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Creation Care

"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 1:28

Last month we contemplated this verse from Genesis. It reminds us that God gave us everything we have, including our beautiful planet, the home for all of God's creations. As we look toward Consecration Sunday on May 22nd, we can think about how caring for the earth fits into our overall definition of stewardship.

Like all of God's gifts, it is our responsibility to see that our earthly home is kept safe and that it is nurtured to achieve its greatest potential. We can make a positive impact by working to reduce the surplus sent to landfills. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that each person in this country generates 4.6 pounds of trash each day, three times the global average. The EPA estimates a 32% recycling rate, so there is room for improvement!

In addition to recycling and reducing, we can also reuse. Consider donating items in good condition to agencies that can repurpose them. The following are just a few of our local resources. Due to the impact of the pandemic and space limitations, contact them for information on the donations currently accepted and hours of operation.

Habitat Restore – accepts furniture, household goods, and building/construction materials. The Restore sells these items with the proceeds used to promote affordable home ownership.

Albany location – <https://www.habitatcd.org/restore/>

Schenectady location – <https://www.schenectadyrestore.org/>

Capital Region Furniture Bank – accepts donations of basic household furniture that is given to individuals and families transitioning from shelters.

<http://hatas.org/programs/capital-region-furniture-bank/>

Albany Historic Foundation – accepts then sells in its Architectural Salvage Warehouse; vintage lighting, doors, plumbing fixtures, windows, hardware and tools.

<https://www.historic-albany.org/warehouse>

Grassroots Givers – accepts a variety of household goods that are provided to those in need of these items.

<https://www.grassrootgivers.org/>

There are many more outlets in our area including consignment and thrift shops. When you make a purchase at the Restore locations and the Architectural Salvage Warehouse you are keeping items out of the landfill and also helping to support the goals of that organization. **Win Win!**

Thoughts? Ideas? Let the Stewardship and Creation Care Team know!
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Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday	Mar. 2 nd
Good Friday	Apr. 15 th
Easter Sunday	Apr. 17 th

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2 ~ 7 PM



Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season with prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes.

Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent.

The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance.



Black History Month on Facebook

February is Black History Month. Throughout the month, our Facebook page will feature a different black theologian each day. While I firmly believe that we need to embrace cultural diversity in the world and in the church throughout the year, taking time this month to broaden awareness and knowledge is a step in that direction. I hope you will follow along!

Sarah Huie



Quilters Deliver Bags of Christmas Cheer



Since September, the church quilters have been constructing Walker Bags for the residents of Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. In December, the group was excited to deliver more than 70 bags to the facility. They were soon distributed as Christmas presents.

The bags hang from the front or side bars of a walker, or drape over the arm of a wheelchair. They enable those dependent on a walker to transport personal items from place to place more easily and more safely. The bags leave their hands free to maneuver the walker and maintain balance.

Sewing group members donated yards of fabric and hours of work to construct the bags. And work continues this spring to add lap quilts and wheelchair bags to be delivered in May.



Instructions on how to make a walker bag are available on the church's website:

communityreformedchurch.com.

If you have an interest in helping with this loving mission, please contact Lou Ann Connelly.

No sewing experience is needed.



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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

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February Mission of the Month

Noteworthy Resources

Noteworthy Resources is a community support organization started by Tatiana Gjergii, a 1st generation Albanian whose family members came to the US as refugees. Ms. Gjergii has a Psychology degree with experience in mental health and addiction services.

Located on Lark Street, Noteworthy Resources provides community services and a safe environment to anyone feeling disenfranchised. They also offer monthly mental wellness meetings, weekly Monday meditation meetings, a skateboarding social group, as well as holistic and personal and professional growth workshops.

To learn more about Noteworthy Resources, and additional ways that you might support their mission, please visit their website [Noteworthy Resources \(nwralbany.org\)](http://nwralbany.org)

Please Note

There will be NO Sunday school on Sunday, February 20th or 27th.



Note from the Outreach Committee

Our congregation's contributions of food and personal items at church are being brought to the Pine Grove Methodist Church's food pantry on Central Avenue.

Keep those contributions of goods coming!

Music Announcement

The choir has been on hiatus for the month of January due to Covid, but resumes in February!

Music in the month of February, including hymns and anthems, will be celebrating Black History Month and will feature African-American spirituals, gospel, and hymns from the African-American tradition.

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 communityreformedchurch.com

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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 Huie.