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ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 6th

The celebration of All Saints' Day has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

On this special Sunday, our church family gives thanks to God for "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 always remember. For those worshipping at home, please have a candle to light during our time of remembrance.



We will resume bi-weekly volunteer opportunities for the Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Homeless Shelter the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month beginning in November and extending through April 2023. Sign up information and more details will be included in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

If you have any questions, please see **Kevin Bottini**.

Member Milestones

Congratulations to Mike and Lou Ann Connelly who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in September!



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Upcoming Events

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October Mission of the Month The Shawn Bredece Memorial Scholarship

The October Mission of the Month is the Shawn Bredece Memorial Scholarship

Shawn Bredece 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 Bredece Family Charitable Fund has given \$8,000 in awards in the last 6 years. To contribute to this scholarship, you can donate through your yellow October Mission of the Month offering envelope, or by check payable to CRCC with "October Mission of the Month" in the memo.



New Member Classes!

Are you interested in affiliating with and possibly joining our church?

See Rev. Cornwell for more information on these upcoming classes!

Youth Volunteers Needed!

Following the Children's Message during the 10:00 worship service, children age 4 through 2nd grade may go to the gathering room for a lesson and craft activity. We are in need of individuals to lead this ministry. The lesson, craft activity, and all materials are provided for you.

We are also looking for someone to teach our grades 3-6 Sunday School class. Curriculum is provided with lesson and activity suggestions.

If you are interested in participating in either of these ministries, please see Sarah Huiest

crccsarah@gmail.com.



The group is open to anyone who wishes to participate, regardless of sewing expertise or experience. If you can measure, cut, read directions, iron, or wield a safety pin, you can contribute.

T H E C R C C

Q U I L T G R O U P



CRCC Quilt Group is sewing placemats for Meals on Wheels and Shaker Place. They can help memory care patients retain their home skills as they practice such skills as setting the table. Holiday-themed placemats are especially helpful with this therapy. Seeing items with images of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the like, help these patients keep track of the seasons and recall personal memories.

Upcoming meeting dates are
October 10th and **24th**, and
November 14th and **28th**,
at 5:30PM at the church.

Note: The October 10th meeting will be at 2PM
for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Please contact Lou Ann Connelly at louannconne@nycap.rr.com
for more information.



Shirley's Shawls



The prayer shawl ministry at Community Reformed Church of Colonie, is again meeting monthly after a summer break. We enjoy fellowship as we knit, crochet, and weave shawls and lap robes. We have a supply of completed shawls on hand that can be provided to anyone in need of comfort or support. Contact me, an Elder or a Deacon if you know of someone who would like to receive a prayer shawl.

In addition to our traditional efforts, some of us are making items for The Community Hospice. Every year, Hospice cares for hundreds of patients who are veterans. Each veteran is provided with a certificate expressing appreciation for their service and a warm, comforting red, white, and blue lap robe. Their supply of the lap robes generally falls short of the need. Our ministry hopes that we might help them to get closer to their goal of providing a lap robe for each veteran that they serve.

Shirley's Shawls always welcomes new members. If you might be interested in joining this ministry, watch the weekly bulletin for meeting dates or contact me at lindamurph98@aol.com.

Linda Murphy, for Shirley's Shawls

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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 9 AM

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

Colonie Community Day Care Center

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Adult Enrichment

The **Wired Word Bible Study** meet every Thursday through November 3rd at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

October 6th

Inflation Likely to be a 'Major Headwind' for Consumers This Summer

October 13th

Companies in the U.K. Exploring Four-Day Workweek

October 20th

In New Legal Climate, Churches & Organizations Consider How to Help Those With Unwanted or Complicated Pregnancies

October 27th

Missionary Mother Laments Her Children's Departure From Faith

November 3rd

Both Evangelical & Progressive Christians Call to Rethink Conversion

Contact **Ana Crosbourne** for the article in advance:

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Church Choir is BACK!

Rehearsals: Sundays at 9AM AND 11AM

See Director Ben April for more info.



November Mission of the Month The Red Bookshelf

The November Mission of the Month will be The Red Bookshelf, a community literacy program aimed at improving literacy among young people.

Excellent quality children's books and financial donations will be accepted during the month of November. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin and November newsletter for more reminders.

Book Group News

Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM, in person and via Zoom. It is a small group of faithful and caring people who enjoy reading. We have great discussions and lots of laughs. All are always welcome.

October 25th - A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

November/December date TBD - Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

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Articles are due by the 15th of the month and can be submitted to crccsarah@gmail.com or given to Sarah Huist.