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PASTOR'S POINTS

Saints vs saints

Saints with a capital "S" as compared with saints, with a small "s".

Saints with a capital "S" are the historical canonical saints. They are worshipped and remembered around the world in churches and homes.

But the heartfelt saints, with the small "s" are in the hearts of many all over the world. Perhaps there are many more than the Saints of the church. They are your living saints. Those who have given up; and have "given" that you might be the person you are today.

Sacrificed; gone without in order that you might be the person or at the level you are today.

So when we celebrate All Saints' Day, it is not just for the recognized Biblical Saints, but for ALL SAINTS.

Fr. Dugger

PRAYER CONCERNS

The United States Government President Obama Governor Cuomo Supervisor Benson Pope Francis Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop David Ball Daniel Herzog Priest Assigned Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger Deacon Rev. Randolph Lukas Pastor Jim Brother Bill Fr. John Deacon Peter

Jake Franchi **Kvlie White Chad Field** Ann DeVost John and Teri Koepp **Roberta Page** Wayne Vincent Vince Flanigan **Tiffany Flowers** Mindy Case Lois Johnson Warne Mike & Annie Delaney Al & Jean Mayer Wyatt Haley Robin Nancy Mills **Jim Schroeder Robin Bahrnum** Nathaniel Beth Tina **Debra Kelly Betty Hicks** Loretta Hendrickson George Ertel, Jr. **Ronnie Schwager**

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Sherri Boutard **Eva Helen Egan** Heather O'Grady Michelle Kowalczk Melissa Sue Bull The Rev. Christian Agunwamba Margie & Steve Daeson **Cheryl Alderman Elaine Berrier** Javne Sawin **Diane Sanford** Lou Amendalora **Bruce Bates** Doug Marie Malina Michael Pat Ruby Sabina Terrades Sean Lynch Clint Hank Gallucci

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig
3 – Jacob Gallucci
4 – Mary Young
17 – Anne Wever
21 – Janet Haley
23 – Brigitta Peterson
24 – Rich Mayer
29 – Frank Tallett

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

24 – Clinton and Virginia Dugger

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that we haven't included in past newsletters, please

- call the church office at 794-8702,
- leave a note in the church secretary's mailbox in the office
- or email Kris Smith at <u>pioneer03@aol.com</u> with your birthday or anniversary date so that we can update our list.

Thank you!

VESTRY'S VIEWS

The October vestry meeting was a busy one as we voted on issues to maintain the physical plant of the Church and on the worship service reading of the prayer of the day in the leaflet. Although the prayer will not be read during the service, you are encouraged to read it prior to the service and reflect on the message. Also, the Deacon will be reading the Prayers of the People during both services. Good news to share is both Mary Young and Richard Dauchy have agreed to serve again on the Vestry. We are truly blessed by all who have offered their time, talents, and treasures during this stewardship campaign. God is good...all the time.

VESTRY 2014

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Sheffer	01/2016
Junior Warden	Mary Young	01/2015
Vestry Members	Richard Dauchy	01/2015
	Eric May	01/2016
	Susan Darcy	01/2017
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Eric May	

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School will be sending holiday boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is a wonderful opportunity to send gifts, love and prayers all around the world. This is the first gift many children will receive. If you would like to bring a small gift or have any questions please ask me.

Beaver Cross ministries new Youth Director is John Iseman. He, along with Father Baker, have planned some exciting retreats and Bible Studies for our youth. Posters and flyers are on the bulletin board. The diocese is very happy to have seven youth ministry inters this year. We are asking for your prayers and support. If you have any questions you can contact John at jiseman@ctkcenter.org

Sunday school is starting our fall confirmation invitation. We will be talking about what this means and learning more about our faith and commitment to Christ. Thank you to all who support the youth of our church and the diocese.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Community Bible Study

Adult Education continues to meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The community is welcome. The group chooses the study and everyone has a part in the development of the discussion.

For more information, please contact Sally Langendorf or Randy Lukas.

Worship

Randy and Eric are leading Morning Prayer every Monday at 6:15 a.m.. Eric leads Morning and Evening Prayer as his schedule allows.

All Saints' Day Service

This service will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m.. Please submit any names to be placed in the memory booklet through the offering plate by Sunday, October 26th.

Stewardship Program

The Vestry has decided to continue with the study we started last year with some additions. The Treasurer has put together the pledge cards for time and talents. They were handed out or mailed to you the week of October 12th. Please return them by Sunday, November 2, 2014.

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m., you are invited to attend the LVPA Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse as a celebration of the ending of the Stewardship Program as well as support for a community service agency. This breakfast is free to all parishioners who sign up. We would like as many to come as possible.

Acolyte Festival

Set aside Saturday, November 15th, as we again attend the one day retreat for those of us who assist at the altar. This will be the fourth year for some of us to attend.

Thanksgiving Service

This service of Prayer and Thanksgivings will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 p.m..

Advent

November 30, 2014 – December 21, 2014

Greening of the Church

December 21, 2014 – 11:00 a.m., with a lunch which will be hosted by Senior Warden, Bitsy Sheffer-Winig.

Mission Updates

The **Berlin weekend food program** box is in the back of the sanctuary for your gifts. Jacob attends Berlin Central and he will be sure the donations get to the proper people.

Charlie's' Pantry send their thanks for our continued support. They continue to have a need for peanut butter and toilet paper. Thank you to all you donate to this project.

The **women's shelter for Columbia and Greene County** is always grateful for donations and with the holidays coming, the need will be great. The empty box is in the back of the sanctuary and awaits new donations.

We are also offering two ways to provide for a mission action during this time.

The first way is the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Program** being done by the Sunday School. The Sunday School is filling shoe boxes with needed and fun things for children. The boxes then go to a center and receive a tract in the language of the children who will be receiving the box. They will be distributed to children around the world. This ministry is part of Billy Graham's legacy with world wide evangelism.

The second way is to donate directly to the **Episcopal Relief and Development Fund** of the Episcopal church. In the back of the sanctuary is information and envelopes about this program. Remember our teaching: "Donate to those causes who spread the Gospel as well as provide for the body."

Christmas giving

Again this year, we will have a Christmas tree in the sanctuary during Advent, decorated with names of needy children in our school district. Please think about and take a name or two to provide for. Please return the gifts, wrapped and labeled with the ornament your chose by Sunday, December 21st.

Thank you to:

Lebanon Springs Excavating for the new parking lot.

Godfroy's Lawn Service for mowing our yard every year.

Eric May for bringing in the bench from the prayer garden.

Eric May for securing the garage from pigeons.

The newsletter deadline for the December issue will be <u>Saturday, November 15th.</u> If you have any news to share, please send it to Susan Darcy at <u>susan@darcy-systems.com</u>, Kris Smith at <u>pioneer03@aol.com</u> or leave a note in the "Trumpet" mailbox in the church office.

MONEY, POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY

We have continued our discussion of how our money affects our view of eternity. We have spoken about saving – having enough to keep us safe, but not so much that we cannot give to God. How much is enough depends on if you are alone or part of a family. What are your monthly expenses and goals? Insurance: Again, enough to meet the legal requirements and to provide for our basic needs if disaster strikes. Insurance has come to replace the need to depend on others when we need help. Retirement: Up until the 1930's, no one ever retired. They worked until they died as most people were laborers and lived week to week. The Bible refers to "no work, no food". The Bible also says God will provide for his Page 6 of 8

obedient, responsible and wise children who seek first His kingdom. As we look at our particular situation, we need to view these items and see how they reduce or increase our sense of dependence on God. We also looked at some practical ways to control spending. This list comes from the appendix of the book:

- 1. Realize that nothing is a good deal if you can't afford it.
- 2. Recognize that God isn't behind every good deal.
- 3. Understand the difference between spending money and saving money.
- 4. Look at the long-term cost, not just the short-term expense.
- 5. Pray before you spend.
- 6. Examine every purchase in light of its ministry potential.
- 7. Understand and resist the manipulative nature of advertising.
- 8. Learn to walk away from things you want but don't need.
- 9. Realize that little things add up.
- 10. Set up a budget and live by it.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, November 1 – 6:00 p.m.	<i>All Saints' Day</i> All Saints' Service
Sunday, November 2 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Ingathering of Pledge Cards Holy Eucharist LPVA Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse Holy Eucharist
Monday, November 3 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, November 4 –	Election Day
Thursday, November 6 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study
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7:00 p.m. Friday, November 7 –	

Monday, November 10 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, November 11 –	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 13 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 14 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Saturday, November 15 - Acolyte Festival	<u>Deadline for newsletter articles!</u>
Sunday, November 16 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School begins
Monday, November 17 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, November 20 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 21 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, November 23 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, November 24 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 26 7:00 p.m.	– Thanksgiving Eve service with prayers and thanksgivings
Thursday, November 27 -	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, November 30 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School