



The Visitor

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Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



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*February Newsletter Deadline
January 28th*



"Behold, I am making all things new."

-Revelation 21:5

As we enter into another new year, here is a poem/prayer by Ted Loder that I find to be very inspiring and moving for all of my own hopes, dreams, and ambitions for this new year.

Indeed Christ has come, broken into our world to make all things new. Let us remember that Christ does not make us new so that God will love us, but that because God already loves us, all things are being made new. As we begin this new year let us not be moved in our resolutions or our efforts to be changed and transformed by any sort of shame or sense of deficiency. But instead let us be renewed, inspired, and motivated because of our belovedness!

Have a blessed beginning to your new year!

- Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri

Bring More of What I Dream by Ted Loder

O God,
who out of nothing
brought everything that is,
out of what I am
bring more of what I dream
but haven't dared;
direct my power and passion
to creating life
where there is death,
to putting flesh of action
on bare-boned intentions,
to lighting fires
against the midnight of indifference,
to throwing bridges of care
across canyons of loneliness;
so I can look on creation,
together with you,
and, behold,
call it very good;
through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Announcements

Sunday, January 13th-we will host our church de-greening following worship service. All are invited to stay and join us as we share special moments with our church family.

Sunday, January 27th-will be our annual congregational meeting to be held after worship service. Please plan to join as we plan for the future.

Consistory-will hold their next meeting Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30pm in Heritage House.

Announcements

Testimonies - We would like to celebrate the work God is doing in the life of our congregation. If you are feeling led to share a brief testimony about what God is doing in your life, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Contact Information-please contact the church office at 518-295-8177 or E-mail: schohariereformedchurch@yahoo.com to update your contact information, if you have changed your mailing address, phone number or email address. If you are new to our church family, in addition to the above information please be sure we have all family members month & day of birth and your wedding anniversary month & day. This will help everyone stay in touch.

Church Library-There is a library upstairs in Heritage House for your pleasure. With the colder weather we are now spending more time indoors we invite you to come, sit and enjoy some quiet reading time, or you may wish to sign out a book(s) which you would enjoy reading at home. We only ask that you sign the books out on the sign out sheet in the library and return them to the library or the church office when you are done. A great way to be close to God, relax and enjoy.

Updating the Lists - As we do our best to keep our prayer list and praise reports up to date, we do ask for your assistance to provide any new or updated information to Pastor Mike, Pastor Sherri, Cindy Parks or the Church office. We thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our church family informed and thought of during their time of need.

Nursery volunteers needed-We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the nursery downstairs during morning Worship. This is a great opportunity to enjoy spending time with our little ones, while providing a service to your church family. During the time you are helping in the nursery you will now be able to view the worship service on the tv screen in the nursery. Please see a member of Consistory regarding your availability to volunteer. Thank you!

Donations- There is a need for a good DVD/Blueray player to connect to the flat screen in the Heritage House and a large energy efficient refrigerator for the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Aluminum Tabs-Please continue to bring can tabs to the church and you may leave them in the Narthex. The tabs will then be processed, proceeds will be used to offset patient cost.

Technical Support Volunteers-we are in need of volunteers to assist with the technical support of our church sound board and the church website. If you would like to volunteer for one or both of these task please talk with Vince Smith or Jim Callahan. This is a great way to learn and offer assistance to your church family.



Announcements

Food Pantry— Donations are always needed, especially in the categories of tuna and other canned meats, cereals, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter. In addition to our Food Pantry box in the Narthex items may be dropped off at SUPC on Tuesdays thru Fridays from 11:00am till 3:00pm. Monetary donations are appreciated as well, checks may be made out to Schoharie Valley Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to man the food pantry on Tues. and Thurs. If interested please contact Diane Walion at 518-868-4629.

The Food Pantry is open Tuesday & Thursdays, 12-2pm



Camp Fowler

Now with the holiday season behind us, we can begin to think of warmer weather and planning our summer events. The 2019 registration for Camp Fowler is now open. Complete details are posted in the Narthex and Community Room or visit: www.campfowler.org. Scholarships are available thru the Church, scholarship forms are posted in the Narthex and Community Room, or you may contact the church office with any questions regarding scholarships.



Thank yous

Christmas memorial plants-a special thank you to all for helping to beautify our Christmas services with the poinsettias while remembering special loved ones.



The Joshua Project-would like to thank your congregation for their generous support of our Thanksgiving Project. The non-perishable food items collected and the monetary donation helped provide over 260 complete Thanksgiving dinners to be distributed to needy families in Schoharie County. Again, thank you.

Operation Christmas Child-I would like to extend my thanks to your church family for their participation in Operation Christmas Child in 2018. It is with great JOY that I greet you today! At the end of the collection week for Operation Christmas Child, 1,406 gift-filled shoeboxes had passed through the doors of our drop-off site at Middleburgh Reformed Church. The next leg of their journey was to the collection site at Grace Fellowship Church in Watervliet/Latham. From that collection site, 11,950 shoeboxes left by tractor trailer for the processing center. Our six-county area was responsible for providing a tool that pastors in other parts of the world may use to share the Gospel with nearly twelve thousand children! PRAISE THE LORD!



Love, Mary Lou, NY Greater Capital District Church Relations Coordinator

Toasty Toes Pajama Project-Wow! 2018 was a huge success! Our final count for today was 1,020 pairs of pajamas for the kids of Schoharie County. That's over 10,000 tiny toes that will be warm on Christmas night and over 1,000 bellies that will be enjoying cocoa! Absolutely unbelievable. To all the local businesses who supported Toasty Toes: we quite literally couldn't do this without you. Your generosity and willingness to step up at our every need has been incredible! To our pajama partners and elves: you're the angels! Running around to do pick-ups, drop offs and spreading our message has been priceless in completing our mission. Thank you all.



Capital City Rescue Mission-would like to thank you for helping struggling neighbors in 2018. With many more needing help during the holiday, and with your help we will be able to serve them well. Thank you

Perry Jones, Executive Director

Samaritan's Purse International Relief-would like to thank Schoharie Valley Community Camp for the gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We are deeply grateful for your partnership. Samaritan's Purse is a nonprofit Christian relief and evangelism organization that specializes in meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, disease and natural disaster, while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you again, and may God bless you. Sincerely, Franklin Graham.

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner Committee-would like to thank you for your generous donation. Our 2018 Thanksgiving dinner broke all previous records. Over 500 meals were served and delivered. Your donation helped make this possible. Happy Holidays, Donna Whalen.





Sunday School 2018-19



January 6—Regular Sunday School

January 13 – Special Activity

January 20—Regular Sunday School

January 27—Regular Sunday School

February 3— Regular Sunday School

February 10 – Special Activity

February 17 – No Sunday School

February 24—Regular Sunday School

March 3—Regular Sunday School

March 10—Regular Sunday School

March 17 – Special Activity

March 24—Regular Sunday School

March 31 – No Sunday School

April 7 – Special Activity

April 14 – Palm Sunday Parade

April 21 – No Sunday School (Easter)

April 28—Regular Sunday School

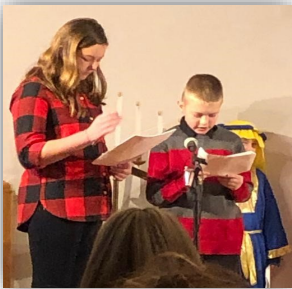
May 5 – Special Activity

May 12 – No Sunday School (Mother's Day)

May 19—Regular Sunday School

May 26 – Last Day Sunday School with
Children's Program & Church Picnic

Sunday School Christmas Program



If you were not able to attend our program, please visit www.schohariereformedchurch.org engage, watch online, to view our program.



Our Christmas program was held during Worship Service, Sunday, December 16th, followed by a pot luck luncheon in the Community Room.



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