

COMMUNITY

Reformed Church of Colonie

Hello! My name is Rev. **Trey Tirpak**, or as some of your children have started to call me: Pastor Trey.

As of last Monday, I am the new pastor here at the Community Reformed Church of Colonie (CRCC), and I thought I would introduce myself to the wonderful families of the Colonie Community Daycare (CCDC).



Some background: I was born and raised on the island of O'ahu in the state of Hawai'i, went to college and seminary in Michigan, and was the Associate Minister of The First Church in Albany in downtown Albany for the past four years.

During my first week here, your children have reminded me of Jesus' words in Matthew. Someone asks Jesus, "Who is the *greatest* in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus answers by pointing to a child and saying that those who become like children will experience God's kingdom. Your children and their wonder, lively spirit, and laughter are glorious reminders of who truly are the greatest in the world.

Over the coming months, I will be learning more about the daycare, and I hope to get to know you and your children more, too. One way I'm planning to do that is by coming to different CCDC events. I wish I was able to attend the fabulous 50th anniversary event a few weeks back, but I heard everyone had a wonderful time! I am able and planning on attending the **Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM, and would love to meet you there!**

I also, on behalf of the church, want to **thank you for your patience** as we fully renovate our bathrooms and church offices. If you didn't know, two of our bathrooms are being completely renovated, and we're especially glad that one of them will be ADA-accessible. We're also making the church offices separate from the daycare's office so that the daycare will have more space. In addition, we're renovating the washer and dryer room that the daycare uses.

Finally, I want you to know that **you are always welcome** to our worship services and other events. We have services in our sanctuary every Sunday at 10 AM (September through May), and we have summer services outside at 9 AM (June through August).

During our sanctuary services, we have childcare as well as a "prayground" in the sanctuary. During the summer services, we have both a "prayground" and a playground, and I hope to have fun activities after the services in order to enjoy the summer sunshine and weather.

If you're at all interested in coming, **Sunday, October 19th** might be a great service to come to since **Miss Lexy** will be having Hallie baptized. You're welcome to come and share in the celebration!

You can find out more information about CRCC on our website: www.communityreformedchurch.com. There, you'll also find our YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, as well as our virtual bulletin board and weekly announcements.

If you would like to meet with me personally, I'd be happy to do so! Please contact the church office at (518) 869-5589.

May God richly bless you all,

– Rev. Trey Tirpak