

NEW MEMBERS!

On December 21st, we welcomed **Carol Wade-Gordon**, **Cameron Carley** and **Robert (Bert) Huiest** into the official membership of CRCC. Please be sure to give them a warm welcome and introduce yourself the next time you are in worship! Are you interested in learning more about the life and work of CRCC, as well as the Reformed Church of America? New member classes are always enrolling, so see Pastor Trey, if interested!



COMING SOON: A NEW CREATION CARE INITIATIVE

Start setting aside your hard-to-recycle items now. In April, the Stewardship and Creation Care team will provide you with another recycling initiative, the TerraCycle All-in-One Zero Waste box. The box will be placed near the church entrance for your convenience.

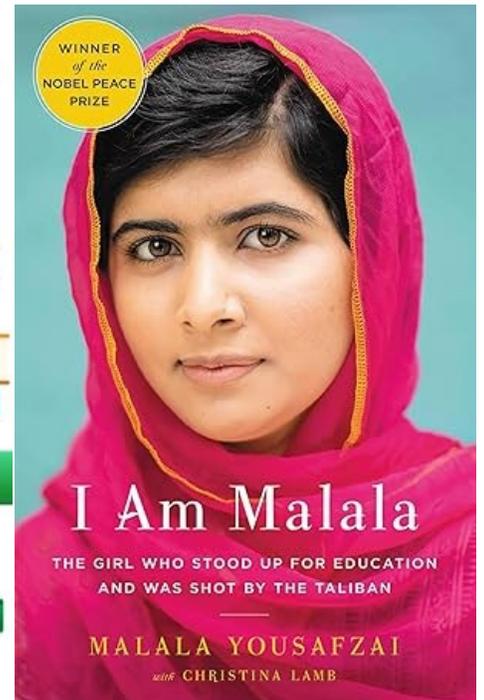
TerraCycle provides recycling opportunities that are not available in your municipal recycling facility. And they guarantee

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A Prayer for Trust in God's Plan

Heavenly Father,
 At midnight,
 When the old year dies,
 And the new comes bounding in,
 I draw strength from knowing
 That in the next twelve months
 The snows will go
 The buds will burst
 The heat will rise
 The leaves will fly,
 That all these things will happen
 According to Your schedule
 And in Your time;
 That there is order in Your
 universe,
 And that I am part of it.
 —*Van Varner*



The Book Group selection for January is **I Am Malala** by **Malala Yousafzai**. Discussion and fellowship will take place Tuesday, January 27th, 6-8PM. Questions? Contact Karen Reynolds.



Did you know?

Sandy Cornwell

Sixty years ago, on January 2, 1966, a worship service was held to form our congregation into become a chartered member of the Classis of Albany. Sixty charter members were received into membership that day. Included in those charter members were **Gerald and Barbara Kallner**, parents of **Jerry**, our dedicated sound technician! Following this service, our very first consistory was elected, followed by their ordination and installation.

Sixty Years and going strong! Happy Birthday Community Reformed Church!!

Pastor Trey's Installation Service

January 24th, 10:30AM

All are invited to my **Installation Service** on **Saturday, January 24th!** The service will start at 10:30 AM. (The Classis of Albany will start to gather in the daycare at 10 AM for their pre-meeting.)

What is an Installation Service? Well, it's almost like an inauguration. It's a time when I will be formally inducted into my role as pastor here at CRCC, but, most of all, it is a celebration of what God is doing amongst us and a reminder of what we all are ultimately called to, as our "words of welcome" in our bulletin quotes: "love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

The Ministers and Elders of the Classis of Albany will be present at the service, and I will also be inviting the Classis of Schenectady, local clergy and ministers I know from other denominations, and, of course, anyone who would like to come. My hope is that it will be a celebratory service, and I would love for many here at CRCC to help lead the service. More details on that will come.

Thank you to the VP of the Consistory for requesting that I put the word out there! Hope to see you there.

- Pastor Trey

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that all acceptable items that they receive through their collection boxes will be recycled, not sent on to other countries, incinerated, or dumped into landfills.

According to their website, “At TerraCycle, our mission is Eliminating the Idea of Waste®. Businesses, government entities, and people like you work with us globally to keep trash out of landfills or from incineration. Through collaboration and innovation, we've developed the world's first solutions in everything from recycling to reuse.”

What can you put in the Zero Waste box?

- Art Supplies: markers, brushes, glue sticks
- Books and Toys: action figures, stuffed animals
- Coffee Bags & Capsules/pods
- Home Cleaning Accessories: disposable gloves, etc.
- Kitchen Gear: water filters, candy- snack- pet food wrappers, straws, bottle caps, drink pouches, Styrofoam, corks, aluminum cans
- LED string lights and incandescent light bulbs
- Office Supplies: pens, pencils, binders, presentation materials

You can also recycle toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, beauty products, flip flops, party decorations, and hotel amenity bottles.

For a more detailed list, visit the Terracycle.com website.

Of course, there are some items that they do not accept. These include:

- Biomedical Waste & Sharps
- Broken Glass
- Expired Medication
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Incandescent Light Bulbs
- Leather
- Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Mercury Light Bulbs
- Oil Based Paint & Pesticides
- Organics
- Pressurized Canisters
- Soiled Diapers
- Stuffed Textiles
- Wood



Also, please remember the GreenDisk box in the narthex where you can continue recycling your E-Waste.

Mission of the Month

The January Mission of the Month is the Capital Church Food Pantry located at the corner of Vly Road and Troy-Schenectady Road in Niskayuna. CCFP has been serving those facing food insecurity living in the Village of Colonie and surrounding areas since 1984. It is an outreach ministry of Capital Church, and is the recipient of CRCC's monthly Break Bread Share Bread Collection. Gifts can be given using your yellow Mission of the Month envelope or via Paypal on the church's website: communityreformedchurch.com. Please make a note that your gift is for the January Mission of the Month.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!

We are done! Now, on to new adventures in maintaining our beautiful sanctuary and grounds. I am proud and honored to be your Deacon while I am still young enough to do the work. Thank you all for being patient during this entire process. I'd like to thank everyone for their gifts of Time, Talent, Financial Support, and Prayers when I called for help. A church is just a building that needs to be maintained; the people that participate with thought, words, and deeds are, for me, the real meaning of a church.

Thank you all,
Kevin Ingalls Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance.



Youth Spotlight!

Addison York is in her freshman year at Rivier University, playing for their women's soccer team, the Raiders. For the first time in the program's history, the team made it to the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship game.

Addison is a defenseman for the Raiders, and has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old. Congratulations, Addison!

We are so proud of you!!



Registration for Summer Camp 2026 opens
December 1st at Midnight!



- A week at camp makes a great gift for a child; at a time when many are focused on buying stuff, you could invest in a formative experience for your camper.
- Scholarships are available for any camper that needs one.
- \$50 discount for a second child or a second week.
- Applications for SWiMs and Volunteers will also open at Midnight on 12/1.

RESIDENTIAL SESSIONS

WILDERNESS SESSIONS

Session & Grade <i>(completed)</i>	Chaplain	Date	Trip & Grade <i>(completed)</i>	
ME & YOU 1st-4th	Heather Kramer	June 26-28		
CAMP KICKOFF 3rd-8th	Jake Chipka	June 28-July 3	SAILING 7th-9th	
UNA TIERRA 3rd-12th	Marcy & Gene Ryan	July 5-10	ADK WILD 5th-6th	PATHS & PADDLES 7th-9th
UNA TIERRA 3rd-12th	Immanuel Van Tonder	July 12-17	HIGH PEAKS 9th-12th	EXPLORERS 7th-9th
UNA TIERRA 3rd-12th	Miriam & Eric Barnes	July 19-24	ADK WILD 5th-6th	
UNA TIERRA 3rd-12th	Katy Kroondyk	July 26-31	SAILING 9th-12th	FISH & FLOAT 7th-9th
TRIPLE A 9th-12th	Ryan Gackenheimer	Aug 2-7	BACKPACKING 7th-9th	
FAMILY CAMP	Abby Norton-Levering	Aug 9-13		

MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

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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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Sew-In

By Lou Ann Connelly

Thanks to many hours of sewing, generous fabric donations, and help from the Kaercher and Todd families, the Quilt Group was able to construct 84 colorful, cozy pillowcases for children served by Things of My Very Own.

That is conceivably 60 plus hours and over \$800 gifted to the comfort of children in crisis.

We thank God for the love and dedication of everyone who stepped up to make the pillowcases, we are grateful for this opportunity to use our gifts for others, and we pray for the safety and wellbeing of the children and youth who receive these gifts.



SAVE THE DATE!

Lenten Brunch

February 22nd After Worship

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Articles are due by the 15th of the month and can be submitted to crccsarah@gmail.com or given to Sarah Huiest.