



The Church Bell

The First Reformed Church
Walden, New York

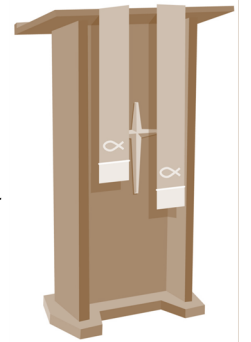
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Summer is Burning

Summer is burning its way toward fall. Gardens throughout the community are a blaze with beautiful flowers and bountiful vegetables. The hot muggy evenings are yielding to cooler fall temperatures and the vacation season is a joyful harvest of memories yielding happy images of time spent with family, friends, or places visited.



Our full schedule of events begins in September: Women's Studies, Men's Prayer breakfast, Choir rehearsals, Backpack Snack Attack, and more. It is time to get back to a renewed diet of worship, service and sharing. Just as our gardens still require our attention to harvesting and weeding so our lives need a steady diet of caring for the soul, growing in our faith and knowledge of Christ, and sharing our faith with others.

Pray, time alone with God, listening to the still small whisper of God as we meditate on the Psalms and scriptures of utmost importance to our spiritual growth and awareness of God. I know of people who rise an hour or so earlier than they need to, so that they may exercise the spiritual gift of prayer. Our souls are the garden where in we meet with God. Prayer is the exercise of our spiritual garden through which we weed out the superfluous cares and demands of the day and make room for the growth Christ's presence.

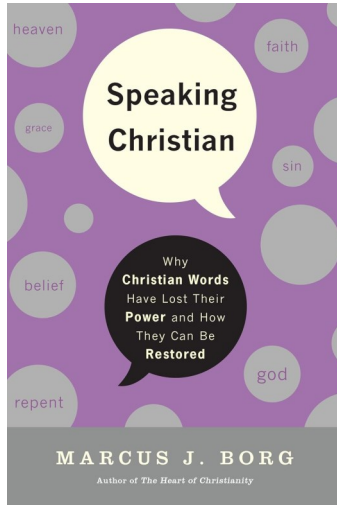
I invite you to make a commitment to spend at least a half an hour a day quieting your minds and speaking with the Lord of Creation, the author of life, our Savior and God. It is in the repeated action of letting go of the world's noise that we come at last into the quiet place of God's Garden. Pick a place where you can sit. Pick a scripture text that moves you heavenward. Pick an image that speaks of God. As you engage in these repetitive movements you will find yourself entering into a deeper time of conversation with God. If you are courageous, you might try the practice of believers through the ages who took time to pray at sunrise, mid-day, evening and again before bed. Simple prayers of thanksgiving before you eat are also efficacious in taming the prideful spirit that thinks it doesn't need God.

Summer is burning its way toward Autumn. The time of harvest is upon us. In the practice of prayer, you will realize a more bountiful spiritual harvest.

Pastor Jim O'Connell

Submitted by Pastor Jim O'Connell

Speaking Christian



The Pastor would like to offer a Wednesday evening study using the book “Speaking Christian – Why Christians Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power-And How They Can Be Restored” by Marcus J. Borg. The book can be purchased online for \$16 in paperback or \$13 in Kindle. The study would begin October 9 at 7:00 pm and will be both in person and on zoom. We will gather every Wednesday through the week before Christmas. The Christian language has become a stumbling block in our time. Much of its basic vocabulary is seriously misunderstood by Christians and non-Christians alike. Words that we use in worship every week like salvation, saved, sacrifice, redeemer, righteousness, repentance, mercy, sin and more, have acquired meanings that are serious distortions of their biblical

and traditional meanings. We will explore the deeper meanings and wrestle with some of our own misunderstandings. The gatherings will be at the Pastors farm. All are welcome. If you want to participate you may call the office, sign up in the church, or email Pastor Jim; revjimoc@gmail.com.

Thank you

Phyllis and I have always known that we are loved here at The First Reformed Church. Your love for us became more visible and pronounced during my medical emergency. My heart is filled with wonder and joy at the way the leadership and members of this congregation stepped up during worship on the fateful day and the weeks that have followed. Seeing how so many came forward to assist was poetry in motion. The care and concern we have received from all of you is a gift we shall cherish for many years to come.

God has profoundly blessed us through this trial. Thank you, seems too small a thing to say, and yet it is thanks that we have for all you. A thank you that is as deep as the ocean and wide as the sky. Our hearts are filled to overflowing with your love for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Submitted by Phyllis O'Connell

Church Worship and Picnic

Our church worship celebration is this Sunday, Sept. 8th and will take place at The O'Connell's farm (1879 State Route 52, Walden – 2nd Driveway west of the Walden Sportsmen's Club). Worship will begin at 10:00am and the picnic will follow.

The following will be provided: Hamburgers, hot dogs and Sloppy Joes, bottled water, and Lemonade.

Please bring a side dish and/or a finger dessert.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim (201-574-6407) or Phyllis (201-294-2293)



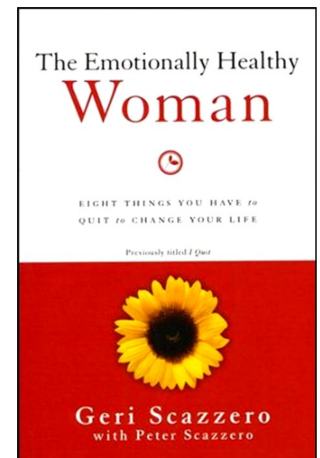
Fellowship News

Indoor fellowship after worship will begin on Sunday, September 15th. Phyllis O'Connell is looking for assistance in organizing, serving, and cleaning up the fellowship time. If you can assist her, please contact her at 201-294-2293.

Our first soup and bread Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 6th. Please bring soup and/or bread to share.

Women's Study and Fellowship Group

Women of the church will begin our new study on Sunday, September 15th at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our reflections and study will be based on the book entitled "The Emotionally Healthy Woman" by Geri Scazzero. Books can be ordered online. The following paragraph is from the back cover of the book: In "The Emotionally Healthy Woman" Geri Scazzero provides you a way out of an inauthentic, superficial spirituality to genuine freedom in Christ. This book is for every woman who thinks, "I can't keep pretending everything is fine!" If you have any questions, feel free to contact Phyllis O'Connell at 201-294-2293.



Submitted by Bunnie Reichle**VBS 2024**

What a great experience on our Jungle Journey from Genesis to Revelation!

Great Kids! Great Families! Great Volunteers!

It was so impressive to hear kids and adults remembering the lessons of each day.

Great food! Exciting Music! Meaningful Bible Lessons! Creative Crafts! Energy-burning recreation!

We had many young helpers this year. Thanks to Fiona Economy, Lily Horton, Lucas Horton, Lena Horton, Ava Barringer, Alivia Barringer, Kevin Barringer, Kevin Harrington, Matt Harrington.

Sabrina and Diane Crist-Moore masterminded publicity. Lucy Santana created 3 beautiful posters for the Fellowship Hall. John Harrington, Joyce Heitz, Jay Mentz and Jim Reichle made sure we were decorated. Paula Jansen and Nancy Steiler took care of our registration table. Jerry Hanen handled all of our AV needs. Joe Weikel, Jan Hanen and Bill Freeman provided our music. Theresa Norstrand took over the kitchen making an outstanding pan of ziti with homemade sauce for our Thursday dinner. Jan Hanen made all of our theme based desserts. Carol Ann once again oversaw the craft component. This year she was assisted by Joyce Heitz and Jaymee Barringer. Diane and Dan Moore did an awesome job with the Bible lessons for the elementary aged kids. They were assisted by Diane Karsten. Karen Harrington kept our littlest ones busy but focused with special help from Fiona and Lily and Lena doing the nightly puppet show. The Barringer Family provided our nightly drama skits. John Harrington kept kids moving during recreation. Judy Bonasio was a floating volunteer helping wherever needed. Jim and Phyllis kept us in prayer throughout the week. Children learned about less fortunate children from all over the world.

We also had a mission moment every night where children learned about less fortunate children from all over the world and then were asked to collect quarters to send to the Children's Hunger Fund. Each quarter contributed bought one meal through this charity. We collected \$178.50 which equaled 714 meals for less fortunate children who will also learn about God's word through this organization's work.

This year, we were very fortunate to have Stewart's donate everything we needed for our Make Your Own sundae desserts and Francos Pizza for providing us with pizzas at the Monday sale price. What great community support! Let's be sure we support them as well.

Looking forward to next year! Will you join us?



VBS 2024 PICTURES

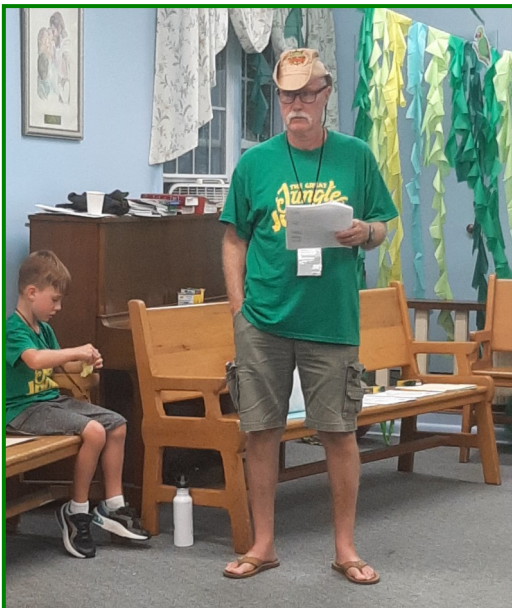


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THE GREAT
JUNGLE
JOURNEY

AUGUST 5 – 9

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM



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SUBMITTED BY BUNNIE REICHLE

FALL 2024 MUSIC NEWS

With the beginning of Fall, choir will resume. We will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 10 AM. More voices are always welcome especially women. You do not need to be able to read music, just have a love of singing. We will help you be successful in praising the Lord this way. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 10 in the chapel. If you have questions or are interested and

Tuesday mornings do not work for you, call or text Bunnie Reichle(845-222-4833) or email bunniereichle@hotmail.com

We are always looking for special music for services throughout the year. If you are interested in doing a solo singing or playing an instrument, get in touch with Bunnie.

Let's make a joyful noise!!!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

There are several opportunities for individuals to help First Reformed.

We need a volunteer to sit at a table at Walden Harvest Festival in the Square on Saturday, September 28. You just need to talk about all of the great things we do here at Hill Church.

Phyllis needs help setting up Sunday Fellowship after service at 9:15 in the morning.

We cooperate with area churches in running the Montgomery Food Pantry. We are responsible for volunteers in October and February. More importantly, we need someone to co-chair this mission activity with Diane Crist-Moore.

Extra hands can always be used for Backpack Snack Attack. Packing is Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Delivery to the schools happens the next day.

Call the church office and leave a message or email the church if you are interested.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We have the much-needed supplies for the Operation Christmas Child boxes but are in need of the postage to send them. The cost is \$10 a box. Checks can be made out to First Reformed Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line or you may place cash in an envelope and place it in the collection marking it for Operation Christmas Child.

Hymnal supplement “Sing! A new creation”



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If you are making the donation in Memory of someone
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*Please fold & place with donation in the offering plate or
mail to First Reformed Church, 70 Scofield Street, Walden NY*

Hymnal supplement “Sing! A new creation”

It is a contemporary hymnal supplement with more than 270 songs chosen from the best of new hymns, global music, and choruses from such diverse sources as Iona, Maranatha, Taize, and Word.

For each song, the text, tune, or both were written within the past 50 years.

Spoken prayers, litanies, and responsorial psalms are also included.

Cost is only \$15 each. And the Worship Team is proposing
to buy 48 copies for a total cost of \$720.

If you would like to donate towards our new hymnal supplement please place your donation in the offering plate. If giving by check write hymnal in the memo field of the check or if donating cash please place the cash in an envelope and write your name and hymnal donation on the outside of the envelope.

Name plates will be put in recognizing donors and if they wish to donate in memory of someone. Please fill out the information on the back of this insert, fold the insert, and place in the offering plate with your donation. Thank you.

Worship As Fall Approaches



I adore the seasons in New York. Anticipation of the coming fall always brings me to reflect on the past, the past year, and further. The days grow shorter, the leaves start to change and fall. The nights get wonderfully cooler with apples coming into season just to name a few things I love about the Fall season. Let the beauty of His creation be a reminder that all of creation glorifies His holy name and declares His glory.

I pray God will provide us a harvest this season through peace, wisdom, and the unburdened strength we need in such a times such as these. Let us be mindful of His grace and mercy that we may be gracious and forgiving of others and ourselves knowing that His time and His providence are all-sufficient for us at every moment. All we need is to keep His presence in our hearts and mind. Remember the events of August 4th. It is unquestionable in my mind that His Spirit was profoundly at work in all of us as we aided Jim and continued to worship God. He will give us the strength and words and actions we need in the moment we need.

Unburdened hearts, hands, and minds, focused on worshipping God bring us peace, quiet hearts, and a joyful, thankful disposition. These ready us to accept the gift of His Grace through forgiveness and build our ability to extend grace and forgiveness to others. Let our words and actions (even to merely sit and listen to someone in need) be our participation in the acts of glorifying and worshipping God. Come! All are welcome to experience the peace and joy that proceeds as we worship to God!

Wow, I pray you were able to experience the joy and love shared in VBS. It was wonderful. It was a rousing, uplifting, and loving time with the Children in VBS (Again !!). The experience brought the joy of the Lord and the love of God to all participants. We will be actively taking steps to continue these relationships by inviting the many families and children who participated in VBS to worship with us and to take part in coming events. Keep your eyes open for news of coming events and please share our open invitation to those you meet in the community.

To refocus on our worship and reaching out... we are in the process of implementing a new broadcast system to. 1) alleviate the internet disruptions in broadcasting we've seen in past months and 2) provide us with the capacity to simultaneously broadcast live to both Facebook and our new YouTube account (address to follow soon)! Work on this continues at the time of this writing. In the meantime, of course we will continue to broadcast our services live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FRCWalden> and simultaneously to Reverend Jim's Facebook page. These videos are posted to Facebook and are available to watch later at your convenience, and it will be the same for YouTube.

A reminder that your constructive comments about any aspect of our worship are always welcome! Let us, the Worship Team hear from you! We continue to broaden our capabilities with a goal of incorporating more participation from the congregation (as many as possible) into our worship services. There are many opportunities! We'd love nothing better than to have 3, 6, 8 or more volunteers who would not be required to contribute every Sunday, but rather to get a number of folks to contribute when they may in leading parts of our services such things as: pointing a phone-camera broadcasting live video to Jim's Facebook account, greeting guests in to the sanctuary, reading the 'welcome' and opening announcements, readers for Assurance of Pardon, Law of God and of course reading scriptures, and whatever aspect of our worship you may be so led as to take part. We ask you to prayerfully consider these opportunities to actively participate in worship!

Worship continued..

With great thanksgiving to God for healing and Jim's return, we are pleased to announce that our plans for our last outdoor service of the summer are still on and slated for Sunday September 8th at Dancing Hills Farm 1879 New York Rte 52 Walden. Service is scheduled for the same time 10:00 AM and will be followed by our annual Church Picnic with tent, tables and chairs! We'll have fun and games for children of all ages and lots of delicious food and beverages!

Choir is starting up again! Bunnie has rehearsals set to start at 9:15AM on Tuesdays beginning September 10th. Our first anthem will be presented during Sunday Service on September 15th! If you have a heart to sing, please contact us or just come to rehearsal and sing with us until you are comfortable enough to join us in Sunday Service Choral Anthems. We rehearse each anthem for several weeks giving us all a lot of practice time to get comfortable with each piece. Give it a try! We always welcome more voices!

The Praise Team will likely move rehearsals back to Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Crist Chapel but this decision is pending as of the time of writing this article (forgive me..). However, this decision is dependent upon pending input from all of our PT members once they return from vacation. We too are always looking for new voices and instruments! All are most welcome to join us during rehearsals to get you comfortable singing or playing just for the fun of it! We are anxious to have Phil and Jan Goutell back with us in September when they make the journey back to NY from their summer residence in Nova Scotia.

We plan to have our next Mission Moment during Sunday Service September 15th to learn of updates on our various missions and we will have our next Consistory Moment as usual on the Sundays following our most recent Consistory Meeting.

World Communion Sunday is coming up on Sunday October 6th. To celebrate this, the Worship Team is seeking congregants who speak other languages to have as many different languages represented in worship through the reading of scripture. Help us celebrate our diversity by offering to read in your native or 2nd language or one you know well enough to read! We'll also have the sanctuary decorated with flags from around the world and we'll sing "Eat This Bread Drink This Cup" along with solo's as our Hymn of Response.


Upcoming music!


Image credit Timanko

Our Hymn of the Month, also known as the "Closing Hymn" as listed in our bulletins for September will be Hymn # 97 "He Is Lord" This Hymn was authored and composed by an anonymous writer. It is based on Acts 2:36, Romans 10:9; and Philippians 2:9-11.

1 He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

2 He is King, he is King! He will draw all nations to him, he is King;
and the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King!

3 He is Love, he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!

4 He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;
and he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

Our Departing Hymn for September will be the lyrics found with Hymn #843 and sung to the tune of Edelweiss.

Worship continued.

Our Hymn of the Month for October will be the Hymn #118 "We Will Glorify" authored by Twila Paris in 1982, and Copyright in 1982 by Singspiration Music. It is based on scriptures from Isaiah 66:5; Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16; and Revelation 21:22.

- 1 We will glorify the King of kings. We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords. Who is the great I Am
- 2 Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone
- 3 He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth. He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe. All praise to Him we give
- 4 Hallelujah to the King of kings. Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords. Who is the great I Am

Our Departing Hymn for October will be "Let There Be Peace On Earth" a hymn not found in our hymnals so here are those lyrics.

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, Brothers and sisters are we
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.*

The entire Worship Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to or participated in our worship services over the summer and anxiously look forward to the Fall Season Services. The worship team encourages you to look inward, reflect on your gifts and talents, and prayerfully consider offering them in service to the Lord through active participation in our worship. There are no bounds on what these blessings may bring to others. No gift is insignificant. We are a diverse congregation with equally diverse gifts and God has purpose for each of us, in our own way, and He will show us that way. Just listen. We may never know how our service may touch someone's life. We need to take that step-out in faith and in confidence that He will shape the outcome of our efforts to be exactly what is needed at the time and bring glory to His Name. You don't need to be experienced or anything special, just bring what God has given you and He will make perfect use of your offerings. He provides all we need in whatever gifts or talent you bring to His table. Your offering could be simply providing sanctuary decorations, banners, flowers, greeting guests & congregants, or other tasks such as running power point slide presentations, singing, providing accompaniment for Hymns or Songs of Praise, panning a phone-camera, being an acolyte, reading scriptures, the call to worship, offering prayer(s), online production work, creating artwork for PowerPoint presentations, or running the sound board. Try it to see what the Lord has to offer.

With His help, we pray that you know and feel in your heart of hearts that you are welcome in any role; comfortable and supported in any manner being a part of worship helping us to make it a moving and meaningful experience. No act in offering is too small, no act of service is without meaning. They all add up to a sum far greater than we can even imagine.

We rest assured in His promises and confident in the hope we express as we faithfully worship the Lord to strengthen and embolden the Body of Christ to glorify God. Hallelujah & Amen!

With love in Christ Jesus, *Joe Weikel*

Fellowship Hall Project

If anyone would like to donate a can of paint for our painting project of the fellowship hall please see Jerry Hanen to find out what type of paint, brand, and color, etc..

SUBMITTED BY JERRY HANEN

Property Team

The property team strives to maintain our church property as best we can. We will always welcome help on our regular work days. We are here almost every Wednesday morning from 9:00 - 12:00. If you see things that need attention please let us know. We try to catch things as we see them but we don't always see everything. You can contact me at 917-968-1535 or by email at jerryhanen@gmail.com



Be watching for our fall cleanup day and a work day to freshen up our fellowship hall. We need all of your help for those projects.

Search Committee

Our search committee is in the final stages of preparation of the documents to send to the RCA for our search for a new pastor. By the time this prints we are hopeful that it has been sent and we will await resumes from prospective pastors. Unfortunately this is a long process and there are many other churches searching as well. We all hate to see Pastor Jim leave but we need to honor his request to be able to retire. Please pray for us as we continue this process.



Some other Reminders & Information

The Farmer's Market: is open on the front lawn of the church on Fridays, from 2-6pm. The last day of the market will be October 11th.

Men's Breakfast: every Saturday, in Fellowship Hall, from 7:30am to 8:30am, donation of \$5.

Montgomery Food Pantry: First Reformed Church is scheduled to volunteer again at the Pantry in October. The Food Pantry operates on Tuesdays from 10AM–Noon & on Wednesdays 6:30–8:00PM. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry please let Diane Crist-Moore know, email address is chaissandl@aol.com. Items needed at the pantry on a regular basis are: Pasta, sauce, rice, macaroni & cheese, tuna, beans, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, canned veggies, canned fruit, canned soup, cereal, baby food, baby cereal, formula and diapers.

Ukraine Refugee Ministry: items continue to be collected for shipment and people and organizations continue to make donations for shipping.

Healing Service: next healing service will be during the worship service on Sunday, September 29th.

Bulletin: to request an announcement be listed in the bulletin please contact Sabrina the church secretary. frchurch@frontiernet.net

Slides: to request an announcement be listed on the slides shown during worship service please contact Jerry Hanen. jerryhanen@gmail.com

Facebook: If you or your team or group would like to request something church related be posted to the church Facebook, please email your request to: Diane Crist-Moore (chaissandl@aol.com), Angel Santana Jr. (angelsantanajr@gmail.com) or Sabrina church secretary (frchurch@frontiernet.net).

Newsletter: newsletter deadline for articles and information for the November/ December is October 10th.

Instagram: to request something church related be posted to the church Instagram account please email your request to Jerry Hanen. jerryhanen@gmail.com

Wall Radio: if you would like something church related advertised on Wall Radio please email your request to Joe Weikel, sjbw@ymail.com

Tax Exempt: if purchasing items on behalf of the church you may be able to contact the church financial officer Susan Kennedy to obtain a tax exempt form. 845-926-2819 or email skennedy120@hotmail.com

Church Letterhead: If anyone needs to use church letterhead for church business or activities please let Bunnie Reichle, Susan Kennedy or Pastor Jim O'Connell know.

Receipts: please try to turn in receipts within 2 weeks for church credit card usage and for receipts being submitted for reimbursement.





Chili cookoff and Trick-r-Trunk Halloween night

Thursday, October 31st, 6:00pm to 8pm

Do you have a killer recipe for chili?

Well, pull out your best Chili recipe and fire it up for our Annual Chili Cookoff Halloween night!

Or just stop by and sample all the different chili's for free and then Vote for your favorite!

Most votes from community will be awarded gift cards for BEST, Most Original, and Hottest Chili!

Bring your trick or treaters!

We'll have "Trick r Trunk" handing out treats to children from the decorated trunks of cars.

We'll also have free coffee, hot cider, and refreshments for everyone!

Where? The First Reformed Church in Walden, corner of Scofield & Church Street

Church address is 70 Scofield Street, Walden NY 12586

Parking available off Scofield Street and also off Church Street

When? Thursday, October 31st, 6:00pm to 8pm

Setup is 5:30, events start 6PM, coinciding & concluding with the Village Trick-r-Treat at 8PM.

We'd love to have you with us in a night we always enjoy!



THE SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING AND SERVING
A Ministry of the Mid-Hudson and Orange Classes
FALL 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

Biblical Exegesis (Preaching Elder & Commissioned Pastor candidates; with a prerequisite of Old Testament and New Testament courses)

Instructor: The Rev. Jay Vogelaar

Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, Nov. 5 & 12; 7-9 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Tuition: \$125, plus books and materials

For the Psalmist, the word of the Lord was sweeter than honey. Isaiah knew that God's word accomplishes God's purposes. John described how the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Paul wrote about being found as a trustworthy steward of God's grace and mysteries. Exegesis is the study and developed skill of critically interpreting scripture with integrity of faith, contextual understanding, and humility. This class will develop tools that enable us to be faithful witnesses of God's will and word in our preaching and teaching today.

Boundary Awareness Training: Developing & Keeping the Sacred Trust (Ministers, Staff, Elders, Deacons, Sunday School and Youth Group leaders are encouraged to attend.)

Instructor: The Rev. Kendra VanHouten

Dates: Saturday, September 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot St., New Paltz

Tuition: \$25, includes course booklet

Plan on bringing a lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Healthy boundaries are a gift, especially for faith leaders who serve and nurture others. They are helpful guides that give shape to our relationships. In ministry and teaching, boundaries clarify who the pastor is and who the congregant is so that safe spaces and relationships are created. Topics include the internet and technology use, social media, church finances, relationships (friendship, dating, sexuality, etc.), sexual misconduct, self care, child protection, and policy writing.

This is the course that insurance carriers would like all church staff and volunteers to take.
Share this date and get it on your calendars now.

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FALL 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS Continued...



Four Christmas Carols (General Interest)

Instructor: The Rev. Jay Vogelaar

Dates: Mondays, November 4, 11, 18 and 25; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Tuition: \$45, plus books and materials

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John introduce us to Jesus in different ways. Each starts from a different perspective, and each time, the Jesus we meet grabs our attention and imagination. This course looks at each gospel writer's introduction in turn, and how that vision helps us to understand the coming of our Savior.

Church History 1 and Elements of Worship will be offered in 2025 for Commissioned Pastor and Preaching Elder candidates or General Interest. More info to follow.

Course registrations need to be received by the Registrar one week prior to the course unless otherwise stated. All registrations and tuition need to be mailed to the Registrar unless other arrangements are made in advance. Please register in time to insure the class will run.

Scholarships are available from the School. Please contact SCLS Treasurer Desiree Albizu for financial assistance at desireeralbizu@gmail.com

SCLS Registration Form

Name _____ Phone no. _____

Postal address _____

Email address _____

Church affiliation _____

Course name _____

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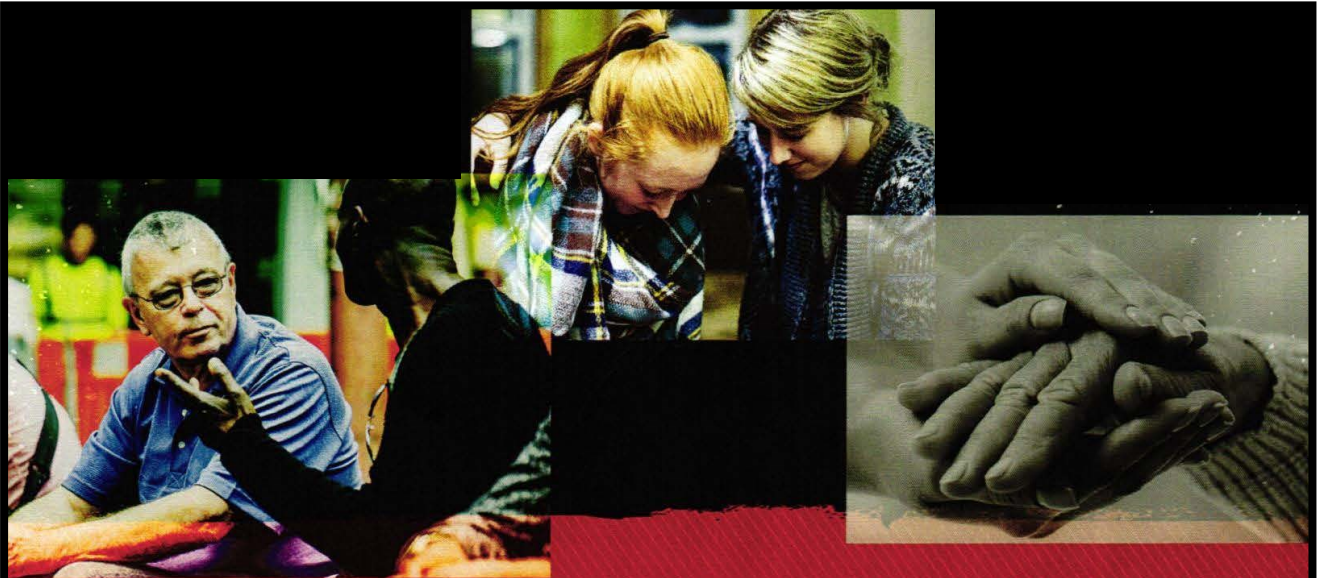
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TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CHECK-IN WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM)
LOCATION: FOX HILL COMMUNITY CENTER
80 COLEMAN RD., MONTGOMERY, NY 12549
COST: NO CHARGE
REGISTER: BillyGraham.org/RRTSeminar



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." —PSALM 46:1, NKJV

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Labor Day	3	4 9:00 Property team 9:00 Praise Team *after today practice time tbd.	5	6 2-6pm Farmers Market	7 7:30 Men's Breakfast
8 10:00 Gathering at the Farm Worship Service & Annual Church Picnic	9	10 9:15 Choir	11 Patriot Day 9:00 Property team	12	13 2-6pm Farmers Market	14 7:30 Men's Breakfast
15 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship	16	17 9:15 Choir	18 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack	19 7pm Consistory	20 2-6pm Farmers Market	21 7:30 Men's Breakfast
22 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Autumn	23	24 9:15 Choir	25 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack	26	27 2-6pm Farmers Market	28 7:30 Men's Breakfast
29 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Healing Service	30					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15 Choir 10:00 Pantry	2 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 6:30 Food Pantry	3	4 2-6 Farmers Market	5 7:30 Men's Breakfast
6 World Communion Day 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Soup & Bread	7	8 9:15 Choir 10:00 Pantry	9 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 6:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Book Study	10 Articles & calendar info for the newsletter are due	11 2-6 Farmers Market (last day)	12 7:30 Men's Breakfast
13 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Pastor Appreciation Day	14 Columbus Day	15 9:15 Choir 10:00 Pantry	16 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 6:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Book Study	17 7:00 Consistory	18	19 7:30 Men's Breakfast
20 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship	21	22 9:15 Choir 10:00 Pantry	23 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 6:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Book Study	24	25	26 7:30 Men's Breakfast
27 Reformation Sunday 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship	28	29 9:15 Choir 10:00 Pantry	30 9:00 Property team 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 6:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Book Study	31 Chili Cook-off 6 to 8pm (5:30 set-up)		

Around the Congregation



Church Prayer List
“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

I Thessalonians 5:16-18



Please Pray for:

Pastor Jim & Phyllis O’Connell, Angel Santana Senior, Bunnie Reichle, Ariana Den Bleyker, Angel Santana Jr. & family, Gail Yeaple, People of Ukraine, Jonathan Reichle, Jill McCormick, People of Gaza, People of Israel, Ed & Susan Kennedy, George Heitz & family, Mike DeZemo, Richie Lendle, Mary Weikel, Nick Petrolo, Smith family, Military personnel, The home-bound, Those in nursing facilities.



Total Deposits

June
\$8,065.00
July
\$4,881.10



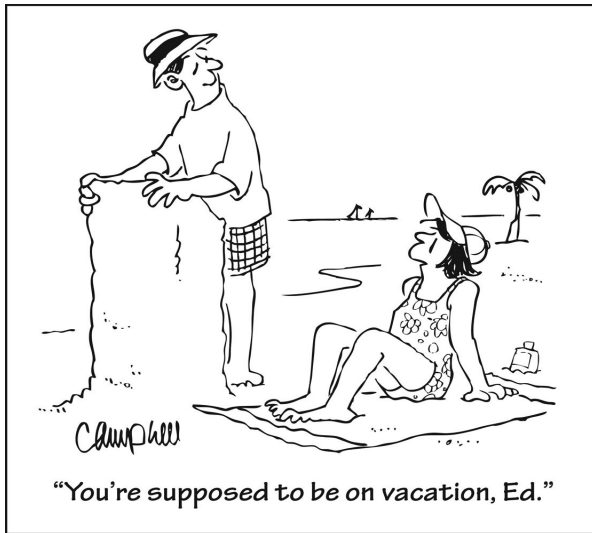
Richard & Karen Lendle
Sept 26th
Ken & Jaymee Barringer
Oct 4th
John & Karen Harrington
Oct 11th
Jerry & Jan Hanen
Oct 11th
Edward & Susan Kennedy
Oct 20th

September

4 Alivia Barringer
28 Kevin Barringer

October

3 James Reichle
14 Jon Reichle
15 Jerry Hanen
20 Sandy Robertson
21 Morgan Jacobsen
24 Wyatt Lendle
24 Lucy Santana
27 Carol Ann Freeman



Goodwill Envelopes:

September -
Snack Attack

October-
Operation Christmas
Child

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