

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, April 14 – Saturday, April 20

Each week, the Community Reformed Church of Colonie provides opportunities for ministry, study, support, and fellowship. All groups welcome new participants with open arms. If you would like additional information about any group, please call or speak to the contact person indicated.

Sunday, April 14

Children's Sunday School – Will begin at 9:00 AM. for children in grades 3-6. Sunday school will meet in the Gathering Room.

Sanctuary Worship – 10:00 AM

The Choir will be rehearsing both before and after Worship this morning, from 9:00-9:30 AM. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining. See Ben, if interested.

Monday, April 15

The CRCC Sew and Reap Quilt Group will meet at 5:30 PM at the church. We are continuing to make quilts for Project Linus. Even if you have no sewing experience, we welcome you to be a part of this caring ministry. Please contact Lou Ann Connelly at louannconne@nycap.rr.com if you would like more information.

Wednesday, April 17

6:30-7:00 PM - Elders will meet in the Pastor's office.

7:00-9:00 PM – Consistory will meet in the Gathering Room.

Saturday, April 20

Family Ministries will be having an Earth Day Event on Saturday, from 10-11am. While our events are geared toward grade school families, all are always welcome to attend. Activities include a Story and Bible Verse, Game, Plant an indoor veggie garden and a Craft.

Please RSVP to Sarah Huiest crccsarah@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cross and Comments

Please submit articles for the May Cross and Comments newsletter by April 15th. Articles should be submitted to Sarah Huiest.



A CONVERSATION ABOUT PEACEBUILDING IN THE HOLY LAND

Monday April 15, 6:30 p.m.

at the First Church in Albany, 110 N. Pearl Street, Albany

and Tuesday April 16, 7:00 p.m.

at the First Reformed Church in Schenectady, 8 North Church Street

You are invited to join Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) in a conversation about peacebuilding and advocacy related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Speakers include the Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, and Tamar Haddad, the Coordinator at Churches for Middle East Peace's women empowerment program: And Still We Rise (ASWR). Dr. Cannon is the author of several publications about the conflict including *A Land Full of God: Christian Perspectives toward the Holy Land* (Cascade, 2017). Tamar Haddad is based in Jerusalem and previously served as the Project Manager for Gender Justice at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

Congregational Conversation #3

Thank you to all who participated in the first two congregational conversations about our church life together and the values we hold dear. There is still time to share your responses if you have not already done so. Speak with Pastor Hoffman or Lori Cote for the questions asked.

On April 21st, following the morning worship service, we will have the third and final congregational conversation. This conversation will be about the hopes and dreams and expectations of a new pastor. We look forward to hearing about your thoughts and concerns. Please join in the conversation either in person or by remaining on the zoom link.



Blood Drive – Please remember we are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 27th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to donate.

Community Outreach Team - During the month of **April**, we will be collecting pancake mix and dish soap. Jams, Jellies and Juices (all flavors) are a constant need, as well. They will be donated to the Help Center Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

The April Mission of the Month is Capital Roots. Capital Roots works to reduce the impact of poor nutrition on public health in New York's Capital Region by organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutritional and horticultural education for all ages, and coordinating urban greening programs.

Donations to **Capital Roots** can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month Envelope, via PayPal, or directly on their web site, www.capitalroots.org. If you are paying by check or PayPal, please note "April Mission of the Month" on your donation.



Eclipse Glasses will be collected at CRCC till the end of April. Give your eclipse glasses a second life! We are collecting eclipse glasses for the month of April for Astronomers Without Borders. Their "vision is a global community that appreciates, studies, and shares the wonders of the universe, to broaden perspective, transcend borders, and improve lives. Through all its activities, AWB strives to promote Community; Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion; Evidence; Empathy; Stewardship; Improvement, and Empowerment." One program they provide distributes eclipse glasses to children around the world who would otherwise not have access to them. Glasses can be left in the marked basket in the narthex. Contact Sarah Huiest with any questions at crccsarah@gmail.com.



Bread Bag Plastic Tags

Did you know that those plastic tags that hold together your bread bag can be recycled? Danielle Cares for Chairs recycles those tags and uses the money received to purchase wheelchairs for individuals in need! There is a designated container in the narthex where you can deposit your bread tags. This will be an ongoing collection with no end date. Questions? Contact Sarah Huiest - crccsarah@gmail.com.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 4:5-12
Tuesday - Psalm 23:1-4
Wednesday Psalm 23:5-6
Thursday - 1 John 3:16-18
Friday - 1 John 3:19-24
Saturday - John 10:11-18
Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

God of surprising revelations,
I thank you for rest and renewal.
I thank you that when you come to your people,
you speak peace and invite faith in you.
Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks
for life than I did yesterday.
Give me ears to hear your will for me,
hands that are open to others,
and eyes to see the beauty in your world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

For all that has happened this day,
O God, I give you thanks.
Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you.
Especially when I wobbled in doubt,
I thank you because I did not fall.
You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step.
Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms.
Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good,
bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus' name. Amen.