

Welcome Pastor Bob Hoffman

We welcome Pastor Bob Hoffman to our congregational community. As interim minister, Bob will be preaching twice a month (first and third Sundays) and worshipping with us on the other Sundays. Additionally, Bob will be working with our congregational committees and providing pastoral care and support for the congregation. Be sure to greet Bob at coffee hour or before the worship service and introduce yourself.

Bob is a graduate of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Following seminary graduation in 1976, Bob became pastor of the First Reformed Church of Berne where he served as pastor until his retirement this past July. In addition to serving as a congregational pastor, Bob has been the Stated Clerk of the Regional Synod of Albany since 1999 and in 2013 was commissioned as Synod Administrator for the Regional Synod of Albany.

Bob and his wife, Becky, moved to their first home, in Voorheesville, last December, and are getting acquainted with being homeowners. Together they have 9 children and 22 grandchildren. Bob enjoys landscaping, gardening, kayaking, and is renewing his interest in biking.

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NEW WORSHIP TIME!!!

Sunday, September 3rd
will be the LAST OUTDOOR worship service.

Sunday, September 10th
we will return indoors for our
10:00AM worship service.



September 17, 2023

11:30am – 12:30pm

JUNK IN THE TRUNK



Today, there are many ideas about how to declutter your home, especially with icons such as Marie Kondo asking readers to only keep possessions that spark joy. I recently read a book called Make Space for Happiness by Tracy McCubbin.

It was an excellent book that goes deeper into why we keep certain items and how we can move forward to attract what we are really looking for instead of supplemental "stuff." But, once you have gone through your things and decided what to give away, what do you do with them?

This fall, we invite you to pack up your unwanted items in your car, and bring them to the church parking lot for **Junk in the Trunk**. This event is aimed at keeping unwanted, but usable, items out of landfills. There is a lot of fun and sense of pride to be had when you reduce waste by upcycling, restoring, or repurposing an item. Our society has tended toward items that are easily broken and replaced at the nearest box store, but there is an advantage to finding treasures that have been preowned. Often these items are built solid, and once they are cleaned up, they can last a lifetime. Better a lifetime enjoying something, rather than a lifetime in a landfill.

For this event, we ask participants to come with their items and open their trunk, or set up a small table, for attendees to walk around and "shop" for new treasures. Even if you do not have anything to bring, you are welcome to come and look for yourself. In the interest of passing on items that could have a new life in another home, everything will be free and on a first-come, first-served basis. Items that are not chosen by attendees must be taken back home. Please bring your household items, electronics, jewelry, and small furniture to be given a new home on September 17th, at 11:30am.



Church Choir is BACK!

September is going to be an exciting month for music at CRCC! The choir will resume after-worship rehearsals on Sunday, September 10th, and will resume singing during worship on Sunday, September 24th. Are you interested in joining the choir or learning more? Reach out to Ben if you have questions or you're interested! We will also be looking for anyone who plays an instrument and might be interested in playing for a prelude or anthem. If you have any musical talent and would like to play, please let Ben know!

September will also feature new communion music - a springtime 2023 collaboration between Ben and Bruce. We look forward to leading you in the new music next month!

September Mission of the Month



The September Mission of the Month is the **Shawn Bredice Memorial Scholarship**

Shawn Bredice graduated from Colonie High School in 2010. He continued his education as a post graduate and a participant in the Life Skills Program. Shawn loved school and he especially loved his job at Panera Bread, where he was hired full time as a result of being an outstanding worker while attending the work experience program. Shawn was a special education student his entire life but his limitations never stopped him! It was his strengths that brought him success! Shawn died on May 29, 2015.

He would have wanted to help other students have the opportunities he had. Students who strive to do their best should be recognized, whether their goal is college, vocational training, or to enter the workforce. This scholarship will be awarded to a student in the Life Skills Class and/or a student earning a CDOS CREDENTIAL who excels in the following areas: Attendance, Peer Support, Positive Job Reports, and Demonstrates Positive Growth throughout his/her High School career. Students applying for this scholarship should be a senior or a post grad before or in their exit year of Colonie High School. The Bredice Family Charitable Fund has given \$10,000 in awards in the last 7 years. This year's recipients were Cori Ebel and Jonathon Wade. To contribute to this scholarship, you can donate through your yellow September Mission of the Month offering envelope, or by check payable to CRCC with "September Mission of the Month" in the memo.

Break Bread, Share Bread

Break Bread Share Bread is a partnership with the Food Pantry on Vly Road in Colonie. Even though they are a part of the Coalition of Food Pantries, there is always a need for certain food items.

The Break Bread Share Bread collection for September will be Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Spaghetti and Meatballs) and Pop-Tarts!! Items can be placed on the back table in the sanctuary, and will be donated to the Help Center Food Pantry on Vly Road.

Thank You! Community Outreach.

Family Ministries

Community Reformed Church of Colonie has seen a shift with in-person attendance since Covid-19 entered our lives. We have been pivoting here, there, and everywhere the last few years, and now feels like the right time to make a change in some of our programming for young people.

Youth Enrichment will now be **Family Ministries**. We will continue to offer full worship service coverage in the **Nursery** for infants through children 3 years old. We will continue to provide a **Children's Message** during the 10:00 worship service. Children age 4 years through second grade who previously went to Children's Worship following the Children's Message, will now have the opportunity to go back to the nursery at that time, for a story and craft

activity. With two nursery workers, this will not take away from the care of the younger children.

Sunday School will continue to meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 for children in grades 3 through 7.

Youth Group will continue to meet throughout the year for planned service projects. **NEW** this year will be **Family Activities** once a month. These will be held on a Saturday or a Sunday. Each month will have a different planned activity that will be announced in advance. We are hoping this addition will continue to make our programming as accessible as possible.

Please contact Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) with any questions.



Stay connected with CRCC All Week Long!

Everything found on our church bulletin board can be found online, plus more!!

[Padlet.com/crccsarah/churchbulletinboard](https://padlet.com/crccsarah/churchbulletinboard)

We are also on social media!

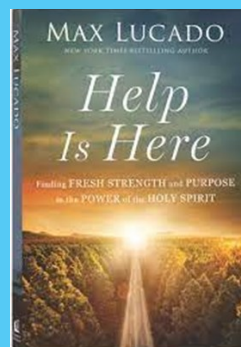
Facebook: @ColonieReformed

Instagram: colonie_reformed

X (formerly Twitter): @ColonieReformed

And don't forget about our website!

Communityreformedchurch.com



Women's Bible Study will start meeting on the **SECOND** Saturday of the month on September 9th, at 9:30. The first study of the 2023-2024 year will be Help Is Here by Max Lucado.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Ana Crosbourne (anacrosbourne@gmail.com) to make sure you are added to the email list.

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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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Book Group News



September's Book Group selection is:
The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek

Written by Kim Michele Richardson.
We will be meeting on September 19th,
(third Tuesday this month)
6:00pm, at CRCC.
All are Welcome.



Though we pray for our students and educators year round, we like to start the year off with a special blessing for them! All students and school personnel are invited to bring their backpacks/school bags to worship on Sunday, September 10th, at 10:00AM to receive a blessing for the new year. Questions? Contact Sarah Huiest (crcsarah@gmail.com).

Welcome to our new Nursery Workers

Last month we said, "Goodbye" to our wonderful nursery worker of the past year, Emily, and now we are excited to welcome two new workers! **Evelyn** and **Debra Desnoyers**. Deb and Evelyn have been part of our congregation for many years. Deb just retired from Green Island School District after more than 30 years of teaching. Evelyn is currently a junior at Colonie High School. We are so happy to have them taking on these new roles, caring for the youngest congregants of CRCC!

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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.