



# The Visitor

Schoharie Reformed Church

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Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



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## Seeds of Kindness!

*"Sow for yourselves, with a view to righteousness; harvest in accordance with kindness.*

*Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, until God comes and rains righteousness on you."*

- Hosea 10:12NASB

There once was a poor but loving father who had three daughters. One day he left to go on a long journey so before he left, he called them all together and said to them, "My beloved daughters, I must depart on a long journey but I have a very special gift for each of you. It is not much, but with wisdom and kindness it will bless you and many others." To each one of them he gave the gift of a bright, red, crisp apple and he left on his journey.

After many years, he one day returned home and he asked each daughter what they had one with the gift of their apple. The first one smiled brightly and was excited to tell her father, "I knew what a precious gift the apple was and that I was supposed to preserve it. So, I made a special box so that the apple would never fade, or rot, and nothing would ever harm it." She proudly took it out of the box and gave it to her father. "Look! Here is the apple just as it was on the day you gave it to me so many years ago!" The father looked at his daughter lovingly and said to her, "My beloved daughter, you are my precious child, and I will always love you. But this is not how I'd hoped you'd use your gift."

The second daughter had nothing to give him. She said to him, "Oh Father, I had the best intentions of

*what to do with the apple you gave me. But then my stomach started growling and I was so hungry. I figured you had given me the apple as a gift to enjoy so I ate it and threw the core away.” Once again, the father looked at his daughter lovingly and said to her, “My beloved daughter, you are my precious child, and I will always love you. But this too is not how I’d hoped you’d use your gift.”*

The third daughter led her father out to the back yard and there she showed him a beautiful orchard full of young, healthy trees full of fresh, ripe apples. She said to him, *“I immediately cut my apple open and planted the seeds in the ground. From one tree I shared my apples with the others and they too planted their own seeds. Together, we grew an orchard and now all of the people in the countryside enjoy the gifts of bright, red, crisp apples.”* The father looked at his daughter lovingly and said to her, *“My beloved daughter, you are my precious child, and I will always love you, and this is how I’d hoped you’d use your gift, well done!”* Then, all four of them went inside and rejoiced that their father was home and enjoyed a meal together full of love and laughter.

Like the three daughters, each of us have also been given gifts of fruit. You may remember them – Love, joy peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (aka - The Fruits of The Spirit). The question is also asked, “What will you do with your fruit? The Old Testament prophet Hosea has a suggestion - *“Sow for yourselves, with a view to righteousness; harvest in accordance with kindness. Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, until God comes and rains righteousness on you.”* Hosea reminds us that we are to sow with a view to righteousness. Not our own “moral rightness” or “achieved perfection” but rather to live our lives through the view of our relationship with God. It is out of our understanding of how God has loved us that we are to love one another. And we are to harvest in accordance with kindness. Not just to take and enjoy for ourselves, but to use our gifts in ways that give honor to God and bless others around us. What work do you need to do in order to “break up your uncultivated ground”? Where is their hardness and/or a dryness in your life with God, where God desires to grow an abundance of rich fruit to bless your life and the world through you? The good news of God is that for all of us there is time to seek the Lord. The deep-rooted desire of God’s heart is for all our lives to bear much fruit and for us to learn how to sow with a view to righteousness, and harvest in accordance with kindness!

This month the theme of our multi-generational worship service on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be “Seeds of Kindness.” At the beginning of the month, we introduced a special activity where on a paper apple you were invited to write down an act of kindness that you have done or one that someone has done for you. This activity will be going on the rest of the month and you can get your paper apples at church. We hope to have an apple tree full of apples by the end of October. So may we indeed sow with a view to righteousness and harvest in accordance with kindness that we may glorify God and bless the world. We look forward to worshipping with all of you in our multi-generational service on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It’s going to be a great time of worship together.

Sowing with a view to righteousness together,

*Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri*





## Announcements



**Consistory:** Will meet Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Heritage House.

**Welcome:** Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> we welcome Rev. Perry Jones of the Capital City Rescue Mission as our guest speaker.

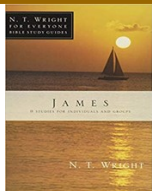
**Updating Information:** We want to stay in touch with you. To continue to stay in touch we are asking you to update any new contact information for yourself or a family by contacting your Care Elder or our church office at 518-295-8177. If you have a new address, phone number or email address please share that information so we may stay in touch.

**Aluminum Tabs for the Shriners:** - Aluminum tabs are continuing to be collected to help offset Shriners Hospital patient cost. Tabs may be left on the table in the Narthex, or at the Church Office. Thank you for your donations.

**Electronics Recycling Continues:** Please continue to save your used printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. The printer cartridges are being submitted to a recycling firm which in exchange provides a donation to the church. These items may be left at the church office.



### Fall Bible Study beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm



You're invited to take part in a Bible Study on the New Testament Book of James beginning Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Heritage House. We will be using a companion study book by NT Wright as a guide for our conversations. Books will be available to you as a gift but there is an invitation to make an \$8.00 donation towards the cost of the books if that is something you would like to offer. Please bring your Bible and come join us for a wonderful discussion on the book of James. This Bible study will run through the Monday of Thanksgiving week.



## Special Multi-generational Worship Coming in October!



This fall we are excited to invite you to a new worship experience specifically aimed at connecting children and families to God, to each other, as well as their larger church family through a multi-generational worship service. In addition to our special historical services to celebrate our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are going to focus one Sunday each month, beginning October 24<sup>th</sup> and then again on November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup> to have special focus on multi-generational worship. These worship services will be held at our usual time of 10:00am but will include more contemporary singing (including Day Camp songs), an interactive message that may include things like hands- on experiments, worshipper participation, and/or even discussion for small groups or families together. The plan for these services is to develop our way of worshipping in a style that ministers to people of all ages, but especially our youngest members. The goal is to help families and kids more deeply connect through worship to God, to each other, and to their church family.

We are excited to try this new way of being together this fall and we can't wait to see you in worship! In addition to these services there are also some special youth gatherings, and service projects that you are also invited to take part in with us. A calendar of these dates and times is listed below. We are look forward to seeing you at these fun ministry opportunities this fall!

Blessings, Pastor Mike

### Calendar for Youth Services and Activities October – December 2021

#### Theme for October – “Seeds of Kindness”

- Family Focus Worship Service – **October 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Activity for the month – Testimonies on paper apples of kindness practiced, taped to a tree in the sanctuary beginning **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- Family Outing – The Pumpkin Patch, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-6pm.**
- Special Mission – **October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Liza to introduce OCC Boxes during the children's time.

#### Theme for November – “Count Your Blessings”

- Family Focus Worship Service – **November 21<sup>st</sup>** (*Rehearsals for the Youth Christmas Program for December 19<sup>th</sup> begin at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.*)
- Activity for the month – Add paper pumpkins to the apple display with what we are thankful for written on them beginning **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- Youth Activity – Packing OCC Boxes with food and games following the Historical Service on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** and blessing them during the family service on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Theme for December – “Gift of Giving” or something else connected with the series for Advent.

- Family Focus Worship Service – **December 19<sup>th</sup>** (*Featuring Kids Christmas Program – Rehearsals to begin on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.*)
- Youth/Family Activity – Cookies and Crafts from 9:00am to 11:00am, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**, location to be determined.
- Possible Church Activity – Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with Cookies and Hot Chocolate to follow.



## Monthly Financial Update From Consistory

We are running at a bad trend financially. So far this year we have brought in \$95,061.69 for operational expenses and have spent \$138,938.45. This includes the \$20,000.00 pop loan monies which we will not received next year.

To date we have raised \$72,145.00 towards our Stained-Glass Window fund goal of \$220,000.



### *SRC Family Outing to the Pick-a-Pumpkin Pumpkin Patch*

**Friday, October 22nd from 4-6pm**

We invite all of any age to join for fun & fellowship as we will gather at the SRC Parking Lot at 4pm for a blessing prior to leaving for the Pumpkin Patch.

Each family is responsible for their own children. The cost is \$10.00 per person/ages 3 or under are free. Food and other items are available for purchase as well.

Contact Liza Toborg at 518-295-8554 with questions.

"Pick a Pumpkin"

## PUMPKIN PATCH

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**518-868-4893**







## Youth Christmas Program



We need youth of all ages to join us beginning on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall downstairs to begin practicing for this year's Christmas Program. In celebration of the church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be recreating a program that was written by our own Vince Smith and first performed in the 1970s. We will practice each Sunday beginning at 9:30 AM for half an hour prior to the worship service. The performance will be on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

### Save the Dates

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 9-11 AM – Christmas Cookie and Crafts for Youth

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Tentative plans for Christmas Caroling with Cookies & Hot Cocoa to follow



### In Search of Pictures

Also, we are in need of any pictures that you may have of past Christmas programs or live nativities. We are hoping to put together a slide show to use on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. You may email these pictures to the church email: [schoharierformedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:schoharierformedchurch@yahoo.com) or bring any pictures to the church office to be scanned.

Thank you!!



### Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

We are hosting a packing party for the youth on **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service. There will be tables set up in the Heritage House with items that have been donated by the congregation. Children will be assembling boxes and then choosing items to fill those boxes based on the age and sex of the child that they are sending the box to. Boxes can be packed for boys or girls ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Our youth may write a letter or bring a photo of themselves to include in the box. If the weather cooperates, we will have outdoor games and grilled hotdogs as well.

All OCC boxes (those packed at home & those packed during the party on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>) will be blessed during the worship service on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Questions contact Liza Toborg at 518-295-8554



## Operation Christmas Child

It was a simple idea that became the worldwide ministry of OCC – to minister to children in war-torn and famine-stricken countries. In just two decades, Operation Christmas Child has inspired everyday people to provide more than 100 million gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in 130 countries. Schoharie Reformed Church has participated in this project for many years and we would like to continue the tradition. During the month of October and beginning of November, purchase and/or make gifts that are age appropriate (2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old) for a boy or girl. We would like you to donate items from the listed gift suggestions below and leave them in the OCC box located in the Narthex. You are also welcome to fill your own box with items! Shoeboxes are available. All OCC boxes (those packed at home & those packed during the party on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>) will be blessed during the worship service on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please be a part of bringing joy and the love of Jesus Christ to children throughout the world by donating items or by filling a shoebox (or two). To learn more about project Operation Christmas Child please go to: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

### **Gift Suggestions**

**Wow items:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, a small instrument (such as harmonica or woodwind recorder), stuffed animals, an outfit of clothing to wear, backpack, etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils, small manual sharpeners crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar powered calculators, coloring and picture books, colored pencils, pencil case, blank index cards, scissors, ruler, protractor, glue stick (do not include liquid glue), small adhesive tape, etc.

**Personal Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, hairbrush, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), adhesive bandages (colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage, do not include liquid antibiotic ointment), reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space), blanket, non-liquid lip balm, flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed), compact mirror, nail clipper and file, stick deodorant, etc.

**Clothing and Accessories:** socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), shirts and pants, pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress), underwear, shoes and socks, flip-flops, hat/scarf/mittens, decorative hat, wrist watch, sunglasses, tote bag/purse, bead jewelry/bead kit, hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.), etc.

**Toys:** foam ball, kickball (make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated), yo-yo, small frisbee, small kite, etch-a-sketch, kaleidoscope, marbles, baseball and mitt, tennis ball, hacky sack, toy cars.

**A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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**Can I find out where my shoebox went?** if you give your \$9 donation online, you will receive a tracking label that will allow you to discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

### **Something New**

**Good News. Great Joy!** Build a Shoe Box Online—You can still help share God's love with children around the world even if you don't have time to shop for and pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. With a few clicks of your mouse or swipes on your touchscreen, you can build a shoebox online. Make it your own by choosing from a list of gifts\*, then add a personal letter and photo. We'll pack your shoebox and send it for you, for a suggested donation of just \$25.

**From Virtual to Vital**—Each shoebox gift becomes a tangible expression of God's love for a child in real need. Shoeboxes built online also allow ease of entry through customs, and help ensure Operation Christmas Child's continued presence in places that are hard to reach.

Visit: [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)



## **Building & Grounds**



**Heritage House ADA Ramp** – Mike Jaqueway and Dave Toborg have been rebuilding the ADA ramp that leads into the Heritage House. Many rusted hangers and fasteners along with some rotten boards needed replacement. Thanks to SALT (Schoharie Area Long Term) for a grant covering the materials.

**Fall Clean-UP—Saturday, October 30, 9:00 AM.** The focus will be on raking leaves, cleaning out the flower beds, trimming shrubs, pruning tree branches, lubricating the basketball backstops, and general outside clean-up in preparation for winter. Bring rakes, gloves, pruners, loppers, etc. Could also use a couple pick-up trucks and a chainsaw. Please let Dave Toborg know (295-8554, dtoborg@midtel.net) if you intend to be there. Rain date is the following Saturday, November 6.

**Future Big Maintenance and Repair Projects** – *This is a “heads-up” article to keep the congregation in the know and provide something else to pray about.* Maintenance and repairs are constant necessities for all buildings – especially older ones like our Church (1844) and Heritage House (1888). In addition to the Stained-Glass Windows that we are raising funds for, there are other big items needing attention.

For the Church, the most significant issues include (a) repairing the rotten roof fascia and eaves; (b) painting the metal roof; (c) replacing the broken front sidewalk; and (d) sealing the parking lot. These total more than \$28,000.

The Heritage House tower roof needs new shingles while the office ceiling needs attention. These costs are estimated at \$4,500.

Given our current economic situation, these expenses are difficult to budget for. Nonetheless, they need to happen sooner rather than later.





# "Miracle" Dogs & "Grace" Cakes

Saturday, September 11, 2021



"Miracle" Dogs: After the flooding in August 2011, volunteers formed the Loaves and Fishes Café here at SRC. One of the many miracles that God performed involved simple hot dogs. Sarah Goodrich had just accepted a donation of 300 hotdogs, knowing they had no buns to go with them. She asked her husband to try to find enough buns. Just then, the door opened, and a person asked if they could use any hot dog buns. Sarah immediately said, "Yes, how many do you have?" The response...300. God provided "Miracle" dogs through these amazing donations.



"Grace" Cakes were given as God's blessing as God has given his blessings to each of us.



## Community Birthday Celebration and Fund Raiser

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**



Our fundraising event on September 25<sup>th</sup> was a success!!

The chicken sold out in less than an hour, the bake sale, silent auction and basket raffle were also great.

Winners of the Meat Raffle were Dave Goodrich and Jim Walion.

After expenses were paid, we had a profit of \$6,454.62 towards the repairs of SRC Sanctuary stained glass windows.

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and supported our fundraising event.

The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.



## Clothing Drop-Off Shed

Located behind the Heritage House, the shed provides a convenient and clean donation program that serves the community while helping the SRC financially. So start cleaning out your basement and closets.



**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.

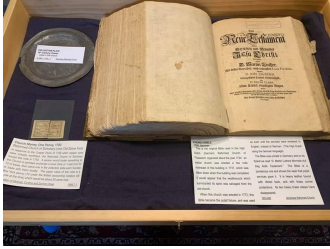
St. Pauly sells the clothing in bulk to other companies that, in turn, contract with government agencies, relief organizations, and private companies that redistribute the clothing around the world. The geographic destinations depends on what is happening in the world at any given time.

**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.

# Historical Worship

September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>



We invite all to join us for two additional historical worship services.  
Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am set in 1955  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am set in 2001

We are looking forward to see all!



## SCHOHARIE OCTOBER 1863

If you could read about what happened the first three days of July in a little Pennsylvania town named Gettysburg. Many in the congregation have a son, husband or brother who have gone off to the war. Units like the 3<sup>rd</sup> NY Cavalry and the 134<sup>th</sup> Infantry were raised in Schoharie. They marched from the fairgrounds located on Fair St. and the Old Stone Fort—then an armory.

John Duel enlisted Sept. 62 and was dead 3 months later.

Levi Duel was captured and died at Andersonville.

Martin Wetbeck was captured and died at Danville.

Living in Schoharie you learned that over 40,000 men were killed, wounded or captured at Gettysburg. 10,790 were missing, most ending up in a grave marked "Unknown".

Note—If the Civil War was fought today casualties would be over 7,000,000; 2/3 of the deaths were due to disease not battle.

The minister that prayed for the boys going off to war and the congregation of the church that waived the flags and cheered are now faced with the reality of war. It gets personal when they would read the name of a loved one never to be seen again or for a few that could arrange to have the body of their dead soldier returned to Schoharie.

The 134<sup>th</sup> fought in many battles including Gettysburg (Cemetery Hill). By the end of the war it had lost 45.7% of those that enlisted. 59 men were missing in action at Gettysburg. They most likely are buried in graves marked "Unknown".

89 were killed in action and 94 died from disease.

This Sunday the minister is torn as to how to preach a sermon to the congregation. What does he say? How does or can he justify the loss of loved ones? What does he say to God?

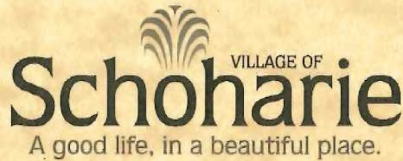
This is a man with a big problem.

We don't know exactly how many men from Schoharie actually served in the Civil War aka Mr. Lincoln's War. Many enlisted outside of Schoharie not only in other counties but other states. The 134<sup>th</sup> consisted of men from 4 counties—Schoharie was its home base.

The minister preaching today is Cornelius Crispell. His tenure has included several disciplinary actions. He attempted to get an addition to the church built by brow beating the congregation and in 1862 he got the consistory to pass a resolution condemning horse racing. This caused a large split in the congregation. On September 14, 1863 he tendered his resignation which the consistory quickly accepted.

Respectively submitted by: Dave Goodrich





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## ~MAYORAL PROCLAMATION~

A PROCLAMATION IN APPRECIATION OF 300 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!** Let it be known to all Women and Men of Good Will, by this Mayoral Proclamation, that the Village of Schoharie, situate in the Town of Schoharie, in the County of Schoharie, in the Great State of New York – One of the Original Thirteen Colonies of these United States of America – Does Hereby Recognize **The Schoharie Reformed Church**

**WHEREAS,** The Schoharie Reformed Church aka The High Dutch Reformed Church of Schoharie aka The Reformed Church of Schoharie was first served by John Haeger from 1710-1724. The Church was formally approved in 1721; **And**

**WHEREAS,** One wooden structure, and possibly two, were built and, in 1772, the stone structure was built in Schoharie – now The Old Stone Fort. In 1777, palisade walls were built around the church and the church was fortified to defend against a possible attack by the British and Native Americans; **And**

**WHEREAS,** That attack occurred in October 1780, and the valley was mostly destroyed. A skirmish took place with 2 cannon balls striking the church without major damage; **And**

**WHEREAS,** In the 1840s, the village was moving to its current location and so the church, wishing to remain in the center of the village, erected its current church at a cost of \$3-5,000. The new building was dedicated in 1844. The Old Stone Church remained vacant being used sparingly for Sunday School, etc. and was finally sold to the State of New York which used it as an armory during the Civil War; **And**

**WHEREAS,** During the years between the Civil War and the 2000's, the church remained central to life in the Village of Schoharie. The church congregation installed two women to the consistory in 1956, being the first church in the denomination to do so. Today, women serve on the consistory and in the pulpit; **And**

**WHEREAS,** in its 300 years, spanning 4 different centuries, the Schoharie Reformed Church has well served the Village of Schoharie. Its doors remain open to anyone and everyone. It is not the old church it was, and not yet the new church it will be but, with God's help, and that of the members of its Congregation, it will continue to best serve the people of Schoharie.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Lawrence J. Caza, Mayor of the Village of Schoharie, on behalf of the Village Board and our residents, do hereby honor and congratulate the Schoharie Reformed Church on its 300th Anniversary. **IN WITNESS HEREOF,** I have hereunto set my Hand

*Lawrence J. Caza*

*Lawrence J. Caza, Mayor of the Village of Schoharie*



# New York State Assembly Citation

**Whereas,** Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

**Whereas,** This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the Schoharie Reformed Church, this occasion will be celebrated with 4 unique and historic services highlighting the 300 years for the Church; and

**Whereas,** The Schoharie Reformed Church began life in 1710, when European Settlers were just making their way to what would become Schoharie, in 1721 the church was formally approved as the High Dutch Reformed Church under John Haeger; and

**Whereas,** In 1772 a stone church was built, the building know known as the "Old Stone Fort", in 1777, during the American Revolution, it was fortified with a stockade and withstood an attack on October 17, 1780 by a raid under Sir John Johnson and Joseph Brant, many homes and crops were burned, but the people of the village remained safe within the palisade walls; and

**Whereas,** By the 1840's the center of the village had moved to its current location, and the church, wanting to remain central to the village, erected the current church, dedicating the building in 1844, the church has stayed significant to life in Schoharie to the present, in 1956 the Schoharie Reformed Church was the first in the denomination to installed women to the consistory, today women serve on the consistory and in the pulpit; and

**Whereas,** When Hurricane Irene devastated the Schoharie Valley in August of 2011 the Reformed Church was not spared, but in the middle of their own destruction, two church members started the recovery effort for the Village, and centered it at the church; and

**Whereas,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now therefore be it

**Resolved,** That as a duly elected Member of the State Assembly of New York, I proudly recognize the

## **Schoharie Reformed Church**

upon the occasion of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their incorporation; and be it further

**Resolved,** That a copy of this Citation, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schoharie Reformed Church with sincere and deepest appreciation.

Date September 12, 2021



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and  
Signature

Christopher W. Tague  
Member of Assembly



## Thank You

**Reformed Church in America:** Thank you for your generosity! The Reformed Church in America is transformed & transforming as we live and love like Jesus.

**Camp Fowler Scholarship:** Dear Consistory and SRC, thank you so much for the donation for me and Sophia to go to camp. I challenged some of my fears and had a life changing experience. Thank you so much Sam

**Camp Fowler Scholarship:** Dear Consistory and SRC, thank you so much for the money and I really enjoyed camp. From Sophia

**To the Saints at Schoharie Reformed Church:** This summer we learned how to run an overnight camp in the middle of a pandemic. By opening at 50% capacity we were able to welcome 500 children back to Camp Fowler. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support for this ministry. Walk in Balance, Rev. Kent Busman, Executive Director



## Regional Food Bank



*Best Wishes for Your retirement Mark Quandt!* Mark began his career at the Food Bank in 1983 when the Food Bank was serving just 60 agencies in 8 counties and distributing 400,000 pounds of food. He was promoted to Executive Director in 1984. In March of 2021, he announced his plan to retire. The Food Bank would not be what is today were it not for his leadership. Thank you, Mark, for your 38 years of dedicated service. Best wishes for your retirement!

*Welcomes New CEO:* In June, following a broad national search, the Food Bank's Board of Directors announced the hiring of its new CEO, Molly Nicol. Molly brings decades of experience from both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors, including Saint Gregory's School, Catholic Charities, Albany Med, and 16 years at IBM. Having served on the Board of Directors of the Food Bank since 2014, most recently she served as the Interim Director for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and assisted the Food Bank with operations and philanthropic efforts during the pandemic.

### *Our New Structure:*

In order to better serve our partner agencies throughout our continued expansion of programs and services, we have instituted a new organizational structure that includes appointing a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Program & Advocacy Officer, and a Chief Financial Officer.

The new Chief Financial Officer is Renee Law, promoted from Controller after seven years with the Food Bank. Renee oversees our finance department, IT, and human resources.

The new Chief Program & Advocacy Officer is Susan Lintner, whom many have gotten to know over the past 16 years in her roles as Director of Agency Services, and most recently as Director of Community Impact. Sue will oversee all our programs and initiatives and lead the charge on our hunger advocacy efforts.

Nick Pisani joined the team in April 2021 as Chief Operating Officer, bringing 15 years of retail and wholesale management experience. He oversees warehouse operations both in Latham and the branch in the lower Hudson Valley, transportation, volunteerism, farm operations and food industry relations. Please join us in welcoming Molly and Nick to the team and congratulating Sue and Renee on their new roles!



## Food Pantry Report October 2021

The Schoharie Community Food Pantry continues to serve approximately 80 families per month. Thank you to all who make this possible, by volunteering in some way, or by donating food or money to this effort. It truly is a community ministry! Currently there are some volunteer opportunities at the pantry. We need someone to work at the pantry on the second or third Thursday of each month. We also have an opening for the fifth Thursday, which only happens occasionally. The food pantry is also in need of substitute helpers, who could be called upon when a regular volunteer is unavailable. We also have an Advisory Committee which meets several times per year to review operations and plan our training and volunteer recognition events. That Committee has openings as well. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact Diane Walion at 518 868-4629, 518 207-6784 or Colleen Quirion 518 295-8102, 518 231-8641, If you would like to buy food for the pantry, that would be most welcome. Things like spaghetti sauce, soups, canned vegetables and fruits are always useful. In addition, non-food items like shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, etc. are very much appreciated by our guests. Above all, please continue to pray for this ministry and for the people we serve!

God's blessings to all; Pastor Colleen Quirion



### Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is continuing to work hard to serve the many families in our community. Items of great need are cleaning supplies, paper products-paper towels/toilet paper. Personal hygiene items such as hand soap, toothpaste, shampoo and shower soaps are also needed. Non-perishable items such as canned fruits & vegetables, boxed macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, pasta, pasta sauce, canned ravioli/beef stew/soup/spaghetti o's/chili with beans, applesauce, instant potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, jello packs, pudding packs. With school in session kid friendly snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks, juice packs, & snack crackers are great items to have available. Items may be dropped off at SUPC on Tuesdays or Thursday from 12noon till 2:00pm or they may be left between the doors of the educational building. Monetary donations are appreciated as well, checks may be written to "Schoharie Valley Food Pantry". If you would like to volunteer with the Food Pantry, please contact Diane Walion 518-868-4629. **The Food Pantry is open Tuesday & Thursdays, 12-2pm.** The Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for your support and donations, your help makes the Food Pantry successful in helping our community!

### Article Correction

My apology, when information was transferred an error was made in the September newsletter article "Early History of The Schoharie Reformed Church". A correction to the cost of \$35,000.00 should have been \$3-500.00.



### Butternuts

The butternut tree at the rear of the SRC parking lot has had a bumper crop of huge butternuts this year. If you would like some please come pick them up.



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