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701 Sand Creek Road, Albany

Saturday March 14, 2019

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Service of Healing

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.

Mark 1:41

Sunday, March 15th at 10 AM



This special Lenten worship service calls upon Our Lord who is the Great Physician, the Healer of body, mind, spirit, and soul. Through the laying on of hands, the anointing with oil, song, and prayer we humbly ask for restoration and healing.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

"The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come for all things are now made ready." These words are often used as an invitation to share the loaf and the cup of Holy Communion. But in the context of stewardship, they may also be used as an invitation to reflect on God's bountiful blessings.



*The Gifts of God
for the People of God*

It is good to name the gifts, to count our blessings. It is good to be still and come to know God's mysteries. It is good to receive the gift of silence to share with a world that is weary of chaos, darkness, fear, and hopelessness.

Faithful stewards, servants of Christ, need the gift of silence to hear God's message. Where do I go? What do I do? How do I give? The voice of God is often overcome by the ringing, buzzing, faxing, booming, and shouting of the world around us. Shhh. Be still.

As you prepare for Consecration Sunday on April 26, set aside at least five minutes each day to be still and quiet. What is God saying to you in the silence? What is the commitment only you can make to share God's gifts? List the gifts and needs of your congregation and community. Name ways you can commit to generously working to meet those needs.



O God,

*How right and good it is
To come to you in prayer.
Help us to be still inside ourselves
As we wait for you.
If you have a word for us;
Let us hear.
If you have a vision for us;
Let us see.
If you have a path for us to walk;
Give us strength that will not fail.
As Jesus gave himself to you
So we give ourselves;
For we know that in giving we receive
And in Jesus we find our way.*



Peter Short

Reformed Church in America congregations welcome others into a community of people who worship Christ, grow in faith and serve their neighbors.



The Albany Synod serves in partnership with classes and congregations through the work of the Classis Ministries Board and the Fowler Ministries Board to promote healing through revitalization and to help nurture through discipleship

For the March Mission of the Month we are supporting the Regional Synod of Albany. The Regional Synod of Albany staff supports, encourages, and provide resources to the churches and leadership of our Synod. They facilitate conversations, hold educational events, and tend to the business of the Synod.

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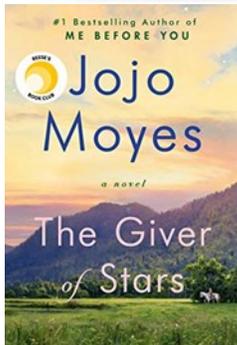
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On there you can find events and opportunities to support our Synod and to be involved.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group & friends lending a hand at the Capital Region Food Bank



Book Group News

The Book Group title for March is ***Giver of Stars*** by Jojo Moyes.

Based on a true story rooted in the Great Depression, ***The Giver of Stars*** chronicles the story of five women who answer Eleanor Roosevelt's call for a team of women to deliver books as part of a traveling library through Kentucky.

Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling --a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond. It is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.

Known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky, these women face all kinds of dangers, yet they remain committed to their job of bringing books to people who have never had any. (Goodreads.com)

The novel is "a wonderful tribute to how books can change people's lives."
(Angela M. – edelweiss reviews)

The book is a Reese's Book Club Pick
Community Reformed's Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. March's meeting is set for **Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00**. **Debi Todd** will host. Please contact **Karen Reynolds** or check the church bulletin for more information.

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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 8 AM

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

Colonie Community Day Care Center

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COMMUNION ~ MARCH 1 10 AM
SERVICE OF HEALING ~ MARCH 15 10 AM
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5 10 AM
GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 10 7:30 PM
EASTER ~ APRIL 12 10 AM

Break Bread, Share Bread

The Community Outreach team has come up with a way to help fill our food pantry basket with items that are in high demand.

Please bring your donations with you to Sunday Worship.
Thank you in advance for helping those in need.

March	Hearty protein based soup (Chunky, Progresso, Dinty Moore)
April	Canned Tuna, chicken, Spam, Vienna sausage
May	Jarred sauces – red or white
June	Individual packaged snacks (fruit snacks, cheese & crackers, peanut butter crackers, pop tarts, pretzels, chips, granola bars) microwave popcorn
July	Instant or canned potatoes
August	Microwave rice – all different kinds/varieties

CAMP FOWLER

If there are any children planning on attending Camp Fowler this Summer, financial help is available.

For more information, please contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239

Winter Weather Cancellations

If wintry weather mandates the cancellation of church services, a notice will be posted on the School/Business Closings on local television stations and local internet news sites, as well as on www.communityreformedchurch.com

Reminder

The gathering room door will remain locked throughout Sunday mornings. Sunday School children and parents will be admitted by their teachers, but all others are asked to use the main sanctuary doors.

Any questions please contact Rev. Cornwell.



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