



Our Spiritual Gifts

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work"

1 Corinthians 12:4-6.



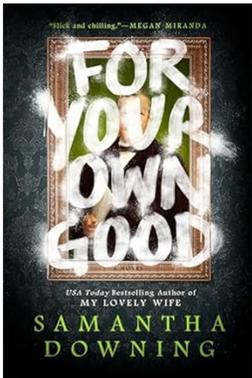
In this passage, Paul reminds us that all of our gifts are given to us from God and that our gifts will be different than those provided to others. These gifts are distributed according to God's plan for us. Pastor Grant Ethridge interprets this passage this way, "we are not to seek a specific gift, but rather trust the Holy Spirit to manifest in us the gift that is needed when it is needed."

We have the opportunity to investigate the gifts that have been provided to us from God by completing the gift inventory sent to members of our CRCC family in February. This project allows us to prayerfully consider the gifts that we have been given, as well as those not yet realized that may need some exploration. We can then explore how our God given gifts can strengthen the work carried out at CRCC.

As we approach Consecration Sunday on May 19th, we think about how God wants us to use the gifts given to us, we can reflect on everything that has been provided to us from God, and ponder how we might give a share of these gifts back to God.

The Stewardship and Creation Care Committee: Jessica Kaercher, Ellen Buono, Lou Ann Connelly, Kyrra Howard, Linda Murphy

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Book Group News

The March Book Group selection is For Your Own Good by Samantha Downing. Discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 26th, 6-8PM.

Questions? Contact Karen Reynolds.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

"Thanks," to all who participated in the first of our three congregational conversations. There were some very interesting and quite helpful responses provided to the ten questions asked. If you have not submitted your responses to the questions, there is still time. Please email Pastor Hoffman (rev.robert.hoffman@gmail.com) or Lori Cote (crcclori@gmail.com) for a copy of the questions or to share your responses.

Coming up on **March 17**, and **April 21**, we will hold additional sessions of congregational conversations. Building on the February 18, responses, we are going to discern those important necessities we hold and need to be a congregation working together. We will also talk about what we envision for a future pastor. Please be sure to attend these conversations, if at all possible. If you can't, then share your thoughts by email. We are looking forward to seeing you there and hearing what you have to say.



SERVICE OF HEALING ~ March 3 10 AM

COMMUNION ~ March 10 10 AM

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY ~ March 24 10 AM

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29 7 PM

EASTER ~ March 31 10 AM

All services will be live streamed on Zoom and available for later viewing on Facebook or YouTube

Church Assessments

Every year, RCA churches contribute a set amount of money per church member to the denomination. With assessments, the RCA is able to equip churches—and you—for ministry and to care for the pastors who serve it.

Assessment fees are paid by CRCC each year to the various organizational levels of the Reformed Church of America (RCA).

These assessments are paid by church members using the blue RCA Membership Classis Assessment envelopes supplied in your offering envelopes. The 2024 assessment is \$100 per active member yearly.

Please prayerfully consider contributions for the Classis Assessment.

March Mission of the Month

Mission Accomplished Transition Services

The Mission of the Month for March is **Mission Accomplished Transition Services** in Schenectady, NY. They prepare underserved individuals, "for the workforce by providing access to industry specific coaching, mentoring, and sponsorship." Donations can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month envelope. Checks should be made payable to CRCC with "March Mission of the Month" in the memo line.

For more information on Mission Accomplished Transition Services visit matransitionservices.org.



Service of Healing and Restoration

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.
Mark 1:41

Sunday, March 3 - 10 AM

This special Lenten worship service calls upon our Lord, who is the Great Physician, to touch us with his healing hand and anoint us with his soothing oil.

For those worshipping in person, there will be anointing with oil in the midst of our ordained elders and pastor.

For those worshipping at home, if you would like to be prayed for during this service, please send your name to Sandy at crccsandy@gmail.com.

Only your name, no personal details, will be shared with the worshippers.



Community Outreach Committee

Toilet Paper Roll Collection!!

Things of My Very Own is in need of empty toilet paper rolls. They use the cardboard tubes to sprout host plants for the caterpillars they raise through their metamorphosis to butterflies. This transformative process is used as a healing tool, assisting these children in processing and working through their trauma. Empty toilet paper rolls will be collected until March 31st.

Questions? Contact Tina Bottini, Kevin Bottini, or anyone on the Community Outreach Committee.



Easter Flowers

Because of supply limitations, orders must be submitted by
MARCH 10

- _____ Lily \$12
 _____ Gerbera Daisy \$12
 _____ Mum \$12
 _____ Tulip \$10
 _____ Hyacinth \$10
 _____ Daffodils \$10
 _____ Kalanchoe \$12

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Total number of plants: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Flowers supplied by George's Market and Nursery.
 Checks should be made payable to CRCC.



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Save the Date!

April 27th

8AM-Noon



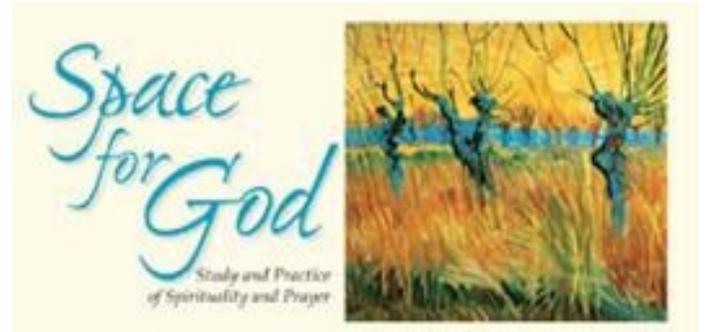
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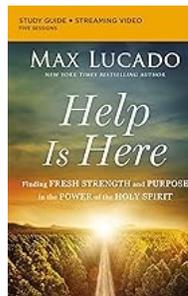
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Bible Studies

The Men's Group will resume their study, Space for God by Don Postema, on Wednesday, March 13th, from 6-7:30.



For more information, please contact Mike York, Mark Kaercher, or BJ Todd.



The Women's Bible Study meets the second Saturday of every month at 9:30, in the gathering room. Their current study is Help is Here by Max Lucado. For more information, please contact Ana Crosbourne.

Sunday school for children in grades 3-7 meets in the gathering room on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45AM.

Questions? Contact Sarah Huiest.

Colonie Community Day Care Center News



Our Day Care Center has been very busy this month! We celebrated the Super Bowl with a "sports day." The children did some stretching, threw footballs, ran an obstacle course, kicked field goals, played a little toss across, and basketball. The children dressed in their favorite sports gear for this special day. A great time was had by all!

Valentine's day was a wonderful success! We had a "dress to impress" tea party! The children sat at café style tables and enjoyed apple juice (tea) and pastries! After the tea party, we had a big dance party and burned off that sugar! The children exchanged valentines, and we had a nice pizza lunch!

Our Krause's Easter candy sale was a huge success! Our families are amazing! Our profit was a little over \$3000.00. A huge, "Thank you," to everyone who participated. We use this money for "extras" like parties, special events, playground toys, and field trips.

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Worship Hours

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM in person and via Zoom.

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

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Carol Grasso, Director

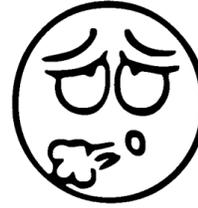
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Winter Weather Advisory!

If winter weather becomes a hindrance to us worshipping safely on Sunday morning, Zoom ONLY will be announced approximately 1 hour before worship begins. The Worship Team for the day will make the decision. Building closure will be announced on the church's website (communityreformedchurch.com), Facebook, Instagram, X account, and via email. Even if the decision is made to remain open, PLEASE exercise appropriate caution when deciding whether or not to commute. Keep in mind that you need to get TO and FROM the church safely and that weather where you live may be different than the church's location. Your safety is of utmost importance, and with Zoom, you can still access and participate in worship.

We love you but not your germs.



If you are feeling a little under the weather, please remain home and get the rest you need.

Some of our church family are at high risk of infection so what may not seem too bad for you could be dangerous to them.

So, please join us on Zoom.

God will understand
and we will thank you.



Break Bread, Share Bread

For the month of March, we will be collecting Bath Soap and Cold Cereals! Jams, Jellies and Juices (all flavors) are a constant need, as well. Please feel free to donate these at any time throughout the year. Want to have some fun with your kids or grandkids? Have them pick out Pop-Tarts to donate this month! Donations to the Help Center Food Pantry can be left on the back table in the sanctuary.

Questions? Contact Tina Bottini.

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