



The Parish Visitor

First Reformed Church of Fishkill

1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524

September 2022

From Pastor Amy:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

What does the Lord require of us? The word in scripture is “require,” not “suggest” or “hope for,” it is required. I don’t know that we Reformed folks often think of God as requiring something of us. We tend to give our faith a cursory glance now and then and only really sink into it in times of trouble. God has let us know that we are required to participate in God’s work in specific ways.

What does it mean to do justice in our everyday lives? Justice can be as grand as providing witness to a criminal case or as simple as standing up for someone who is bullied. To do justice, all we have to do is notice injustice and be willing to act.

What does it mean to love kindness? Of course, we all love being treated kindly but do we love kindness? If God requires us to love kindness, then perhaps our lives ought to be lived with kindness as the starting point. To love kindness, we have to shut down unkindness and not allow it to take hold of us or within our community. Kindness can be as grand as going out of your way to help someone else or as simple as saying “hello.”

What does it mean to walk humbly with God? It is to recognize that God is God and we are not. That we exist at the mercy of God, and in humility, we acknowledge our dependence upon God. When we think we can do it all on our own or when we refuse to be open to whatever it is God is doing or inviting us into, we lose our humility and become arrogant.

God loves us so much that God invites us into the work He is doing in the world. And to participate in that work there are requirements. We have to act justly, love kindness, and acknowledge God’s sovereignty. God will do the rest!



OUR CHURCH IN September

<u>1st</u>	Roy Carruthers -birthday	<u>16th</u>	
<u>2nd</u>		<u>17th</u>	<u>Everything sale & Fun Day</u> Katrina Skorewicz's birthday
<u>3rd</u>		<u>18th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee hour</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee hour</u> Phyllis Lake private prayer Stephen Falcone - birthday	<u>19th</u>	<u>Golf Tournament</u>
<u>5th</u>	<u>Labor Day</u>	<u>20th</u>	John Twohig & Barbara Harty birthdays
<u>6th</u>		<u>21st</u>	
<u>7th</u>		<u>22nd</u>	
<u>8th</u>		<u>23rd</u>	
<u>9th</u>	Barbara VanVoohis / Noah Postolan (Schmidt) birthdays	<u>24th</u>	
<u>10th</u>		<u>25th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee Hour</u>
<u>11th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee hour</u>	<u>26th</u>	
<u>12th</u>		<u>27th</u>	
<u>13th</u>	<u>Consistory Meeting</u> John Houstins birthday	<u>28th</u>	
<u>14th</u>	Carol McGann's Birthday	<u>29th</u>	
<u>15th</u>		<u>30th</u>	<u>Webster House</u>
	<u>Shop Hannaford all month long to fight HUNGER</u>	<u>31th</u>	



MY FIRST MONTH HERE!!!

Thank you all for the warm welcomes, that I have received, and to everyone who has gone out of their way to say hello. I am so appreciative and excited about the opportunity to work at such a beautiful church. You all have made me so humble. My first month here has been an exciting time. I have met some wonderful people, be it co-workers or the church community. You've welcomed me with open arms, and are accepting of the few errors I have made in the first few weeks. You have all shown me the kindness this church exemplifies.

Please reach out to me with any and all changes you would like to see me make. My door is always open for work or just to talk and say HI!

It has really helped to have your input into the structure of how things work here.

I like to personally thank Pastor Amy, for giving me this position, along with the elders who agreed I was a good fit for this position and any others who were involved.

I did not realize this church was as involved within this community as I do now. All the wonderful contributions you all give back. Be it the food pantry, community day, help with personal issues, etc. I am so happy now that I am a part of this endeavor in giving back. I have a full heart and soul to give. Again, Thank You! Carolyn

Parish Visitor articles for October are due on the 18th *Articles received after will go in the November Parish Visitor.* Please email your information to the church office: office@fishkillreformed.org. Thank you.

You can reach Pastor Amy via email: nylandal@gmail.com or

Church Office (Carolyn Cordoni): office@fishkillreformed.org. Phone: 845 896-9836.

Office Hours are Monday thru Friday. 9 am – 3 pm: in-person. Please call before visiting.

Church Calendar – When scheduling a church meeting or event, please contact the **Church Office** so that it can be listed on the church calendar.

Prayer Chain – To be added to the church prayer chain contact list or to submit prayer requests for yourself or others, please email prayerchain@fishkillreformed.org.

Worship services in the sanctuary begin at 10 am Sundays. Please arrive and be seated by 9:45 am. To watch **live online service**, go to the website, click “Worship with us,” then “live stream online service.” [://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301499038?pwd=QzRXL3Z1QmpUNkFnMUxUeTNRMXQwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301499038?pwd=QzRXL3Z1QmpUNkFnMUxUeTNRMXQwZz09)

Remote broadcasts can also be seen **live** on our Facebook page or website. **Recorded services** can be seen on Cablevision Channel 21 at 3:00 pm, Sundays (*broadcast of the previous week's service*); on Comcast Channel 5 in Eastern Dutchess Co. and Putnam Co., Wednesday, 7 pm and Sunday, 3 pm; as well as on our website under “Sunday Worship Videos.”

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

Go to: www.fishkillreformed.org.

Remote Giving – offerings can be mailed to the church office: at 1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524, or dropped through the DuBois House doors' mail slots. You may also use PayPal. Go to the church website, click on “Online Services,” and scroll down to/ click on the “Donate Now” button to select an option.



Our Consistory at Work

Meeting Notes from August 9th, 2022

Linda Baron led devotions based on Acts 2:1-4, recalling when God sent light and wind to His followers on Pentecost to renew their spirit. These are certainly times when we could all use more energy and joy to renew our spirits! Just as God sent these gifts to the apostles, He will give them to us if we speak to Him and tell Him our needs. A new attitude, hope for the future, strength to meet the challenges we face...these were given to His followers and are always available to us for the asking!

- We welcome Carolyn Cordoni as our new Church administrative assistant and Marissa as the new assistant for the four-year-old class in DKS! We are grateful to have our church's needs met so quickly and so well by these two new additions to our community!
- The Food Pantry distributed 250 more meals this month and had 85 new clients (26 new families, an all-time high!). There is a need for Spanish-speaking volunteers to help our clients; any time you can contribute will be much appreciated.
- Treasurer's July report: Total YTD revenue: \$135,415.02; Total YTD expenses: \$192,960.76
- Finance Report: Income is down, and expenses are up. We will probably have to transfer funds from Investments to cover the costs in the next six months.
- Investments: Despite the down market, our advisor feels that this is one of the best years ever when comparing the performance of our portfolio to the market benchmarks.
- The new ADT alarm system has been installed in the sanctuary, enabling us to immediately notify the police in case of emergency and providing 24/7 service. We are also considering adding a fire alarm system to protect our historic and much-loved church building, as we currently protect DuBois House and the Ed building.
- Help Wanted: We have a very limited number of volunteers counting the Sunday offerings and entering the information on the computer after the service. Support is also needed to organize volunteers to pass the offering plate. Please contact Celeste Rudberg and Victor Chao to offer a small amount of your time once a week.
- Volunteers will also be very much needed for the Everything Sale/Fun Day on September 17th and for preparation on Sept. 15th and 16th. Please see Jean Winkler or Brenda Smith-Cliffe help make the return of these two events a success!
- Property Committee updates:
Work on many projects needing attention on the church property is pending (awaiting bids, return phone calls, and scheduling). This summer seems to be a very busy season for contractors!



John Houston
Finance Chairman

*First Reformed Church
of Fishkill*

FINANCE \$101

In God, we trust

Special Offerings and the Budget:

Special offerings do not impact the budget at all. Although you will see numbers in the budget with this designation, you will notice upon closer inspection that the same number is presented both as income and as an expense. Therefore, the numbers shown in the budget just place marks to reflect that it is a part of the overall church giving. When you give for purposes such as Ukraine Relief, it will not impact the church's financial position.

Support from Elders and Deacons

If you need pastoral care please contact an elder:

Heather Hansen, Fishkill Celeste Rudberg, Wappingers
Pia Price, Poughkeepsie Larry Sansone, Beacon
John Twohig, Beacon

If you need a meal, medication delivered, or a phone call, please get in touch with a deacon:

Linda Baron, Wappingers Victor Chao, Hopewell
Brenda Smith-Cliffe, Wappingers Jeanne Devine, Fishkill
Greg Totino, Fishkill



1 – Roy Carruthers 4 - Stephen Falcone 9 – Barbara VanVoorhis (Y) Noah Postolan (*Schmidt*)
13 – John Houston 14 – Carol McGann 17 – Katrina Skorewicz 20 – John Twohig 24 – Barbara Harty



How nice it is to have this fellowship again! The names of those assigned will be listed in each month's "Parish Visitor" newsletter. We will assign only people we have seen attending, as some have not yet returned in person. This method has worked well in the past and ensures that everyone has an opportunity to share in receiving and providing fellowship, refreshments, and clean-up. Dorrie Hansen has most graciously agreed to set up the coffee. And there is a new cabinet in the library with needed supplies.

Thank you for taking your turn. Please check the newsletter to see if you are scheduled. If you see only two names, it means that someone unable to manage the set-up work will still be able to contribute goodies. If you are not available on the assigned Sunday, please try to switch with someone. If that fails, please call Karen Twohig.

September 2022

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses



Sept. 4th Kathleen Spencer & Paul Smith
Sept. 11th Jan Utter & Pia Price
Sept 18^t Barbara VanVoorhis & Greg Totino
Sept. 25th Houston's & Covell's

Worship Greeters



Sept. 4th Shunta Garcia
Sept. 11th Jan Lane
Sept. 18th Dana Cramer
Sept. 25th Ray & Joan VanVoorhis

Liturgist



Sept. 4th John Twohig
Sept. 11th Pia Price
Sept. 18th Bill Reisling
Sept. 25th Bonnie Chao



Flowers by



Sept. 11th Julie Sanders in memory of her mother, Janice Bennett Sanders
John & Karen Twohig in memory of john's sister Eileen Marder &
in memory of Eileen DiYeso.



Save the Dates:

THE EVERYTHING SALE – Community Fun Day September 17th



Our sale will be held on September 17th in the Education Building and Community Fun Day Outside. Please kindly bring any and all items you wish to donate to be sold to the Education Building on the 15th & 16th only (not before). For more information contact Jean Winkler or call the parish office at 845-896-9836. Lots of help is needed for this event. Please join us for the day of good company, friends, your community, of course, great food, and LOTS OF FUN.

Our Community Day & Everything Sale is going to be published in the Poughkeepsie Journal and the Southern Dutchess News and the Sound of Life Radio Station prior to the event (per Jan)

Annual Golf Outing – September 19th!



Our 17th Annual Golf tournament will be held at McCann Memorial Golf Course in Poughkeepsie, New York. All funds raised will support critical projects needed to maintain our historic site here in Fishkill, New York. For questions or information, please contact Ray VanHoorhis at 845-452-2268. Or stop in the main office for a brochure.

46th Annual Dutchess County Crop Walk

The 46th annual Dutchess County CROP WALK is coming Sunday, October 30th. Last year's walk ranked 13th in the nation, and they have set a goal this year at \$60000. Our food pantry has been the recipient of CROP grants, and last year was over \$1600. Please speak with John Twohig to be a walker or to make a pledge. Thank You.

Webster House -September 30th

Our church is responsible for the Webster House Emergency Shelter dinner on September 30th. If you are available to prepare a cold salad, we will get to you a tin, a recipe, and an insulated bag. Please be in touch with Lola (845 297-0304) or BJ (845 896-6889) As always, we thank you In advance! Lola and BJ

September 4th

Phyllis Lake is offering private prayer after the service for anyone who is interested.

September Shoe Drive

We as a community will be collecting gently used shoes. We'll be setting up collection boxes. For an organization Called Funds2Orgs. For more information on this please contact Linda Baron. If anyone knows any groups or an organization interested Please let her know.

Choir Practice

Rehearsals will begin on Sept. 8th at 2 pm. Please meet in the sanctuary. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

“Sing to the Lord a new song” (Ps.33:3) and some old ones too!!



F.Y.I.

For children during worship: Books, coloring sheets, crayons, and other quiet activities are available in a wicker basket at the entrance to the sanctuary. Ask a greeter. Please return items to the basket after worship.

Lost and Found Are you missing a pair of grey garden gloves or grey winter gloves? Both pairs are by the DuBois House mailboxes.

Are you missing a hearing aid, it was found after service a little over a month ago. If you believe it is yours' please stop by the main office.

Memorial Flowers are placed at our altar on the second Sunday of each month. You can sign up to remember loved ones or to celebrate milestones happening each month. The memorials will be listed in the Sunday bulletin when the fresh seasonal flowers are displayed in our worship service. These flowers will then be distributed to those in need or home-bound members at the elders' discretion. The cost per memorial is

\$20.00. Sign up using the Flower form below. Please mail your donation to the church office.

We do not have requests for flowers for July, August, October, and November. We need at least three or more requests per month. ***Please consider signing up for flowers.***

.....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, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524, Attn:
Flower Comm.*

Children's Community Services



Summer Has gone by so quickly! We are busy getting everything ready for the new school year. There are many returning families and a few new ones. We still have room for children in the before/after school programs and for two-year-olds, in the Parent & Tot program. Please call 845-896-9876 if you or anyone you know is interested in any of our programs. Barbara V

Upcoming Events:

- September 13th Parent Orientation at 7 pm
- September 14th 3&4 years old walk thru
- September 19th 4- year-olds begin
- September 20th 3- year-olds begin
- September 21st Parents & Tots Begin
- September 26th Rash Hashanah -closed

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



Fishkill Food Pantry

Phone: 845-896-4546 Email: fshfoodpantry@optimum.net

Hours: 9 – 12 – Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri.; Wed 3-5 pm; 1st & 3rd Sat. 9 am – 12 pm

Kristen Cullen, Pantry Director

Here at the Fishkill Food Pantry, we strive to serve those in need, including our neighbors, friends, and community members. As the number of recipients we help has increased, we are both saddened by this knowledge yet blessed that we are able to do it. To continue receiving donations, we must educate the public on who we are and what we do by getting the word out as much as possible

Hannaford Supermarket Give Back Month for September:

*Throughout September 2022, Fishkill Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation when you buy a reusable fight hunger bag. For more information contact the food pantry at 845-896-4546 or the parish office. Or go online at Hannaford.bags4mycause.com **Let's ALL shop to fight Hunger!!!** location is at 1490 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, New York.*



Fight Hunger Bag Program



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH'S MISSIONS



Our Church Sponsored RCA Missionaries

Josh Bode, Pastor of the Protestant Church in Oman (PCO), was founded by the RCA and charged with the stewardship of all Protestant Christianity in the country, comprising more than 50 Protestant congregations. Josh is 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 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.

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

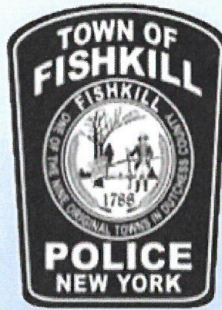
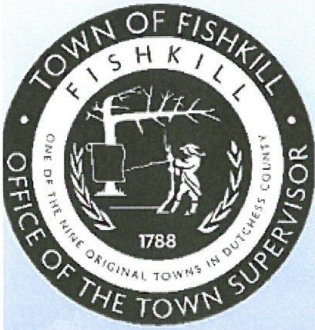
Jeremy and Susan Beebout - Jeremy is an agronomist working with agricultural development efforts. Susan is a doctor developing the church's health ministries in Niger, Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world.



In Memoriam



8-27-2022 Clement Landanno



THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF FISHKILL ARE PROUD TO
JOIN FORCES TO PRESENT A
COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM
When: Sept. 10, 2022

Where: Van Wyck Hall, Main St. Fishkill

Time: 10:00AM



Telephone Scams
Door-to-door Scams
Insurance and tax scams
Identity theft
Car burglaries
Crime prevention tips



**Come out to a friendly forum to learn about how
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