

FRONTSTREETER: DECEMBER 2020

The Reformed Church of Canajoharie

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Prayers for those in need of comfort and healing: Dorothy Morrison & Family – on the recent passing of Dorothy’s sister, Beverly Davis; John Snyder – battling cancer; Beverly Davis; Clara Mount – recovering at home following gallbladder surgery; Bob Mount – health concerns; John & Janet Rocas – health concerns; Emory Luck – health concerns; Jane Hawkins- health concerns; Charles Jones – health concerns; Jessica Eiss – health issues; Cathy Smith – health concerns; Cynthia Clements – health concerns; Melvin Smith – health issues.

Pastor’s Page

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait alongside the world for Jesus to be born. So we easily associate this waiting with the waiting of Mary as her time of delivery drew near. And we wait alongside the Jewish people of her time as they waited for liberation and renewal. And we wait alongside all of creation for God’s peace to reign over all the earth. So we think of Advent, and especially Christmas, as a historical event. We look back to the past and we have built our traditions around the memory of God being born among us. We think of the stable and the shepherds and the angels and the wisemen.

Advent is not just historical. In the Bible we read the promises that Jesus is coming again to this earth. Not as a baby, but in glory. He is coming again to raise up all people from the dead, to judge us all, to collect his people into his kingdom, and to renew all of creation, making earth and heaven into one. In our own time we recognize the need for this to happen. We see the pain and suffering around the world. We ourselves have felt chained these last nine months. Like the people of Israel at the time of Mary we yearn to be released. We want to see God’s justice done, his love to be spread all over the world, and an end to poverty, pain, alienation, and war. And that time is coming. In Advent we remember, yes, but we also look forward to a future that will be glorious and joyful.

So we need to be ready for it. And if we have loved ones, we want them to be ready as well. For the Bible tells us that there will be a division at that time between those who love God and those who don’t, the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25). And here’s the deal. To do both of those things is beyond human ability. So it’s a good thing Jesus lived and died for us once. And we look forward to him coming back. Have a wonderful Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENT: In the Wednesday Bible Study I will be looking at the “End Times”. This will begin in January. I will be looking at the Bible’s teaching from a Reformed perspective. If you have questions that you would like addressed you can start by emailing these to me at: pastor@canjoreformed.org. This will help guide our study as we explore Christ’s second Advent.

Pastor Matt

Prayers for those Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities: Barbara Bowden – c/o Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital, Room #265, 1270 Belmont Ave., Schenectady, NY 12308; Stan McMillan – Palatine Nursing Home, 154 Lafayette St., Palatine Bridge, NY 13428; Grace Fenno – Arkell Hall, 55 Montgomery St., Canajoharie, NY 13317; Paul Flint – St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7 Timmerman Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452; Barbara Draffen (*Pastor Matt’s Mother*) now at rehab center in Schenectady; Alice McEwan (*Carol Cechnicki’s Mother*) – St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7 Timmerman Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Prayers for our Missionaries: Felipe & Janelle Silva – serving in Romania; Mark, Deb & Zach Wilson – serving in Cambodia.

Prayers for those who are incarcerated: Scott Cole – DIN# 15B2351, Great Meadow Correctional Facility Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821-0051.

Prayers for: Dan Cauwenberghs – (*Bobbi Cauwenberghs son*) working in Kosovo.



Reminder: The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13th after worship. This will be an informational Congregational Meeting to be held in the Sanctuary for nominations to Consistory and the 2021 Budget. Please note, the congregation is asked to remain in the pews during the meeting.

The following are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for upcoming Consistory vacancies:

- Elder** for 3-Year Term **John VanKersen** (23)
- Elder** for 1-Year Term **Ruby Hutchison** (21) (Extending term by one year)
- Deacon** for 3-Year Term **David Spraker** (23)
- Deacon** for 2-year Term **Jessica Eiss** (22) (Fulfilling David V.W.’s term)

Offering Envelopes



The 2021 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up located on the table in back of the Sanctuary (organized by last name).

COMFORT ZONE NEWS



We will have COMFORT ZONE @
The Reformed Church in Canajoharie

Monday Dec. 14 6:00 PM

Drive-Thru or Walk-Up in front of the church.
You will get a gift bag, diapers & Christmas Gift
(NO GOODY TABLE)

Social distancing and masks will be required and enforced
for car passengers and walk-ups.

Thank You!



We deeply appreciate each shoebox gift you packed with prayer and dropped off to begin its journey to a child in need. As Samaritan's Purse sends these OCC gifts around the world, we partner with local churches to deliver them and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with boys and girls and their families. Many of the children also participate in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through 12 exciting lessons taught by trained volunteer teachers, millions of children are learning how to follow Christ and share Him with others.

God bless you,
Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

UPDATE: This year we collected a total of 26 OCC shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Operation Christmas Child Campaign!

Holly Blacker



Dear Church Members,
Thank you very much for your donation to the Regional Food Bank.
Several families in our district are benefitting from your gift.

Sincerely,
Canajoharie Central School

DECEMBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6 Sahoutah Carey-Lanier
- 7 Steve Cannizzaro
- 8 Emory Luck
- 12 Michael Mallett
- 15 Robert Wells
- 17 Dorothy Morrison
- 18 Hannah Rockwell
- 19 Debbie Cleveland (Church St. Day Hab)
- 21 Charles Bloomingdale
- 23 Clara Mount
- 24 Michael & Maria Mallett (2010)
- 25 Bob & Clara Mount (1962)
- 29 Richard Trzaskos (Day Hab)

CYC Community Youth Center Inc.
7 -9 Erie Blvd
Canajoharie, NY 13317

To The Reformed Church of Canajoharie

On behalf of the Community Youth Center Inc. We would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$400.00. Because of your gift we will be able to provide needed recreation and activities for our After-School Program.

Your Commitment to helping the youth in our community is sincerely appreciated. Each year CYC continues to advance its mission of providing wholesome recreation and guidance.

Sincerely,
The Staff and Board of the CYC



Berean Bean is sponsoring a hat, mitten and scarf tree. New items can be donated throughout the Christmas season.. Size: adults & children of all ages.

Stop in Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to Noon.