



# *The Parish Visitor*

## First Reformed Church of Fishkill

### October, 2021

Dear Beloved People of God,

October is stewardship month in the church. It is the time when we intentionally give thanks for what God has given to us in the past year and make a promise both individually and collectively to share the gifts we have been given with the wider community. I am so thankful for the support and encouragement this congregation has given to me this year and I am glad to be able to share God's gifts with this beloved community. As we consider our own giving and make promises to the Lord to be good stewards, I want to point out some of the amazing gifts the church has been given in the last year by all of our precious volunteers. All the money in the world does nothing without volunteers to put our ministry into practice.

I want to use this space to offer thanksgiving and recognition for the many people who have volunteered at church this past year. Especially a year of change and upheaval, volunteers have been essential and steadfast in keeping our many ministries thriving. It takes a village and we have a great big, wonderful village at FRC!

I apologize in advance if I miss anyone, it is not intentional.

In no particular order:

Consistory: Bill Resling, Phyllis Lake, Pia Price, Larry Sansone, Evelyn Bobb, Linda Baron, Manny Valdivia, Kim Albra, Victor Chao, Brenda Smith-Cliffe

Roy Carruthers: Grounds keeping, repairs, emergency responses

Rich Lanni: Food Pantry Director, and all the food pantry volunteers who keep the food pantry running every day.

Bonnie Chao: Worship Coordinator, sanctuary preservation and decoration

Victor Chao: Sound (for worship and special events), assisting members as needed

Brenda Smith-Cliffe: Bookkeeping, Community Fun Day coordination, golf outing, special events, activity set up

John Cliffe: Activity and event set up

Jean Winkler: Community Fun Day coordination, special events

Karen MacLeod: Christian Education Director

John and Karen Twohig: Crop Walk, Memorial Garden

Pia Price: Community Fun Day coordination, sign making as needed, communion elder, Sunday School Teacher

Ray Van Voorhis: Golf Outing, memorial services, repairs, Ed Building coordinator

Don Porter, Ginny Styles, Harry Guzi, Dot Keller, Dave Oart: Landscaping and flowers

Gordon Flayter: computers and internet

Toni Houston: Historian

John Houston: Finance committee chair

Pete Skorowiecz: Video recording for worship and events

Jan Lane: CCS consistory liaison

Emily Richmond: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Jay Wright: Landscape maintenance, home visits, assisting members

Phyllis and Susan Lake: Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless

Community Day volunteers: Paul Smith, Linda Baron, Bill Resling, John Cliffe, Patrick Winkler, Kathleen Spencer, Larry Sansone, Manny Valdivia, Karen MacLeod, Jeanne Devine, Zoe Rissen, Chloe Rissen, Mance Valdivia, Ed Winkler, Dot Keller, Don and Ruth Porter, Heather and John Hansen, Victor Chao, Shunta Garcia-Cantela, Vern Cantela, Jan Lane, Rich and BJ Lanni, Sally LeDioyt, John and Pia Price, Celeste Rudberg, Jan Utter, Calvin Smith.

Golf Outing Volunteers: Lola Saya, Brenda Cliffe, Jan Utter, Shunta Garcia-Cantela, Gary Van Voorhis

Sunday School: Jeanne Devine, Pia Price, Linda Baron

With much gratitude,

**October is Consecration Month in our church.** On October 17th and 24th, two members of our church family will share what giving means to them. On Consecration Sunday, October 31st, we will have a dynamic guest preacher – Rev. Maudelin Willock. 2022 giving cards will be collected at the end of the service. Giving cards (see below) will also be mailed out to our church family, with return envelopes enclosed.



**Stewardship/consecration month** is the time we think of all of the blessings we have had, and all of the grace the Lord has shown to us. Please reflect on these gifts from God as you determine your gift to be used in God’s service.

Our church depends on your donations. We build the spending plan for the next year only after we have received your pledges in order to ensure we are living within our means. This is the best way for you to help make our church budget sustainable.

*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. Luke 12:48b.*

WEEKLY GIVING GUIDE								
Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
12,000	1,000	231	5.00	9.00	14.00	18.00	23.00	35.00
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101.00
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	58.00	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	433.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	77.00	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	577.00

## Giving Card for 2021



I make this financial commitment to Christ’s Church and the ministry of this congregation as an expression of my Christian Stewardship:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per  
Week Month Year Other (Circle One)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in Auto Payment \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no



## OUR CHURCH IN OCTOBER

<b>3</b>	<b>Worship*/Communion</b> 10 am Optimum broadcast now at 3 pm	<b>12</b>	Consistory 7 pm
		<b>15</b>	<b>“Parish Visitor” articles due</b>
<b>4</b>	SD Coalition for Homeless* 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>Worship*</b> 10 am Annual Meeting and barbecue* 11 am CROP Walk following meeting*
<b>5</b>	<b>Consistory Reports due</b> Finance Comm. 4 pm Education Comm. 7 pm		<b>24</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Worship*</b> 10 am Remote Sunday school* 11:30 am	<b>31</b>	<b>Worship*</b> 10 am Remote Sunday School 11:30 am
<b>11</b>	Columbus Day Church Office closed	<i>*Asterisk indicates article within</i>	

**November “Parish Visitor”** articles and information are due **Friday, October 15**. Please email your information to the church office: [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org). Thank you.

**Parish Visitor receipt method** can be changed by notifying the church office. Consider switching to paperless email copies. The colorful emailed newsletters save paper and help conserve nature and our planet.

**Reach Pastor Amy via email:** [nylandal@gmail.com](mailto:nylandal@gmail.com); **Office Manager Pat:** [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org).

**Church Calendar** – When scheduling a church meeting or event, please contact the *Church Office* at 845-896-9836 or [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org) so that it can be listed on the church calendar.

**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 remote broadcasts** can be seen on our website [www.fishkillreformed.org](http://www.fishkillreformed.org). (live streamed at **10 am, Sundays**), our Facebook page and on Cablevision Channel 21 at **3:00 pm, Sundays** (broadcast of previous week’s service) or on Comcast Channel 5 in Eastern Dutchess Co./Putnam Co., Wednesday – 7pm; Sunday – 5 pm.

**To attend in-person Sunday 10 am service**, please contact the church office to sign up. See “Consistory” page for Covid measures..

**\*Coffee Hour via Zoom, Sundays at 11 am.** Enter link below; enter meeting ID and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88145294330?pwd=T3FqQ2NDbFgzeHkvTUI0L2ZnNDVjZz09>

Meeting ID: 881 4529 4330 Passcode: 960282

**Our Church website** includes our newsletters, worship service links, church history and Facebook page.

**Go to:** [www.fishkillreformed.org](http://www.fishkillreformed.org).

**Remote Giving** – offerings can be mailed to the church office: 1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524, or dropped through the DuBois House doors’ mail slots. You may also use PayPal. See “Finance 101” to learn how.

**Processing your offering online with PayPal:** Go to the church website, locate the “Donate” button or enter: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=BJ7UVXZRSCWVL](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=BJ7UVXZRSCWVL) in browser and follow directions.



# Our Consistory at Work

## Notes from September 14th Meeting

- Victor Chao led devotions based on his reflections on 9/11. We look back on that day and remember, but rather than staring at images of fallen buildings we must look ahead and focus our efforts on building God's kingdom on earth. Our work now is to show compassion and love, to do what's right and stand for truth, to work against hatred and ignorance. These actions would be the best legacy of 9/11. We ask God's help to bring light to the darkness.
- Food Pantry provided 7,395 meals in August. Fishkill Church of the Nazarene has again generously provided backpacks filled with school supplies for the FP to distribute to its clients.
- Treasurer's August report: Total YTD revenue: \$164,588.16 Total YTD expenses: \$202,592.56. We're grateful to see that Congregational giving is improving and Investments continue to do well.
- The SDCH recently prepared 108 bags of food for the homeless. Help is needed to organize the group and to fill and deliver some of the bags to the library. Consistory gave tentative approval to move ahead with plan to make a shower/washer-dryer van available for the use of the homeless in our area. Local churches and Hudson River Housing are being contacted for logistical and financial support.
- Zoe Rissen has set up a Little Free Library on the CCS grounds where children will be able to take and leave books for their reading pleasure. Thank you, Zoe!
- A new sidewalk snow removal contractor is needed for this season and the Property Committee is looking for someone to assist with mowing the lawn next year. We thank Jay Wright for his past help!
- Sunday School classes resume on Sept. 26 via Zoom at 11:30-12:15, except on Communion Sundays. Welcome back to all our young friends!

### In-Person Worship

Your consistory has met and discussed Covid restrictions with regard to worship services. Due to the spread of the Delta variant and increasing cases and hospitalizations of Covid patients we have decided to keep the current restrictions in place for the next month. At our Oct. meeting we will re-evaluate the circumstances and information we have and make a decision for the next few weeks.

Our current plan is:

- Maximum of 30 fully vaccinated people in worship at one time (show card 1st visit)
- Participants must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose throughout the service
- Participants must contact the office no later than preceding Thursday to sign up to attend the service.



**Annual meeting & Barbecue – Sunday, October 17th** – to be held outside following the worship service. Please notify the church office by Monday, October 13th if you will attend. Our activities committee members will be grocery shopping and will need a count. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 24th.

### *Support from Elders and Deacons*

**If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact an elder:**

Evelyn Bobb, Wapp. Falls	Phyllis Lake, Beacon
Pia Price, Poughkeepsie	Bill Resling, Fishkill
Larry Sansone, Beacon	

**If you need a meal, medication delivered, or a phone call, please contact a deacon:**

Kim Albra, Beacon	Linda Baron, Wapp. Falls
Victor Chao, Hopewell	Brenda Smith-Cliffe, Wapp. Falls
Manny Valdivia, Wapp. Falls	



## The Bulletin Board

**Shelter Meal** – Our church will be providing dinner at the Webster House Shelter on October 29th. As we approach the date, more information will become available. As always, we thank you for helping with this mission to feed the homeless. BJ and Lola

**Veterans' List** – The names of our church family veterans will be printed in the November “Parish Visitor” in commemoration of Veterans’ Day (Nov. 11th). Please submit your veteran’s name, branch of service and years served.

### **From the Education Committee**

Sunday School for ages 3 through high school meets on Zoom, Sundays 11:30-12:15, except on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate Communion. A Sunday School Zoom link will be included with the weekly bulletin email and classes will ‘break out’ from log-on. Families with Sunday School age children were sent an email with registration information. We are in need of several volunteers to teach or assist in Sunday School, each rotating one or two Sundays per month. The personal rewards greatly outweigh the efforts! If you feel called to assist or have questions about Sunday School, please contact Karen MacLeod.

“We know that God loves our children and that He will provide teachers in His perfect plan and timing.”

Pastor Amy will be hosting Adult Bible study and a book study both on Zoom this fall.

### **The 45<sup>th</sup> Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk**

CROP WALK 2021 will be held on *Sunday October 17th*. Please join us after the annual meeting for a symbolic walk. If you wish to make a contribution please make checks out to CROP/CWS. Please send to church or John Twohig. Anyone interested in being a walker, please see or call John. See church directory for contact information.



**Memorial Flowers** – We look forward to restarting our memorial flower ministry as part of our regular worship service. A big thank you to Bonnie Chao for arranging the beautiful seasonal artificial flowers. Starting in January 2022, the Flower Committee will be doing monthly fresh memorial flowers. People can sign up to remember loved ones or celebrate milestones happening each month. The memorials will be listed in the bulletin on the second Sunday of the month starting in January, when the fresh seasonal flowers will be displayed in our worship service. These flowers will then be distributed at the discretion of the elders as they visit those in need or home bound members.

The cost per memorial will be \$20.00. You can sign up by using the Flower Donation Form below and mailing your donation to the church office, or by using our church website.



### FLOWER DONATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to donate flowers in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
I have enclosed my check for \$20, with “Flower Donation in the Memo” and would like the following to appear in the bulletin \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail to:

First Reformed Church of Fishkill  
ATTN: Flower Committee  
1153 Main Street  
Fishkill, NY 12524



## October

2 – Happy Schmidt

6 – Jan Utter & Helene Wright

15 – Gina Serra

20 – Don Porter

27 – Heather Hansen & Cristian Rodriguez

28 – Lois Heady

29 – Ed Winkler



### Counting Our Blessings

Thank you to all who helped with our Community Fun Day. The event was a resounding success providing community outreach and a great spirit of mission to our friends and area neighbors. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to Ray VanVoorhis and his many helpers for another very successful Annual (15th) Golf Outing.

*Both events fostered fun fellowship within our church family. We truly Are blessed!*

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH'S MISSIONS



### *Our Church Missions at Home*

#### Fishkill Food Pantry



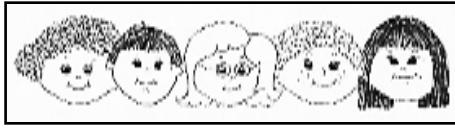
1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524 Phone 845 896-4546

Hours: 9 – 12 - M, T and Th, F; Wednesdays 3-5pm



As in past years the Church of the Nazarene in Fishkill has again generously provided the Fishkill Food Pantry with backpacks for school-aged kids. Pantry volunteers spent much of September distributing the backpacks in addition to packing food staples the pantry provides those in need. Not only does the pantry try to provide for their nutritional needs, but we hope to also ease the burden of getting the kids prepared to get back to school. The Church of the Nazarene continues to be a strong supporter of our food pantry donating food and cash on a regular basis.

We are currently in need of volunteers to work a regular shift from 9 to 12 on Thursdays *or* Fridays., to do in-pantry shopping for people who require our service. Some lifting is required. If interested please leave a message at the pantry during business hours at 896-4546 or call Rich Lanni directly at 845 245-5189.



## Children's Community Services

Summer went by so quickly, and the new school year has begun. It's so great to hear those happy little voices again! We have more children now than we did this time last year, with quite a few phone calls asking for information. There's ALWAYS room for one more!

We are excited to have a new teacher's aide, Catherine (Cat) Fury in the Four Year Old classroom. Her youngest daughter and her husband are DeKinder graduates.

We have many fun fall activities planned including a DeKinder trip to Meadowbrook Farms for apple and pumpkin picking!

Stay safe, healthy and happy!

Barbara VanVoorhis



*Classroom doors welcome students (L to R: 2's, 3's, and 4's)*



## **Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless**

We continue to pray for all those who have no warm/cool spot to lay their heads in safety. We also have been busy as we try to help them any way we can. We filled 108 bags on Saturday, September 11th. 40 bags went directly to Blodgett Memorial Library in Fishkill, where they are distributed. 30 were given to Pastor Amy to take to the Town of Fishkill Police who have worked with us, keeping bags in their patrol cars to distribute as needed.

Our homeless neighbors have difficulty laundering their clothes. Often the victims of circumstances beyond their control (especially since the pandemic has left many unemployed), having clean clothes is a necessity in their search for jobs, not to mention their dignity. We are continuing to work out the process of picking up soiled clothing in a central spot, so that it can be taken to the laundry. We are blessed that the laundry is reducing its rates in an effort to help us accomplish this mission. Once the laundry has been cleaned, it must be taken back to the central location for pickup.

We are also exploring shower options, one being custom designed shower and/or washer-dryer trailers. This will involve logistics and volunteers. With the involvement of multiple churches, we hope to be able to come up with solutions.

We need many more hands to do the work we currently do, which is organizing meetings, filling bags, acquiring items for the bags and exploring ways to further help our fellow children of God in dealing with this very difficult situation. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping or attending a SDCH Zoom meeting, held on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm.

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*  
Matthew 25:40.



## **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)**, founded by the RCA and 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.

**RENEW San Diego** (our sponsored church plant) is an inner city church that ministers to the community, including those living on the streets. To learn more, visit their website [www.renewsandiego.org](http://www.renewsandiego.org). Sunday services with Rev. Matt Nault can be seen/heard by scrolling down to "Sunday Church Gatherings." Select service to watch live. Podcasts are also available.

**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.

*Did you know?* You can access plenty of information about the Reformed Church of America on their website. Enter [www.rca.org](http://www.rca.org) into your browser. You can find interesting letters from our sponsored missionaries and information about almost anything having to do with the Reformed Church of America.