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Welcome New Members!

June 2024



On Sunday, May 5th, **Evelyn Desnoyers, Alexander Huiest, and Addison York** confirmed their faith before the congregation of CRCC. They attended weekly classes under the instruction of Lisa McGee, exploring both their faith, and the workings of the Reformed Church. All have vowed to support the life and work of

CRCC through their time, talents, and treasures – which all three have been doing for many years! All are long standing Youth Group members, offering their services throughout our community. Addison and Alexander volunteer as regular video techs. Evelyn is one of our nursery workers! All three have participated in countless Christmas Eve services and various mission activities. They are a true blessing to this congregation, and we are so thankful to have them as official members. We are also blessed to have Lisa McGee lead so many young people over the years in exploring their faith and making a commitment to God's church.



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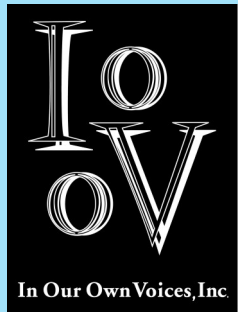
Upcoming Events

Junk in the Trunk	June 2 nd
Pride Parade	June 9 th
CCDC Spring Show	June 13 th
Consistory Sharing	June 23 rd

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!

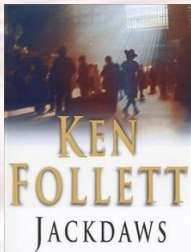
June 2nd, we transition to **outdoor worship**. Outdoor worship begins at **9AM**. Be sure to Mark Your Calendar so you don't miss out on worship!

June Mission of the Month



In recognition of Pride Month, CRCC's Mission of the Month for June is **In Our Own Voices**. An Albany, NY based organization, their mission is to, "work for and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural and economic survival and growth of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people of color communities." To learn more about In Our Own Voices, visit their website, ioov.org. Donations to June's Mission of the Month can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month envelope or PayPal, being sure to add "June Mission of the Month" in the memo.

Book Group News



June's Book Group selection is **Jackdaws** by **Ken Follett**. Discussion will take place at the home of Lou Ann Connelly on **Tuesday, June 25th, 6-8pm**. All are always welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Karen Reynolds.



It is time to declutter! Fill your trunk and bring your unwanted treasures to give away at our second Junk in the Trunk Event, **June 2nd, 11am to 12pm**.

All items will be given away for free. This event is being advertised in the community, so feel free to invite friends and neighbors. You may bring a table to display your things or simply open your trunk for attendees to browse. You are welcome to come, look and find—as well as give away. This is a carry in, carry out event. You must take any unclaimed items you have brought to the event, home with you. We hope you will attend!

**Any questions,
please contact Jessica Kaercher.**

THANK YOU!

Our Blood Drive was a big success, and most donors were from CRCC! The Red Cross stated that the blood collected will help 51 people, and they asked if we would host again. Thanks for all who came to support this needed service!



Consistory Update

By Pastor Bob Hoffman

Following each congregational conversation, the consistory has taken time to review all the responses shared. You have shared much about the life, values, ministry, and hopes of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie. Having compiled a summary of all the conversations, the consistory is planning a gathering where we will review together everything we've said to and with one another. Please mark your calendar and reserve **Sunday, June 23**, for this important time of sharing and planning.

The sharing part will happen right after the morning worship service and will take place in the church sanctuary. The congregational timeline will be on display to help everyone see the parts that have made CRCC who we are. You will certainly want to be part of this time of insight and sharing, because it will help shape the planning that will follow.

The planning will include conversation about the search committee and the work that needs to be done by them. It will also include the next steps in the process of calling a new pastor.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Hoffman or one of the consistory members.



On April 14th, **Jessica Kaercher**, **Lisa McGee**, and **BJ Todd** provided us with a wonderful, scripturally infused dramatization of the life of Peter. Peter having been our focus for Lent, it was a wonderful way to end that season. Thank you Jessica, Lisa, and BJ for your time and talents, and also to **Sandy Cornwell** for adapting the original writing.

For the month of May, The Advocacy and Global Mission committee chose World Central Kitchen to receive \$500



World Central Kitchen(WCK) is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that provides food relief. It was founded in 2010 by Spanish American chef and restaurateur José Andrés following the earthquake in Haiti, and has subsequently responded to Hurricane

Harvey, the 2018 lower Puna eruption, 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquakes, and the ongoing Gaza humanitarian crisis.

Volunteers are always needed to start providing meals, as quickly as possible, to people impacted by crises. WCK's Relief Team works with professional chefs, logistics experts, local restaurants, and other established organizations.

WCK does not respond to a set list of disasters or crises. "We show up when food access has been disrupted. Our model has worked following a grocery store shooting in Buffalo, NY, a global pandemic, hurricanes, war in Ukraine, etc. We feed people - and when an emergency disrupts access to food, we will be there."

Food is a Universal Human Right.

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH OF COLONIE IS A ROOM FOR ALL CONGREGATION



Room for All is a non-profit growing out of the hopes and dreams, passion and faith, pain and longing of members of the Reformed Church in America. Most of us have long believed that LGBTQ people should be fully included within the church's life and ministry.

<https://roomforall.com/>



Our Mission

To support, educate, and advocate for the welcome and full affirmation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the RCA and surrounding communities of people of faith.

Our Vision

Compelled by the inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, Room for All envisions a day when all people—of all sexual orientations, gender expressions and identities, races, abilities, and ages—are fully affirmed as children of God, free of violence based on human prejudices and judgments.

We Are:

- a non-profit organization founded in 2005
- governed by a Board of Directors which seeks to represent the full diversity of members of the Reformed Church in America
- committed to the integral work of racial equity on our Board and in our mission
- a network of supporting RCA members, clergy and congregations engaged in a cooperative effort to support LGBTQ people and allies across the RCA, educate about issues of sexuality and gender in relation to Christian life, and advocate for a radically inclusive welcome and affirmation of the full spectrum of God's people in all aspects of our congregational and denominational ministries
- Christ-followers who are committed to unity in diversity in the Reformed Church in America

Day Care News



We have been so busy here! Our spring started off with our Easter bonnet Parade and party! The children and their families worked so hard to make adorable Easter hats. We had an Easter egg hunt and partied all day!

We are finally enjoying some spring weather. It's so nice to see our playground green and beautiful! We are so blessed.

Our amazing CCDC families have treated us to a week-long Teacher Appreciation event! On Monday, there was a beautiful sign made just for us! Monday also brought bagels, fruit and all the fixings! Tuesday, we were spoiled with hydrangea plants and chocolate covered strawberries! Wednesday, we enjoyed subs, salads, and cookies. On Thursday, we had a tray of Crumble cookies! The week ended with a personalized, insulated cup for each staff member. It was so lovely to be "appreciated" by our families.

We are gearing up for our Spring Show and Graduation! Classes are practicing their songs; costumes are being chosen! It is a fun event ending with a big family picnic! Our show is June 13th, in the evening. All are welcome.

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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

Colonie Community Day Care Center

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Summer Worship June 2 to September 1 9 AM

Every week, approximately one half of our congregation is attending worship on Zoom, Facebook, our YouTube each week. That is amazing! If you are sitting in your car wondering where everyone is, they are right there participating with you!

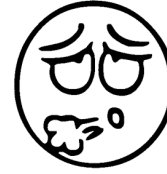
During the summer months, outdoor services are welcomed by many in our church family. However, the weather needs to be cooperative to have this happen.

Inclement or questionable weather affecting the camera and sound will prevent the outdoor filming of the service. If this occurs, worship will be moved indoors for those attending in person. Our webpage will be updated by 8 AM, and it will be posted on our social media pages.

Please note — there is no nursery coverage in the summer months.

Let the sun shine!

We love you but not your germs.



If you are feeling a little under the weather, please remain home and get the rest you need.

Some of our church family are at high risk of infection so what may not seem too bad for you could be dangerous to them.

So, please join us on Zoom.

God will understand and we will thank you.

WALK WITH CRCC AS A

ROOM FOR ALL CONGREGATION

PRIDE PARADE
WASHINGTON PARK, ALBANY
JUNE 9

Support our Sons, Daughters, Brothers, Sisters, Mothers, Fathers, Friends, and other relatives who identify as LGBTQIA+ by walking with other ROOM FOR ALL Congregations.

We are coordinating our efforts with First Church in Albany.

In interested, please contact (name and cellphone number for walk day) Sue Bredice. She will get you the "up-to-the-minute" details!

Sbredice@yahoo.com

Thank you to everyone who donated their used (and sometime NEW!) eclipse glasses. Over 400 glasses were collected. They were sent to Astronomers



Without Borders and Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC. They will go on to be distributed to children in South America for the eclipse this August – keeping their eyes safe and allowing them to participate in this unique opportunity.

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