

## **THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH** **Sunday, April 21 – Saturday, April 27**

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 21**

**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

**Congregational Conversation** – directly after worship today.

### **Monday, April 22**

**Shirley's Shawls**" - our prayer shawl ministry will meet in the gathering room at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 22nd. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to join us. Contact Linda Murphy with any questions ([lindamurph98@aol.com](mailto:lindamurph98@aol.com)).

### **Tuesday, April 23**

**The Book Group** will meet at 6:00 PM in the Church's Gathering Room. We will be discussing "Go As A River" by Shelley Read. Please contact Karen Reynolds with any questions, [kreynolds150@gmail.com](mailto:kreynolds150@gmail.com)

### **Saturday, April 27**

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

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congregational Conversation #3

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com).

## Consecration Sunday

Mark your calendars for **May 19th**, Consecration Sunday. Be sure to attend this inspiring service when Pastor Bob will bless our commitments for the 2024-25 pledge year. Leading up to that day, we will hear how stewardship has inspired members of our church family and remind us we all have time, talents and treasures to share.



### 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](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com).



There's an easy way to properly recycle your refundable cans and bottles. No counting, no rinsing, and no waiting in long lines to make your return! And you'll be raising money for our Church so we can continue to spread God's word and do good works.

There are green plastic CLYNK bags in the church entryway that can be brought home and filled with your refundable cans and bottles. And thank YOU for doing your part to care for God's gift of the earth and supporting our church.



In addition to bringing in revenue for the church, the clothing collected in the Blue Bins located at the south end of our parking lot is sent to those in need throughout the US and third world countries. This is a great and convenient way to donate your clothing when cleaning out. Spread the word to your neighbors, coworkers, friends and family. Offer to bring the clothes to church for them.

## **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday - Acts 8:26-31  
Tuesday - Acts 8:32-40  
Wednesday Psalm 22:25-31  
Thursday - 1 John 4:7-16  
Friday - 1 John 4:17-21  
Saturday - John 15:1-8  
Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

God of light, I praise you  
for the gift of this new day.  
By the power of your Spirit  
enable me to live in your light  
and seek the holy fellowship  
of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Be with me, Lord Jesus,  
at the evening of this day.  
Enter into my heart  
and fill it with your peace  
so that I may rejoice and  
rest in your presence. Amen..

