

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

**GIDEON'S TRUMPET OCTOBER 2022 VOLUME 14 #5**

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



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

October Wednesdays 5:30 **pm** Bible Study

October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7 **pm** Trunk or Treat at Shatford Park

November 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 **pm** Father Frank and Misty Wedding

November 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **am** Shoebox packing after service

November 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **am** Teaching Sunday: History of Our Lectionary

December 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **am** Greening of the Church potluck brunch to follow

December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 **pm** Christmas Eve Service (Saturday evening service)

December 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **am** Christmas Service

## **COVID UPDATE**

The Vestry has voted to return to the full Eucharist. We may now go to the altar for the bread & wine, however, this is optional. If you wish Father Lockwood to come to your pew please let him know. The “Peace” will still be exchanged from our pews. No hugging for the time being. We will continue to monitor Covid activity in Columbia County and update as necessary. The Diocese has said that each Church may establish its own Covid protocols.

## **Upcoming Mission Projects – Collection Boxes located on back pew**

November: Samaritan Purse: Shoeboxes

December: Christmas gifts for New Lebanon High School

December: Christmas gifts for Town of New Lebanon

December: Christmas gifts for Christ Church families

Ongoing: Charlie’s Food Pantry: nonperishable food items needed.

Domestic Shelters: personal hygiene items needed. We sent three grocery bags full this past month.

Backpack Program: monetary donations for food for regional children

## **Mission Projects:**

**Backpack Program:** The church is again participating in this program. Children who meet the income guidelines are provided with food for them to eat over the weekends or holidays when school is not in session. The cost for a year of backpacks is \$228. To join, give a check to the church with Backpack program in the memo line, the Treasurer will submit a check to the Regional Food Bank in December and mark it for New Lebanon Central.

**Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Ministry:** We will pack 11 boxes to send to children around the world to celebrate Christmas. Join us on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> after church service to pack the shoeboxes. Mary will take them for shipping. Eugenia reports we need the following items: Crayon Boxes/ Combs/Balls/Small Cars/ Coloring Books/Colored Pencils/Pencil Sharpeners/Rulers/ Glue Sticks/Adhesive Bandages/Scarfs/ Mittens/Hair Bows/Plastic Containers (small)/Dolls/ Sunglasses/ Toy Musical Instruments.

**Food Pantry:** We continue to collect food for our neighbors who need assistance. A food basket is located in the back of the sanctuary. Eugenia delivers the food twice a month to Charlie's Pantry for distribution.

**Domestic Shelters:** We continue to collect personal hygiene items for the victims of domestic violence living in shelters. The box is in the back of the sanctuary. We gave two large boxes this month.

### Vestry Notes:

#### **Father Frank and Misty's Wedding:**

Father Frank and Misty will be getting married on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. All Church members are invited to the service which will be held at Church of Our Saviour. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Father has requested that we bring our own beverages and a dish to share. He estimates that there should be around 75 people in attendance.

#### **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.

**Blessing of the Animals:** It was wonderful to have seven families bring their pets to the church to be blessed last October 2nd. We had a good time with the pets and they and their owners were treated to sweets for the afternoon.

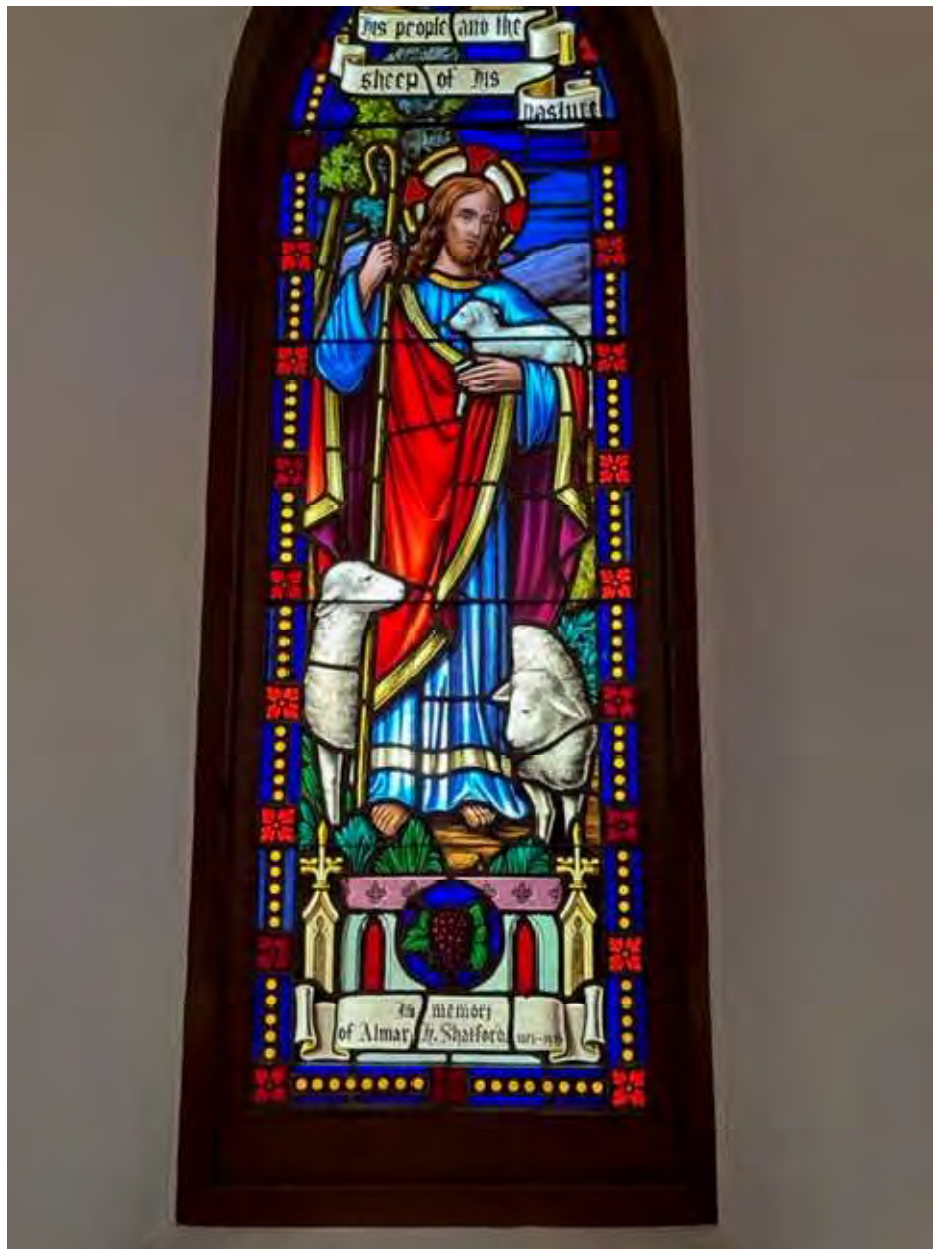
**Trunk or Treat:** Shatford Park October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm. New Lebanon gathers at Shatford Park to provide children with a safe place and way to celebrate Halloween. Father decorates his truck and parishioners give out candy. If you are interested in participating talk to Richard Dauchy.

**Drug Awareness Program:** The Vestry voted to send \$102 to the Columbia County Sheriff's office to help them participate in a program to teach children drug awareness and how to prevent and avoid violence here in Columbia County.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study has moved to Wednesday evening for the month of October at 5:30 pm. We are starting the Book of Esther. This Jewish maiden became the Queen of Assyria and then saved her people from extermination. Join us in person or online, the coordinates are attached.

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

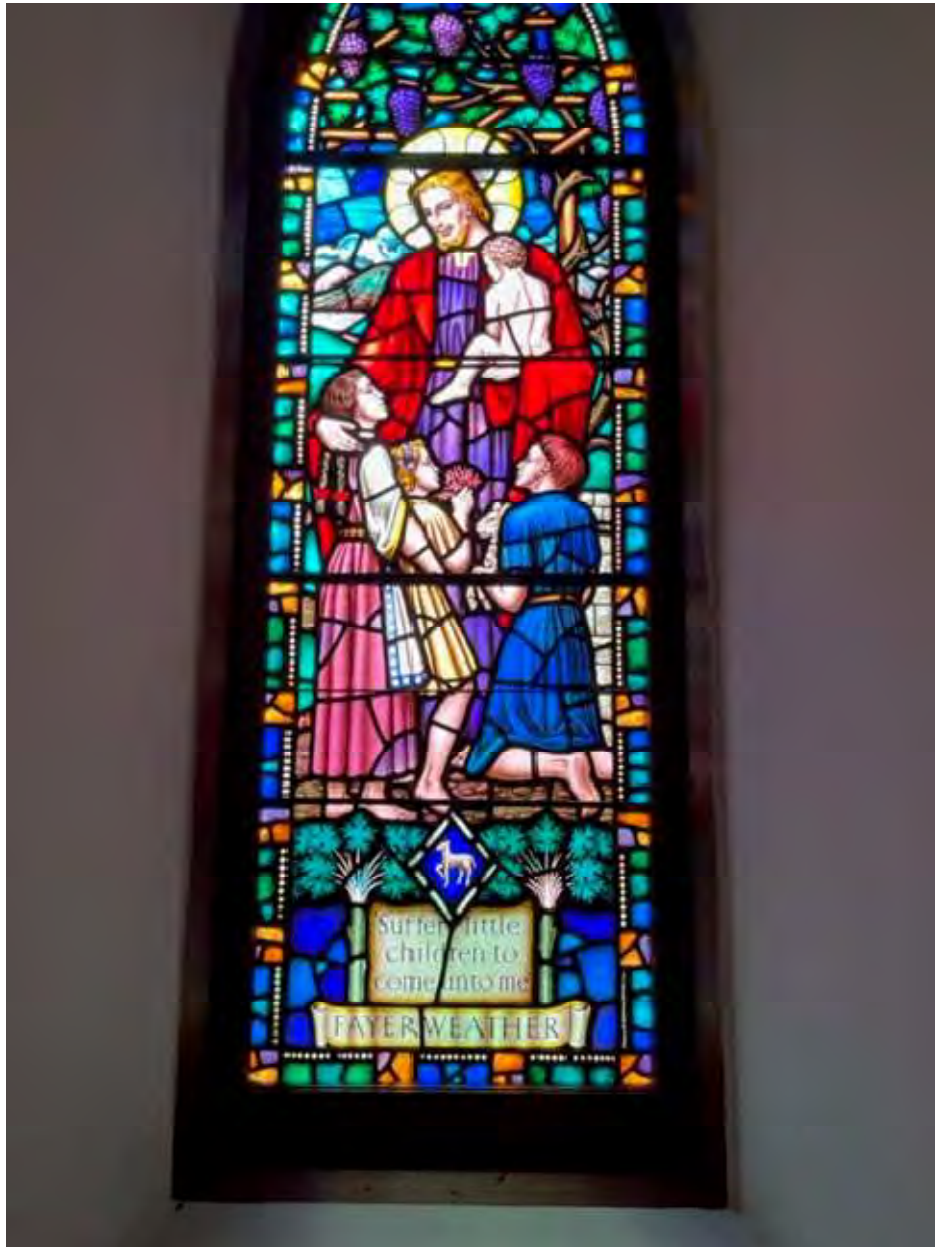
**Church Windows:** We hosted the New Lebanon Historical Society on October 16. We presented a history of the Church and explanation of our stained glass windows



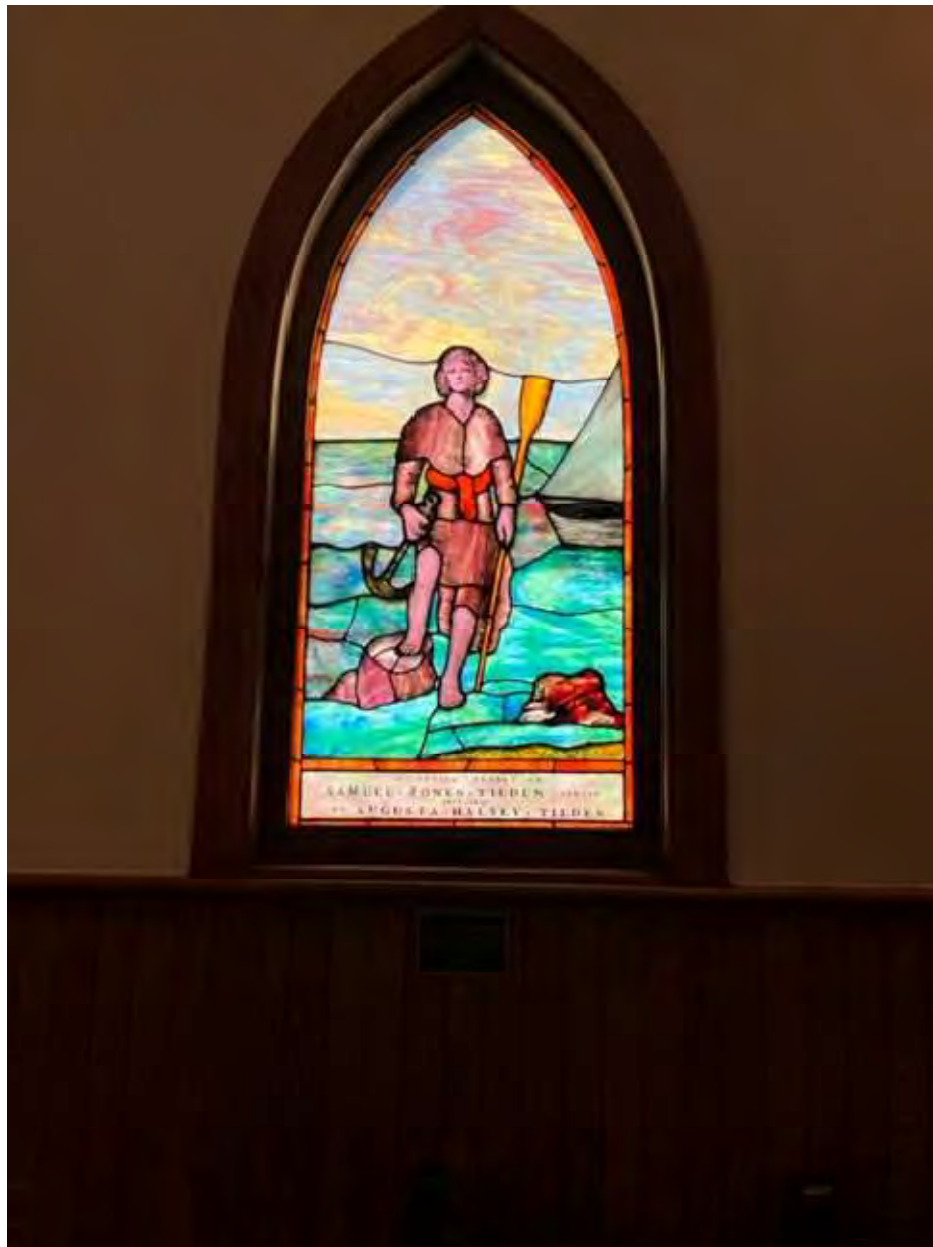
This is the "Shatford" Window- In memory of Almar H Shatford- donated in 1956



This is the “Flowers” window- In memory of Ruth Sewell Flowers- Donated 1962



This is the “Fayerweather” window- Family gift from Mrs Fayerweather in 1957



This is the “Tilden” window- In memory of Samuel Jones Tilden- donated in 1911

This is a Tiffany- Lafarge Window- gift of the artist Jessie Van Brunt-

Samuel Tilden was only 13 years old when he died.

## **From Father Frank Lockwood**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I pray this finds you well. So much going on and so little “time” to get things done. Yet, time is no different than it always has been. It is my own perception that changes things and how much I attempt to “squeeze in” that affects that perception.

Fall is my favorite time of year. It is a time of transition. It is like the evening of the year. The critters are getting ready for their winter’s nap. The trees shed the weight of their leaves as they prepare to face the snows and winds of winter. Harvest festivals are going on all around us reminding us of our ties to what grows from the ground.

The smells are probably some of the most powerful elements of the fall. Hot cider donuts, the crispness of that first frosty morning and the smell of the leaves. Oh, how I love the smell of leaves both when dry and first falling and when damp after an October/November rain. The smell of the forest for some reason reminds me of a blanket that seems to wrap around me whenever I get a chance to walk through it.

Yet all of this is nothing more than perception. A dear friend of mine from another parish passed away a few years ago. She and I would sharply disagree on our perceptions of fall. Where I find it my favorite season, for her it was her least favorite. She viewed it as nature dying with the leaves coming off the trees. She saw the prediction of snow not as a blanket that freshens our view but as a near prison. It represented for her just how uncomfortable she was going to be for the next several months, trapped like a prisoner in her home because she would struggle with the cold and getting outside during the upcoming months. Her favorite season was summer. She loved the heat. Her favorite vacations were going on cruises in the Caribbean. Here we were. We were in the same time, same space and looking at the same things, yet we saw them in diametrically opposed views.

A challenge we face in this life, including our religious beliefs, is being open to sharing that differing perspective. It doesn’t mean we have to agree, but can we at least hear it? Are we able to recognize that sometimes, it simply is a matter of personal preference that is interpreting the same situation one way for one person and completely differently for someone else?

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of November, I would ask a favor of you. This year, would you please add to your Thanksgiving a giving of thanks for those things that have challenged us? Giving thanks for those opinions and viewpoints and perspectives that are the absolute opposite of our own and make us uncomfortable? After all, having our viewpoints challenged, leaves us with only two possible outcomes: either we will strengthen our view, or we will see our view from a slightly different vantage point.

In His love,  
Fr Frank





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

Outside my window the leaves are fluttering down like snowflakes. The day is grey and rainy, but the vibrancy of the yellow and reds of the trees stands out against the sky. Days like today are among my favorite of the fall. It's time for being cozy and drinking tea and reading or just sitting, watching the changing landscape. It reminds us that our lives change as the seasons change, but our Lord is constant and His love for us is never changing.



## 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)

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

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEpcO-urzwsHNaG4UlgE42Ayoovl6fGHtS2/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqjwsHNWStH-FRpwMBo\\_CM-7zmGZdgo1cu0vQKid2NIHXL-1NJL4pFv\\_4](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEpcO-urzwsHNaG4UlgE42Ayoovl6fGHtS2/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqjwsHNWStH-FRpwMBo_CM-7zmGZdgo1cu0vQKid2NIHXL-1NJL4pFv_4)

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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.