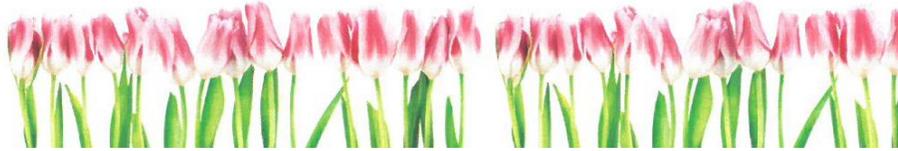


# *The Parish Visitor*

*The First Reformed Church of Fishkill  
1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524*

May, 2019



## A Prayer in Spring By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

*One of the most celebrated figures in American poetry, Robert Frost was the author of numerous poetry collections, including New Hampshire (Henry Holt and Company, 1923). Born in San Francisco in 1874, he lived and taught for many years in Massachusetts and Vermont. He died in Boston in 1963.*

**For the love of flowers:** Don Porter and the Garden Committee will begin the planting and beautification of the church grounds May 6-10. If you would like to help during that week and/or during the summer months, please speak with Don or Ruth Porter.’





# OUR CHURCH TODAY

## Consistory Notes from April



Elder Celeste Rudberg led devotions based on Luke 23 and 24. After a long winter the arrival of Spring promises that all will be well. The seasonal changes are wonderful but temporary, like the adulation and Hosanna's that greeted Our Lord on Palm Sunday, which soon turned into the darkness and sorrow of Good Friday. But when God sacrificed His Son for us, He promised us things eternal... love, hope, grace and life; and, if we live as He would have us live, we can trust in His promise that all will be well!

- Treasurer's March report: Total YTD revenue - \$45,630.44  
Total YTD expenses - \$44,397.26
- The Food Pantry provided 7,605 meals during the month of March.
- Our children and youth will lead services on May 19th based on the parable of the Prodigal Son and God's love for us.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup> DeKinder School will present their annual circus (truly the greatest show on Earth!)
- Summertime Stories for our children's worship will begin June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for the adult volunteer sign-up sheet and lend a hand to this important ministry!
- The next Consistory Meeting will be on May 14th at 7:15pm

**If you need temporary transportation, a meal delivered, a visit or a phone call, please contact a deacon:**

Kim Albra, Beacon,	Victor Chao, Hopewell Junction
John Cliffe, Wappingers Falls	Sally LeDioyt, Fishkill
Manny Valdivia, Wappingers Falls	

**If you would like to receive home communion or a pastoral care visit, please contact an elder:**

Phyllis Lake, Beacon	Rich Lanni, Wappingers Falls
Ruth Porter, Fishkill	Bill Resling, Fishkill
Celeste Rudberg, Wappingers Falls	

**Our Easter Offering** will benefit Renew San Diego, an RCA church serving the inner city of San Diego. The RCA has encouraged its older, established churches to sponsor new church plants, such as Renew San Diego.

Additionally, established RCA churches have been challenged to participate in One Sunday, by connecting with church plants through prayer, partnership, giving and more. One Sunday is June 9th – Pentecost Sunday– and it provides an opportunity for churches to live out the call of Pentecost: spreading the gospel to unreached places. Church plants, such as Renew San Diego, often reach people and places that established churches can't.

In response to the RCA's challenge, our consistory has chosen "Renew" as our One Sunday church plant. Stay tuned for more information in the June "Parish Visitor."

**Regional Synod of New York Annual Meeting 2019**, May 17-18, at the Grand Hotel Poughkeepsie.. Go to [newyorksynod@gmail.com](mailto:newyorksynod@gmail.com) to register.

# MAY CALENDAR

1	Bible Study 10 am Finance Comm. 5 pm Pastor Search Comm.* 6:30 pm	16	Parish Visitor Articles due Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
		17	Pizza and Practice* 5:30 pm
2	Everything Sale Drop-off* 6-9 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	19	Worship* Girls Scout Tr. 10524 5 pm
3	Everything Drop off/set-up* 10 am –5pm	20	Boy Scout Comm. 7:30 pm
4	<b>Everything Sale* 9 am—3 pm</b>	21	Boy Scout Tr. 65 Meeting 7 pm Program: Nick Miles' Cloudbreakers*
5	<b>Worship/Communion 10 am</b> Girls Scout Tr. 10524 5 pm	22	Bible Study 10 am CCS' Greatest Little Circus* 10 am
6	Christian Education Comm. 6:30 pm	23	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
7	Worship and Music Comm. 11 am B.S. Troop 65 7 pm	26	<b>Worship 10 am</b> Sunday School 10:15
8	Bible Study 10 am	27	<b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office closed
9	<b>Consistory Reports due</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 pm		
11	Ruth Stumpp memorial/luncheon* 11 am	28	B.S. Troop 65 7 pm
12	<b>Worship 10 am</b> Sunday School 10:15	29	Bible Study 10 am
14	Consistory 7:15 pm	30	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
15	Pastor Search Comm.* 6:30 pm	31	Shelter Meal*
<i>*Asterisk indicates article within</i>			

Please submit articles for the June “Parish Visitor” to the Church Office by May 16th:

[office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org). Thank you.

**Church Calendar** – Before scheduling a meeting or event at church, please *contact Pat in the Church Office* (ph. 845 896-9836) to check availability on church calendar and reserve your meeting space.

**Sunday Bulletin Announcements** – Please submit your information to the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the following Sunday bulletin.

**Prayer Chain** – To be added to the church prayer chain contact list or to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please contact Toni Houston at [prayerchain@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:prayerchain@fishkillreformed.org).

**Worship service broadcasts** – 7:00 pm, Sunday evenings on Cablevision Channel 21.

**Church website** includes the Church newsletters, worship service links, church history and Facebook: [www.fishkillreformed.org](http://www.fishkillreformed.org).



## *Counting Our Blessings*

**Thank You** to Connie Kayson who faithfully provides us with sanctuary palms for Palm Sunday, as well as lovely window arrangements during other seasons of the year.

**Thank you** to Jan Melichar-Utter and Brenda Smith-Cliffe, who recently ordered and arranged the Easter lilies; and our Flower Committee members Donna Benjamin-Lovelett, Marrijane Raptopoulos and Heather Gillert for making sure the sanctuary has beautiful flowers each Sunday.

*Please contact the church office if you notice church friends performing good deeds.  
We would love to thank those who give of themselves so cheerfully!*



# Coffee Hour

Sunday Coffee hour is made possible by rotating the responsibility throughout the congregation, while each week Dorrie Hansen assists by setting up the coffee pots. Below is the list of monthly coffee hour hosts.

First name on the list, the lead host, is responsible for calling the others and coordinating what each brings, including milk and juice. The hosts divide up the tasks; set up, refills, cleanup of kitchen and coffee pots, wiping down of all tables and countertops with the water/bleach solution. Please take home and wash the dirty dishtowels and potholders, and return them the following week.

With our different abilities and limitations, let's *all help* by busing our own tables, and helping out where we can.

To have your name added to the rotation, or to address any concerns about serving please contact the scheduler, Karen Twohig.

***Not able to serve on your scheduled date? Please find a replacement, and inform the lead host and Church Office of the name of the replacement.***

*If you plan to bring food to Coffee Hour for a special occasion please notify the lead host.*

Thanks to all for helping to provide a wonderful time and place for fun, food and fellowship!

## Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses

### May

**5** – **Baron**, McGann, Sanders  
**12** – **Mothers' Day** – Men of the Church  
**19** – **Doerr**, Carruthers, LeDioyt  
**26** – **Gillert**, Bobb, Faulkner

### June

**2** – **Saya**, Ouart, Resling  
**9** – **Garcia**, Van Voorhis, Utter  
**16** – **Fathers Day** – Activities Comm.  
**23** – **Albra**, Raptopoulos, Skorewicz  
**30** – **Twohig**, Valdivia (Sr.), Schmidt

## Readers & Greeters for May, 2019

May 5 Greeters – Sally Ledioyt and Julie Sanders  
Reader – Julie Sanders

May 12 Greeters – BJ and Rich Lanni  
Reader – Rich Lanni

May 19 Greeters – Children and Youth

May 26 Greeters – Joanna and John Houston  
Reader – John Houston



# The Bulletin Board

**National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 2nd. The theme is “Love One Another” based on the words of Jesus from John 13:34. National Day of Prayer president Dr. Ronnie Floyd said “From the church house to the state house to the White House, we need to learn to love one another. The theme is biblical, relevant, clear simple, understandable and has the power to engage all Americans.” Go to <https://nationaldayofprayer.org/about>



## **THE EVERYTHING SALE**

***Saturday, May 4th, 9 am - 3pm.*** Breakfast and lunch will be served, and a baked goods table provides snacks & dessert for supper! Pies and other goodies will be gladly accepted. New or gently used donations (no shoes, stuffed animals or outdated TV's) will be accepted ***Thursday 5/2 from 6-9 pm, and Friday 5/3 from 10-5pm.*** Please label all your plant donations with the name and care instructions so that we can once again sell every plant! **Help is needed to:**

- pick up donated items (nothing too heavy) and set up on Thursday between 6-9 pm
- set up and price on Friday 10 - 5
- pack up and remove left over items after 3 pm, Saturday following the event.

This years' event will be chaired by Brenda Smith-Cliffe. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Education building entrance. Lots of help is needed.

### **From the Pastor Search Committee**

We are happy to report that we have already reviewed three potential candidates, and the committee is prayerfully considering applicants. Please continue to share your thoughts and prayers with us as we move through this process.

### **From Christian Education**

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the children and Youth of the church will lead our Sunday morning worship. To prepare for worship, the children need to gather at 5:30 PM on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for Pizza and Practice. It's important that everyone is present for this rehearsal.

June 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of Sunday school, and on June 16<sup>th</sup> we will begin our children's Summertime Stories Church program for children 3 – 10 years of age. We are happy to have Pia Price leading this worship time with the children. However, Pia cannot do this alone. It is mandatory that an assistant is with her each Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteer assistants on the bulletin board in the Education Building entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Pia.

**From the Boy Scouts: You are invited:**

Troop #65 is hosting The Cloud Breakers and Red Feather Singers from the Association of Native Americans (ANA), who will present a special program on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Education Building. They will be drumming and singing Native songs, interspersed with Native Stories, as they share with us their culture and help us understand more about the Native way of life. **Rev. Nick Miles** is the Drum Keeper and Lead Singer, as well as learning to become a story teller. ANA was established in the early 70's and continues to meet monthly at the United Reformed Church of Rosendale for pot luck, fellowship, drumming and dancing and sometimes for ceremonial purposes. All are invited. Sign up by Sunday, May 19th.in Educ. Bldg entry.

**Shelter Meal:** Our church will be providing Webster House's evening meal on May 31st. With the weather finally becoming spring like, we're planning a salad dinner. We are thinking pasta salads, cornbread and brownies might just be perfect!! More will be posted in our weekly bulletins as we get closer to the date. Thank you in advance! BJ and Lola.

First Reformed Church's **Berry Berry Spring Sale** will take place on Saturday, June 8th, 11 am – 3 pm featuring Tasty Treats with Berries, along with Art, Jewelry, Fantastic Baked Goods, our Everything New section, FUN ZONE for Kids , and our Café. Please come and join in our Spring Merriment! Sign-Up Sheet for Helpers can be found in the Education Bldg. entryway.

**From Worship and Music**

*Sunday Sanctuary flowers* can be ordered by signing up on the flower chart and form on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Make your \$40 check payable *to First Reformed Church of Fishkill*, with “*Flowers*” written on the memo line and place in the envelope by the flower chart. Flowers can be picked up in DuBois House after Worship or left to be given to someone needing some extra love.

Dates available: July 7, 28, Oct. 20, & 27, Nov. 3, Dec. 1.

*You may mail to the Church Office (1153 Main St., Fishkill 12524). Please note on envelope: “Attention: Flowers”*

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(Name)\_\_\_\_\_ wish to give **flowers** on (date)\_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed my \$40 check for Sunday flowers and would like the following in the bulletin: The flowers are given

by (your name)\_\_\_\_\_, in (*circle one*) memory, honor or celebration of name:)\_\_\_\_\_

*The Worship and Music committee thanks you for your donation.*

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH IN MISSION



## BSA Troop 65 & Venture Crew 65

May, 2019

Boy Scout Troop 65 continues to be busy this spring. The troop has spent two of the last few weekends camping. We stayed in a cabin at Camp Bullowa and spent Saturday in New York City. We visited One World Trade Center and also the Hayden Planetarium. All the boys had a great time. Our second camping trip



was to Camp Nooteeming in Pleasant Valley, where we stayed in a recently built cabin. Our troop donated about \$500 from one of our Scrap Metal Drives for the construction of the cabin. We were glad to see that our donation was put to such good use. The boys worked on some of their requirements and completed a small service project, clearing some brush on another new camp site. *See photo at left.*

The Troop also participated in three other events in April. We hosted a Carnival Night at The Landing in Poughkeepsie for the senior resident, we visited the Marist College pool for a swim night and we attended the Hudson Valley Council's private viewing of the new Avenger's movie – a reward/

incentive for last Fall's Popcorn Sales.. Nearly all the scouts in our troop earned this reward.

The month of May will continue to be busy for the Boy Scout Troop. We have another camping weekend planned for the first weekend in May. We will be traveling to the Herkimer Diamond Mine in the middle of New York State. The boys will be sleeping in tents under the stars at night and mining for Herkimer diamonds during the day. We also have a day hike planned for another weekend in May. We will be visiting Bonticou Crag, outside New Paltz, NY. The boys will take a challenging 2.3 mile hike which includes some boulder scrambling. Finally, look for our troop marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Fishkill.

If you would like more information regarding scouting opportunities, activities, or service projects, please refer to our website at <http://tmweb.troopmaster.com/Website/Home> (select New York State, Unit 65 & Fishkill) or by contacting Frank Giusto, Scoutmaster & Venture Crew Adviser, at (845) 453-5706.

**Chartered Organization:**  
First Reformed Church

**Meetings:**  
Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM during the school year, in Fellowship Hall

## Our Church Sponsored RCA Missionaries

**Jeremy and Susan Beebout** - Jeremy is an agronomist working with agricultural development efforts and Susan is a doctor developing the church's health ministries in Niger, Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world.

**Josh Bode, Pastor of the Protestant Church in Oman (PCO)**, which was founded by the RCA and has been charged with the stewardship of all Protestant Christianity in the country, comprising more than 50 Protestant congregations. Josh has been called to be the RCA shepherd to this diverse and international body of believers in Muscat, Oman, as they seek to build bridges and love their Muslim neighbors.

**Grace Covenant Ministries** is committed to holistic community development and healing in the Kentucky Appalachians, an area suffering some of the deepest poverty in the U.S.

*See Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall  
for latest updates and newsletters from our other mission recipients.*



## **Fishkill Food Pantry**

1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524 Phone 845 896-4546 Hours: M – F, 9 – 12

One of our most active supporters at The Fishkill Food Pantry is our local ShopRite right here in Fishkill. They're very cooperative and work with us and the many groups who hold food drives for the pantry in front of the store. They also maintain the large apple crate in the front of the store which yielded 800+ bags of food from our generous community in 2018.

Each year in September, ShopRite has a "Partners in Caring" event where customers are asked if they would like to round up the amount of their receipt to the next dollar. One of the most frequent questions we're asked is "does that really make a difference?". "Well, it certainly does and this year's event is too exciting not to share. This year was the 20th anniversary of Partners in Caring program, a hunger fighting initiative which has raised more than \$48 million to 2,200 charities. We were pleased to attend this year's presentation where the top cashiers are recognized and their pictures are on a limited edition Cheerios box. However this year was special, not only are the 2 top cashiers on the box of Cheerios, Miriam was recognized for her rounding up efforts of \$1000 and Kayla will be going to Hollywood to appear on the Ellen DeGeneres show! Again we recognize the support and efforts of all involved and are honored to a recipient of this wonderful program.

*"I alone can cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.(Mother Teresa)*



Fishkill Food Pantry volunteer Sue Doyle with ShopRite manager Jack Ferguson

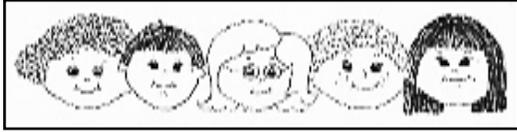


Miriam and Kayla at the presentation

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FishkillFoodPantry>



Scrunchy, Jack, Maryann, Kayla, Miriam, BuzzBee



## Children's Community Services

Spring has finally sprung! How delightful to feel the warm breezes and see all of nature rising up!! Our Parents and Tots program is almost over for this school year. With only two more classes to go (divided by the Easter break), the classes will combine for an "End-of-the-Year Teddy Bear Picnic." In past years the children have really enjoyed sharing this time together and frequently have developed friendships that last for many years.

DeKinder Kids jumped right from the farm into Spring and Easter activities. There were all types of colored eggs around, bunnies and blossoms. The bean plants are blossoming and ready to go into bigger pots.

Phyllis Lake has been providing some special music activities for all the preschoolers. They absolutely love going downstairs with Miss Phyllis. Their excitement goes home with them and they happily share their experiences with their families!



Our four year olds had a special event for their dads that we called the "Daddy Olympics". They made Stromboli for snack, and then the competition began. There was the whistling contest (after the child fed them dry saltine crackers), the balance beam crossing with a cardboard brick on their head, and the human "Hungry Hippo" game. There were many laughs and lots of fun!

Parents of the children in the four year old program are being provided with a conference time. Each child has participated in a developmental screening and examples of their work throughout the year are presented to show the progress they've made.

Following our Spring Break, we will be working diligently on "The Greatest Little Circus in Fishkill." This annual event has made memories for so many of our children— even the ones who are now bringing their own children. Save the date (Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:00am) and come see this incredible performance.

Before and After School have created their own Lego competition. Once a week they have been competing for a special prize. The pogo sticks are back out now that the weather has improved and each child tries to better their past score.

The remainder of the year will whiz by and we are so grateful to all of our supporters from the FRC!

Heather Hansen, Director

Learn more on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommunityservices.org/index>

*Be sure to check out the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more news from our church-sponsored missions.*