

Financial Report

January 2020 Financial Update:

The general financial update (as approved by Consistory) is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Regular Offering Income:

Budgeted: \$ 65,000.00 Jan. 2020: \$ 7,033.24

Benevolence & Special Offering Income:

Budgeted: \$ 6,775.00 Jan. 2020: \$ 302.00

Total Operating Receipts:

Budgeted: \$249,712.00 Jan. 2020: \$ 23,785.13

Total Expenses:

Budgeted: \$205,778.00 Jan. 2020: \$ 21,543.14

Offerings Received: 02/02/20 – 02/23/20

Offerings:	\$ 4,567.90
Initial Offering:	\$ 5.00
MOM:	\$ 319.01
(Feb. MOM Regional Food Bank)	
Flowers:	\$ -0-
Comfort Zone:	\$ -0-
World Hunger:	\$ 40.00
Assessment:	\$ -0-
Building Use:	\$ -0-
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 5.00
Total:	\$ 4,936.91

2020 Church Teams



Congregational Life

Bobbi Cauwenberghs
Lois Comins
Evelyn Van Kersen
Barbara (Riede) Bowden
Carol Peck

Mission and Outreach

Holly Blacker
Ron & Amy Dievendorf; Co-Chairs Comfort Zone
Ruby & Jim Hutchison
Glenn Bentz
Sarah Andrews
Teresa and Pastor Matt Draffen

Faith Formation

Cuyle & Heather Rockwell
Patty Prime
Jimmy Hutchison
Sunam Mazzarella **
Jessica Smith **

Visitation

John DeValve
Jeanne DeValve

Property

James Peck
John Van Kersen
John Mazzarella
Lois Comins
Dave VanWormer

Worship

John DeValve
Jimmy Westman
Dave VanWormer
Dorothy Morrison

Finance

Ruby Hutchison
John DeValve
Dolores Talmadge; Treasurer
John Van Kersen
Mark Davidson**

FRONTSTREETER: MARCH 2020

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Did you know that God wants you to have joy forever? This joy is a deep-seated sense of purpose and happiness that comes when we are doing what we were created to do. And we were created to bring glory to God and revel in his greatness forever. Serving God isn't supposed to be a chore, or a drag that continues through all eternity. It is supposed to be eternal bliss and meaning. So why doesn't it seem this way, so often? There are a couple of reasons.

First of all, the church worldwide has not done as good a job of discipleship as we should have through the centuries. We have worried about power and keeping people in line rather than helping folks live into their salvation and grasp this joy. We are called to an eternal and abundant life. This means a life walked with God and that gains its meaning from him. This is the main problem, the biggest barrier to joy in the Lord.

There is another, and that is external attack from the forces of evil and the world. Through its ages, one of the marks of the church is that when it is getting with God's program it gets attacked by the spiritual forces arrayed in opposition to God. These take advantage of every error the church makes, every facet of the church that is not surrendered to God. They deceive, they distort, they attack. But they are not as strong as the Spirit of God. If we will follow the Spirit, we will live in obedience to God and then gain joy no matter the worldly circumstances we find ourselves in.

So, we are going to spend the next while relearning how to do church. To explain this I am going to use the image of a tree. The roots, or seeds of the church are the basic truths of how we receive salvation from God and what their purpose of it all is. The tree trunk is the growth of the church that reaches up to God and spreads. We will talk about this in the Easter season. The way that we are called to serve is by using and exercising the Spiritual gifts that we have been given. We can think about this as the leaves, that gain sunlight and food for the health of the tree. Finally, the Spirit of God causes the fruit of the Spirit to grow in us and become evident. And this is where the joy in Christ really takes shape for us.

So, please continue along with this teaching. The church will be effective for the glory of God and you will receive great joy and many other things in the Lord.

Pastor Matt

Come Join Us!



We're having a
Baby Shower

for

**Josh, Mara & Baby boy
Carter Spraker - Reploeg**

With a Covered Dish to share
and Everyone is Invited

**Saturday March 28th
2 - 4 PM**

Berean Bean

64 Church St., Canajoharie

RSVP to:

Lois Comins at (518) 673-5342

Suggested size for Carter is:

Size: 6 to 9 Months

Thank You!



We want to thank you for your donation of
\$1,000.00 toward this ministry.

We do appreciate your thoughts and
prayers.

Thank you so very much,

*Haven of Hope
Farm and Residence*

In the Mail..



To My Church Family,

I am so grateful for the prayers of many
and the hand of God.

Although my recovery will be ongoing
until the end of March, I have received the
blessing of the news that I am yet again cancer
free.

I am fully aware of the blessing and
burden this brings. God only knows why some
truly suffer so much and others are spared. We
most likely all know someone who has been
touched by one of cancer's many ugly forms.

I am ever aware of our awesome God.
This has yet again reminded me how incredibly
grateful I am for HIS gift of "the peace that
passes understanding". I have always known
who's care I am under. This precious peace is
a healing where doctors cannot reach.

Whether we live or die, we belong to
HIM. We must find our peace in that Truth.

Sincerely to you,
Thank you for your love, prayers and support.
Jane Hawkins



**Save the Date
Sunday April 19th**

**Covered Dish Dinner
after Church**

Birthday Honors per Month

Join us as for a time of fun, great food and
fellowship as we celebrate birthdays. If you
would like more information please contact
Lois Comins at (518) 673-5342.

Thank You



Good News!!

The numbers are in! 10,569,405 shoe
boxes were collected in the 2019 Operation
Christmas Child Shoebox collection project.
That means 10,569,405 children around the
world had the opportunity to hear the Good of
Jesus Christ.

Thank-you all for your support in this
project. Whether you packed a shoebox or
gave money for the shipping cost of our 43
boxes, your support for this annual project is
much appreciated.

Very Sincerely,
Holly Blacker



**To: Our Church Family
From: The Spraker's**

We wish to thank you for your thoughts,
prayers and support for our Grandson Carter
Bentlee Spraker - Reploeg born to Mara & Josh
on January 25th 9:10AM at St. Mary's Hospital.

We are all doing well.

Gayle, David, Mara, Josh & Carter



**Prayers for those in need of comfort and healing
for:** Brett & Jacci Robinson (*Son & Daughter In-*

Law of Nancy Robinson) expecting twins; Rocas
Family - death in the family; John Snyder -
undergoing cancer treatments; Pat Bruchetti -
health concerns; David Van Wormer - continuing
chemotherapy treatments; Jane Hawkins -
recovering at home; Charles Jones - health
concerns; Janet Rocas - health concerns; Jessica
Eiss - health issues; Cathy Smith - health
concerns;; Emory Luck - health concerns; John -
health concerns; Cynthia Clements - health
concerns; Bob Mount - health concerns; Melvin
Smith - health issues; John Sowizdral - health
concerns; KK - recent shoulder surgeries; Frank
and Chubby - possible knee surgery, good behavior
for Chubby; Patti - prayers for rehab and be able to
come home; Sharon - hoping to sell home soon;
Wayne - facing foot surgery; Brian - in hospital;
Nicole - help with health concerns; William - in
hospital with cancer; Jeff - nursing home for rehab;
Mark and Family - loss of home in a fire; Loretta -
hospital with leukemia; Nancy - for healing; Dawn-
waiting for allergy test results; Gloria - problems
with leg; Robert - hoping for rides; Anna who had
successful cataract surgery; a CZ member who is
getting help for hearing problems.

**Prayers for those Homebound or in Healthcare
Facilities:** Alice McEwan (*Carol Cechnicki's
Mother*) - St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7
Timmerman Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452; Paul
Flint - St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7 Timmerman
Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452; Stan McMillan -
Palatine Nursing Home, 154 Lafayette St., Palatine
Bridge, NY 13428.

Prayers for: Dan Cauwenberghs - (*Bobbi
Cauwenberghs son*) who is working in Kosovo and
Grace DePaul (*Bobbi's Granddaughter*) who is
spending the semester abroad studying in
Barcelona Spain..

February Clips



Our New Consistory Members

James Peck - Elder
 John De Valve - Elder
 Bobbi Cauwenburghs - Deacon
 David Van Wormer - Deacon

Feb. 19th Kid's Lunch Bunch at Berean Bean



Comfort Zone Kids



Knit & Stich Group



Lenten Study Series



Two Choices of Study:

“The Purpose Driven Life”
What on Earth Am I Here For?

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30PM –
 Sanctuary

The most basic question everyone faces in life is Why am I here? What is my purpose? Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth.

The Purpose-Driven Life takes the groundbreaking message of the award-winning Purpose-Driven Church and goes deeper, applying it to the lifestyle of individual Christians. This book helps readers understand God's incredible plan for their lives. Warren enables them to see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created them to live.

“Eats with Sinners”
Reaching Hungry People Like Jesus Did
Hospitality Evangelism

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30PM –
 Church House Library

In Jesus' day, eating with someone acknowledged that person as an equal. Religious leaders considered it unthinkable for a Jewish teacher to eat with common people. But Jesus cared more about saving souls than saving face.

So who are you eating with? Eats with Sinners introduces a biblical model for evangelism-- building relationships like Jesus did, one meal (or cup of coffee) at a time.



Easter Lily Order Form

Memorial Easter Lilies have been presented in the name of loved ones for years in our church. Once again, this year, Lois Comins will purchase a Lily for you in order to coordinate the Easter display in the Sanctuary.

The cost per plant is **\$15.50**

Plants must be ordered by
Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Please complete this form when ordering your flowers. Forms along with your payment attached can be placed in with your offering or may be mailed to:

Mrs. Lois Comins
129 Lafayette St., Apt. 17
Palatine Bridge, NY 13428

Attached is my check made payable to:
“The Reformed Church of Canajoharie” or cash
 in the amount of **\$ 15.50 per plant.**

Please print the (those) name(s) of the loved one(s)
 in whose name(s) this gift is being presented.

Presented to: _____

Presented by _____

Please also specify:

____ I would like to take my plant home with me.

____ I would like my plant delivered to one of
 our Shut-Ins.

March

JYP – After School Program
(Junior Youth Program of Canajoharie)

Communion Prep:
Cuyle Rockwell & Bobbi Cauwenberghs

Counters:
Carol Peck & James Peck




- 3 *Patti Diehl (Church St Day Hab)
- 6 Will Douglass
- 9 Stan McMillan
- 10 Gregory Morrison
- 14 Mary Douglass
- 16 Kelsey Aldi
Ginny Simonsen
Mara Spraker
- 21 *Frances Sviderskis (Church St Day Hab)
- 22 *Mary Lou Richards (Church St Day Hab)
Jim Westman

* Please send all ARC cards to:
Liberty Day Hab
66 Church St.,
Canajoharie, NY 13317



Deadline for all articles & etc. to be included in the April Newsletter is **Monday March 23rd**.

March 2020 Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> Reader: Jeanne DeValve Flowers:	2	3 9AM Knit & Stitch (BB) 3PM NAMI (BB) 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	4 6PM Yoga (FH) 6:30PM Lenten Study Series (S) & (CH) 7-9PM AA Meeting (CH)	5 7PM Membership Class (BB)	6	7 8AM Men's Breakfast (BB)
8 Mission of the Month <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> Reader: John Sunderland Flowers:	9	10 9AM Knit & Stitch (BB) 3PM NAMI (BB) 7PM Consistory Meeting (CH)	11 6PM Yoga (FH) 6:30PM Lenten Study Series (S) & (CH) 7-9PM AA Meeting (CH)	12 7PM Membership Class (BB)	13	14
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> Reader: John DeValve Flowers: R. Hodge	16	17 8AM Breakfast Fellowship (Village Restaurant) 9AM Knit & Stitch (BB) 3PM NAMI (BB)	18 6PM Yoga (FH) 6:30PM Lenten Study Series (S) & (CH) 7-9PM AA Meeting (CH)	19 7PM Membership Class (BB)	20 <i>Spring Begins...</i> 	21 1 – 4 PM 50th Anniversary Open House for Dale & Darlene Spaulding (BB)
22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> Reader: Bethany Sunderland Flowers: Gayle & David Spraker	23 6:15PM Comfort Zone (S) <i>April Newsletter Deadline</i>	24 9AM Knit & Stitch (BB) 3PM NAMI (BB)	25 6PM Yoga (FH) 6:30PM Lenten Study Series (S) & (CH) 7-9PM AA Meeting (CH)	26 7PM Membership Class (BB)	27	28 2 – 4 PM Carter Spraker - Reploeg Baby Shower <i>Everyone is Invited to join us!</i> (BB)
29 Hymn Sing <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Reader: Glenn Bentz Flowers:	30	31 9AM Knit & Stitch (BB) 3PM NAMI (BB)		KEY: S - Sanctuary BB – Berean Bean P – Parsonage FH - Fellowship Hall CH - Church House FPR – Fort Plain Reformed SJR - St. Johnsville Reformed SR – Sprakers Reformed CYC - Community Youth Center		