



The Church Bell

The First Reformed Church
Walden, New York

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JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;



As we enter this new year 2026, let us all join in embracing what enfolds! There are so many opportunities to share and experience as we share together in God's Love on the Hill. Whether it is with worship, reading the scriptures, singing praises, or fellowship time.

We ask that you join us in serving our local community and the world around us. The sharing of time, prayer and monetary donations makes all this possible. Much of this only takes a few hours per week.

We are so grateful to Pastor James O'Connell and Phylis for the many blessings they shared with us. Their time, love, guidance in every facet of the church life – here on the hill. We are so blessed that they still want to continue to worship with us and share their kindness and love with their local community.

The Lord God has us searching for a new pastor – please join with us in prayer and discernment as to whom shall lead us in our spiritual growth. May we trust in Him and find strength together in our future tomorrow. Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you.” Declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

May you feel The Lord's peace and grace in your life.

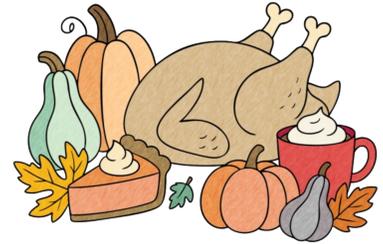
In God's Love,

Susan Kennedy

Submitted by Rev. James O'Connell

Community Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday November 23, 2025, the Walden Interfaith Fellowship presented their annual service of thanksgiving. This year is was hosted by the Beth Hillel Jewish Community. We were welcomed by Cantor Nava Fried Herzog who welcomed us to the worship center. First Reformed Church Choir sang "Come Ye Thankful People Come," a traditional musical piece of the season. This was followed by the Rev. Dr. Chodrungma Kunga Chodron, of Tsechen Kunchab Ling community who gave a traditional Buddhist blessing.



The Rev. James O'Connell of First Reformed Church sang "What a Wonderful World." The next up was the Rev. Nicole Regina Hanley, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, who led us in Thanksgiving Litany.

Cantor Nava Fried Herzog delighted us with a traditional song/prayer in Hebrew. A freewill offering was received with the funds going to the Montgomery Food Pantry. Pastor Kihun Choi of United Methodist Church offered up a prayer of thanksgiving, and we concluded with a time of fellowship and food. There were about 50 people from across the community in attendance. One final note; the Fox Hill community had planned on participating but a death in the community precluded their availability.

The End but not Farewell

Thank you for a decade of ministry. It has been a joy and great honor to be your pastor for the past ten years. Your love of the Lord and willingness to serve the community has been a blessing. By mutual agreement the consistory and I have not renewed my contract so that you can enter into a new relationship with a new Pastor. Your search committee has been working for the last two years to find your next spiritual leader. I believe that you will have a new pastor sometime in 2026.



Phyllis and I are not going anywhere, we love living on our farm and we love this church. So, for now we will continue to worship with you.

I will sing in the choir and Phyllis will help out where she can. I will be pulpit supply on the first Sundays of the month until you have a new shepherd. However, I will not be involved in any leadership of the church and plan to be just a good worshiper. When you have a new leader I will not be entitled to perform weddings, funerals, or baptisms. Those will be the privileges of the new person. I am retired and need to step away to allow space for your new pastor to bond and connect with you.

Again, Phyllis and I thank you for your payers, support and friendship. The Lord willing, our relationship will continue on for many more years in a new form.

Submitted by Bonnie Reichle

Hanging of the Greens

Many thanks to the many hands who helped decorate the church for Christmas. The men did the roping, putting up the tree and erecting the creche with the assistance of Joe Weikel, Bill Freeman, Jerry Hanen and Pastor Jim. The children in attendance who made the ornaments and paper chain and then hung the ornaments included the Crist Kohn children, Forino grandchildren. The Bruggeman men decorated and hung the wreaths and then oversaw the making of the ornaments and paper chain assisted by the Barringer and the Economy girls. The Candelabra were decorated by Jan Goutell assisted by Alivia Barringer. Boxwood stars were assembled by many hands (Joyce Heitz, Ariana Den Bleyker, the Barringer's, the Economy's, Mary Mentz, the Florino Family and the Crist Kohn Family). A great meal was prepared by Joe and Snezana Weikel with goodies by Jan Hanen, Jan Goutell, Judy Bonasio and Bonnie Reichle. Over forty people stayed for and enjoyed dinner. The evening concluded with a service of lessons read by Kevin Barringer and carols while children decorated the tree.



Advent Wreath Lighting

Thank you to the families who assisted in the service for the candle lighting: Barringer Family, Santana Family, Saddle Brook Farm Family Farm Family, Simmond Family and Crist Kohn Family.



Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all who donated for the poinsettias. The sanctuary looked beautiful. Adams Fairacre Farms in Middletown provided us with beautiful plants.

Given by

The Barringers
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Crist Family
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Nancy & Nicky Petrolo
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Diane Karsten
Helen Schoonmaker
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Our Parents
Our daughter Jill
Our daughter Jill
Gordon & Dotty Parker
Parents & Sister, Phil & Bertha Goutell
and June
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Don Mentz
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Barbara Heitz
George Heitz
Tom Wilson

Given by

Jim & Phyllis O'Connell
Lendle Family

In Honor of

Our Church family
Merry Christmas &
a Blessed New Year



Submitted By Joe Weikel
Worship Team



Photo credit: Jerin Thamby

All glory praise and honor to God the Father and thanksgiving for His providence to our church and congregation! Welcome to the New Year as we anticipate wonderful blessings the Lord has for us in 2026. Let us keep our eyes on Him and our hope on His promises as we enter this new season in our lives.

We pray our worship uplifts your spirit and leads us to a deeper trust in Him and building in us a heart for service to His Kingdom on Earth.

We are so looking forward to worship in the New Year and all the wonder of what this year may bring.

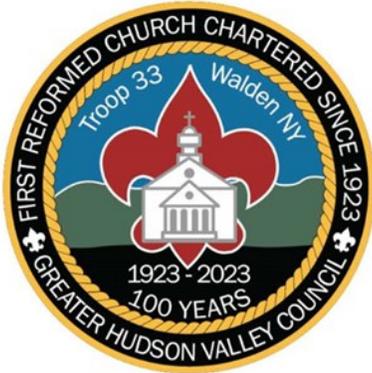
First up will be our work taking down the greens and the tree and its ornaments and placing them in storage. We'll begin this starting at 9:30AM on Wednesday January 7th and complete the work on Saturday January 10th. There are tasks for just about every physical ability level and certainly many hands will make light of this work, so we encourage you all to consider coming out to lend a hand.

Epiphany begins January 6th and includes the Baptism of the Lord on January 11th and culminates with Transfiguration Sunday February 15th.



Although at the time as writing this article, we do not yet have a date set for our annual Scout Sunday but my intention at this point is to have it coincide with Transfiguration Sunday February 11th but that is dependent upon the schedule of Troop 33 Scouts and Leaders. When we schedule that Sunday, Scouts from Troup 33 will take a large part of that service. The Scouts will serve as acolytes, lead the congregation in the call to worship, scripture readings, and prayer.

Worship Team



I always look forward to these services where we will recognize the generations of young men and the faithful leaders from the community who have given of their time, talents, and treasures to impart upon these boys the Christian values and guiding principles of what it means to be a Scout. We pray the Scouts may long continue this tradition planting the seeds of citizenship and responsibility in caring for the welfare of others and that we all might support and uplift these tenants every day of our lives. Our most heartfelt thanks to the Boy Scouts, their families and their dedicated leaders.



The Season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday which this year will be on Wednesday February 18. We are currently considering continuing our long-standing tradition of participating in another Lenten Series with other Reformed Churches of the Hudson Valley. At this time, there is no concrete plan or stated support from the other churches. We remain hopeful. These services were normally held in the evening of each of the six Sundays in Lent. Although not yet determined at the time of this writing, we hope for a continuation of these services and hosting one or two of those here at First Reformed Church of Walden. Those evenings consisted in the past of having the host church provide a light dinner of soup, sandwiches, and of course desserts at about 6PM prior to the Lenten service at 7PM.

Broadcasts of our Services has been quite successful. Last year our Services posted on our Facebook page reached over 30,000 views, which is amazing! We will continue live broadcasts on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FRCWalden> and on Revered O'Connell's Facebook Page when he is providing pulpit supply the first Sunday's of the month for January and February. What a blessing to be able to reach out and worship with those from home near or far. As always, and I do mean always, in our on-going efforts to improve your on-line worship experience, your constructive criticism and comments are most very welcome! I encourage you to let me know how we might improve them!

We are ever so thankful and give God the glory for Reverend O'Connell and his leading of our congregation for the past 10 years! He officially retired (again) as of the end of December and his contract with us has officially ended, however, as I mentioned above, he so graciously will be suppling us with pulpit supply for Communion Sundays, the first Sundays of month during our transition to a new pastor. In the meantime, we are arranging pulpit supplies from available pastors and preaching elders in the area to include our very own Angel Santana who will provide pulpit supply the second Sunday of the months to come. All Glory to God for His Providence!

Worship Team

We are so very thankful to all who have served and continue to serve on our Pastoral Search Committee. Their service is so vital to all of us here at First Reformed Church of Walden. Thank you to all of you!

And our thanks to everyone who has made the choice to attend our worship Services. Your presence truly enhances our experience in worship! We encourage you all to talk with friends and neighbors and invite them to come and experience our services for themselves in the safe and welcoming environment of our sanctuary.

I want to thank God for everyone who contributes to our Worship Services. There are indeed so many and you too can contribute as well! We are always looking to bring more people into active participants in Worship Services. There are many and widely varied roles you can take depending upon the Gifts God has given you that might lead you to be one of our readers of scriptures, leading the congregation in the responsive Call to Worship, or singing in Choir and/or Praise Team, or offer special music, or greet congregants before service, or be an acolyte, or help decorate the sanctuary with flowers or making banners to display, or assisting in sound and broadcast production. Really, there are so many areas the Worship Team would welcome your contributions, and it is our deep and sincere desire to include as many as possible in our services.



PRAISE TEAM

The Praise Team warmly welcomes our latest addition to the group, George Love Jr. George really puts his heart and expression into his guitar work, music, and wonderful voice I'm sure you'll agree. The Praise Team meets for rehearsals Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in Crist Chapel. You too are most welcome to stop on by and have some fun with us! Even if you're not yet comfortable singing or playing in front of the congregation we encourage you to share in the lift in spirit we experience by singing His praises with us. There is safety in numbers!

We are so very blessed and appreciate Bunnie Reichle for sharing her many talents in music and organization. We look forward to the Choir Anthems this season which she has already selected through to Easter!

We are also very grateful too for our guest accompanist's for providing piano accompaniment when Bunnie is out of town. God has blessed us each year with even more talented souls to contribute to our worship services.

Foremost we give thanks to God for bringing us Reverend O'Connell, for his teaching, leadership, inspiring, enlightening, his indomitable smile, and uplifting sermons, for his mentoring, caring, prayer, and selflessly sharing his wonderful gifts of music and voice to our worship services. Thank you, God!

I love to list for you the lyrics of our Hymns of the Months. Read these over as though they were prayers. I pray they lift your heart and draw your thoughts and heart toward God. (3 of 5)

Worship Team

In January we will singing “I Love You Lord” from our new “Green” Hymnal Sing, A New Creation #G 16 as the acolytes light the Christ Candle. Authored and composed by Laurie Klien in 1950.

*I love you, Lord, and I left my voice to worship You;
O my soul, rejoice~! Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Our Hymn of the Month in January will also be from our new hymnal #G 160 “He Is Lord” composed and authored by Dale Grotenhuis in 1931. 370 “God of Our Life”.

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 Lift!
And he calls us all to live ever more, for Jesus Christ is Life.*



We will end our services in January with the Departing Hymn #837 “God Be in My Head” Words are from the French. C. 1490; tr. Sarum Primer, 1514 and the music composer is anonymous.

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

For our Acolyte hymn in February we’ll sing #G 41, “He Is Exalted” authored and composed by Twila Paris in 1985.

*The is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted; the King is exalted on high.*

Our Hymn of the Month for February will be #437 “Help Us Accept Each Other”. Authored by Fred Kaan in 1975 and composed by John Ness Beck in 1977.

¹ *Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace,
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe*

Worship Team

We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

*² Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*³ Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*⁴ Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit, Love, free us, make us one!*



We will close our services in February with the Departing Hymn #G 294 "Go to the World!", authored by Sylvia Dunstan 1955-1993 and composed by Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924.

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth:
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!*

All are welcome in our worship services, and we encourage you all to invite a friend or a neighbor to worship alongside us. The Worship Team encourages you all to look inward, take an inventory of your God given gifts and talents then prayerfully consider offering them service to the Lord. There are no bounds to the blessings that can come from the least of our offerings. No gift is insignificant. All have a divinely intended impact. We may never know how our service will touch someone else's life.

With love in Christ Jesus,

Joe Weikel

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sjbw@ymail.com

Submitted by Jerry Hanen

Men's Breakfast

We continue serving between 12 and 20 each Saturday and were glad that we took the Saturday after Christmas off since the weather would have forced cancellation anyway. Come out and join us for great breakfast, fellowship and devotions.



Generation Spark

We have come to a point where our coach said we have reached our goal. I did not realize it but she said that too much emphasis was being put on mentorship and a big part of the program is adaptive leadership which we have done through Conor and with Rebecca moving on to the food pantry. We will continue to work on these type of things but not as focused. We were also asked to make a video for them to use in their training. I will be working on that in the new year.



Property

We are working on preparing for the Classis to move their office here to our building. This included moving electrical lines and installing a new door to the Schooltime office.

Our property team continues meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 to work on the project of the week. No experience necessary!



Search Committee

The search committee continues to meet and is actively working with a strong candidate. At this time we are still reviewing references and reviewing with the consistory.

Weekly Fellowship

Fellowship time after worship is an important part of our life at First Reformed! When Phyllis backed off to prepare for her surgery, Jan Goutell, Diane Karsten and I (Jan Hanen) stepped up to try to fill her amazing shoes. We were supported by many of you who have been helping bring food and cleaning up! God is good and we've always had something yummy to put on the table while we meet and greet our friends and newcomers. Always trying to offer gluten free and vegetable options so everyone feels fed and cared for. Thank you God for providing just what we need. If you have a question about what or when to donate to fellowship time, just text Jan Hanen at 917-968-2022

Submitted by *Jan Hanen*



Ukraine Fundraiser Concert

On Sunday, December 7, a concert was given to raise support for the summer 2026 English camp in Ukraine.

Performers taking part in the Benefit Christmas Concert were James O'Connell (voice); Eve Economy (cello and piano); Maria Priadko (piano); Kirsten Economy (flute); Jan Goutell and Phil Goutel (voice) accompanied by Jan Hanen (piano); Fiona Economy (violin); Dennis Williams (piano); Oleg Arzoumanov (piano); Yolanni Cruz (voice); and Jennfier Crist-Kohn (oboe).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TO BENEFIT OUR MISSION
WORK IN UKRAINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH • STARTING AT 2 PM
Refreshments will follow the concert

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
70 SCOFIELD ST, WALDEN, NY
(845) 778-5405

Bunnie Reiichle designed the program and accompanied many of the performers. Lisa Schoonmaker, Diane Karsten, Jan Hanan and Carol Ann Freeman provided the refreshments for after the concert. Proceeds gathered will support an English Camp, now in its fourth year, for about 60 children ages 5-18 held at the Zápšzony Baptist Church located on the border of Eastern Hungary. This camp is much more than just about learning English. It also provides people in the village of Zápšzony the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with the visiting teachers to provide a week of learning and fun for everyone. Carol Ann Freeman designs each summer's program and collects all of the resources and teachers to provide the camp.

Donations to support this work can be given in cash/check or online by going to waldenfirstreformed.org Checks should be made out to "First Reformed Church" with "Ukraine Ministry" in the memo.

Submitted by *Carol Ann Freeman*

Backpack Snack Attack Fundraiser

The names of the businesses who supported the VCSD Silent auction fundraiser for Backpack Snack Attack are listed below. This year, the Orange County community went above and beyond to donate fantastic gift baskets, gift cards/certificates and so much more. Because of them the Silent Auction made \$5233 this year for Backpack Snack Attack.

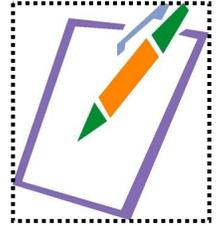
Thanks,

Barbara Gravel

Valley Central School District



Vic's Pizzeria - Montgomery
 Noble Coffee Roasters - Campbell Hall
 Pure Pilates Studio - Newburgh
 Antonio's Family Restaurant - Montgomery
 Villa Italia - Newburgh
 Melissa's Morsels - Montgomery
 Montgomery Sporting Goods and Paintball - Montgomery
 Strada Grill - Montgomery
 Iron Cafe - Montgomery
 Rapid Tire Service - Montgomery
 Copperfields - Montgomery
 Manza Family Farm - Montgomery
 Thairapy Hair Studio - New Windsor
 Scotchtown Craft - Middletown
 Carmela's Restaurant - Montgomery
 Ward's Bridge Inn - Montgomery
 Fantasy Nails - Montgomery
 Joe's Pizza and Deli - Newburgh
 Wildfire Grill - Montgomery
 Gold's Gym - Newburgh
 Corey's Pickles - Montgomery
 Heliotrope Holistic Healing - Cornwall
 Alma Yoga - Newburgh, Cornwall
 Nordic on Nine - Sauna and Cold Plunge - New Windsor
 Harmony Hair Design - Goshen
 Angel and Son Premier Auto Spa - Montgomery
 Java Blue - Montgomery
 NY Beauty Bar - Montgomery



SOME REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir: rehearsals are on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM in Crist Chapel.

Backpack Snack Attack: packs on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. See Angel Santana Sr. for more information.

Praise Team: rehearsing Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Crist Chapel. All are welcome.

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

Communion and Soup & Bread: is on the first Sunday of the month.

Montgomery Food Pantry: The Food Pantry operates on Tuesdays from 10AM–Noon & on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00PM. The Montgomery Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned meats and beans. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes in front of the pantry. First Reformed Church staffs the food pantry every February, June, and October.

Operation Christmas Child: we collect supplies for this mission through-out the year, see Carol Ann Freeman for more information.

Newsletter: Please email the church office at frchurch@frontiernet.net and Elder Susan Kennedy at skennedy120@hotmail.com all articles and information for the newsletter by no later than the 2nd Thursday of each of these months: February, April, June, August, October, and December. All articles and information submitted is subject to being edited.

Advertising: please email advertising requests (newspaper, Facebook, Instagram, radio, etc.) to Consistory.

Announcements: for announcement requests (verbal, slides, bulletin or by email) please reach out to an Elder with the request at least one week beforehand.

Verbal Reports for the Congregation: Teams, Committees and groups if you are requesting to give a verbal report to the congregation please email the Elders to schedule a Sunday to verbally give your report. Also please email a written version of the report to the Elders at least one week prior to the day you are scheduled to give the report.

Classical Assessment: the total classical assessment cost for 2026 is \$7541.38 and for those who would like and are able to donate around \$135.00 per person that would help with this year's cost.

Budget: please let team leaders know ahead of time if you are wanting to use money from their budget lines.

Consistory Meetings: there is a Consistory meeting this Thursday at 4:30 pm. If you are a team, committee or group leaders that is not serving on the Consistory please email a monthly written report for the Consistory to the church office & Susan Kennedy by the Sunday before each monthly consistory meeting. The written reports will be read by Consistory members before the Consistory meeting and if Consistory has any questions during the meeting Susan Kennedy will reach out to you after the Consistory meeting.

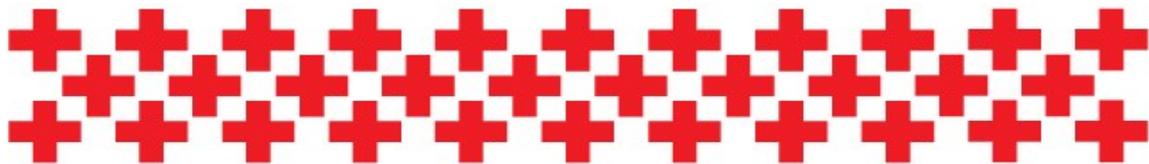
SOME REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

First Friday Family Nights: is the first Friday of the month from 5:30pm to 7pm, the evening starts with a light dinner, followed by games, crafts, activities and music. Each month during the gathering we plan to have a service project for the kids. February 6th is the next First Friday Family Night. Parents join us with your children and grandparents join us with your grandkids. It is a fun night for all. This is a family program where parents/caretakers stay and enjoy the activities with their kids. Remember to always bring your First Friday homework activities back with you!



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Walkill Reformed Church

45 Bridge St., Walkill, NY 12589
banquet room

Thursday, February 19, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment please visit
www.RedCrossBlood.org or call
800-Red Cross.
Use Keyword: Walkillrefchurch



Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart

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January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion 10:00 Worship 11:00 Soup & Bread	5 10:30 Choir practice	6 Epiphany	7 5:30 Packing for Backpack Snack Attack 6:00 Praise Team	8	9	10 7:30 Men's Breakfast
11 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	12 10:30 Choir practice	13	14 5:30 Packing for Backpack Snack Attack 6:00 Praise Team	15 7:00 Consistory	16	17 7:30 Men's Breakfast
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Around the Congregation



Happy Birthday to...

Church Prayer List

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please Pray for:

Kevin Doyle, Ed Kennedy’s youngest brother Cory, family of Jill (Schoonmaker)

McCormick, Stewart family, Spencer Family, Jonathan Reichle, People of Ukraine, People of Gaza, People of Israel, Richie Lendle, Mary Mentz, Nick Petrolo, Military personnel, the home-bound, those in nursing facilities.



Deposits total for

October & November
\$31,444.43



January

- John Nash 5th
- Dalyeris Taueras 7th
- Celia Simmonds 9th
- Marco Diaz Lopez 10th
- Susan Kennedy 12th
- Philip Goutell 13th
- Noah Santana 24th
- Jenny (Crist) Kohn 25th
- Karen Harrington 27th
- Dominic Bonasio 29th
- Richard Lendle 29th

February

- Edmund Kohn 2nd
- Addison Den Bleyker 2nd
- George Love 4th
- Diane Crist-Moore 14th
- Janice Goutell 16th
- Ken Barringer 23rd
- Jay Wilkins 28th

Please email or call the office if we missed listing someone’s birthday or anniversary. Thank you.
778-5405; frchurch@frontiernet.net

Current Inclement Weather Policy:

Sunday’s mornings- call the church office (845-778-5405) after 7:30am. If Worship service is canceled there will be a message left on the voicemail system stating so. If it has not been canceled then you will just hear a standard greeting.
Monday to Saturday– it will be up to each leader if they want to have their group meet or not.

Goodwill Offering Envelopes:

January - Deacon Fund, **February** - Backpack Snack Attack (BPSA), **March** – Operation Christmas Child (OCC).

Welcome Class

Pastor Jim O’Connell recently had a Welcome Class and the following people were accepted in to membership on November 23rd: Helen King, Yves Delphin, Lisa Schoonmaker, and Gail Nordmann. Please take the time to welcome and extend fellowship to our new members.



ANNIVERSARIES

Jay & Anne Wilkins
Feb 4th