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## Consecration Sunday - Thank You!

We appreciate the commitment of everyone here at Community Reformed Church of Colonie! Consecration Sunday was May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we made pledges of financial and creation care stewardship for the coming church year. On their pledge cards, some people even included a commitment to using their personal gifts and talents in the church and community next year.

While the finance committee is readying a budget for 2022-2023, many of us are really thinking of how our actions affect our environment. A list of “steps” was sent out, designed to help us assess areas where we could improve our behaviors toward the environment. The final step, “Make your own challenge,” generated great responses:

- Walk or bike to work
- Turn off unnecessary lights and unplug devices not in use
- Plant a garden using native plants
- Plant a butterfly garden, no chemical pesticides
- Care for birds (bird houses, bird feeders)
- Clean up litter and trash
- Use 100% natural cleaning products
- Start a “Buy Nothing Project”
- Research how to properly dispose of batteries (Please let the rest of us know!)
- Focus on reducing plastic pollution
- Bring own reusable mug to the coffee shop

Your financial stewardship sustains our community through supporting our leaders, providing a building and grounds for everyone’s use, and purchasing materials to help us grow. Your commitment to creation care stewardship, helps sustain the environment around us and can improve our world for all who live in it.

Thank you for your prayerful commitments—they make a difference for good!

-The Stewardship and Creation Care Committee

# The North Eastern New York Orchid Society

*\*\*Beginning in September, the North Eastern New York Orchid Society will hold their monthly meeting at the church. We welcome them to our facility!\*\**



The North Eastern New York Orchid Society (NENYOS) is a non-profit membership organization chartered by New York State that is open to everyone who is interested in orchids. The organization was formed in 1963, by orchid lovers in the Capital District who were passionate about growing, studying, and enjoying orchids.

Contrary to popular belief, orchids are not difficult to grow once we understand their requirements. The majority are epiphytes, meaning they are attached to trees or structures, and require humid but fresh air surrounding their roots. Others are terrestrial or lithophytes, growing in rich humus-y soils or on rocks. Members of this largest of all flowering plant families are found in every environment on earth. In fact, there are many more NATIVE orchid species in Alaska than in Hawaii.

NENYOS currently has over 130 members. They range from beginner to expert and grow orchids in a variety of conditions, from windowsill to greenhouse. One of the wonderful things about our club is that we encourage beginners to join us and focus on teaching them to become successful orchid growers. We also invite anyone interested in orchids to come to one of our meetings.

Our monthly meetings, which are held on the first Saturday of the month, start with a social hour which is accompanied by a well-stocked snack



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table. Orchid plants provided by our guest speaker or club members are available for sale. The social hour provides an enjoyable opportunity to ask questions about orchids and to discuss orchids and orchid culture. There is normally a lot of positive energy in the room and the camaraderie between our members is evident.



It is followed by a short beginners' talk and our "Show Table" where members show off their orchids in bloom and discuss how they grew them. It represents a great opportunity for us to see that successful orchid growing is possible here in our northern climate. We then have the main presentation on an orchid topic by our guest speaker. We often host well-known speakers from all over the country or an international speaker, many of whom bring a variety of orchid plants for sale.

Our website is: [nenyos.com](http://nenyos.com). We are also on Facebook and Instagram (@nenyos).

We look forward to meeting at the Community Reformed Church of Colonie and sincerely thank Pastor Cornwell and the Church for their generosity in allowing us to meet there.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting!**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship at approximately 10 am. At this meeting, elections for Elders and Deacons will take place and the 2022-23 budget will be presented. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors. Otherwise, the meeting will be in the sanctuary. Also, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom.

# QUILTERS DELIVER

In June, the church **Quilt Group** finished their 18<sup>th</sup> (or so) year of making comforters for people in need by delivering 23 Lap Quilts and a dozen Wheelchair Bags to Shaker Place. Volunteer coordinator, **DeRonda Daniels**, excitedly accepted the colorful gifts on behalf of the patients and residents of the nursing home/rehab center.



Over the years, the group has sewn quilts, dresses, pillowcases, bags, home décor, and miscellaneous other items. Some were sold during the church's annual Holiday Craft Fair and the Talent Auction to financially support the church's missions. Others were donated directly to agencies and organizations that support those facing illness, grief, poverty, homelessness, disability, and other life crises.



During the past 10 months, the group has been sewing for Shaker Place, but, in the past, we have supported Ryan's Case for Smiles, Little Dresses for Africa, Camp Erin (Hospice), Project Linus, St. Catherine's Center for Children, Ronald McDonald House, and several other organizations. Our upcoming project is sewing place mats for Meals on Wheels and other organizations that support seniors. Shaker Place will again receive some of our items. Placemats can help memory care patients retain their home skills as they practice such skills as setting the table. Holiday-

themed place mats are especially helpful with this therapy. Seeing items that evoke Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the like help these patients keep track of the seasons and recall personal memories.

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. Please contact Lou Ann Connelly at [louannconne@nycap.rr.com](mailto:louannconne@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

# Thinking About Your Time and Talents

*With the new school and church year approaching, here are some ways to be involved with your church community this year.*

## Committees

- Worship Committee (Marissa Lombardo, Elder)
- Hospitality and Congregational Care (Linda Murphy, Elder)
- Advocacy and Global Missions (Karl Cote, Elder)
- Community Outreach opportunities (Kevin Bottini, Deacon)
- Creation Care and Stewardship (Ellen Buono, Deacon)
- Financial Committee (Marv Helf, Deacon)
- Property Committee (Kevin Ingalls, Deacon)

## Groups and Study Groups

(Ana Crosbourne, Elder)

- Women's Bible Study
- Men Building with Logos
- Book Group
- Wired Word Bible Study
- Newcomer Classes
- Adult Sunday School
- Shirley's Shawls
- Sew and Reap Quilters



## Youth Ministry

(Sarah Huiest)

- Sunday School Teacher
- Children's Worship Leader
- Youth Group Leader
- Nursery Caregiver  
(permanent or substitute)
- Children's Message

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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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## Nursery Provider Needed!!

We have been blessed to have Emma York take care of our youngest parishioners this year. She has been a ray of sunshine during a challenging year. Next year will see exciting changes for Emma, as she heads off to college. We are, therefore, seeking a new individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in September. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest ([crcsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crcsarah@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Do you have a Member Milestone to share?

Newsletter submissions of graduations, retirements, births, etc. should be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to Sarah Huiest ([crcsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crcsarah@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. PLEASE only submit milestone information for yourself or your child. "Second hand" submissions will not be accepted without the Milestone individual's permission.

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Articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and can be submitted to [crcsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crcsarah@gmail.com) or given directly to Sarah Huiest.