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All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1

The celebration of All Saints' Day has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint: a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

On this special Sunday, our church family gives thanks to God for "all the saints from whom their labors rest." Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles, we honor those who we dearly love and will always remember. For those worshipping at home, please have a candle available to light during the time of remembrance and reflection.



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Upcoming Events

Repair Cafe	10/3
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Trunk or Treat	10/21
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All Saints' Day	11/1

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 13, 2026



On Sunday, September 13th, teachers, students, and caregivers gathered for Blessing of the Backpacks.



Bible Handing Down

Sunday, September 20, 2026
On Sunday, September 20th, Aubree, Lydia, and Rhett received their first Bibles from CRCC, as the Word of God was handed down from generation to generation.



Trunk or Treat

**CRCC & CCDC • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
6:30–7:30 PM**

TRUNKS NEEDED!

On Wednesday, October 21st, from 6:30-7:30PM, CRCC and CCDC will host a Trunk or Treat event for the community. We would love to have as many people there as possible.

Sign up and let us know that you and your trunk will be ready to enthusiastically serve the community! Never been to a trunk or treat before? No problem! We are happy to offer ideas and assistance!

Questions? Please see Sarah Huie - crccsarah@gmail.com. Signup Here or on the back table:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA823A2FACE9-65901183-trunk>



Book Group



The October Book Group selection is My Friends by Frederik Backman.

Discussion and Fellowship will take place on Tuesday, October 27th, 6PM, at the home of Debi T. Questions? Contact Vicki Lane. All are welcome!

October Mission of the Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CDC data reports that on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the US. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. In recognition of these staggering numbers, the October Mission of the Month is **Unity House**. Some of the services they provide to survivors of domestic or sexual violence are:

- Case Managers
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Training for the public and community organizations
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Assistance for Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking
- Free Legal Consultation and Representation
- Advocacy Work
- Operate a 40 Bed Domestic Violence Shelter
- Gun Violence Prevention

Additionally, Unity House operates a 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline, text line, and web chat featuring anonymous services which provide crisis intervention, information and referrals 24-hours a day, year-round. Collect calls accepted. To talk with an advocate in confidence, Call: (518) 272-2370

They also have 911 cell phones that are available for victims of domestic and sexual violence free of charge. For more information, call Domestic and Sexual Violence Services at (518) 272-5917.

Donations to Unity House of Troy can be made via your Offering envelope, Zeffy on the church's website, or directly at <https://www.unityhouseny.org/how-to-help/donate/>

Our Banners Need Some Tender Loving Care

Sunday, October 11th, 11:30–12:30

The banners that grace our sanctuary and enhance our worship need some cleaning and maintenance. Recently, a textile conservationist determined that they are in good shape but need gentle cleaning to remove dust and grime that has accumulated over the years. She recommended gentle vacuuming using a hose and low suction.

This is a job for more than one or two people. Can you help?

We are asking for volunteers to stay for an hour or so after coffee hour on October 11, to work in pairs to vacuum. Each pair will work on one banner, front and back. We are hoping to have enough volunteers to clean four banners.

Deborah Trupin, our expert, will be there to demonstrate the proper procedure. Vacuums with the proper setting for drapery will be provided.

If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table or contact Lou Ann Connelly. Thank you.

Did You Know?

Our Green banners are the most frequently displayed. Pat Jeram Ziegler commissioned the First Banner in memory of her parents Catharina and Leonard Bol. The Cornwell Family commissioned the Second Banner in memory of their dear friend William Kwasnicki.

Green is the color of vegetation, growth, spring, and also of hope. In liturgical usage, it symbolizes growth, and specifies those Sundays after Pentecost known as "the time of the Church." During this season, the focus is on spiritual growth and faith within the church, through the power of the Spirit. The banners depict the shields of the apostles.

Here is a matching quiz. See if you can match the apostle/disciple to his corresponding shield. For an extra challenge, name these men in the order they appear on our banners! Pencils ready – good luck!!

Matching Game

Apostle / Disciple ↔ Shield (answer key on page 7)

- 1 Matthew**
- 2 Andrew**
- 3 John**
- 4 Philip**
- 5 Simon the Zealot**
- 6 James the Greater**
- 7 Paul**
- 8 James the Less**
- 9 Thomas**
- 10 Judas**
- 11 Thaddeus**
- 12 Peter**
- 13 Bartholomew**
- 14 Matthias**

- A Flaying knife. Died by flaying for his powerful gospel preaching
- B Carpenter's square. Built a church in India with his bare hands
- C Bread and cross. Helped to feed the 5,000
- D 2 keys. Given the keys to the Kingdom
- E Ship. Missionary journeys
- F Blank. Not deserving of symbols
- G Scallop shells. First martyred
- H Ax and Bible. Beheaded for peaching the gospel
- I Chalice and serpent. Died by drinking poisoned wine
- J X cross. Felt unworthy to die the same way as Jesus
- K Saw. In hatred, his body was sawed apart after his death
- L Purses. Tax collector
- M Fish on book. Fisher of men
- N Sword and Bible. Was "Sword of the Spirit"



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
 9am  10am	 5:30pm					 12pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 9am  10am			Worship Committee 6:30pm			 9:30am A Rocha 10am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 9am  10am Mission in Motion 11am	DayCare Closed  2pm  6:30pm	 6pm	 6pm	 6pm		 9:30am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 9am  10am  Baptism 10AM	 2pm	 6pm	 6:30pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 9am  10am Second Hour 11am	 5:30pm	 6pm				

KEY	 Indoor Worship	 Sunday School	 Women's Bible Study	 Asset Walk	 Shirley's Shawls	 Sew and Reap Quilters
 Upper Room for All	 Stewardship and Creation Care	 Advocacy and Global Missions	 Orchid Society	 Book Group	 Consistory	 Community Outreach



AT THE COLONIE LIBRARY

Do you have a beloved household item that could use a little TLC?

Learn from volunteer experts as they repair your item!

**Saturday
October 3
12:00-4:00 PM**

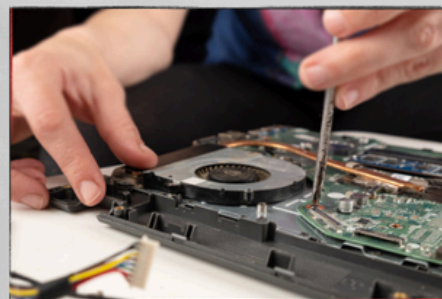
POSSIBLE REPAIRS*

- electrical/wiring
- woodworking
- jewelry
- small appliances
- bicycles
- clothing & textiles
- mechanical
- blade sharpening
- computers
- smart devices



*1 item per attendee, please

Registration not required
Free!



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Worship Hours

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM in person and via Zoom.

Outdoor Services are also available in the Summer every Sunday at 9 AM. Holiday and Special Services will be announced on our website and this newsletter.

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Match Game answer keys (from page 5)

Shield order on hanging banners

Banner #1	Banner #2
14	13
9	5
2	3
12	8
10	6
4	7
1	11

Matching Game Answer Key

1-L	8-K
2-J	9-B
3-I	10-F
4-C	11-E
5-M	12-D
6-G	13-A
7-N	14-H

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Classis of Albany will gather here on Sunday, **November 15th, at 3 PM** to commission Donna Davidson as a Preaching Elder.

Join us as we celebrate Donna's calling and pray for her as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

All are welcome to share in this joyful occasion!

Sunday, November 15th, 3 PM

here at CRCC - all are welcome!



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