



The Visitor

Schoharie Reformed Church

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Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



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*May newsletter deadline
April 23, 2018*



God Gives Hope!



“Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.”

-Psalm 146:3-5 NIV

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 15:13 NIV

“The church meets to imagine what our lives can be like if the gospel were true.”

-Walter Brueggemann

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The Easter season always seems to bring with it the fresh hope

of Spring and new life. That is why we are really looking forward to our upcoming, county-wide, worship series entitled, "God Gives Hope." Beginning Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, May 6, we will be joining with many of the churches throughout Schoharie County in a 4-week joint witness to our hope in Christ. Each week we will look together at a way God gives hope to our lives and to our world.

Given the state of our world today, it seems like as good a time as ever to remind ourselves of where we find real hope for our lives and for our world. Sometimes, like the Psalmist above describes, we can be tempted to put our hope in our government and our leaders, or in our technology, or our resources, or even in ourselves and our own abilities. But as the Psalmist goes on to describe, we also know the default future of putting our hope in these things.

This is why we want to take time to remember together about the hope God gives in the light of Christ's resurrection. It is this hope we are invited to live into as God's people, and it is this hope we are invited to share with the world through our stories and our lives.

Please join us, as together we look at the hope God gives for:

April 15 – New Beginnings.

April 22 – Troubled Times

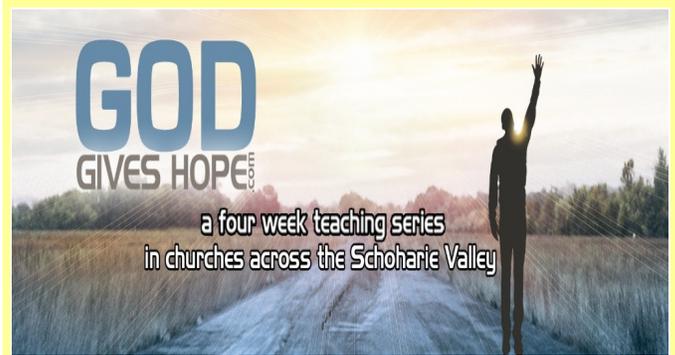
April 29 – The Future

May 6 – The World

Be sure to talk with your friends and neighbors and invite them to our church, or to any of the participating churches as together we celebrate the Hope of Christ! www.godgiveshope.com

Living into God's Hope together -

Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



Following the celebration of the Resurrection we invite you to join us for a special worship series taking place Sundays, April 15 - May 6.

The churches throughout Schoharie County are joining together for a 4-week joint witness to our hope in Christ.

April 15: HOPE
for New Beginnings

April 22: HOPE
in Troubled Times

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for the Future

May 6: HOPE
for the World

Come join us at any participating church as together we celebrate the Hope of Christ!!!

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Newsletters

In an effort to be sure the church newsletter is reaching everyone, we are asking that if you are currently not receiving your newsletter the way you enjoy reading it or you or someone you know is not receiving the newsletter at all please contact the church office at 518-295-8177 or email: **SchoharieReformedChurch@yahoo.com** to request a change. Please notify the church office of any address changes. Thank you.



Announcements

Nursery volunteers needed: This is a great opportunity to enjoy spending time with little ones, while providing a service to your church family. The sign-up sheet is next to the flower sign-up sheet. Thank you!

The Food Pantry needs volunteers: If you would like to help, please contact Diane Walion at 868-4629. **Also needed are donations of** food (including fresh produce); peanut butter & spaghetti sauce are always in demand, as well as cereal, pasta, tuna fish, soup and other canned goods, plus paper products, personal care & cleaning products such as toothpaste & laundry detergent. Empty egg cartons are also accepted. Donations may be dropped off here or in the SUPC Christian Ed building. Monetary donations are appreciated, as well. **The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-2pm.**

My Offering: The new Weekly Offering for my Church envelopes are located in the back of the Church, please help yourself to those created for your household. Thank you for all your support.

Contact information: Please contact the church office at 518-295-8177 to update your contact information if you have changed your mailing address, phone number or email.

Recycling: Currently we will only be accepting cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling. You may leave these items in the church office, please call the church office with any questions.

Consistory: The next consistory meeting will be held Wednesday, April 18, 6:30—8:30pm in the Heritage House.

CHURCHES LEARNING CHANGE



A Journey of Personal and
Congregational Transformation

Formerly known as “Ridder Church Renewal”

Taste and See Event Saturday, April 28, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Schoharie Reformed Church
258 Main Street, NY 12157

Now is the time to join the next 2.5-year cycle of an amazing process that will help you and your congregation unleash your potential! This intense process is hard to explain, yet you’ve heard others say how impacting it has been... (If you haven’t, come and find out!). [This is open to all leaders from any classis, synod, presbytery, or denomination, clergy and non-clergy.](#)

Come get a “taste” of what it is like to participate in the ‘Ridder,’ now called “Churches Learning Change” process. There will also be time for questions and additional information will be available. A light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sherri Meyer-Veen,
PastorSherriMV@gmail.com by April 23.

Free Event!

Saturday, April 21st

10AM—1PM

All Are Welcome!

Fun Games!

Lots of Prizes!

Refreshments!

Your Duaneburg YMCA is the place to be.

Please join us for this free event

Fun for Everyone:

- **Bounce House**
- **Milk to Butter** (calf on site)
- **STEM** Activity with Schoharie Mohawk Initiative for Science and Technology
- **Obstacle Course**
- **Frisbee Golf**
- **Crafts** with studio for Arts and Crafts of Cobleskill
- **Discovery Scuba**
- **Kids Gardening**
- **Face Painting**

BRING YOUR OWN SWIM SUIT for fun pool activities!



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[Www.CDYMCA.org](http://www.CDYMCA.org)

For Youth Development
For Healthy Living
For Social Responsibility

Our Healthy Day
Sponsor



Buildings and Grounds

Sanctuary

Lots of little things are happening:

Pews are reassembled. Contractor is doing minor shimming and reinforcement. When the weather warms, they will fill screw holes, do minor touch-up finish repair, and apply a final coat of polyurethane. Warmer temperatures are needed so the windows can be open for ventilation. Pew cushion vendor will be submitting a quote.

Fellowship Hall - Big sink spray wand installed; stove tucked in better; casters installed on "island"; closet door trimmed; and closures installed on exterior doors.



We hung a larger flat screen TV in the Hall. Then Vince Smith figured out how to transmit a live video feed of the worship service to that screen – so any folks downstairs can watch and listen to the service. This will be good for nursery for example.

The old flat screen was moved back to the Heritage House. We are looking for a donated good DVD/Blue-ray player to connect to that screen.

Balcony – The area for the small electric organ is being finished; ceiling holes being covered.



Buildings and Grounds

Spring Clean-Up

We are optimistic that all the snow will be gone → **9:00 am, Saturday, April 21.** There should be just a couple hours worth of work:

Branches, rake sycamore leaves, litter patrol. Rake out gravel and dirt along driveways and parking lot.

Prune/clean-up plantings in front of the Sanctuary.

Clean one gutter.

Clean-up along the brook behind the playground.

Bring: You, gloves, your favorite yard tool (lawn rake, garden rake, hand pruner, lopper, shovel, wheel borrow, pick-up truck, chainsaw (just-in-case), etc.).

Coffee will be ready. Someone needs to bring a snack (or two).

Please RSVP to Dave Toborg at 295-8554, dtoborg@midtel.net. Rain date is April 28.



Thank yous

A thank you to all for the beautiful Easter Plants which graced our sanctuary for the Easter Worship.

Sunday School

April 1st – No Sunday School – Easter – Resurrection Egg Hunt following Worship

April 8th - Regular Sunday School

April 15th - Regular Sunday School

April 22nd - Regular Sunday School

April 29th - Regular Sunday School

May 6th - Regular Sunday School

May 13th - Regular Sunday School

May 20th - Last **Day** of Sunday School – Church Picnic

Joshua Project

French Toast Breakfast

Saturday, April 21

Middleburgh Firehouse

8-11am

Adults \$8, children 5 and under free

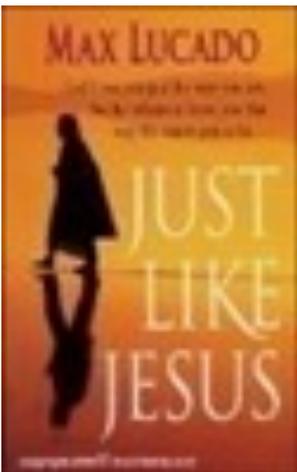
French toast, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, muffins, fresh fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk & maple syrup



Aluminum Tabs

Please continue to collect your aluminum tabs and place them in the Narthex. The Church was able to give a donation of tabs to The Shriners Hospital, these tabs will be used to offset the transportation cost for patient care.

Book Study



“God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way.”

Max Lucado,

“Just Like Jesus”

The Wednesday group will resume on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30pm and will meet again on Wednesday, April 18th and 25th. The bread and soup will continue with the Wednesday evening groups.

Schoharie Reformed Church Rededication Event

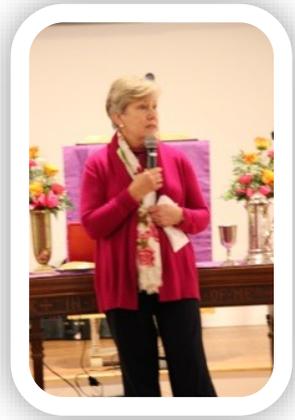
February 24 & 25, 2018



Congregation



Choir



Day Camp

Planning is continuing for Day Camp 2018!



This year our theme will be

“Discover our Strength in God”

Save the dates – July 16th – 20th.



Schoharie Valley Community Camp is a Christian day camp sponsored by the Schoharie United Presbyterian, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran and Schoharie Reformed Churches of the village of Schoharie with assistance from many other churches. Open to all children from age 4 through those entering 8th grade. All persons entering 9th grade and up are invited to use your gifts as volunteers for camp. There are many positions available for volunteers and paid positions. Like us on Facebook or visit the Church website at:

www.SchoharieReformedChurch.com for complete camp information, a preliminary schedule, registration, camper forms, volunteers & staff, young leaders mentoring program, and young leader's reference online form. Want to be involved with the planning? Contact Liza Toborg at (518) 817-1540.

Children 4 years old through entering grade 2 morning camp 8:30am -noon

Based on developmental needs and age appropriate activities, there are two different sections of Morning Camp: one for Pre-Kers and Kindergarteners and another for first and second graders. Be sure to register early as there is limited space and these two sections have filled very quickly in the past! Day Camp:

Children entering grades 3 through 8 will enjoy all day camp from 8:30am-4:00pm

Aftercare:

A limited number of spaces are available for childcare after Day Camp from 4:00pm - 5:30pm at no additional cost. Spaces will be filled on a first to register basis.

Cost:

We work hard to keep camp affordable and thank our many neighbors and local businesses who help make this possible! We would like to see every interested child at camp!

\$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child with a \$70 family maximum.

In order to process the family discounts, please use the following promotional codes: "2Campers" for two registered campers, "3Campers" for three, "4Campers" for four, and so on for five and six. If you have more than 6 contact us for a discount code.

Is this inexpensive for you? Please consider giving an additional donation!

Is this expensive for you? Scholarships are available, please [contact us](#) to request what you need.



Camp Fowler

Schoharie Reformed Church encourages and supports kids to go to camp! Camp Fowler in Speculator, NY is our overnight church camp. Partial scholarships from SRC may be available, contact us for more information at 518-295-8177

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