



# The Visitor

Schoharie Reformed Church

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Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



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## Opening Our Wardrobes

*“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” -John 20:30-31*



You may or may not be familiar with the fantasy children's story of CS Lewis from his Chronicles of Narnia, "The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe." It was originally published in 1950. Lewis wrote the book and dedicated it to his goddaughter, Lucy Barfield. Most of the story takes place in a magical land known as Narnia, a land of talking animals and mythical creatures, and at the start of the story is ruled by a white witch. In the story, four English children are relocated to a large, old country house because of World War II. The youngest, Lucy, is the first to discover the land of Narnia through a wardrobe in a spare room. Eventually all four children enter Narnia and discover they are part of an old prophecy, that proclaims the undoing of the curse of the white witch by Aslan, the great lion, and the son of the emperor beyond the sea. Aslan is the figure of Christ in the Narnia stories. The children eventually meet Aslan, and he gives his life to save one of the children. Later Aslan rises from the dead, breaks the curse of the white witch, and frees all of Narnia from the curse turning winter into spring!

As we enjoy and are drawn into this fantastical story during this season of Lent, we will experience the power of God's Word through the "Magic of Narnia." We will seek to open our wardrobes and enter the story so that the real power of God's love, found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus may meet, touch, heal, inspire, challenge, change, and ultimately redeem our own lives and stories. Whether you have known these stories for many years and they are familiar to you, whether you have vague memories, or whether they are new to you for the first time; we invite you to journey with us as God's story breaks through Narnia! There is a wonderful conversation between Lucy, Edmund, and Aslan in another Narnia story, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," which captures this so well as Lucy and Edmund discover they have grown too old and will not be returning to Narnia and will live the rest of their lives in their own world.

*"It isn't Narnia, you know," sobbed Lucy. "It's you. We shan't meet you there.*

*And how can we live, never meeting you?"*

*"But you shall meet me, dear one," said Aslan.*

*"Are -are you there too, Sir?" said Edmund.*

*"I am," said Aslan. "But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there."*

Some of you have been following along with our lectionary readings during this new year. We want to let you know that your Sunday scripture texts for this season of Lent will be different. Here are the texts we will be using throughout our Lenten Journey in Narnia!

March 1     Matthew 4:1-11  
March 8     John 3:1-17  
March 15    Matthew 16:21-28  
March 22    Matthew 10:16-25  
March 29    Luke 7:36-50  
April 5      John 12:12-26  
April 12     John 20:1-23

We will also be offering a special showing the Disney version of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" movie in its entirety on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 5, beginning at 3:00pm in the church Sanctuary. All are welcome so invite your friends!

We look forward to seeing you during this Lenten Season as we open our wardrobes to the adventure of God's love in our lives.

Opening our Wardrobes,

*Pastor Sherri and Pastor Mike*





## Clothing Drop-Off Shed



We are now hosting a St. Pauly Textile, Inc. clothing drop-off shed, behind the Heritage House. This used clothing company provides a convenient and clean donation program that serves the community while helping the SRC financially.

**What kind of items can be donated?** *Useable* clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Items need to be in tied plastic bags.

*Unacceptable* items are electronics, books, household items, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, or fabric scraps.

**What does the company do?** St. Pauly empties the shed weekly/biweekly depending on volume and pays us 4 cents per pound of clothing.

St. Pauly sells the clothing in bulk to other companies that, in turn, contract with government agencies, relief organizations, and private companies that redistribute the clothing around the world. The geographic destinations depends on what is happening in the world at any given time.

**Can the SRC use the clothing?** If there is ever a need, the SRC can sort through donations to pick out items for a specific need or event (i.e. family in need, rummage sale).

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about the shed. See Dave Toborg or Jim Callahan if there are any questions or you may contact the church office at 518-295-8177.

*We thank you for your support while helping others!*



## The Season of Lent

During the season of Lent you are invited to join a series of special evenings with Worship. Beginning Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing thru Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will begin our evening at 6:00pm in the Heritage House with a light soup and bread followed by a time of Worship with discussion.

There is a sign-up sheet for soup and bread in the Narthex or you may contact the church office at 518-295-8177.

We look forward to having you join us Wednesday evenings during Lent!



## Holy Week Services & Activities



Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Parade. We will meet in the church parking lot with our Sunday school kids at 9:00 am and begin our procession down Main Street and return to the church in time for our regular worship service.

Palm Sunday Movie Night: You are invited back for a special showing of the Disney version of “The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – We will be sharing in an ecumenical Maundy Thursday Seder with our friends at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. Time to be announced.

Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Noon time service with nails in the cross. A bring your own lunch will follow the service next door in the Heritage House.

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Matt and Emily Fagnani, 491 Sunnyside Rd., Schoharie. A potluck breakfast will follow.

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Easter Sunday Service with a Resurrection Egg hunt for the kids following the service. **Please Note: There will be no Sunday School on Easter.**



## Sunday School

March 8 – Regular Sunday School

March 15 – Regular Sunday School

March 22 – Regular Sunday School

March 29 – Regular Sunday School

April 5 – Palm Sunday Parade. –  
No Sunday School

April 12 – No Sunday School - Easter

April 19 – Regular Sunday School

April 26 – Regular Sunday School

May 3 – Regular Sunday School –  
No Sunday School for Grades 5-9

May 10 – Regular Sunday School

May 17 – Regular Sunday School

May 24—No Sunday School

May 31 – Sunday School & Church Picnic



## Easter Plants

We will be offering Easter plants to decorate the sanctuary, celebrate and memorialize loved ones again this year. The cost will be \$10.00 per plant. There will be order forms in the bulletin or you may use this order form. Orders will need to be received by Tuesday, March 31, 2020. If you have any questions you may contact the church office at 518-295-8177.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies: White	Hyacinths: Pink, Blue, White
Tulips: Red, Orange, Yellow, Pink, Purple, White	Daffodils: Yellow, White

Number and color of plants:

Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Owe \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to 'Schoharie Reformed Church'

*Thank you for helping to beautify our Easter services while remembering special loved ones.*



## Lenten Fish Fry & Bake Sale



**Friday, April 3, 2020**

4pm—7pm Eat In or Take Out—SRC Community Room

Dinner will consist of fried fish, salt potatoes, cole slaw and roll. Cost per dinner \$12.00.

Advance ticket sales Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> by contacting Marion at 518-295-7320 or 518-514-8442. Tickets will be available at the door until sold out.

Pre-orders will need to be picked up between 4pm-6:30pm-Friday, April 3, 2020.

Donations of Cole Slaw and Bake Goods are needed.

Volunteers are needed the evening of April 2<sup>nd</sup> to help set up, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to work and clean-up. Contact Marion at 518-295-7320 or 518-514-8442.



## Thank You

Thank you for your generous gift received on 1/31/2020. Your gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region will allow us to continue our mission of providing a home away from home for families of seriously ill children and creating and supporting programs that directly improve the lives of children and their families.

Your heartfelt gift helps kids get the expert medical care they need while having their family close by. Your gift helps families like Chase's from Copenhagen, NY. Chase was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of 2011 and needed very specialized treatment at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, which was three hours from home. The Ronald McDonald House was able to host Chase's parents and his sister on and off for four years while he underwent aggressive cancer treatment. Now, Chase is full of life and a thriving eight year old. His family is grateful that they could stay at the Ronald McDonald House to be by his side during those tough years.

On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for your support. Because of you, over 17,000 families have experienced a haven of comfort, love, hope and support—free of charge-when it was needed most.

Gratefully,  
David E. Jacobsen,  
Psy.D. Chief Executive Officer



## A Mission Project

We are continuing our Mission Project as it takes a community to raise a child. Some families, for a variety of reasons, have a difficult time being able to provide for all the needs of their children. As a church family we have a wonderful opportunity to help meet one of those needs for kids in our local elementary school. We are going to be collecting snacks now through the end of January to help the elementary teachers be able to provide snacks for all the kids in their classrooms who would not otherwise have them. This is a great way to help us connect to our local school and to meet a real need in our community. Please join us in helping to provide for this special "Snack Program" We would love to have this become an on-going ministry of our church and this is the first step in moving this forward.

We have provided a list to help with ideas (some children are allergic to nuts, peanut butter, etc.) of the appropriate snacks, just to name a few. We do ask that the snacks are individually packaged. If you are able to help provide snack items please place them in the labeled box in the Narthex or if you would just like to make a monetary donation we will make the purchases on your behalf. You may make your donation by placing it in the offering plate or by sending it directly to the church: (PO Box 635, Schoharie, NY 12157).

Snack ideas:

Dried fruits/raisins/trail mix	Granola bars
Rice Krispie treats	Popcorn
Pretzels	Corn chips
Gold fish crackers	Chex mix
Ritz/Townhouse crackers	Graham crackers
Cheese crackers	Vanilla wafers/cookies
Teddy grahams/animal crackers	
Fruit roll ups/gummy fruit snacks	

If you have any questions you may speak with Cindy Parks or contact the Church Office at 518-295-8177.

Thank you for your support and participation,  
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## Schoharie Valley Community Camp



July 20-24, 2020

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.

### Registration for Schoharie Valley Community Camp 2020 is now open.

Open to all children from age 4 through those entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Morning Camp** = Age 4 through entering Grade 2 (8:30am - 12pm)

**Full Day Camp** = Entering Grade 3 through Grade 8 (8:30am - 4pm)

**After Camp Care** for Full Day Campers is Available on a limited basis (4pm - 5:30pm)

All persons entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to use your gifts as *volunteers* for camp.

Visit: [www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp](http://www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp) for more information and to register.

### Day Camp 2020 Volunteers & Staff can now apply!

Thank you for your interest in helping with Day Camp. Now you can apply online to be a volunteer counselor or junior counselor, volunteer for camp in another role (I Can Help Form), or apply to be a part of the Young Leaders Mentoring program!

Through the young leaders mentoring program the Schoharie Valley Community Camp offers paid opportunities for some of our young people to grow in their leadership skills. For a small stipend, each of our young leaders gets to work alongside the pastors and other volunteer leaders as a part of the planning process and to lead a specific part of the community camp program. This opportunity allows them to add their gifts, talents, and fresh energy to the life and health of our community camp, as well as gain valuable leadership and employment experience that can bless them now and in the future. Young leaders fill out applications, obtain references, and are interviewed for each position. Each young leader is a valued part of the leadership team and is a blessing to the adults they work with and especially the kids they serve. Please consider applying for one of these positions!

Interested?

Visit: [www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp/](http://www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp/)

Applications may also be downloaded and either emailed to:

**SchoharieValleyCommunityCamp@gmail.com** OR

Mailed to:

Schoharie Valley Community Camp, c/o Schoharie Reformed Church (PO Box 635, Schoharie, NY 12157).

**Questions:** Call 295-8177 (Schoharie Reformed) Or 295-8931 (Schoharie United Presbyterian) or

**e-mail:** [schoharievalleycommunitycamp@gmail.com](mailto:schoharievalleycommunitycamp@gmail.com)





## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is continuing to serve families in the area. There are several items of need (thou these are not food items they are greatly needed): paper towels, toilet paper, laundry and dish soap, toothpaste, shampoo and shower soaps. Items of general need are: tuna fish, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, granola bars, cereal, canned ravioli/beef stew/soup/spaghetti o's/chili with beans. 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. *Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry, if able, please contact Diane Walion at 518-868-4629.* Thank you all for your continued support.

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

## An Ecumenical Celebration With Music and Speakers



On the 75th Anniversary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Death  
Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 7pm

Greenville Community Church, 270 Ardsley Road in Scarsdale, NY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's stand for justice cost him his life. His writings on faith, commitment, community, and integrity continue to inspire and challenge.

Please join us for a gathering with speakers, music and refreshments.

For more information visit: [www.greenvillechurch.org/events](http://www.greenvillechurch.org/events)



## Greeter/Coffee Hour Schedule



	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Coffee Hour Host</u>
3/1/20	Liza & Dave Toborg	Kim Hughes-Charboneau
3/8/20	Sophia Meyer-Veen & Addie Hughes-Charboneau	Edie Schultz & Colleen Henry
3/15/20	Sue Herchenroder & Sue Hess	Sarah Goodrich
3/22/20	Edie & Paul Schultz	Sue Hess & Marion Jaqueway
3/29/20	Karen & Bill Olewnick	Liza Toborg
4/5/20	Cindy Parks	Jessie Griffin
4/12/20	Mike & Tom Jaqueway	Easter-No Coffee Hour



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