

Cross and Gifts COMMENTS



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Chrismon Tree Decorating

Do you have a little time after church to help finish our sanctuary preparations for Advent?

On Sunday, December 8 we will be decorating our Chrismon Tree.

**Come share in the fun!
All ages are welcome!**



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Our new webpage is up and running.

Check it out!!

Our annual Angel Tree collection has begun.
Unwrapped gifts need to be returned by **December 15th**.

This year's gifts will be collected for the Schuyler Inn after school program, Colonie Outreach Center, and Things of My Very Own.

This is the first year we are partnering with Things of My Very Own. When a child is removed from an abusive or dangerous situation, they may only possess the clothing they are wearing at that moment.

This agency, which serves the Capital District, provides the children with clothes, bedding, supplies – and even toys. This gives them “things of my very own” and helps them transition through those initial difficult days. For more information about this agency, go to:

www.thingsofmyveryown.org

Thank you for your support.



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Upcoming Events

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| Book Group Meeting | Dec. 3 rd |
| Chrismon Tree Decoration | Dec. 8 th |
| Women's Bible Study | Dec. 14 th |
| Christmas Eve Worship | Dec. 24 th |

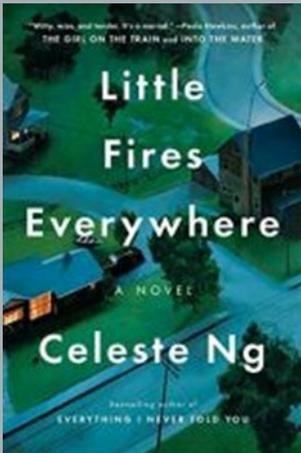
Break Bread, Share Bread

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.

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| December | Instant or canned potatoes |
| January | Condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard, relish, jelly) small sizes |
| February | Microwave rice – all different kinds/varieties |
| 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 |

Book Group News



Little Fires Everywhere, by **Celeste Ng**, is "a riveting story that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives."

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. (Celeste Ng web site)

The Book Group meeting is set for **Tuesday, December 3**, at **7:00**, at the church. Each participant is asked to bring a holiday treat to share. Please feel welcome to attend the meeting even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.

January's book selection is ***Educated***, by **Tara Westover**.

See Karen Reynolds 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

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**Women's
Bible Studies**

The Women's Bible Study will meet on
Saturday, December 14th, from **9:30 – 11:30** am, in the Gathering Room.

There will be a time for devotions and the women will then go out for lunch to share fellowship.

The current study has been from the book
"Women of God".

Hope to see you at the Women's Bible Study on December 14th.

All women are invited to attend.

Doris Neese

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study, which includes both men and women, will meet on Sunday morning's from 8:50 – 9:40 am, in the Lion's Room which is off of the Gathering Room. The recent study has been on the "Distorted Images of God". Images of God are rooted in powerful emotional experiences which affect how we feel about God and how we live in relationship to God. Reflecting on the imagery of God through scripture allows us to learn the good news of God's unfailing love for us, which sinks deep within our hearts and minds. In December, the study will reflect on Advent.

Hope to see you.

All are invited to attend.

Doris Neese

This month's Overflow Shelter dinners are to be delivered on **Dec. 11th and 25th** to the **First Lutheran Church** at 181 Western Ave.

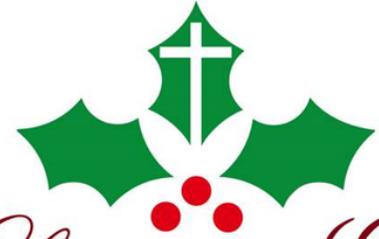
You may deliver your meal directly to the shelter by 6PM or arrange for Tina Bottini to pick up the meal at Community Reformed by 5:30PM.

Any questions, please refer to the October newsletter or reach out to:

Tina: 518-281-5452 (mobile)

Vicki: 518-265-6306 (mobile)

*"For unto us a child is born
and his name shall be called Wonderful."*



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

*The First Christmas
Worship for the Young and
the Young at Heart*

5 PM



Candlelight Worship

7:30 PM

Attention:

There have been changes to the building. At the direction of Consistory, 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. New locks have also been installed. Please contact Rev. Cornwell if you require frequent access to the building.

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