



The Parish Visitor

*First Reformed Church of Fishkill
1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524*

December, 2022

*Mary
It wasn't that long ago
that he'd spoken these stars
into being
and this woman's life
was just a thought in his mind. He'd smiled down on her birth and entered her name in his
pages perhaps with an asterisk denoting plans too sacred to be spoken but pondered in his
heart.
Now newborn,
in wide-eyed wonder
he gazes up at his creation. His hand that hurled the world holds tight his mother's finger. Holy
light
spills across her face
and she weeps
silent wondering tears
to know she holds the One who has so long held her.*

Joan Rae Mills

*May your Advent be filled with hopeful anticipation and your Christmas with unimaginable
blessings.*

Pastor Amy





December Calendar



1st	<i>Linda Rush's Birthday</i> Choir rehearsal 2 pm Worship & Music 12:30 pm	16th	
2nd		17th	
3rd	<u>Ugly Sweater Night/ pot luck</u>	18th	Worship & Coffee Hour
4th	Worship & Coffee Hour Private Prayer with Jan Utter	19th	Ruth Wisst's Birthday
5th		20th	
6th		21st	
7th		22nd	<u>Choir rehearsal 2 pm</u>
8th	<u>Choir rehearsal 2 pm</u>	23rd	
9th	Carolyn's Birthday	24th	Worship 2 pm 7 pm
10th	<u>Snow Date /Ugly Sweater Night</u>	25th	CHRISTMAS Jordyn Cerrone's Birthday
11th	Worship & Coffee Hour	26th	
12th		27th	Linda Gillert's Birthday
13th		28th	
14th	Helen Deneu's Birthday	29th	
15th	<u>Choir rehearsal 2 pm</u>	30th	
		31st	New Year's Eve Ava Falcone's Birthday

Parish Visitor articles for January are due by the 23rd of December *Articles received after will go in the February 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 beginning 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., Wednesdays, 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.

Private Prayer Will be offered on the first Sundays of each month with an Elder after service.



Christmas Luminaria

It has been a few years since we have been able to light our pathways on Christmas Eve. We have battery-operated candles and need volunteers to get them out, put them into the containers, put them outside on the pathways around the front of the church, light them (turn them on), and collect them after the 7 pm service. If you can help with this contact Bonnie Chao or any of the Worship and Music members. Thank you and Merry Christmas.



Updating our Church Directory 23'

Please fill out form and return to the office with your current contact information and email by the end of December, so our directory can be updated for the New Year "2023".

Thank You!

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ **ST** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (h) _____ **(c)** _____

Email _____

Parish Visitor: e-mail: _____

mail: _____

Pick-up: _____

Bulletins mailed: _____

Bulletins and Announcements for Sunday will be emailed. As Always. If you are aware of someone needing a mailing, or other information please inform the church office, and an item will be sent out. Thank You





Our Consistory at Work

Meeting Notes from November 15th, 2022

John Twohig led devotions based on Psalm 40. Physical gravity is the force that holds us in place and keeps people from being flung into space, but God is the force that holds the human self in one piece when faced with problems and challenges. We are not alone in our fears and troubles...God is looking after us. God is our Gravity, the steadfast force holding our life together, our help, and our deliverance.

Pastor Amy will hold an Advent Bible Study (on Zoom) Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from November 30th to December 21st, taking a deeper look at names we use for Jesus. We will be using the book, *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggeman.

- Treasurer's September October report: Total YTD revenue: \$179,706.97; Total YTD expenses: \$276,879.44.
- Finance Report: At the end of October our Operating Fund stood at -\$15,483; the shortfall will be covered by money from Investments, which are doing as well as can be expected in this financial climate. In January we will begin putting together a fundraising committee to look into grants, events, and partnerships with other organizations to help raise funds.
- Property Committee updates: The stagecoach platform outside the sanctuary will be removed and rebuilt in Spring with a design by Ray VanVoorhis, along with historic consultation from Toni Houston. EZ Flow will carry out the labor free of charge, with only the cost of materials paid by the church.
The first round of Cemetery stone repair has been completed and will continue in the spring, as will the repair of the wheelchair ramp at DuBois House.
Exit signs/emergency light fixtures were installed in the Education building.
Installation of crash bars and fire and smoke detectors in the Sanctuary is still pending.
- Please return your pledge cards if you haven't already done so; work on next year's budget will begin soon and it is based on the result of the stewardship pledges that were received.
- Classis has informed us that a committee would like to meet with consistory for discussion about dual affiliation (date tbd). We will have a plan to present to the congregation by March, when our annual congregational meeting will be held. We need to have our plan in place before General Synod meets in June.
- The Christmas Offering will be designated for CCS to help continue its fine work of educating and caring for the children of our community.



1. Make the check payable to First Reformed Church, Fishkill Reformed, or similar. We cannot deposit checks made out to Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless, our missionaries, Church World Service, etc. Please make the checks out to our church and use the Memo line to tell us if it is for a special purpose. We will get the money to the correct place
2. Make sure you write the correct date on the check.
3. Make sure the same amount is written in both locations on the check.
4. Make sure you have signed your check.

Thank you!

Home-bound Goode Bags

On December 11th, after coffee hour, the Activities Committee will be putting together Goodie Bags for our Home-bound friends.

Donations of cookies, wrapped candy (both regular and sugar-free are needed) fresh fruit and cards or notes would be appreciated.

Any questions contact Jean Winkler.



Remember us in your prayers...

If you aren't currently part of our prayer chain we would Welcome you!

Please include in your prayers

Antje Landanno

Brenda Cliffe-Smith

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



December

1st- Linda Rush 9th- Carolyn Cordoni 14th- Helen Deneu 19th- Ruth Wisst
25th- Jordyn Cerrone 27th- Linda Gillert 31st- Ava Falcone

COFFEE HOUR

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 Jean Winkler.

DECEMBER 2022

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses



DEC. 4th Ray & Joan VanVoorhis & Dot Keller
DEC. 11th Houstons & E. Bobb
DEC. 18th Winklers & Alice Binder
Dec 24th NO COFFEE HOUR
DEC. 25th NO COFFEE HOUR

Worship Greeters



DEC. 4th Dorrie Hansen
DEC. 11th Julie Sanders
DEC. 18th John & Karen Twohig
DEC. 24th (2 pm) Dot Keller (7 p) Jean Winkler
DEC. 25th BJ & Rich Lanni



Liturgist

DEC. 4th John Twohig
DEC. 11th Pia Price
DEC. 18th Bill Reisling
DEC. 24th (2pm) Paul (7pm) Bill Resling
Dec 25th Jan Lane

Flowers Donated on the Alter this month by



December 11th Roger Kluge in memory of his mother Hazel E. Kluge,
Thea Schallenberg in memory of her husband Elmer Schallenberg



Remembering all the loved ones
we lost this year !!!

Their Memory Stays

By [Casey Gamble](#)

Although they have passed on
their memory forever stays.
Remember how they smiled,
And the joy they always gave.
We'll miss them all the time,
And think of them every day.
Their love filled the world -
A love that will never fade.



January 2023

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses



- Jan. 1st** **Covells & Roy Carruthers**
Jan. 8th **Flayters & Jeanne Devine**
Jan. 15th **Lannis & Dana Cramer**
Jan. 22 **Chaos & Dorrie Hansen**
Jan. 29th **Shorewiczs & Julie Sanders**

Worship Greeters



- Jan. 1st** **Paul Smith & Rose**
Jan 8th **John & Toni Houston**
Jan. 15th **Shunta Garcia**
Jan. 22th **Ray & Joan VanVoorhis**
Jan. 29th **Jan Lane**



Liturgist

Jan 1st **Bill Resling**

Flower on the Alter Donated by
January 8th (TBA)

Children's Community Services



Our Before and after school children are REALLY into playing chess! We only have one set and would greatly appreciate it if anyone has one they would like to donate.



November has been very busy! We're been talking being a good friend and being thankful for those friends.

We made our own playdough and created "grey squirrels". Traced our hands, painted them, and then created the pinecone turkey! Heather Hansen and Sherri Cochran came and acted out the story Stone Soup for our Thanksgiving Feast in DeKinder.

Before and After School had fun making the big turkey in the Ed. Building lobby and writing down on its feathers what they are thankful for this year.

Christmas season is upon us with much excitement and many projects for the children to give to their parents.

I wish everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a healthy and Merry Christmas!

Barbara



FISHKILL FOOD PANTRY LIST OF NEEDS

Progresso/Chunky/Condensed Soups	Crackers, Saltines
Cereal, cold/hot oatmeal	Coffee/tea — reg, decaf, Instant
Rice 1lb/2 lb packs, Stuffing	Healthy snacks for children
Jiffy muffin mix, brownie, cake mix/frosting	Whole grain cereal bars
Canned peas, carrots, corn, green beans	Dish/laundry detergent
Mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, gravy	Bar soap/body wash
Canned fruit- pineapple, peaches, pears	Napkins/tissues
Canned stew/canned chili, chicken broth	Toilet paper/Paper towel
Fresh carrots, onions, potatoes	Toiletries — male, female, children
Pork n beans/dried beans	Dry pet food-small bags
Beans — kidney, black, chickpeas	Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter
Pasta	Tomato sauce
Sugar free syrup/sugar free sweetener	Jelly, Sugar-free jelly
Sugar free dessert mixes	

In compliance with EAT SMART NEW YORK initiative
we no longer distribute soda, juice, or candy to our clients
PLEASE NO OUTDATED FOOD

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Hours: M, T, TH, F 9AM-12PM; W 2:30PM- 5PM; 1st Saturday of the month 9AM-12PM

In Need Of.....
Brown bags and/or clean reusable bags.

BULLETIN BOARD



We thank Lola Saya and BJ Lanni for faithfully leading the church's mission to provide hundreds of meals for Webster House. We would also like to welcome Ginny Styles and Helene Wright for taking over this mission.

December 30th is our church's next Webster House meal. If you are able to help with cooking, please notify Ginnie Styles or Helene Wright. You will be provided with a tin and a recipe. More information will follow in the December Sunday bulletins. Thank you in advance! Ginnie and Helene

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Since the pandemic, our Children's Community Services (CCS) has struggled financially to keep the Nursery School and Before and After School programs going. Enrollment has dropped because either parents' lives have changed or they can no longer afford tuition. The after-school program is now competing with the Town of Fishkill. The Deacons have designated the Christmas Offering to give CCS financial assistance. Please use the Christmas envelopes or write "CCS" on your check to help our outreach to children in our community.

SHOE DRIVE *Has been extended until December 10th !!*



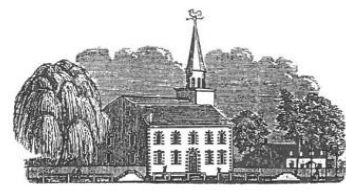
December 3rd Ugly Sweater party, 5-8 pm in the Education Build.



SDCH MEETING SCHEDULED

The Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless will meet on Monday evening at 7:00 online. We welcome everyone interested in the helping. E-mail Phyllis Lake for the link at pnlake@gmail.com

Our Beautiful Grounds



Fall Clean-up:

I would like to thank all our brave volunteers (Roy, Harry, Greg, Joan, Lola, Jan, Julie, and Paul) who joined me Saturday morning the 19th in brisk weather with raking and cleaning up our grounds. A Big thank you too, to all of the volunteers for the previous and ongoing work with the flower beds.

Horse Block/Stage stop: On that cold Saturday, my brother Gary and I were joined by EZ Flow Construction, who donated their time and power tools to demolish a portion of the unsafe Horse Block. We have temporarily made it into a planter box until the Spring/Summer when it can be properly designed and re-constructed. EZ Flow was a great help and has offered their continued support on this project.



Before and after pictures

Thank you
Ray VanVoorhis
Chair- Buildings and Grounds



MONITOR NEEDED

The Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless (SDCH) has accomplished one of its goals – A Mini Pantry stands in Trinity Church’s parking lot next to the clothing collection. We will be asking various churches to take a turn monitoring it for a month to make sure that it contains a generous supply of items for the taking.

The month of December is the turn of the Reformed Church. To take on this mission, the person would need to stop by once or twice a week during the month.

The pantry is for anyone who is in need of something to eat, whether or not they are homeless. Thanks go to Elder Ray VanVoorhees for helping to design and build the mini-pantry!

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..

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.*

The Gift of a Real Friend

A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be. A friend is a living treasure, and if you have one, you have one of the most valuable gifts in life.

A friend is the one who will always be beside you, through all the laughter, and through each and every tear. A friend is the one thing you can always rely on; the someone you can always open up to; the one wonderful person who always believes in you in a way that no one else seems to.

A friend is a sanctuary.

A friend is a smile.

A friend is a hand that is always holding yours, no matter where you are, no matter how close or far apart you may be.

A friend is someone who is always there and will always — always — care. A friend is a feeling of forever in the heart.

A friend is the one door that is always open. A friend is the one to whom you can give your key. A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.

— Douglas Pagels





From Our Family to Yours!!

Make Memories that last a lifetime.

Let's see who can complete the game below!!

Have Fun!!

Make Paper Snowflakes	Put up Christmas Decorations	Take a ride and look at the lights	Watch Charlie Brown's Christmas
Wrap & Deliver Secret Santa Gifts	Get Christmas Tree	Deliver gifts to friends	Decorate cookies
Decorate Tree	Make cards for Grandparents	CANDY CANES!	Snowman craft
Look under the couch	Take cookies to neighbors	Take gifts to teachers	Indoor snowball fight
Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows	Look in the closet	Make Ornaments	Decorate Gingerbread House
Watch The Grinch	Make a fire and read stories	Open ONE Gift	Make Christmas Puppets



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