



The Church Bell

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Change

As I write this the season is changing; leaves are coloring up and sailing through the branches, gathering in drifts on the lawn, frost is coating the fields and flowers, leaves and ground with its sparkling presence in the mornings. The farm is transitioning from productivity to preparing to sleep through the coming winter. There is a shift of the daily chores from gathering to cleaning up and storing away. Life goes in cycles of birth, growth, fruitfulness and rest. The rhythm of the seasons bring a new appreciation of life as we step into the cadence of change.



The church is coming to the end of one season to embrace a new season: from common time to Advent and then to Christmas. These changes of season awaken in us a new perspective on life and our relationship with God. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. For many it is the season of Football. Thanksgiving Day will be filled with games and gobs of food, visits to family and friends. It is also a time for us to take a moment and give thanks for the many things we have received at the hand of God.

I encourage you to write down the things for which you are thankful and then on Thanksgiving Day share your list with someone. The process of making the list will lift your spirit and brighten your day.

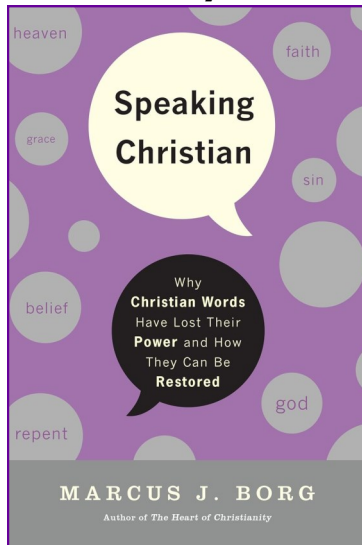
At this time of year, I often review my farm sales. It helps me decide what I want to grow next year and what I should not. The process often brings surprises and usually brings fond memories.

You can do the same with your growing season. Look back over the past six months and see what activities helped you grow in your faith and what brought you a deep sense of accomplishment. These activities are your growing edge. As you embrace these you will continue to grow in your faith journey. These will help you embrace change and shift your priorities. As you do so give thanks for the new insights and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Pastor Jim O'Connell

Submitted by Pastor Jim O'Connell

Book Study



The study of the book, “Speaking Christian,” by Marcus Borg is going well. Each week we tackle one or two words that are commonly used in worship. Many of these words are not fully understood or appreciated by the average church goer. Marcus helps us see these words in a new light, taking us back to biblical understanding and the cultural understanding of these words. The study will continue through December on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall at 7:30pm. Even if you have not read the chapters, you will get something out of attending the study. You can also join us on zoom by giving Pastor Jim your email and he will send you the log in information.

Pastor Jim’s email address is revjimoc@gmail.com

Advent Preaching

Advent is the beginning of the church year. This year I will explore the coming of Christ with the phrase, “the Way.” The first Sunday, December 1, the theme will be “Show Me the Way.” It will be based on Mark 13:1-8. The second Sunday of Advent, December 8, the theme will be “Prepare the Way,” based on Luke 3:1-6. The Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, the theme will be “Rejoice in the Way,” based on Luke 3:7-18. Lastly the fourth Sunday of Advent the theme will be “Trust in the Way,” based on Luke 1:39-45. Make a way to keep worship important in your life and in your heart. It will make the Christmas celebration meaningful.



Submitted by Bunnie Reichle

The Meaning of Our Christmas Decorations

For Christmas, we enjoy decorating our homes with lights, wreaths, nativity scenes, a Christmas tree and other decorations which bring to life the wonderful message of the birth of the Savior. Our church family also enjoys making the sanctuary ready for the birth of Jesus. Join us as we celebrate this on Sunday, December 1.



Symbolism of the Advent Wreath



Originating in eastern Germany, the Advent Wreath as we know it came to the United States in 1947. The four candles are named to bring us the message of Advent—hope, peace, joy, and love. The pink candle is lit on the third week, making the halfway point through Advent. The circle of the wreath, often covered in evergreen, reminds us of God’s never-ending love for us and that the fullness of His glory is before us in eternity when the Christ who was to come will come again.

The Poinsettia

Originally from Mexico, the plant is native to the American continent, as is the tradition. Introduced by, and named after, Dr. Joel Robert Poinset, an American Ambassador who was in Mexico in 1828, the flower has been cultured and cultivated in many varieties. Those of Central America refer to this flower as the “flower of the holy night”. It blooms at Christmas time with a bright red flower for the blood of Christ. The flower is star-shaped with radiant white petals for the purity of Christ and gold-star centers for the royalty of Christ.



Submitted by Bunnie Reichle

The Wreaths

In the midst of the browns and grays of winter the green color comes as a reminder to us of the freshness and hope of life we have. Life continues for the evergreens and so does our life continue in Christ Jesus. The wreath, a circle of evergreens, reminds us of the never-ending love of God and the eternal glories He holds before us.



The Garland

A roping made of evergreens, with its greens of fir and pine, were signs to the people of God's dwelling in their midst. They were often mixed with holly and ivy which also maintains the green color. Holly was associated with the burning bush and the red berries represent the blood drops from the cruel thorns of Jesus' crown.



Symbolism of the Nativity

Our Nativity Scene is located on the front lawn. In nativity scenes we remember Jesus, who has come into the world for us. We remember Mary and Joseph coming to Bethlehem and her delivering our Savior into the world in a cattle stall because there was no room for them in the Inn. The baby is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

The humble beginning of Jesus reminds us of His giving up the wealth of heaven to come to the poverty of this world. We also remember that the good news of the birth of the Savior was first announced, not to royalty or to the wealthy, but to humble shepherds in the fields outside Jerusalem.

We, too, come to worship the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We lay before Him our gifts of thanks and praise as our display of love. Today this scene generates great feelings of gratitude for our Savior's birth. We display our nativity scenes as a witness to the world that Christ, the Savior, is born.



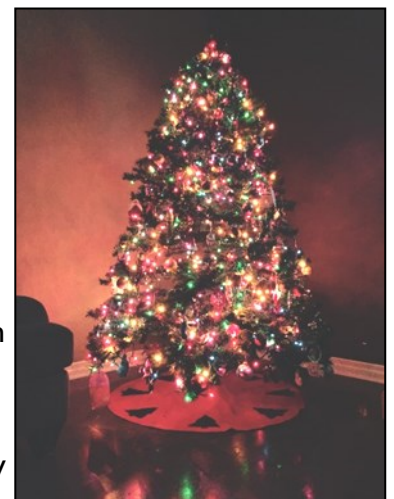
Symbolism of the Tree

Trees have been important parts of mankind's history. We think of the tree in the garden and its role in the fall of mankind. We think of the tree of the cross on which our Savior gave His life for our redemption. An evergreen tree is a reminder that God comes to us and is ever-living.

Trees were first used in German paradise plays portraying the creation of mankind. They were later decorated in the woods as part of the Christmas celebration, eventually being brought into homes.

Martin Luther is credited with being the first to put candles on trees. These "lights" symbolized the beauty of the sky and stars. He had seen the light of the sky reflecting off the snow-covered tree and wanted his wife and children to share in the experience. Gilded nuts, paper flowers and other decorations were later added.

Today, electric lights replace the candles. Decorations, both homemade and store-bought, remind us of the beauty of God's creation shared with us anew each day.



Submitted by Bunnie Reichle

All items collected will be given to the Montgomery Food Pantry

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

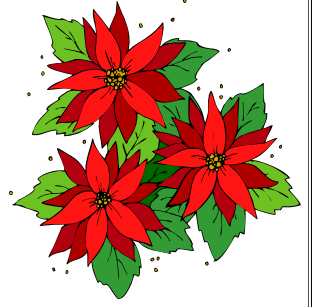
**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Poinsettia Orders



The poinsettia information for this year:

6 1/2" pot (1 plant) \$8.00

8" pot (3 plants) \$18.00

Available in Red, White or Pink

The last day to order your poinsettia is December 4th. If anyone wishes to buy and deliver their own plant, please contact Bunnie Reichle (222-4833) or the church office (778-5405).

Please indicate by marking the appropriate box with the number of plants of your choice you wish to order.

Payment must be included with order - please make checks payable to The First Reformed Church.

Order form may be returned by placing in the offering plate

or mailing to the First Reformed Church, 70 Scofield Street, Walden, NY 12586

		Red	White	Pink
6 1/2" Pot (1 Plant)	\$8.00			
8" Pot (3 plants)	\$18.00			

Your Name	
Contact Info	Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Email Address _____
<i>In Memory of</i>	
<i>In Honor of</i>	

Check here if you plan on bringing your plant(s) home

Check here if you are requesting your plant be delivered to you on Dec 26th

Hymnal supplement “Sing! A new creation”



Donor Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you are making the donation in Memory of someone
please fill out their name below.

In Memory of:

*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.

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 the hymnals recognizing donors and if they wish to donate in memory of someone. Please fill out the information on this form, and place in the offering plate or mail to the First Reformed Church with your donation. ***Thank you.***

Please consider filling out this form to Pledge in 2025



Giving to God
(ultimately the local church)

Did you know that all of us have a need to give for our own Spiritual Development?
What is God calling you to give?

**Asking those who gather here to worship
at The First Reformed Church
to pledge planned giving for the year 2025**

This is an opportunity for all of us to step out in faith! and trust God!

I want to help support the work of my church.
I estimate that during the next year I will give to my church (General Fund):

I/We plan to give \$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly
 \$ _____ every 2 weeks \$ _____ yearly

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

Email _____

Worship Team

Come, let us worship and bow down!

*Let us kneel before the LORD our God our Maker,
for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand.*



Autumn, the harvest, fall foliage, and changes in our weather to announce the coming winter. What a wonderful time of year. It's a time, every year when I reflect on His grace and to give thanks for His providence poured out on our lives individually and as a congregation over the past year and anticipate the blessings to come.



I love the holiday season we are about to enter, even though I now have a deeper appreciation of how many struggle through the recollections of the past holiday seasons. It's hard to cope with the grief as Snezana and I are reminded of our loss. I know we are not alone in that struggle and others feel lost in sorrow. I think back on the blessings of providence from God and loving kindness He gives directly to us and so many in the community, across the county, state and indeed, in foreign lands, all through you, this congregation, all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Those blessings come in many shapes and forms, and they come at times least expected any so desperately needed at the time. I am convinced this is God's providence at work. All glory to God! My prayer to all who struggle with these feelings at this time of year is that God may touch your heart and mind with His immeasurable peace in the brilliance of enlightenment that comes with recognizing God's work, grace, and blessings are and will continue to be poured out on you and your family. It is here, for all who turn to God. He is good, All the time.

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We have new hymnals! You will find the Green Hymnal books on the pews titled "Sing A New Creation". We have already incorporated some hymns into our worship services from this new hymnal. They have been and will be highlighted with a letter "G" next to the Hymn Number posted in the bulletins and on the Hymn-Boards in our sanctuary. We will still be using selections from the Red Hymnals, "The Worshipping Church". Those hymns will be listed only with the Hymn # (and no G).. The Worship Team wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to the purchase of the new hymnals. Thank you all!

Opportunities to worship and glorify His goodness, mercy, and providence abound during this season! Advent begins the first Sunday in December, December 1st which means ... Hanging of the Greens!! (One of my favorite services!)

It's a wonderful, fun, and uplifting time for everyone as we kick off the season of Advent. Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our King, and you and your family can participate in the services of the season. The Worship Team is seeking five families and or individuals to read the Advent Wreath Lighting litanies in our Sunday Services and Christmas Eve. Please contact Bunnie, Jerry, Reverend O'Connell or I if you would like to serve in this part of our worship.



Worship continued

The day before that, Saturday November 30th at about 9AM, we will set up the tree and hang the roping to prepare the Sanctuary for decorating the tree and sanctuary. Any able-body folks are welcome to lend a hand in this set up. Many hands make light work!

Then, beginning at 3 PM on Sunday Dec 1st, after our 10AM Sunday service celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent, we'll have ornaments for the children to make, boxwood stars to put together, and Christmas wreaths to make and

hang. Then we'll take a break at 5 PM for a delicious Ziti Dinner!! YUM!!! At 6 PM, after dinner we'll have our Hanging of the Greens Service to finish decorating the tree and sing Christmas Hymns! It is a wonderfully joyful time especially for families and children (of all ages!!) Please come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fun, celebration, and fellowship!

There is so much happening at First Reformed in December!

Sunday afternoon December 8th at 3 PM, Carol Ann Freeman is putting together a holiday concert to benefit our Ukrainian Missions. Any interested talent should contact Carol Ann for details and to get on the billing!

Then, Sunday December 15th we will have our Annual meeting after Sunday Service and then ... Pastor Jim and Phyllis have again so graciously announced that they will host a holiday Open House out at Dancing Hills Farm (1879 NY-52, Walden, NY). This is a festive event in tune with the season as they graciously and generously open their home to us all at 3PM Sunday, December 15th, the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Details to follow!

And keep an eye out for poinsettia order forms coming out soon! We're hot on the trail for a source of supply with pricing to follow soon. What a lovely gift with which to beautify the sanctuary in festive décor of the season!

Christmas Carols!! The Worship Team wishes to thank Jerry and Jan Hanen for organizing an afternoon/evening of caroling in the village on Sunday December 22nd. Here too, details to follow soon so be on the lookout!

Christmas Eve falls on a Tuesday this year! We will have our candle-light Christmas Eve service at 7 PM on Tuesday December 24th. We'll follow this with a Christmas Hymn-Sing Service 10 AM on Sunday December 29th, and resume our normal worship services on January 5th, 2025!

It's incredible how much our modest congregation does and the worship opportunities we offer.

Sunday Services will continue at 10 AM as well as being broadcast live on Facebook and a number of online platforms. We invite and welcome you all to worship the Lord with us through attending these services in person or tuning in on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FRCWalden>. We will continue to co-stream onto Reverend Jim's Facebook page as well and please remember, your suggestions and constructive comments to improve our broadcasts are *always welcome*. We are very pleased with the level of participation in our live broadcasts of services on Facebook and coupled with Reverend Jim's daily devotions, we are being viewed between 300-500 times a week! Please share and "like" those posts. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

November Hymn of the Month

Our Hymn of the Month for November will be Hymn #G-232 "What Gift Can We Bring" which was authored and composed by Jane Marshall in 1924, and listed with the notation, "11 11 11 11 Anniversary Song" I'm not sure what that refers to so if any of you enlightened readers may know of it's meaning...., please share it with me! (LOL). Lyrics as follows:

- 1 *What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?*
- 2 *Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*
- 3 *Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.*
- 4 *This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can't convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

For our Departing Hymn for November will be #690 "Bind Us Together". Authored and composed by Bob Gillman in 1974, it centers on scriptures from Colossians 2:2; Colossians 3:14; and 1st John 3:23. 837,

- Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together, bind us together with Love.
There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one body, that is why we sing.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together, bind us together with Love.*

December Hymn of the Month

Then, for December, our Hymn for the month will be #136 "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry". Authored by Charles Coffin in 1736, Translated by John Chandler in 1837, adapted by Michael Praetorius in 1609, and harmonized by George R Woodward in 1910. It is based on Genesis 15:1; Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 5:16; Luke 4:18; John 1:28.

- 1 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh:
awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.*
- 2 *Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God within,
and so prepare to be the home where such a mighty guest may come.*
- 3 *For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.*
- 4 *To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, and make the fallen sinner stand;
shine out, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.*
- 5 *To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!*

For our Departing Hymn December, we will sing the first verse of Hymn G#106 "Soon and Very Soon", Authored and composed by Andrae Crouch in 1947. Enjoy the Gospel swing of this one!!

- Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!*

The worship team encourages all the children God of all ages to come together and participate in worship with us however and wherever you choose. We pray our corporate worship glorifies God, strengthens your faith, and renews your spirit.

There are indeed many fulfilling opportunities in which we can serve our Lord. Only one of which is through your heart, soul, and voice in worship and music. You don't need be exceptionally gifted. He will make a way where we see no way and provide for us all the tools we need to do His work. We actively seek others to take an active role in our worship services. In particular we are looking for readers. Those who would read scriptures, lead the congregation in the Apostle's creed, or offer prayers. God chooses and equips the humble for some of the greatest service. Please reach out to us on the Worship Team if you would like to step up and take on these easy tasks in services. God will magnify whatever gifts or talent we offer in service, be they gifts in providing sanctuary decorations, making banners, flowers, greeting guests, running slide presentations, singing, providing accompaniment for Hymns or Songs of Praise, panning a video camera, being an acolyte, reading scriptures, praying, producing audio and video online, or preparing/cleaning the Altar and candles. All are in service to our Lord and savior.

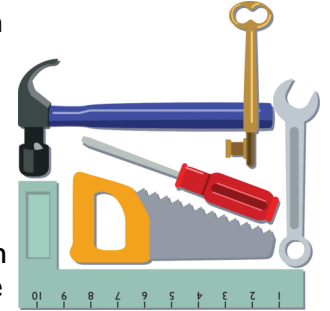
Please know that all are welcome here in worship at the First Reformed Church of Walden. All are welcome to take supporting roles in our services and would be greatly appreciated in whatever role chosen. No offering in this regard is insignificant or without an impact. Make a difference in the lives of others.

Where two or more are gathered, there He will be found. Find Him in worship.

We pray God grant you peace and a quiet heart to hear God's calling wherever you may be in your walk with Christ.

Property

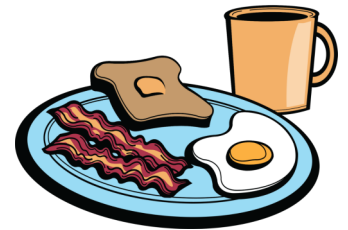
The property crew has been working hard to freshen up the fellowship hall. Much work has been done to paint and make it look welcoming to everyone. We have not finished so we would welcome anyone who would like to join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 to help with this project. I would like to thank those that have helped so far: Bill and Carol Ann Freeman, Dan Moore and Diane Crist-Moore, Paula Jansan, Jan Goutell, Jan Hanen and Joe Weikel. We have fun while we work and it is a great time for some fellowship so come on out and join us. We have been concentrating on fellowship hall so other projects have been on hold, but we will be back on those soon. One thing that I am hoping to have done before this goes to print is to patch the holes in the back driveway and parking lot. They continue to get worse so we need to get this done before it gets any cooler. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns about property issues.



Jerry Hanen, jerryhanen@gmail.com

Men's breakfast

Our group continues to stay between 8 & 12 people, but always looking to grow. We cook a full breakfast every other week and do a more continental breakfast the other weeks. The group likes to give back to the community and this last month gave to a family who lost their home and a pet in a house fire here in Walden. Our prayers go out to this family and we hope our contribution will help them get back on track.



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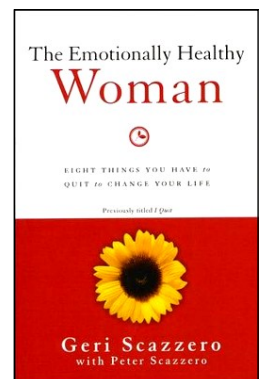
Search Committee

Our posting for the pastoral position is on the RCA website and we now await responses from potential candidates. Unfortunately all we can do is wait but God's timing is perfect and the right person will see the posting when the time is right.

Jerry Hanen

Women's Study and Fellowship Group

Women of the church continue their book study on Sundays at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. The reflections and study are currently 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 call or text Phyllis O'Connell at 201-294-2293.



Some other Reminders

Choir: meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 10 AM in Crist Chapel. If you are interested and Tuesday mornings do not work for you, call or text Bunnie Reichle(845-222-4833) or email bunniereichle@hotmail.com

Property Team: meets at the church on Wednesdays at 9am to work on projects and maintenance.

Backpack Snack Attack: packs on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Praise Team: practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Crist Chapel.

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

Montgomery Food Pantry: The Food Pantry operates on Tuesdays from 10AM–Noon & on Wednesdays 6:30–8:00PM. All the churches that are part of the food pantry are assisting with the Thanksgiving distribution this year. Items often 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.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: the postage needed is \$10 a box. Checks can be made to First Reformed Church with Operation Christmas Child postage or OCC postage in the memo line of check or you may place cash in an envelope and place it in the collection marking it for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child: Packing party after worship service on Sunday, November 10th, for Operation Christmas Child.

AED training: is scheduled to be on Sunday, November 10th.

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 (chassandl@aol.com), Angel Santana Jr. (angelsantanajr@gmail.com) or Sabrina church secretary (frchurch@frontiernet.net).

Newsletter: newsletter deadline for articles and information for the January/February Church Bell newsletter is December 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 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.

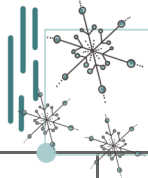
Receipts: please try to turn in receipts within 2 weeks for church credit card usage and for receipts being submitted for reimbursement. Please email receipts for online purchases to both frchurch@frontiernet.net (church office) and skennedy120@hotmail.com (Susan Kennedy).





NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 Men's Breakfast
3 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Communion Reformation Sunday <i>Daylight</i> <i>Savings Ends</i>	4	5 9:15 Choir	6 9:00 Property 9:30 ESL Bethel Room 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 7:30 Book Study	7 6:30 ENL at Crist Farm	8	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast
10 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Fellowship	11 Veterans Day	12 9:15 Choir	13 9:00 Property 9:30 ESL Bethel Room 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 7:30 Book Study	14 6:30 ENL at Crist Farm	15	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5pm to 8pm Scout Fundraiser dinner
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24 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Fellowship Christ the King Sunday	25	26 9:15 Choir	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 7:30 Men's Breakfast Place Christmas Tree & Roping



HELLO december



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Soup & Bread 3pm Decorating 5pm Ziti 6pm Hanging of Greens Service 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3 9:15 Choir	4 9:00 Property 9:30 ESL Bethel Room 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 7:30 Book Study	5 6:30 ENL at Crist Farm	6	7 7:30 Men's Breakfast
8 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship 3pm Fundraiser Concert 2nd Sunday of Advent	9	10 9:15 Choir <i>Articles & calendar info for the Jan/Feb newsletter are due</i>	11 9:00 Property 9:30 ESL Bethel Room 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 7:30 Book Study	12 6:30 ENL at Crist Farm	13	14 7:30 Men's Breakfast
15 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Annual Meeting 3rd Sunday of Advent 3pm Open House At the farm	16	17 9:15 Choir	18 9:00 Property 9:30 ESL Bethel Room 5:30 Packing for Snack Attack 7:30 Book Study	19 6:30 ENL at Crist Farm 7:00 Consistory	20	21 7:30 Men's Breakfast 1st day of Winter
22 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Fellowship Caroling 4th Sunday of Advent	23	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 7:30 Men's Breakfast
29 8:15 Ladies Study 10:00 Worship Fellowship	30	31 9:15 Choir Packing for Snack Attack New Years Eve				

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 O’Connell, 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, Angel Santana, Sr., Mary Weikel, Nick Petrolo, Smith family, Military personnel, The home-bound, Those in nursing facilities.



Total Deposits

August
\$6999.06
September
\$10,500.75



Happy Anniversary

November

Angel & Lucy Santana 20
 Pastor Jim & Phyllis 25
 James & Bunnie Reichle 27

December

Celia & Omar Simmonds 17
 Mike & Debra DeZemo 30

November

Brayden Robertson 1
 Kevin Harrington 3
 George Heitz 10
 Olivia Lendle 15
 Dan Moore 17
 Samuel Shorter 17
 Arielle Santana 20
 Laurie Noorlander 22
 Bill Freeman 25

December

Mary Mentz 6
 Joseph Weikel 9
 Jan Hanen 11
 Jeff Reichle 17
 Nancy Petrolo 21
 Krista Espinoza 25
Baby Jesus 25



**Pastor
 Appreciation**

**Photo
 submitted
 by
 Jerry Hanen**

Goodwill Envelopes:

November
ENL

December
Hearts for Hungary

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