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**Sunday, November 20
10 AM**

“Now thank we all our Lord with heart and hands and voices” – and pens!
Our Thank You Chain tradition continues!

You will be receiving strips of white and gold paper in an upcoming mailing. Please prayerfully write down your thoughts of thanks and bring them with you on November 20. For those of you worshipping at home, please drop off your paper strips or return them by mail to the church office prior to November 20.

These strips will be joined together and will encircle our Chrismon tree with our love and thanks.

From near and afar, we are joined in gratitude for our Lord’s continual blessing.



Our annual Angel Tree collection has begun!

This year we will be collecting gifts for **Things of My Very Own** and **StreetSoldiers** in two ways – even our Angel Tree is hybrid!!

There are angel tags on the tree in the back of the sanctuary for your choosing, or you can go to:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/crcc-angel-tree-2022>

Things of My Very Own

When a child is removed from an abusive or dangerous situation, they may only possess the clothing they are wearing at that moment. This agency, which serves the Capital District, provides them with clothes, bedding, supplies – and even toys. This caring agency gives them “things of my very own” and helps them transition through those initial difficult days.

StreetSoldiers

StreetSoldiers, founded in Albany in 2016, is a collaboration of impassioned volunteers who’ve come together to provide comfort and necessities to the area’s homeless and less fortunate populations. This is done through community donation and reflects the best principles of grassroots action.

*Please return unwrapped gifts and items by **December 11.***

Questions? Contact **Sandy Cornwell, Sarah Huiest, or Tina Bottini**

Thank you for your support.

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Upcoming Events

All Saints Day	Nov. 6th
Thanksgiving Worship	Nov. 20th
Book Group	TBD
Angel Tree Deadline	Dec. 11th

November Mission of the Month The Red Book Shelf

The November Mission of the Month is The Red Book Shelf, a local non-profit literacy program for children run by Albany's very own "Batman," Paul Collins-Hackett.

In addition to envelope donations, there will also be a bin on the back table for donations of children's books. The Red Book Shelf has a high need for board books and easy readers. And Batman always welcomes volunteers, as well! Please see Tina Bottini for additional information on volunteer opportunities.

We continue to routinely collect food items on the back table, which are being donated to the local Food Pantry of Capital Church. It is located on Vly Road and is also a member of both the Food Pantries for the Capital District and the Regional Food Bank of Northeast NY. With the current inflationary economic climate, food insecurity is affecting even more families this year. The need in our community is very real, so please be generous.

Finally, as noted in your bulletins, we are starting up our Overflow Shelter mission beginning in November. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinners the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. If you are interested in joining in this ministry, please register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaea92aa6fac43-overflow3>

to schedule dates that you might be available. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please reach out to **Tina Bottini**, tinabo85@gmail.com, or **Vicki Lane**, vlane1020@gmail.com.



Sunday, November 6th

The celebration of All Saints' Day has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

On this special Sunday, our church family gives thanks to God for "all the saints from whom their labors rest." Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles, we honor those who we dearly love and will always remember. For those worshipping at home, please have a candle to light during our time of remembrance.



New Member Classes!

Are you interested in affiliating
with and possibly joining our
church?

See Rev. Cornwell for more
information on these upcoming
classes!



There's an easy way to properly recycle your refundable cans and bottles. No counting, no rinsing, and no waiting in long lines to make your return! And you'll be raising money for our Church so we can continue to spread God's word and do good works.

There are green plastic CLYNK bags in the church entryway that can be brought home and filled with your refundable cans and bottles. Every bag has a white sticker with a barcode. When your bag is about 2/3 full, tie it up and bring it to any Hannaford CLYNK machine (usually found in the store's entryway). Use the scanner on the wall by the machine to zap the bar code. Then place the bag in the designated door. Done! You can also bring your bottles and cans to church, and leave them in the designated container in the narthex.



The Church earns approximately \$500 per year from CLYNK. Without recycling, plastic bottles take up to 450 years to decompose, aluminum cans take 80-200 years to decompose, and glass bottles take up to a million years or never decompose at all.

Thank you to Paulette Johnson for obtaining the bags and putting stickers on each one! And thank YOU for doing your part to care for God's gift of the earth and supporting our church.

Questions? Suggestions?

Contact the Creation Care & Stewardship Team:

**Ellen Buono, LouAnn Connelly,
Jessica Kaercher, and Linda Murphy**

Building and Grounds News

Great news! The sanctuary and grounds are in pretty good shape for being 55 years old. Recently, volunteers have trimmed the weeds and sumac along the church side of the ditch. This is an annual late summer/early fall effort. Thank you for your gift of time. We have an ongoing list of jobs that could easily be done by willing volunteers, and we are grateful for the people who have stepped up to help us avoid paying for these services. The list is updated on our website with new opportunities as the jobs are recognized. If anyone sees a job that they feel needs to be addressed, don't hesitate to contact us.

The Daycare renovation is nearing completion. Carol has done a wonderful job of guiding the progress and coordinating this rather large project. Plumbing upgrades are nearly complete in classrooms. The children's bathroom and the floors are almost complete, lights have been replaced, and, hopefully, we will see the exterior doors replaced soon. It is all worth a visit to the back of the church to see the many upgrades. Thanks again to the tireless coordination from Daycare director Carol Grasso. Along with the upgrades to the day care area, the church has also purchased new desks and wall storage units to make the administration offices look very clean and professional.

I have been busy, recently, trouble-shooting the lighting in our parking lot. We have had to replace fixtures and sensors, along with some re-wiring, in order to keep us lit up for our many after-hours meetings and gatherings. The wiring and poles have been in service for many years and are in need of upgrading.

Kevin Ingalls — Deacon of Grounds.

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Worship Hours

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM in person and via Zoom.

Outdoor Services are also available in the Summer every Sunday at 9 AM

Holiday and Special Services will be announced on our website and this newsletter

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It's a new year at Colonie Community Day Care, and it feels like a brand-new Center!

We were fortunate to receive the Child Care Stabilization Grant.

We were able to use the grant for some upgrades for the Center. We had the opportunity to paint the Day Care and to put in all vinyl flooring. The result is amazing! The Center looks bigger and fresher!

We also had the opportunity to redo the little boys' bathroom with new walls, new toilet, urinal, and waterproof floors. We also added two much needed sinks in the extra classroom. The girl's bathroom is going to be redone soon.

Some of the other things we've also added are a new table, 36 chairs, new cabinets, rugs, curtains, and an amazing outdoor climber that the children are loving!

We were blessed to have full classes and a beautiful "new" look to our center. It is such a joy after the stress of Covid to start fresh and enjoy each other.

Carol Grasso — Director Colonie Community Day Care



Church Choir is BACK!

Rehearsals: Sundays at 9AM AND 11AM

See Director Ben April for more info.



Winter Weather Cancellations

If wintry weather mandates the cancellation of church services, a notice will be posted on the School/Business Closings on local television stations and local internet news sites, as well as communityreformedchurch.com

Book Group News

The Book Group meets in person and via Zoom. It is a small group of faithful and caring people who enjoy reading. We have great discussions and lots of laughs. All are always welcome.

The November/December Book Group selection is:
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Meeting date is to be determined. Please check your Sunday bulletin or contact **Karen Reynolds**: kreynolds150@gmail.com for more information

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Articles are due by the 15th of the month and can be submitted to crcsarah@gmail.com or given to Sarah Huiest.