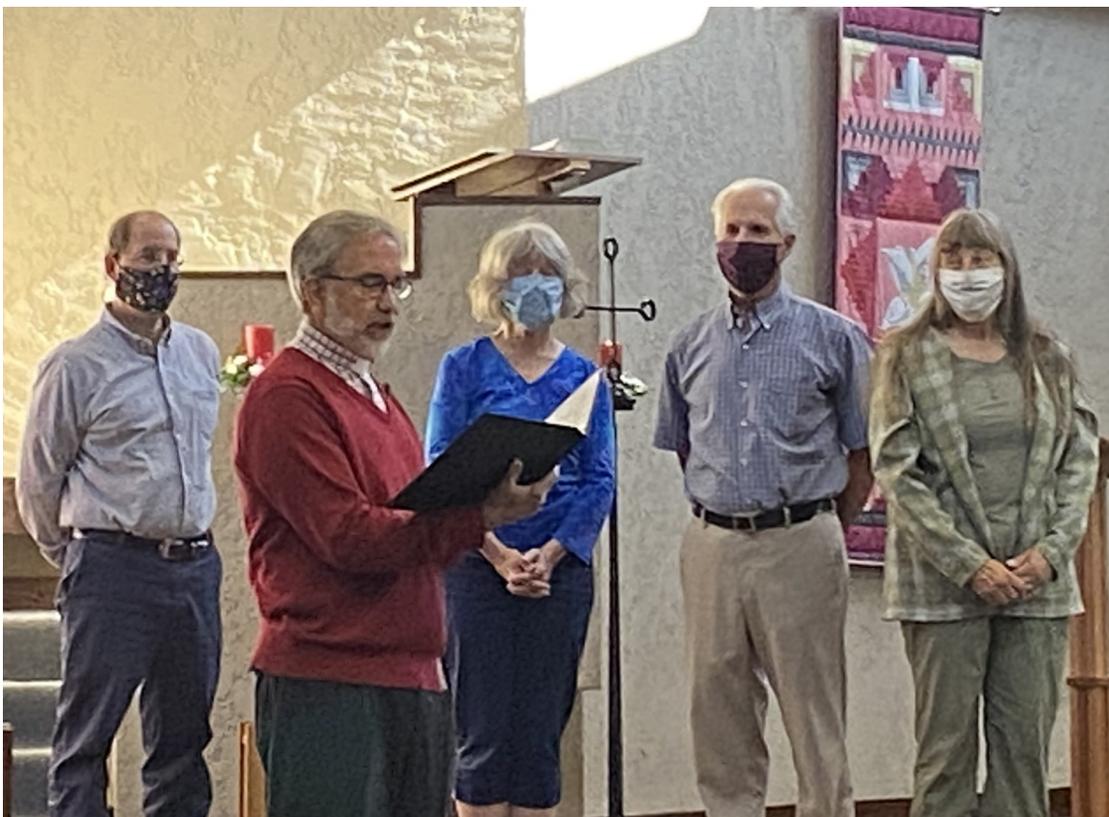


ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

On Sunday, September 26th, we saw members of our congregation take on new responsibilities in the life and work of God's church.

Kevin Ingalls was ordained and installed as Deacon of Property and **Linda Murphy** was ordained and installed as Elder of Hospitality and Congregational Care.

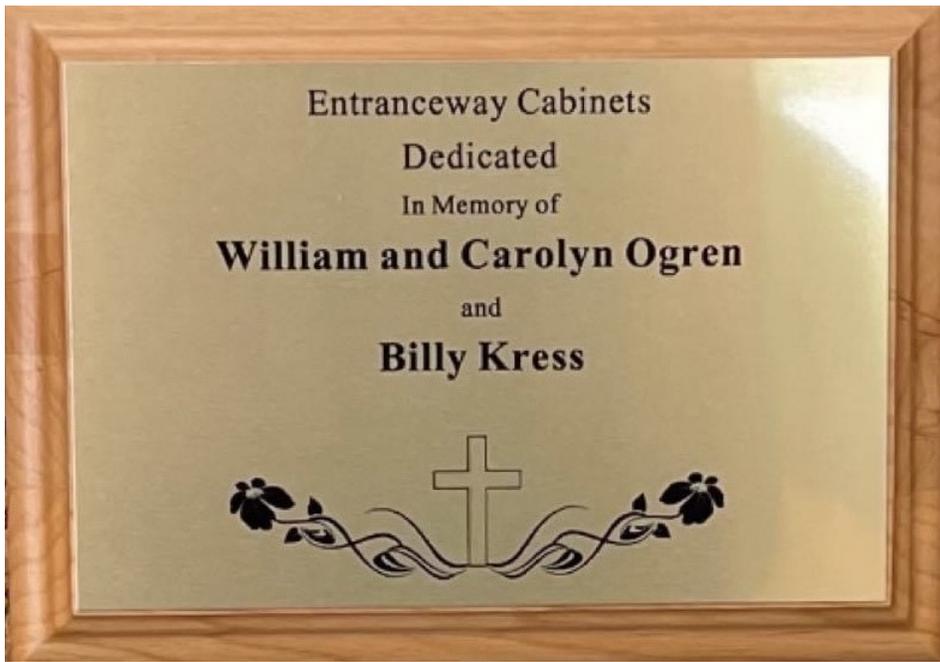
Having been previously ordained as Deacons, **Ellen Buono** was installed as Deacon of Creation Care and Stewardship, and **Kevin Bottini** was installed as Deacon of Community Outreach. Unable to attend on the 26th, **Karl Cote** was ordained and installed as Elder of Advocacy and Global Mission on Wednesday, September 22nd. Let us keep these and all other members of leadership in our prayers as they balance all of their responsibilities in God's church and this world. May God guide and lead them in their work.



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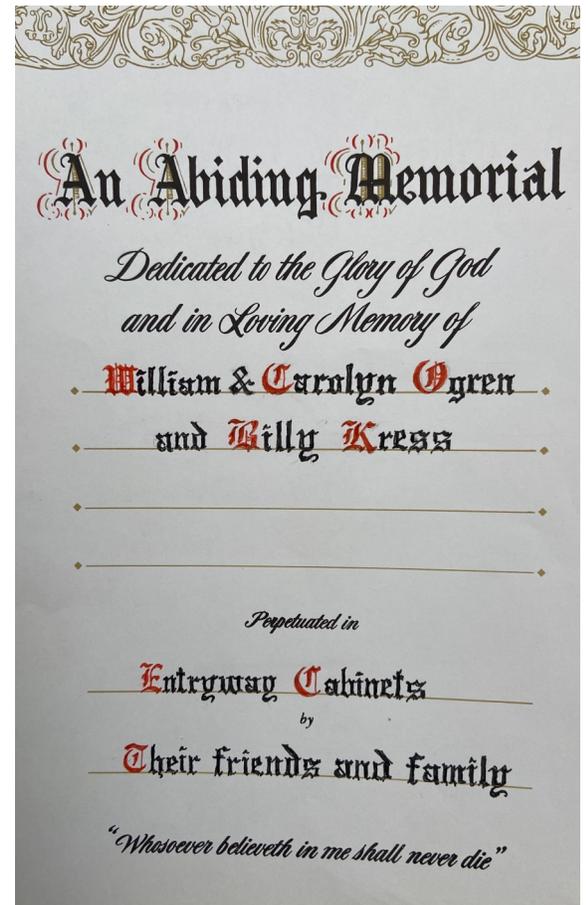
Ellen and Bill Buono Sign Off

For 10 years, Ellen and Bill Buono have trudged out to the church sign regardless of the weather to change the saying letters. They are now passing their boots on to Lexy Kuentzel for this weekly responsibility. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank Bill and Ellen for their dedication to this church ministry!



Sunday, October 10th, was a very special day for Community Reformed Church. With the help of **Diane Ogren**, new vestibule cabinets and coat rack were dedicated in memory of **William and Carolyn Ogren** (Diane's parents) and **Billy Kress** (Diane's son).

Construction was done by church member **Kevin Ingalls** earlier this year using funds donated in William, Carolyn, and Billy's memories. The craftsmanship is exquisite and a much needed upgrade to the entryway. Thank you, Kevin, and may God bless the Ogren family.



As we do each year, we will be collecting for those in need this Christmas.

Since our attendance is now both in-person and on Zoom, we plan to be offering both Angel Tree tags at church or online links for needed items.

Please watch your bulletins for more details.

Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 21 at 10 AM

"Now Thank we all our Lord with heart and hands and voices" – and pens!



In the past we have gathered around tables for the Thanksgiving Eve Agape service. A time of meditation allowed us to write down our thank you notes to God on slips of white and gold paper. These strips were then joined together forming a chain of thanksgiving. This chain would later encircle our Christmas tree. This has become a beloved and meaningful tradition in our church.

Even though we will no longer have our Thanksgiving Eve service, we would like the Thank You Chain tradition to continue. 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 21**. For those of you worshipping at home, please drop off your papers or return them by mail to the church office prior to November 21.

Together we will be again be joined in gratitude for our Lord's continual blessing.

O, Heavenly Father

**We thank You for food and
remember the hungry**

**We thank You for health and
remember the sick**

**We thank You for friends and
remember the friendless**

**We thank You for freedom and
remember the enslaved**

**May these remembrances stir us
to service, that Your gifts to us
may be used for others**

Amen.

~ Abigail van Buren

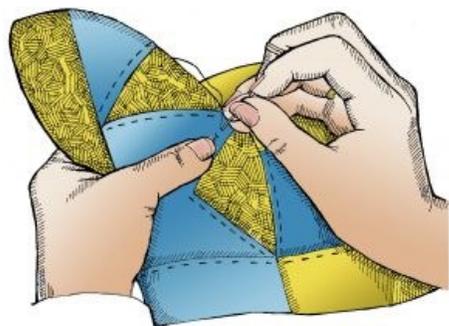
Why Blue?

Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

November 28th marks the first of the four Sundays of Advent. The liturgical color of this season is blue which represents hope, expectation, confidence, and anticipation as the world awaits the newborn king.

During this Christmas season, may we say "no" to the things that distract us from Jesus and say "yes" to the gift that God wants all of us to experience.

Let us prepare our hearts.



QUILTING GROUP

You may not be able to attend our semi-monthly sewing meetings, but if you want to use your sewing skills to help make someone's life a little more comfortable or cheerful, we would love to have your help.

Each bag takes two half-yard cuts of fabric, some fleece or batting, a couple of small hook-and-loop pieces, and a yard of ribbon (or self-made ties).

Use up some of your left-over fabric or request a fabric kit. Instructions are available upon request and on the church web site.

Sewing to Serve

Community Reformed Church's Quilt Group invites you to join in on our project this fall:

Making Walker Bags for the residents of Shaker Place Nursing Home.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 AM**

On this special Sunday, we remember
"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 never forget.

For those of you who will be attending on Zoom, we encourage you to light a candle for your honoree during the time of quiet remembrance.

Youth Group News!



On Saturday, October 16th, members of the church's youth group ventured up to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter. There they chatted with kitties who are not yet socialized enough for adoption. Volunteers are welcome to come during regular hours to read to the cats, helping them get used to the sound of human voices and human smells. Some were definitely more ready than others, but everyone had a wonderful time getting to know these fluffy and adorable creations of God. If you are interested in reading to the cats or volunteering in other ways, you can contact the shelter at 518-885-4113, or visit saratogacountyanimalshelter.com.

The Youth Group will be meeting in the church Gathering Room after worship on Sunday, November 7th, to pack personal care kits for Grassroot Givers' Day of Simple Giving, and level the children's books collected throughout the month of October.

For more information on all things YOUTH, please contact Sarah Huiest crccsarah@gmail.com.



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Worship Hours

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM

Outdoor Services are also available in the Summer every Sunday at 8 AM

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

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Making the most of God's treasures to you...



If you are age 70½ or older by the end of 2021, have traditional IRAs with required minimum distributions, and especially if you are unable to itemize your deductions, consider making 2020 charitable donations via qualified charitable distributions from your IRAs. These distributions are made directly to charities from your IRAs, and the amount of the contribution is neither included in your gross income nor deductible on Schedule A, Form 1040. However, you are still entitled to claim the entire standard deduction. This also reduces your adjusted gross income, which may reduce the taxability of your social security benefits, depending on your tax bracket.

Music News

The choir at CRCC has been rehearsing for the last month and is back in the swing of things! Seven singers have been meeting both before and after worship to work on music. The choir will be singing during worship most weeks to augment the scripture and message that Pastor Bruce gives. Be on the lookout for special music once Advent begins!

Benjamin April—Director of Music

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Saturday, November 13th, 9:30AM:

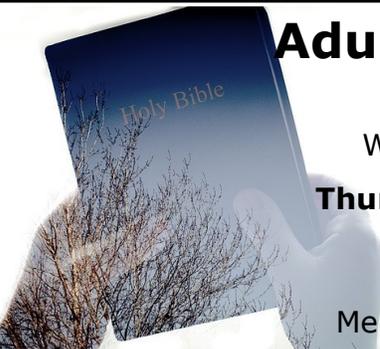
Women's Bible Study at church and via Zoom

Thursdays, November 4th, 11th, and 18th, 7PM:

Wired Word via Zoom

Wednesday, December 1st, 6-8 PM:

Men Building with Logos (Men's Group) at church



Book Group News

Book Group will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 30th**, from 6-8PM, to discuss "**Manchester Christmas**" by John Gray.

Contact Karen Reynolds (kreynolds150@gmail.com) for more information and meeting location.

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 on communityreformedchurch.com

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