



# *The Parish Visitor*

*First Reformed Church of Fishkill*

*1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524*

*January 2023*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas celebration and stayed warm in the very cold weather! It was wonderful to see so many people at both Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day Lessons and Carols.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to my Christmas gift this year, whether financially or prayerfully. I have been enjoying the gluten-free treats and waffles very much, and I am grateful for the monetary part of the gift as well. Some of you know about the problems I have had with my house this year: a flooded lower level and a falling retaining wall were the two biggest and most expensive issues. Just this past weekend, I discovered that when the flooring in the lower level was being replaced, a worker pounded a nail into a water pipe in the wall, and it has been leaking for a month, causing damage to the new flooring and drywall. So, more repairs! Your gift has certainly helped with these surprise expenses, and for that, I am thankful. I am also thankful that I have a home to repair and we have a church to serve as I look around at so many people and churches experiencing economic hardship these past few years.

I am also thankful to belong to a community that cares for its neighbors. Our food pantry is doing better than ever with new services and expanded hours to serve those in need of food. Our ministry to those without homes of their own via filling bags with essential items and portable food continues to serve many in our community. We continue to support overseas missionaries and Renew Church in San Diego. We have welcomed some new members this past year and look forward to more in 2023. It is my hope that we will work together to be a vibrant, thriving church that offers a generous, gracious welcome to all who come to participate, whether in-person or online and sustains its community through radical hospitality and kindness to all.

May 2023 be a year of growth, love, and joy for all of us!

Pastor Amy



# January 2023



<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee Hour</b> New Year's Day Private Prayer with Bill Resling	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Willa Skinner Birthday
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Consistory Meeting (zoom) 7 pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir rehearsals at 2 pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Worship & Music 12:30 pm Choir rehearsals at 2 pm	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>21<sup>th</sup></b>	Janie Koopmans Birthday
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Diane Landau-Flayter/ Larry Sanmone Birthday	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee Hour</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee Hour</b> Girl Scouts at 4pm	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Jean Winkler Birthday
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir rehearsals 2 pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir rehearsals 2 pm	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Unhanging of the greens at 11 am	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee Hour</b> Liz Alexander Birthday
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee Hour</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	
		<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Bonnie Chao / Joyce Covell Birthdays



# Our Consistory at Work

Meeting Notes from December 13th, 2022

**\* December Consistory Notes will be available next month \***

**Parish Visitor articles for February are due by the January 25<sup>th</sup>** Articles received after will go in March's Parish Visitor. Please email your information to the church office: [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org). Thank you.

You can reach Pastor Amy via email: [nylandal@gmail.com](mailto:nylandal@gmail.com) or

Church Office (Carolyn Cordoni): [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.



**First Reformed Church  
of Fishkill**

**FINANCE \$101**

*In God, we trust*

John Houston  
Finance Chairman

It is January, and we are at the beginning of a new year. Hopefully, this will be a year when more of us are able to get together without fears related to the pandemic. The life of the church is never-ending, and it needs all of us to work together. Each one of us plays a huge part in the life of the church. You may participate

in Bible studies, keeping up with the flowers on the grounds, hosting coffee hour, help at the Food Pantry or CCS, praying for others, or one of the many other things that goes on around the church. Each and everyone one of those things is critical to the church maintaining its mission.

May you all be blessed this year, and make the church a large part of your life. John Houston

# The Bulletin Board



## “Shannon’s Smiles”



A fundraiser to collect old and outdated eyeglasses, to help a person who can't see to see again, in the beauty in the world in which we live. Please donate the old outdated prescription you no longer need. (Please put each clean pair in a zip lock bag.) Even if the frames are bent or broken and the lenses have fallen out. They will all be used. A box will be placed in the narthex and one in the church office for your donations.

Please help Give the gift of sight to someone new!



### Taking Down the Greens



It is time to remove our beautiful Christmas decorations. We need your help again so please join us on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. to help take the decorations down and return them to storage. There are inside and outside jobs to do as well as returning everything to their storage locations in the DuBois house. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing our church family there.

A sincere, though belated, thank you for the generous support for this year's CROP Walk. We raised \$1660. Again, thanks to all. John.



**The Activities Committee** will be putting together Goodie Bags for our Home-bound friends for Valentine's Day. Donations of cookies, wrapped candy (both regular and sugar-free) fresh fruit and cards or notes would be appreciated. You can drop off Your goodies in the church office. Any questions contact Jean Winkler.



Our Winner of the Ugly Sweater contest was Paul Smith!!!!

Here are a few photos from that evening.





**Choir**

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were beautiful! Many thanks for all the hard work, rearranging schedules, and the gifts of your time and voice to make it all happen!

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**THANKSGIVING THANKS**

Hurricane Fiona devastated Puerto Rico with heavy rain and wind, again knocking out the fragile power system and flooding neighborhoods. The Deacons designated this year's Thanksgiving Offering to Puerto Rican relief. They wanted to support a respected organization working directly in Puerto Rico. They chose Habitat for Humanity de Puerto Rico, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity de Puerto Rico responded to the 780,000 homes damaged or destroyed by hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 by creating the Puerto Rico Recovery program to address the challenges of rebuilding. Besides the usual problems of construction costs and shortages of workers and materials, there was the further problem that 60% of FEMA requests for assistance were denied for not being able to prove ownership. This year's hurricane compounded the problems. Thanks to your generosity, \$1281 was gathered from the Thanksgiving Offering and sent to Habitat for Humanity de Puerto Rico. Thank you!

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**Greetings To You All,**

It is time once again to fill bags for our homeless friends in the area. Phyllis and I have set a date of Tuesday night, January 10th at 6:30 [P.M.in](#) the education building of the Reformed Church. Ideally, we could use 5-7 people to do the job quickly. Please respond to me directly if you can make it that night to help out so that we will know how many are showing up. You can respond via email or phone- my number is 845 897-5680. At this Holy Season of the year, we are so conscious of all the blessings in our lives. May this new year to come be a blessing to you all. Wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with good health, good times, contentment, and the peace of God.

In God's Love, Bill

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**Girls Scouts 1-8-23**

Are working on a "Birthday Party In A Bag" for the food pantry. All you need in a bag to have a great birthday. In February date TBA they will help out at St Mary's here in fishkill, to assist with a food drive, for our food pantry. Any questions call Jeanie D.





**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.



## Altar Flowers

Did you know that since COVID most of our altar flowers have been artificial? Before the Virus closed our church, we had fresh flowers donated by the congregation every Sunday. Now we only have them on the second Sunday of each month due to an increase in price and smaller congregational participation. Last year the Worship and Music committee lowered the suggested donation to \$20 each in the hopes that with 3 or 4 people donating each month we could cover the required \$70 per week. Each vase costs \$30 plus a \$10 delivery charge. This offers an opportunity to have a loved one remembered or to celebrate a special event with the information printed in the bulletin. After the service, the flowers are donated to the sick and homebound. At the moment we do not have enough people signed up to cover the cost of live flowers for 2023. If you are interested in keeping fresh flowers on the altar please fill out the blue flower form at the rear of the church or mail the form from your PV to the church. Attach your \$20 check with a notation on the memo line that it is for flowers, please. If you prefer, there is also a flower chart on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. With your help, we can keep fresh flowers on the altar.  
The Worship and Music committee.

## FLOWER DONATION FORM

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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:

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*Mail to: First Reformed Church of Fishkill, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524,  
Attn: Flower Comm.*

# ***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



To

7th Larry Sansome & Diane Landau-Flayter   16th Willa Kinner  
21st anie Koopmans   24th Jean Winkler   29th Liz Alezander  
31st Bonnie Chao & Joyce Covell



## 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.



# Coffee hour Hosts and Hostesses

## January 2023

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Covells & Roy Carruthers  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Flayers & Jeanne Devine  
 Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Lannis & Dana Cramer  
 Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Chaos & Dorrie Hansen  
 Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Shorewiczs & Julie Sanders

## February 2023

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Twohigs & Edith Schmidt  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Sansones & G. Totino  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> H. & J. Hansen & K. Spencer  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Garcia-Cantela & J. Lane



# Worship Greeters

## January 2023

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Smith & Rose I.  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> John & Toni Houston  
 Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Shunta Garcia  
 Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Ray & Joan VanVoorhis  
 Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Lane

## February 2023

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Bill Resling  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> G. & D. Flayer  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> L. & S. Saya  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Celeste Rudberg



# Liturgist

## January 2023

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Resling  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Celeste Rudberg  
 Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Smith  
 Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> John Twohig  
 Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Pia Price

## February 2023

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Lane  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Bill Resling  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Celeste Rudberg  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Rich Lanni



# Flowers

donated on the alter this month by

John & Brenda Smith-Cliffe in memory of their parents Mr. Mrs. Harris & Mr. Mrs. Cliffe.

Carolyn Cordoni- In memory of her Parents Warren & Mary Brown



# Fishkill Food Pantry

Phone: 845-896-4546 Email: [fshfoodpantry@optimum.net](mailto: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



## Time to celebrate!

Thanks to shoppers and supporters who purchased  
Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets  
during your benefitting month of November 2022,

**Fishkill Food Pantry will receive \$70**



### FISHKILL FOOD PANTRY LIST OF NEEDS

Progresso/Chunky/Condensed Soups  
Cereal, cold/hot oatmeal  
Rice 1lb/2 lb packs, Stuffing  
Jiffy muffin mix, brownie, cake mix/frosting  
Canned peas, carrots, corn, green beans  
Mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, gravy  
Canned fruit- pineapple, peaches, pears  
Canned stew/canned chili, chicken broth  
Fresh carrots, onions, potatoes  
Pork n beans/dried beans  
Beans — kidney, black, chickpeas  
Pasta  
Sugar free syrup/sugar free sweetener  
Sugar free dessert mixes

Crackers, Saltines  
Coffee/tea — reg, decaf, Instant  
Healthy snacks for children  
Whole grain cereal bars  
Dish/laundry detergent  
Bar soap/body wash  
Napkins/tissues  
Toilet paper/Paper towel  
Toiletries — male, female, children  
Dry pet food-small bags  
Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter  
Tomato sauce  
Jelly, Sugar-free jelly

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

1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524 • 845-896-4546  
Hours: M, T, TH, F 9AM-12PM; W 2:30PM- 5PM; 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9AM-12PM

# Children's Community Services



December was filled with much excitement and wonder! The DeKinder children all made Christmas handprint wreaths for their parents and one for Pastor Amy! The Before/After School children made their parents a soap dish and a homemade bar of soap! We also had a surprise visitor show up at DeKinder's Christmas party. A HUGE thank you to Heather Hansen and Santa (John Hansen)!!!!

We will begin in mid-January accepting registrations for the next school year. (How time flies). If you or anyone you know are in need of a Before/After School or preschool please let give us a call at 845 896 9876.

I hope and pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Barbara VanVoorhis



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This is for you Heather.

# How to Make Sugar Cookies from Scratch

## Ingredients

- 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Stir flour, baking soda, and baking powder together in a small bowl.
3. Beat sugar and butter together in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the flour mixture. Roll dough into walnut-sized balls and place 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until edges are golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on the baking sheets briefly before removing them to a wire rack to cool completely.



Give us your favorite ones!!

# Red Boat.

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it.

When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said, "You've already paid me for painting the boat, Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly, it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened:

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole.

"When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip.

"They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

"When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

"Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing.

"Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So no matter who, when, or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

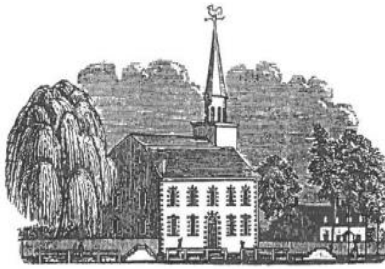
Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved. ❤️

Make a difference....be the best you...

Have a blessed day🌿



If you have a favorite poem or story you would like to share, please send it in.



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Carolyn Cordoni, Administrative Assistant  
Barbara VanVoorhis, Children's Community Services Director  
Kristen Cullen, Fishkill Food Pantry Director