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Pastor's Page

As I look back at General Synod 2021, I think about how good it was to see old friends that I went to Seminary with. They have all aged so much, but I don't think I have. (Get that mirror away from me. Put away those old pictures.) Looking back on it all, I see that God has been good. There have been good times and bad for all of us, and now we are the grizzled old veterans of the pulpit. It is a status we feel we have earned. And yet, Jesus is making all things new.

Currently, it looks like God is seeking to do a new thing with His people. And he is inviting us to get on board. With some this means starting a new denomination of believers. For the RCA it means a time of radical restructuring. For some it means to take advantage of an opportunity to gracefully exit our communion.

Frankly, however, all this has the potential to be mere window dressing. It is not the outward structure that matters, eventually. It is the human heart. God creates all things new, including giving birth to new creations, believers in Jesus Christ. Our job is to be the means through which God does this. It is the work of the Spirit, who uses the people of God to make more people of God.

As a church, we need to remember that, as everything becomes new, and as we encounter the world we live in with new methods and new ministries, we still need to do what we are called to do: love one another and make disciples. Everything else needs to fit under these two core commands Jesus gave his disciples, and therefore us. If we hand out food and non-food items, it is to help people know the love of God. If we educate our youth, it is so they can learn to be Christ-followers in a world that follows its own devices. It is all about God and the message he calls us to share. Many groups work for all kinds of good things in this world. We alone are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We need to continue to search for new wineskins in which to carry the new wine of the love of God.

Pastor Matt



November



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3 Victoria Rocas
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John & Evelyn Van Kersen (1960)
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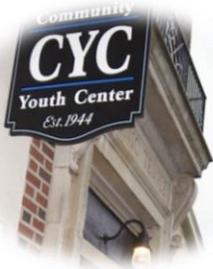


* Please send all ARC cards to:
Liberty Day Hab
66 Church St.,
Canajoharie, NY 13317

For updates to the birthday or anniversary listings and any other newsworthy items you would like included in this newsletter please contact the office at: 673-2816 or email us at:

www.office@canjoreformed.org

In the Mail



To the Reformed Church of Canajoharie,
On behalf of the CYC we would like to thank you for your generous gift. 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 The Community Youth Center Inc. continues to advance its mission of providing wholesome recreation and guidance.

Thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,
The Staff and Board of the CYC



Thank you to everyone for all the expressions of sympathy and prayers during the illness and passing of my mother, Alice McEwan. You are like family, and we truly appreciate the support you have always shown us. We keep all of you in our prayers as well.

God bless you,
Carol and Joe Cechnicki

In the Mail – continued

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and flowers on the recent passing of my mother Margaret E. Post.

Jim & Kim and the Post Family



Special Dates During November

Wed., Nov. 3 rd	Women's Bible Study; 4:00 PM (BB) <i>(Please note the new time for Bible Study)</i> Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting; 7 PM (FH)
Tues., Nov 9 th	Consistory Meeting; 7PM (FH)
Mon., Nov. 15 th	November Comfort Zone; 6-6:30PM (S)



Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse Project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love and a tangible way. For many of these children the gift filled shoe box is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than a 188 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. In 2021 Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 9.7 million children.

We have been collecting items and making shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for many years. Last year we filled 40 boxes, and this year we hope to surpass that number. There are donation boxes in the back of the sanctuary for you to use should you be willing to help us this year. Small items such as stuffed animals, dolls, trucks, balls, socks, headbands, combs, brushes, toothbrush, washcloths, sunglasses, flip-flops, pencils, manual sharpener, coloring books, crayons, notebooks, glue sticks, underwear, finger puppets, plastic tools, tennis balls etc. are all welcome. Please remember to not donate anything liquid, or any candy, gum, toothpaste, food, or war toys. You could also donate \$9 which is the cost to send one box, but it is not necessary to do so.

There are plastic OCC shoeboxes on the table in the back of the church for you to use. Or if you prefer, please use your own shoeboxes. When finished packing bring the packed shoeboxes into the back of the church no later than **Sunday, November 14, 2021.**

Thank-you in advance for your generosity and prayers toward making a child smile.

Sincerely,
Holly Blacker

13th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service
Sunday December 12, 2021, at 6:45PM
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339

Love doesn't end with death. Families that have had a child die understand that. And it is with that understanding that plans are currently underway in hundreds of areas across the country, as well as around the globe, for a Worldwide Candle Lighting event. The 13th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service is an ecumenical event sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and will be hosted by Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church on Sunday, December 12th at 6:45PM.

Held annual on the second Sunday in December, the Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends as they light candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age, from any cause. As candles burn down in one time zone they are then lit in the next, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observances continues around the world. This event unites families to mourn as one, especially during the holidays. This special Sunday thousands of families join in quietly lighting candles informally in their home or in churches and houses of worship, funeral homes, hospitals and local hospice and civic community groups.

Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. All families and friends are invited to attend from all of our surrounding communities. This service can make handling the holiday season a little easier. Come light a candle in memory of **a child, sibling or a grandchild** who has died... that their light may always shine. We invite everyone to participate, whether it is to support someone you know or because you have been personally touched by the death of a child.

At the time of this writing, there is a mask mandate at Our Lady of Hope Church. Seating will be every other pew. With the constant changes in rules and regulations, this may be different by December 12th. Please bring your mask to wear in case it is needed.

We will have the "Memorial Table" available for displaying poems, pictures and other mementos remembering the life of your child. If you have your candle from last year, please bring it with you. For other candle lighting services in the area please go to www.CompassionateFriends.com .

**Please RSVP by December 1, 2021, to:
Doris Dutcher, 52 Garfield St., Fort Plain NY 13339 Phone: (518) 993-4612**

