



Sunday, March 15: Worship @ 10:00 AM
Zeffy - Giving Informational Session @ 11:00 AM

Monday, March 16: Shirley Shawl's @ 6:00 PM
Our CRCC prayer shawl group "Shirley's Shawls" in the gathering room. Everyone is welcome to join this rewarding ministry for knitting, crocheting, weaving and fellowship. Contact Linda Murphy with any questions (lindamurph98@aol.com).

Sunday, March 22: Service of Healing & Restoration @ 10:00 AM
Lenten Devotional Discussion Group 11:15 AM
Northeastern Middle Assembly (NEMA) 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, March 24: Book Group @ 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:00 AM

Special Announcements



SERVICE OF HEALING & RESTORATION ~ March 22nd, 10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY ~ March 29th, 10:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY/TENEBRAE ~ April 3rd, 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY/PRAYER LABYRINTH ~ April 4th, 10:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

EASTER ~ April 5th, 10:00 AM ~ New Member Sunday
Children's Activity after Worship

Service of Healing and Restoration
Sunday, March 22nd
10:00 AM

“Filled with compassion,
Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.”

Mark 1:41



This special Lenten worship service calls upon our Lord who is the Great Physician to touch us with his healing hand and anoint us with his soothing oil.

For those worshipping at home,
if you would like to be prayed for during this service,
please send your name to Sandy at crccsandy@gmail.com by March 21st.
Only your name, no personal details, will be shared with the worshippers.



The Lenten Cross hanging behind the pulpit was created by worshippers through our Ash Wednesday practices. On folded slips of paper, we privately wrote our Lenten sacrifices and then nailed them to the cross, acknowledging what we will surrender and asking for God’s guidance.

This cross is fashioned from the trunk of a Christmas tree, symbolizing both the birth and the death of our Lord.

Save the Date - Palm Sunday Procession!!

On Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday) we will be having a Palm Procession at the beginning of worship as a reminder of the joyful and loving way Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. ALL AGES are invited to participate in this fun part of our worship service. We hope you will set aside time to join in worship on this day. Questions? Contact Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

The Stewardship and Creation Care Committee is asking to borrow any size LED candles for the labyrinth event (April 4, 10 AM - 1 PM). If you have any we could use, please write your name on the bottom of them and bring them to church by Saturday, April 4. Thank you very much!



Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help with our youth ministries during worship on Easter Sunday. Individuals are needed to run Children's Worship in the gathering room and help with children in the nursery. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you so much!!!!

Camp Fowler: It's not too early to plan for summer 2026! If any children—both here at church or in our community—are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, CRCC and the Classis of Albany offer scholarships. **Reach out to Doris Neese or contact the Church Office if you are interested.**

Check out this video and page to learn more!:

<https://www.campfowler.org/summer>



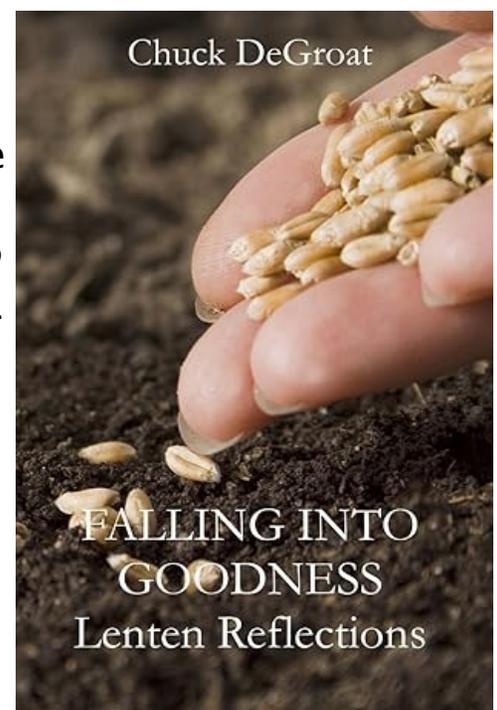
CRCC Lenten Devotional & Discussion Group

The season of Lent provides each of us with an opportunity to take up an intentional practice. You are invited to join Pastor Trey and Mark Kaercher, as we join together as a faith community to read *Falling Into Goodness - Daily Readings for Lent* by Chuck DeGroat.

Then the group will meet in the Koinonia Room on **three Sundays (3/1, 3/22 & 4/12)** after worship to share in fellowship, conversations, and light refreshments.

If you would like to join, please email

markkaercher1971@gmail.com.



New Members Orientation:

Pastor Trey and Elder Vicki are hosting the last Zoom New Members Orientation session at **7 PM on a later date in March**. Reach out and we'll plug you in with those who are already signed up! This class of new members will formally join on **Easter Sunday, April 5th**.

Community Outreach Team: For March we will be collecting pasta, pasta sauces and grated parmesan cheese. They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

March's Mission of the Month is the Regional Food Bank. Please join the Community Outreach team as we set our March mission into motion at the Regional Food Bank, 965 Albany Shaker Road, Latham. The fun and fellowship will take place on Monday, March 30th, from 5:00 - 6:30pm. We will be sorting and packing food or non-food donations for distribution. All are welcome. If you are unable to join us, please consider donating any of the following to replenish their stores. Please sign up on the back table or contact Vicki Lane @ vlane1020@gmail.com or 518-265-6306. Hope you will join us out in the mission field.

Most Needed Items:

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE. All items must be in original packaging, unopened, not expired.

PB & J Canned soups/meals Cereal/oatmeal/granola bars Canned fruit/vegetables Canned protein: tuna, chicken, beans Pasta Macaroni & Cheese	Shampoo/conditioner Soap/body wash Deodorant Toothbrushes/toothpaste Paper towels Bathroom tissue
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School of Ministry Course: "New Testament Introduction"

This course is led by Rev. Dr. Lynn Japinga. Each class session will focus on one major book, or multiple shorter books, of the New Testament. Assigned readings will provide the basis for in-depth analysis and discussion.

Mondays 7-9 PM on Zoom; April 6-May 26, 2026 (The class will not be held on Memorial Day, but on Tuesday, May 26.)

Course cost: \$300. Registration ends on March 23, 2026. Register here:

www.albanysynod.org/albany-school-of-ministry

The Capital Region In-Person Informational Gathering for The Northeastern Middle Assembly (NEMA)

When: Sunday, March 22nd from 2-4 PM.

Where: The Community Reformed Church of Colonie
701 Sand Creek Road
Albany, NY 12205

Why: This gathering is an opportunity to learn more about the
Northeastern Middle Assembly (NEMA)

Who's Invited: All members and consistories of the Regional
Synod of Albany are welcome to attend.

*****Please Note*****

**This will be IN-PERSON ONLY.
Coffee and light refreshments provided.**



*You can learn more about the restructuring
of the Regional Synod of Albany on its
website: www.albanysynod.org/restructure*

All are welcome!

LABYRINTH Contemplation & Prayer



SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Free and open to everyone

Walk quietly with
your personal
thoughts & prayers.
A healing &
transformative
experience.



Community Reformed Church of Colonie
701 Sand Creek Road, Colonie | 518-869-5589



We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-61408554-welcome>

- **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.

- **Liturgist Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-61408555-liturgist>



If you are feeling a bit under the weather, please remain at home. You will be missed at Sanctuary worship or at church meetings. The blessing is you may still join us by Zoom. Many of the congregation are compromised due to ongoing illnesses or recent surgeries and sharing your illness could be a serious risk.



Winter Weather Cancellations:

If wintry weather mandates the cancellation of church services, a notice will be posted on the School/Business Closings on local television stations and local internet news sites, an email will be sent out and it will be posted on our website, www.communityreformedchurch.com.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14
Tuesday ~ Psalm 130
Wednesday ~ Romans 8:6-11
Thursday ~ John 11:1-16
Friday ~ John 11:17-37
Saturday ~ John 11:38-45
Sunday ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ. Thank you for this new day. stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the day will hold. lead me into pleasant places, and give me the provisions I will need if I find myself in difficulty or danger. Whenever the cup of gladness overflows, help me to recognize that it is filled with your goodness and mercy. In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

With the night, Good lord, comes rest, and a chance for my soul to be restored. You are with me in this and every darkness, so I will not be afraid. For all I have seen with my own eyes today, for all others have helped me to see, I give you thanks. For those things that I did not notice: signs of beauty and kindness, evidences of your grace, I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly tomorrow, and all my tomorrows. in the name of your son, my savior, I pray. Amen.