

# THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

## Sunday, November 27 – Saturday December 3

### Today

The **Choir** rehearses from 9:00 to 9:30 am. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining. See Ben if interested.

**Sunday School** for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

### Monday, November 28

The **Quilt Group** will meet in the sanctuary Monday evening 5:30-7:30pm. This will be the last meeting until April 2023. Anyone who is interested in helping with this ministry is welcome to come, regardless of level of experience. This will be a working meeting, so participants are asked to bring fabric and their own sewing machines if they have one. Other tools will be provided. If anyone has some cotton holiday fabric in usable condition that you don't need, please consider donating it to the group. If you have any questions, contact Lou Ann Connelly

### Friday, December 2

**Al-Anon** meets from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Gathering Room.

### Saturday, December 3

**Women's Bible Study** – The next bible study will meet at 9:30am in the Gathering Room and by Zoom.

**Orchid Society Meeting** – 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## GENERAL NOTICES

**Chrismon Tree Decorating** – Do you have a little time after church to help finish our sanctuary preparations for Advent? On Sunday, November 27th we will be decorating our Chrismon Tree. Come share in the fun! All ages are welcome!



**Christmas Poinsettia Orders** - Please complete the order form and return the order along with payment to the church office by December 11. Order forms may be found on the back table and attached to the Worship email.



**Community Reformed Outreach Committee** will have **their 1st interactive Mission in Motion** on December 11th at 11:30 am to make and sign Christmas cards for Residents of Shaker Place and Van Rensselaer Heights. For those who will be participating via Zoom, if you are in need of cards or have any questions, please contact Lori at [crcclori@gmail.com](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com) or by calling the Church office. A member of the Community Outreach Committee will contact you.



### **Reverse Advent Calendar???**

Beginning in early December, a typical Advent calendar counts down the day to Christmas. With great anticipation each of the 24 little doors on the calendar is opened revealing perhaps a drawing, a saying, a little toy or even a chocolate – the focus, of course, being on the receiving. This year we would like to suggest approaching Advent with a different mindset. What if, this year, the calendar's focus was on giving instead of receiving?

The idea of the **Reverse Advent Calendar** is simple. Start with a large sturdy cardboard box. Decorating the box could be a fun family activity – let your imaginations soar. Make it merry or keep it plain. It's all up to you. For each day from December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>, add one item to your box. Again, use your imagination. You could focus on a specific item such as a different pasta for each day, or personal care items, or only canned soups, or just a variety of non-perishable foods.

This reverse calendar is your very own design and would be fun at home or at work. The best gifts are those we give away.

Bring your calendar box or items to church after Christmas or contact the church office if you wish to have the box picked up. We will deliver all items to local agencies that strive to aid our neighbors in need. For those of our church family who live afar, consider donating your box to your local agencies. Near and far, we remain together in Christ. To view a list of suggested items or themes, please click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/CRCCReverseAdvent>

Questions? Contact Jessica Kaercher, Tina Bottini, or Sandy Cornwell.



**Our annual Angel Tree collection has is under way!**

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 may go to:

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

Please return unwrapped gifts and items by December 11<sup>th</sup> .  
Questions? Contact Sandy Cornwell, Sarah Huiest, or Tina Bottini

We often receive reusable bags as promotions from various organizations or businesses. If you do not need or want these bags, Things of My Very Own would appreciate your donating your clean unused or gently used bags. You can do this by placing them under the Angel Tree.

For those that would like to make bags to donate, you may use the link below as a pattern,

<https://30minutecrafts.com/2013/09/30-minute-book-bag.html>

**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-Hacket. 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.

To contribute to The Red Book, you may donate through the yellow November Mission of the Month offering envelope, or by check payable to CRCC with "November Mission of the Month" in the memo.

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday - Isaiah 11:1-10  
Tuesday - Psalm 72:1-7  
Wednesday - Psalm 72:18-19  
Thursday - Romans 15:4-13  
Friday - Matthew 3:1-6  
Saturday - Matthew 3:7-12  
Sunday - The Second Sunday of Advent

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Lord God, you have woken me from sleep;  
the night is gone, the day is here.  
Enable me to put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and help me to live honorably this day,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

God, my Savior, you are even nearer now  
than when I first learned to trust in you.  
Help me to lay aside the burdens of the day  
and rest in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
my strength and my salvation. Amen.