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VESTRY'S VIEWS

When I was cleaning out filing cabinets at work I found a desk calendar from 1997, the year I started at NYSUT. In flipping through it I saw written on a Wednesday for one of the months, Vestry meeting - 7 pm. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Vestry of Our Saviour for over 20 years and to be your Senior Warden. After much consideration I have decided not to stand for Senior Warden for the next election. I have been blessed by the work and by the wonderful people who have been apart of the Vestry. God will continue to guide the work of the church and those who keep watch over it. Thank you for all your support, prayers, and love.

Bitsy

VESTRY - 2017

Senior Warden	Elizabeth Winig	(01/2018)
Junior Warden	Mary Young	(01/2019)
Vestry Members	Richard Dauchy	(01/2018)
	Eugenia Browning	(01/2019)
	Tom Stone	(01/2020)
Clerk	Eugenia Browning	
Diocesan Delegate	Mary Young	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop **Daniel Herzog** Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger **Deacon Randolph Lukas Rev. Frank Lockwood Pastor James Brother Bill Pope Francis F**r. John **Deacon Peter** Metropolitans of Eastern Orthodox Churches **Bishops of Lutheran Synods** Archbishop of Canterbury Missionaries **United States Government President Trump Governor Cuomo** Senator Kirsten Gillibrand **Senator Kathy Marchione** Senator Charles Schumer **Congressman John Faso** Legislator Steve McLaughlin Supervisor Colleen Teal

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REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN:

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

15 – Karen McKeon

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Robert and Debi Gallucci

11 – Randolph and Carol Lukas

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that we haven't included in past newsletters, please leave a note in the church secretary's mailbox in the office or email Kris Smith at <u>pioneer03@aol.com</u> with your date so that I can update my list.

Thank you!

Kris

DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

While talking to a Church friend, I was asked why I started coming to Church of Our Saviour. I gave it some thought and remembered that folks I knew living on the "mountain" were infrequent visitors to the Church, but encouraged me to come and meet their pastor. One Sunday, I decided to take the plunge and visit Church of Our Saviour. It was to become an epic visit because of one person: **Hortense Zeller**.

After the conversation, I dug up something I had written about Hortense. Re-reading it, I decided it merited another printing. I can only hope some of Hortense's beliefs rubbed off.

Memories of Hortense

The first day I met Hortense, I knew I had found an open, friendly, welcoming Church practicing Christ's exhortation to love one another. I wasn't even out of the car when a bundle of energy and enthusiasm marched up to me, introduced herself, found out my name, where I was from and invited me to join everyone for breakfast – all in less than a minute!

What evolved from that first meeting was an enrichment in my life. Hortense was so very, very special, sharing herself, her projects, her ideas, her home, her family and most important, her abiding Christian love. Who can forget her inspirational homilies and interesting articles?

Hortense challenged everyone to be better – to step up and be counted. And at all times, Hortense spoke about her faith and what God wants us to do. Hortense loved the Lord and the Lord loved her. Hortense shared His love with all of us. Her shining smile drew you to her and through her eyes, you saw the beauty of God's love.

Hortense was the positive start and I know that first breakfast started a trend. Having breakfast after service on Sunday still has a positive impact on me. Come join us and see what I mean. Jimmy D's after 8 and make it a date. It will fill you with the impetus to share the fun and joy we have with one another.

> God's Love and Blessings to All! Susan Darcy

FROM THE DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Convention Report (continued)

During Convention, there are many opportunities to donate to worthy causes around the world. Some of those Church of Our Saviour supports are: Diaper Drive for St. Francis in Albany, we donated 25 cases of diapers this year. UTO is the United Thank Offering sponsored by the ECW. This is a way for parishes around the world to obtain funds to support their ministries. The money is collected from parishes in the U.S. and then distributed by parishes applying. Church of Our Saviour has donated in the past. The Diocese did a collection during Convention and sent \$1,000 to UTO. Collections were also taken for the Youth ministry and Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Madagascar. The outpouring of monetary generosity expressed by those attending Convention is life changing to those receiving the gifts.

I attended a worship help by Bishop Tarrant of South Dakota. This is the Diocese my sister Pat and her husband have been serving in for three years. It was nice to meet the people my sister has been telling me about. Bishop Tarrant showed us pictures and told the story of Christians in South Dakota. As Pat and Stan told me, the majority of the parishes are made up of Native Americans with an ancient history of serving God. 54 out of the 79 parishes are totally Native American. To meet God is an exciting transformation in their lives. The expanse of South Dakota with miles of farming country and miles of arid land makes for small parishes and lots of poverty. "Yet in the midst of a people affected by poverty, discrimination and isolation, I continually see the light of Christ shine through people's lives," Bishop Tarrant said. Generosity and Hospitality are trademarks of parishes. My sister has beautiful blankets, shawls and stones given to her from their parishes. They tried new dishes and have a new appreciation of what can be done with corn. Bible studies continue to draw young and old to a new life in Jesus Christ. Stan said it was interesting to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in simple wooden buildings or a teepee versus the stone edifices we have here. The power he saw there in the people and the love they share with others brings such joy.

Mary Young

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the November issue will be **Sunday, October 15th.**

If you have any news to share, please send it to

Susan Darcy at susan@darcy-systems.com

or

Kris Smith at pioneer03@aol.com.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Frank Lockwood

Sunday, October 8 -

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals in the church parking lot. If you or a friend or a neighbor would like animals blessed at your home, please contact Deacon Randy at 518-795-5669.

Sunday, October 15 – <u>Newsletter deadline!</u> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Frank Lockwood

Saturday, October 21 -

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. LVPA Chicken Barbeque Please see Eugenia or Mary for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

- Sunday, October 22 -8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, October 29 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Vestry meeting

Coming Up:

Sunday, December 3 - Advent begins
Sunday, December 17 – Greening of the church with a luncheon hosted by Bitsy and Tony
Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve services at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day service at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 28, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. Annual meeting with a pot luck brunch