GIDEON'S TRUMPET

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VESTRY'S VIEWS

The Vestry met to confer on the next steps in the future of Our Saviour. I will be meeting with Bishop Love in the coming weeks. Church of Our Saviour will remain open and Reverend Lukas will be conducting services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., as well as special services during Lent. It is the intent of the Vestry to maintain Our Saviour's long tradition of serving those who come to hear the work of God in the Valley. We welcome Father Dugger and Mrs. Dugger as communicants of Our Saviour and Father has expressed his willingness to step in when needed. God is good - all the time.

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The newsletter deadline for the April issue will be <u>Sunday, March 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.

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** Deacon Rev. Randolph Lukas Pastor Jim **Brother Bill** Fr. John **Deacon Peter**

Melissa

Doug

Malina

Sharon

Rose G.

Jake Franchi **U.S Military and families Spiritual Life Center Kylie White Chad Field** Sherri Boutard Ann DeVost **Kimberly Harrington Eva Helen Egan** John & Teri Koepp **Richard Jones** Heather O'Grady **Roberta Page Kristen Thompson** Michelle Kowalczk Wayne Vincent **Edgar LaCombe** Vince Flanigan **Sue Frew** Sue Bull **Tiffany Flowers** Jane & Wayne Garnsey The Rev. Christian Agunwamba **Ruth Mary Deuel** Mindy Case Margie & Steve Lois Johnson Bessam **Daeson Warne Fred Desnoyers** Mike & Annie Delaney **Peter Guiler Elaine Berrier Dale Snyder** Al & Jean Mayer **Diane Sanford** Jayne Sawin Robin **Ray Garrison** Lou Amendalora Nancy Mills **Josie Bates Florence Stock** Virginia Moore **Robin Bahrnum Barbara Felter** Marie Nathaniel John Doris Fr. Duncan McQueen Beth Michael Tina Linda, Mike, Pat & Bob Gluckman Pat Ruby **Debra Kelly** People of Iraq and Sudan Sabina Terrades **Betty Hicks James Cross** Loretta Hendrickson George Ertel, Jr. **Heather Kromer** Hank Gallucci **Dusty and Carol Ted Beek Ayden Maguire** Kathy Lepore **Tim Laraway Clint & Ginny Dugger Church of Our Saviour Parish**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

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Fr. Duncan McQueen Kimball Farms Skilled Nursing 40 Sunset Avenue #55 Lenox, MA 01240

BIRTHDAYS

4 - Meredith Lukas

12 – Derek McKeon

13 - Elisabeth Spoto

21 – Carol Lukas

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

- Call the church office at 794-8702 and leave a message
- Leave a note in the church secretary's mailbox in the office
- Email Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com with your birthday or anniversary date so that we can update our list.

Thank you!

DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

As most know, Father Dugger has officially retired. Although we are heartbroken at the loss of our Pastor, our mentor and our true Christian friend, we are thankful that God brought him into our lives. What can anyone say about Father Dugger except that "God was Good" to allow us to have him and Ginny touch our hearts!

We know Father Dugger and Ginny will still "be around" and we wish them a truly blessed, happy, healthy and well-deserved "official" retirement!

As God closes one phase of the life of Church of Our Saviour, He opens another.

As Father Dugger always says: "God is Good – All the Time!". Thank you God for allowing us the blessings of Father Dugger and Ginny in our lives!

Susan Darcy

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Community Bible Study

We continue to meet on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. Since finishing our discussions of Paul's letter to the Galatians, we have been looking each week at the readings appointed for the following Sunday. This gives us an exposure to both Old and New Testaments, and brings out some interesting points of contrast or comparison. We usually spend the most time on the Gospel reading. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate, with no long term commitment, e.g. to finish a certain book of the Bible or topical study, so this is a good opportunity for a visit. You will be warmly welcomed.

For more info, Sally Langendorf or Deacon Randy.

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.

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. The empty box is in the back of the sanctuary and awaits new donations of toiletries.

Thank you to:

Our **snow angels** that shovel the walkways and sprinkle them with ice remover.

Lebanon Springs Excavating for the snow plowing.

Future Event

Sunday, April 19th – Bishop Love will join us for a combined service at 9:00 a.m.. Mark your Calendars for this special event. A brunch will follow. Everyone is asked to please bring a dish to share.

COMING UP:

Lenten Programs

Please watch your Sunday bulletin for the upcoming list.

Thursday, April 2 - *Maundy Thursday* 7:00 p.m. Service

Friday, April 3 – *Good Friday* 12:00 noon Service 7:00 p.m. Service

Saturday, April 4 – 10:00 a.m. ECW

Sunday, April 5 – *Easter* 8:00 a.m. Service 10:00 a.m. Service

Sunday, April 12 – 9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Sunday, April 19 – 9:00 a.m. Combined Service with potluck brunch following with visit from Bishop

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, March 2 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, March 5 – 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 6 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, March 8 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Vestry meeting Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, March 9 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, March 12 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 13 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, March 15 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!</u> Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, March 16 - 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, March 19 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 20 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner at the Congregational Church
Sunday, March 22 – 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, March 23 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday, March 26 - 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 27 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Free dinner
Sunday, March 29 - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Sunday School
Monday, March 30 – 6:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer