



# *The Parish Visitor*

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

**March, 2017**

Dear Friends,

*Using the seasons of the church calendar can help us learn more about Jesus Christ and who we are called to be as the church.*

*Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and continues for six weeks, culminating with the church's joyous celebration of Easter.*

*The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime, which is a literal translation of the lengthening of the days. In the early church, this time was used as a time for preparing new converts for Baptism on Easter Sunday. Today it is used for preparation, reflection, growth and change. The 40 day period of Lent was established in the mid fourth century. Sundays are not included in the count, since Sunday's are considered "little Easters," all of which celebrate the resurrection. The liturgical color for Lent is purple, for royalty and repentance.*

*Shrove Tuesday, the eve of Lent, also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), is often celebrated with a meal of pancakes and all the foods that some will not eat if fasting during Lent. "Shrove" is derived from the Latin word for "shriven," or "confessing of sins."*

*Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and public confession of sins. Often the sign of the cross is made with ashes on the forehead of believers. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> century the church began the custom of burning the branches used on Palm Sunday; saving the ashes and marking sinners, such as robbers and murderers with these ashes. Out of sympathy, family and friends of these 'marked' persons began using ashes also.*

*Palm or Passion Sunday is a day of change from the joyful celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the solemn knowledge of what lies ahead for him in the coming week. The custom of waving olive twigs in the procession began in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and was later replaced with palm branches.*

*Maundy Thursday (from the Latin word "mandatum" or "commandment") focuses on the Lord's Supper and the new commandment to love one another.*

*Good Friday was probably first called God's Friday, the day we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross.*

*Easter and the 7 weeks following is the oldest, celebrated liturgical season of the church year. Easter Season ends with the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter.*

*May we all make the time to fully live into this season, so that our hearts, minds and souls are ready to celebrate the Good News of Easter.*

Prayers ascending....

Pastor Joia

# OUR CHURCH TODAY

## MARCH CALENDAR



<b>1</b>	Ash Wednesday Worship* 7pm	<b>17</b>	St. Patrick's Day
<b>2</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	<b>18</b>	Consistory Training, 10:30 am
<b>5</b>	<b>Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am Boy Scout. Tr. #65 Court of Honor* 1 pm Girl Scout Tr. #10524 5 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am Girl Scout Troop #10524 5 pm Venture Crew #65 7 pm
<b>7</b>	Worship & Music 11 am Lenten Lunch* 12 pm	<b>20</b>	1st Day of Spring!
<b>9</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	<b>21</b>	Lenten Lunch* 12 pm Boy Scout Troop 65 Committee 7:15 pm
<b>11</b>	<i>Set clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime!</i>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Girl Scout Sunday Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>Consistory Reports Due</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
<b>14</b>	Lenten Lunch 12 pm* CCS Open House* 6:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am
<b>15</b>	Christian Education 6:30 pm	<b>28</b>	Lenten Lunch* 12 pm Consistory 7:15 pm
<b>16</b>	<b>Parish Visitor articles due</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	<b>30</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
*Indicates Article within			

Please submit articles for the March "Parish Visitor" to the Church Office email address [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org) by March 16. Thank you.

**Church Calendar** – Before scheduling a meeting or event at First Reformed Church, please contact Pat in the Church Office to check availability on the church calendar.

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

**Prayer Chain** - To be added to the church prayer chain or to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please contact Liz Alexander at [mrsvquest@aol.com](mailto:mrsvquest@aol.com)

**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).

**All Treasurer-related Emails** should be sent to (Roy Carruthers at): [frctreasurer@optimum.net](mailto:frctreasurer@optimum.net)

## Consistory Notes – February, 2016

- Pastor Gloria read devotions based on Luke 1 and the writings of N.T. Wright. Waiting sometimes can be difficult, yet people waited centuries for the Messiah. The arrival of Jesus filled the people with hope, proving that the creator of the world keeps promises. The gospel of Luke is a story about the hope God plants within people, and how we are invited to be a part of it, with all our longings and our hopes. Pastor closed with prayer.
- The Boy Scouts have offered the use of their popcorn machine for church events.
- CCS will hold their Open House, March 14, 6:30 – 8pm. All are invited to see all the children have created for the theme, “Space and the Night Sky.”
- Hannaford donated 284 boxes of emergency food to the Food Pantry.
- Mid-Hudson Classis meeting is March 21 at Hopewell Reformed Church.
- Treasurer reported January revenues at \$16,010 and expenses at \$21,931.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> is the next consistory meeting.

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

Joan Gorba, Poughkeepsie

Stan Saya, Wappingers Falls

John Houston, Hopewell Jct.

Faith Schwenker, Fishkill

Jim Butcher, Fishkill

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

MaryAnn Fellin, Fishkill

Ray Van Voorhis, LaGrange

Phyllis Lake, Beacon

Jay Wright, Fishkill

Ruth Porter, Fishkill



***Sanctuary Flowers*** - to place flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up on the 2017 flower chart on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. The cost is \$40 a Sunday, payable to “Women of the Reformed Church,” at the time they are placed. Thank you for enhancing our worship with your gift.



# COFFEE HOUR

Everyone is invited to join our coffee hour following Sunday worship. This time is made possible by rotating the responsibility throughout the congregation, while each week Laura Dachenhausen and Dorrie Hansen set up the coffee pots.

Below is the list of monthly coffee hour hosts. The first name on the list is responsible for calling the others and coordinating what each brings, including milk and juice. The hosts divide up the tasks, which includes set up, refills and cleanup of kitchen, tables, serving dishes, and coffee pots. All tables and countertops need to be wiped down with the water/bleach solution, and used dishtowels taken home, washed and returned the following week.

Since we all have different abilities and limitations, let's not hesitate to offer a helping hand, even when it's not "my turn" by bussing our own tables. This will help keep coffee hour running smoothly.

Karen Twohig schedules coffee hour, so contact her regarding having your name added or any concerns you may have about your ability to do Coffee Hour due to health or other large issues.

If you are not able to do the coffee hour on your scheduled date, please find a replacement, then let the lead host and church office know the name of your replacement.

*Anyone planning to bring food to coffee hour for a special occasion should notify the host of that date.*  
Thank you!

## Hosts and Hostesses for January and February

### March

- 5 Rissin, Price, Van Nostrand
- 12 Girl Scouts, Houston and local scouts
- 19 Albra, Skorewicz, LeDioyt
- 26 Baron, Carruthers, Raptopoulos

### April

- 2 Van Voorhis, Faulkner, Schmidt
- 9 Landanno, Price, Covell
- 16 Easter – Lane, Sanders, Serra, Resling
- 23 Gillert, Vasquez, McCann
- 30 Michaelis, Porter, Utter

### From the Worship Committee: Readers & Greeters for March, 2017

- March 5** Greeters - Caitlyn Schupp and Melissa Siegel  
Reader – Brenna Schupp
- March 12-**Greeters – Donna Benjamin-Lovelett and Dana Cramer  
Reader – Dana Cramer
- March 19**–Greeters – Connie Kayson and Susan Lake  
Reader - Susan Lake
- March 26-** Greeters – Dana Cramer and Jan Lane  
Reader –Jan Lane

# BULLETIN BOARD



## From Worship & Music



**Lenten Lunches!** Starting March 7<sup>th</sup> and each Tuesday through April 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be presenting our Lenten Luncheon Series at noon in the DuBois House parlor. We will be discussing Adam Hamilton's book Final Words on the Cross. Bring your lunch, and the Worship and Music committee will serve coffee, tea and dessert. Come for any one or all five sessions. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall entry. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Prayer Vigil 2017**

Our prayers will be raised from our homes on Holy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 PM through Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> ending at 3 PM. We have had difficulty covering the open Sanctuary on Good Friday when the office is closed, so this year we will pray from our homes. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entry way of the sanctuary. Please help us make this a continuous time of prayer by giving an hour of concentrated prayer.

### **Spring Forward!**

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am, Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday night. *You wouldn't want to arrive an hour late for Sunday morning worship!*

**The Spring Equinox**, also known as the vernal equinox, is the time when the sun crosses the plane of the earth's equator, making night and day of approximately equal length all over the earth. This occurrence marks the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring on our calendars, which Happens this year on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Webster House Shelter Meal**

On Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we have the pleasure of providing dinner for the guests at the Webster House Emergency Shelter. The menu will include a chicken dish (Linda has the recipe) and brownies. To help serve our neighbors, please call Linda Rush at 896-6149 or Nellie Briggs at 897-5455.

## **From the Women of the Church**

We collect box tops and Labels for Education for the Menaul School, an independent secondary school in New Mexico, dedicated to providing a holistic education to children from all over the world. Place labels/ box tops in plastic bag on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or in the jar under the DuBois House mailboxes.

## **Members in Hospitals/Care Facilities**

Helen Deneu, Wingate at Dutchess, 3 Summit Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Ruth Gallo, Wingate at Dutchess, Rm 204 A, 3 Summit Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Carol Lombardi, Elant in Fishkill, 22 Robert Kasin Way, Beacon, NY 12508

Ruth Stumpp, 79 Flint Rd. Apt. I-231, Millbrook, NY 12545

### ***Members at Home***

Jean and George Corwin, 306 Woodmont Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Mary Magee, P.O. Box 223, Glenham, NY 12527k

Olga Rygiel, 126 Ivy Hill Rd., Fishkill, NY 12524

Carol Surico, 34 Aspen Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Ruth and Sigmund Wisst, 23 Sidney Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

### ***Members Out of the Area***

John & Shirley Kacur; 9 Tamarack La., Lyon Mountain, NY 12592

Maisie Minot; 994 Old Tusculum Rd., Springfield, GA 31329; [maisiemint@gmail.com](mailto:maisiemint@gmail.com)

Walt Saunders; Daisy House, 50 Cottage Grove Circle, North Chile, NY 14514

***Please remember with your prayers and notes those who are not able to worship with us every Sunday.***

*For additions or corrections, please contact the Church office*

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH IN MISSION



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



The Fishkill Food Pantry was again chosen as one of the recipients of Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf event hosted by Farm to Table Restaurant in Fishkill. This was a great opportunity to meet the donors and explain who we are & what we do. Super Bowl Sunday is an exciting time for sports fans, but there's also increased excitement and anticipation at The Fishkill Food Pantry but for different reasons. Its "Souper Bowl Sunday" & Neighbor Feeding Neighbor food drive at St. Mary's, Fishkill, one of our largest food drives that comes at a time when our shelves are starting to look empty. This year's food drive was record breaking, the wonderfully generous people of St. Mary's collected 757 bags of food and Gods Tym youth group collected donations in soup pots for us. On our end we had 18 volunteers who unloaded, checked dates and shelved all the food and by 4pm we were done. Again, a wonderful example of "many hands make light work".

We have also just received the Jazzy grant to provide dog food to our clients who have dogs. In many cases, especially with the elderly, pets are their primary family and they will feed their pets before themselves. Jazzy's Place is named for Caplin-Bensley Foundation founders David and Maria Caplan's beloved toy poodle Jazzy. The mission of Jazzy's Place is to help people in need by feeding dogs in need. This grant comes in the form of a credit at The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and won't entail any additional expense to the food pantry.

Photos available online at [www.facebook.com/FishkillFoodPantry](http://www.facebook.com/FishkillFoodPantry)

## Children's Community Services News



We have had a challenging February with all the school delays and cancellations. We have celebrated Valentine's Day and will have our annual "Mother's Tea" on Thursday, Feb. 16th. The preschool will take a field trip to the Planetarium at Sharpe Reservation on February 28th, in preparation for our Open House on March 14, with the theme of "Space and the Night Sky." Please visit us that evening from 6:30-8 pm, and see all the wonderful things the children have created!

We are also registering for the next school year and would love your help in sharing this information. Please have anyone interested in any of our programs give the CCS office a call at 896-9876.

Heather Hansen, Director of CCS

Contact school at 845 896-9876. Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommunityservices.org/index>



## **BSA Troop 65 & Venture Crew 65**



In February, Troop 65 entered a sled in the District wide Boy Scout Klondike, which was held at Baird Park. The theme of this year's event was "Fire and Ice". A photograph of some of the boys with their sled is included. While some of the boys were competing in the Klondike event, the rest of the Troop was busy running one of the stations. Whether competing or judging, everyone had a fun day. On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Troop attended services at the Fishkill Reformed Church for Scout Sunday. We all enjoyed spending some time with the congregation and thanking them for their support.

Troop 65 is very pleased to announce that we have another scout who reached the rank of Eagle Scout. Edward "Charlie" Sziklas completed his Eagle Board of Review on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and became Troop 65's 13<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Charlie!

Our February camp out will be held at the annual Electronics Weekend at Bowdoin Park. This is always a fun weekend with plenty of good food. We will also be volunteering on the 18th for the Special Olympics Winter Games events being held at Bowdoin Park. Finally in February, the scouts will be going to Marist College for a swim night. This will give some of the younger scouts a chance to complete their swimming requirements.

In March the troop is hoping to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We will also be holding our annual Court of Honor, where the scouts will be awarded merit badges and rank advancements. The March camp out will be at Camp Bullowa. Assuming the ice has melted by then, we will be doing some canoeing on the lake.

Thank you for all your support.

If you would like more information regarding scouting opportunities, activities, or service projects, please refer to our websites at [www.troop65fishkill.scoutlander.com](http://www.troop65fishkill.scoutlander.com) or [www.crew65fishkill.scoutlander.com](http://www.crew65fishkill.scoutlander.com) or by contacting Frank Giusto, Scoutmaster & Venture Crew Adviser, at (845) 453-5706.

**Chartered Organization:** First Reformed Church, 1153 Main Street Fishkill, New York 12524

**Meetings:** Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM during the school year: Brinckerhoff Elementary School

### ***Our First Reformed Church-Sponsored RCA Missionaries***

#### **Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Niger, Africa**

To learn more, visit [www.RCA/Missions/Missionaryinformation](http://www.RCA/Missions/Missionaryinformation) & enter Beebout, or view the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

#### **Grace Covenant Ministries (Formerly known as Jackson County Ministries)**

Please view their February newsletter posted on the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or visit their website: <http://www.annvilleinstitute.com>. or **Facebook:** [Jackson County Ministries](#)

