxes

Christmas gifts for New Lebanon High School: December

Christmas gifts for Town of New Lebanon: December

Christmas gifts for Christ Church families: December

### **Vestry Notes:**

Tom Stone and his family will be moving to Virginia at the end of August. We wish them well on the new adventure in their lives. Tom has been our resident handyman for several years and leaves a hole in our congregation. Tony Winig has graciously accepted the call to step into Tom's shoes. If you see something that needs repair, please let a member of the Vestry know and we will contact Tony.

The Treasurer reports that the giving has been steady, and we have not yet had to go into our reserves this year. We are expecting our fuel bid soon which may be here already as

of this writing. Please prayerfully see what the Lord may be leading you to do to in meeting this need.

The Vestry would like to clean up the prayer garden the Sunday School made a few years ago. Once the weather is cooler, we will set a date and ask for volunteers to help with the cleanup. The paint has come off most of the stones and Mary will ask Debbie Gallucci about cleaning and repainting some.

Coffee hour is a success. Parishioners come after service if they are free, and we have had a variety of goodies and fruit to share. The conversation is great. We discuss the events of our world and help each other. Come to service and plan to stay and join us any Sunday.

*Our Daily Bread* devotional is in the back of the church if you would like one.

### **COVID:**

As the COVID numbers rise again in Columbia County, the Vestry reviewed our COVID policy. Currently the County DOH is encouraging any indoor activities not able to do social distancing, to wear masks. We continue to have seating marked at 6-foot spaces and have hand sanitizer available and masks at the reception table and in the pews. Church of Our Saviour is continuing our present program which is, if you want to wear a mask, do.

### **From Father Frank Lockwood**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

I pray this finds you well as I write to you from the fireside while on vacation on Lake Champlain. The weather started out less than stellar as we were under a heat advisory for the first two days. Rain and wind from the north has cooled things down and lowered the humidity making it far more pleasant even if a bit cloudy.

I am camping with friends I have known for many years. I was first introduced to them by mutual friends. The couple had been dating for some time and were looking to get married. I was asked to officiate for them. This started our friendship and it has continued since.

Recently, the husband met a deer on the road while riding his motorcycle to work late at night. The meeting was not a pleasant one. The deer did not survive. My friend did, but not without complications. His foot was broken and one of his thumbs was dislocated. He has some road rash on his legs, but is otherwise ok. His bike fared better than he with some mostly cosmetic issues. His foot is not in a cast but is splinted and immobilized to begin the healing process with follow up expected in the upcoming weeks with ortho to determine if surgery is necessary and/or beneficial.

He is typically an active man. He cannot attend a barbecue without jumping in to help out. Now, he is relegated to a reclining chair and having to receive support rather than give it. I am blessed to be able to be here and provide assistance to him and his family during this camping trip. You see, he is normally so active and organized that he tries to be prepared for all contingencies. He is now facing the radical change that often comes from a “disaster” and the humbling condition of realizing he is not indestructible.

I know this feeling all too well and have shared with him and his family some of my own experiences that shaped me over the years. This included sharing about my own deer versus motorcycle encounter and the recovery as well as long lasting effects from the same. The feeling of being vulnerable is never an easy pill to swallow when you have been the one looked to for handling all life may throw at you and your loved ones. That vulnerability not only affects the individual but has a profound impact on the ones that love us. It can shake our loved ones’ faith/sense of security. It can lead to anxiety that may express as nervous energy, depression, anger or more typically combinations of all in varying degrees throughout the recovery and beyond.

As a believer in God and follower of Christ it brings to mind what so many of the original apostles initially went through following the crucifixion and even later when some first became believers. Yet perhaps this is one additional meaning of Jesus telling us that we must become as children when we come to the faith. Children are naturally vulnerable. They ideally are able to rely on parents and others for their care and security. When those needs are not provided we see this as trauma and it has an effect on the person’s development up to and including perhaps even the need for counseling later in life so that healing can take place.

God humbles the proud but exalts the humble. I often laugh at those times when I am cruising along during a service and thinking how well I am reciting the words from the prayer book only to then stumble, stutter, lose my place or even hit a “blank moment”. Yeah Father I get it. I got way ahead of you in this.

Do I think that God caused his accident? Absolutely not. It was a deer crossing the road that caused the accident, not God. However, I do believe that God can and will work

with us in an opportunistic way when we allow Him to see us through these types of circumstances. After all, it could have been so much worse.

Are you feeling overwhelmed, vulnerable, facing things that stir up anxiety? Yeah, me too. Is that a time to turn from Him or to Him? Is this a time to prove how well we can handle everything or is it a time to accept the things we simply cannot do on our own and let others, including God, into our lives to help hold us up and carry us through?

I'm going to sit for a while longer and mull these things over.

In the love of Christ  
Fr. Frank Lockwood

**From the Senior Warden** – Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig

As we enter into mid-August, the sounds of nature have changed. Not as many birds sing in the mornings and the night music is filled with crickets, katydids, tree frogs, and other critters. I love the anticipation of a new season that will bring cool nights, breezy days, pumpkins, apples, and cider doughnuts. But until those days are upon us, I will revel in the summer that is left. God's world is wondrous. Enjoy the days and nights of this ever-changing world.

**Money Needed for Sanctuary Repairs**

We are planning repairs and painting to our Sanctuary in 2022. Please think about donating to our Building Fund. Also, as we all know, the price of Fuel Oil has increased, so please keep that in mind. 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-

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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)

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

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## Prayer in a Time of Transition

**Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition.**

**Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples, making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity.**

**In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

