

A Special Message from the Capital Area Council of Churches

Regarding the Overflow Shelter in Albany

'As we close the doors of the Overflow Shelter for the season, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude.

This work is never done alone. Because of your generosity, whether through warm meals, donations, time, resources, or simple acts of kindness...we were able to provide a safe and welcoming space for those in need. Each contribution, big or small, made a meaningful impact.

It is only because of this incredible community that we are able to continue this mission year after year. Your compassion and support remind us what is possible when people come together with a shared purpose.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us. Until next season.

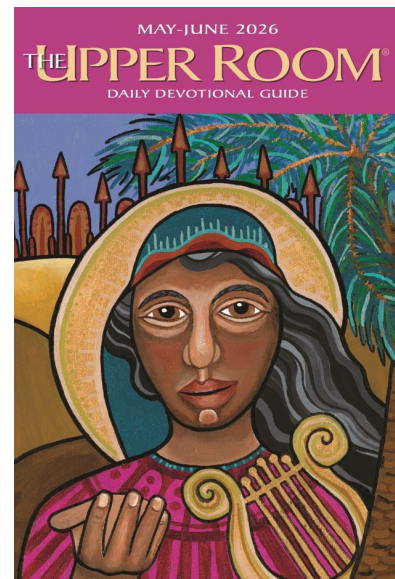
Learn more about our shelter here: <https://capareacc.com/shelter>

Do you have questions about the Overflow Shelter or want to help provide meals next year? Contact Tina Bottini or Vicki Lane.

June Mission of the Month

In recognition of Pride Month, June's Mission of the Month is In Our Own Voices, Inc. Based in Albany, NY, their mission is "to work for and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural and economic survival and growth of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people of color communities."

To learn more about In Our Own Voices, visit their website, <https://ioov.org>. Donations to June's Mission of the Month can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month envelope or through Zeffy on the church's website.



UPPER ROOM FOR ALL

Upper Room for All will meet Wednesday, June 10, at 6PM, in the Koinonia Room. This will be the final meeting until fall. Keep an eye on newsletters and social media for the fall kickoff!

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June Special Sundays & Summer Programming:

- 🚗 **Sun, June 7th:** Junk-in-the-Trunk - Join us after worship for some games and fellowship, and help invite the community as they set up to share their “junk” at 11 AM!
- 🏳️🌈 **Sun, June 14th:** Pride Sunday & The Capital Pride Parade - Join us at 9 AM for a special Pride Sunday service. After, all are welcome to walk the Capital Pride Parade, which starts at 11:30 AM. (A heads up: We’ll be gathering as soon as we can in Washington Park after worship.)
- 🎓 **Sun, June 28th:** First Summer Fellowship Sunday & Grad-Sunday - Join us at 9 AM to celebrate all those who have graduated to a new chapter in life, and stay for food and fellowship!

July Special Sundays & Summer Programming:

- 📖 **Wed, July 1st:** Colossians Bible Study - Trey will start our Summer Bible Study series on the book of Colossians, and give a general introduction to the letter. We’ll also read 1:1–14. We will meet in the Koinonia Room at 6 PM, and all you’ll need is a bible—there’s no homework!
- 🗣️ **Sun, July 5th:** The start of “A Summer of Psalms” Sermon Series - Starting July 5th and continuing each Sunday through August, Trey will center worship around a psalm, and he’ll pair each week’s sermon with a new, psalm-musical setting by Wendell Kimbrough. These songs will be shared in the weekly email newsletter for listening throughout the week.
- 📖 **Wed, July 8th:** Colossians Bible Study - We’ll read 1:15–23. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.
- 📖 **Wed, July 22nd:** Colossians Bible Study - We’ll read 1:24–2:5. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.
- 🎂 **Sun, July 26th:** Second Summer Fellowship Sunday & CRCC’s 60th Anniversary - Join us at 9 AM to celebrate 60 years of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie, and stick around after for potluck, fellowship, and games. We encourage you to invite all who have had a connection to CRCC over the years—past members, friends, and neighbors! (Potluck sign-up forthcoming.)
- 📖 **Wed, July 29th:** Colossians Bible Study - We’ll read 2:6–23. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.

August Special Sundays & Summer Programming:

- 📖 **Wed, August 5th:** Colossians Bible Study - We'll read 3:1–17. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.
- 🎵 **Sun, August 9th:** A Special Second Hour - Join Trey in the Koinonia Room after worship to learn more about the Psalms, and even have a crack at writing a psalm of your own!
- 📖 **Wed, August 12th:** Colossians Bible Study - We'll read 3:18–4:6. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.
- 🍔🍌🍉 **Sun, August 23rd:** Join us at 9 AM for our final Summer Fellowship Sunday and our annual Congregational Meeting! We'll gather in the sanctuary in an Agape-style setup, and throughout this worship service-meeting, we'll hear testimonies and ministry reports, hear Trey's reflections on the past year and vision for the year ahead, and vote on new Deacons and Elders. Afterward, stay for a full summer BBQ, fellowship, and games for all ages. We highly encourage everyone to come and be part of this important and joyful day in the life of our church!
- 📖 **Wed, August 26th:** Colossians Bible Study - We'll read 4:7–18. 6 PM in the Koinonia Room.

Keep an eye out for the following! 👁️

- 🎈 **Special Sunday Activities:** Special after-worship fun may include kite flying, a mahjong tournament, and other friendly competitions.
- 👨👩👧 **Families Get-Together:** A chance for families with school-age children to connect, relax, and enjoy time together.
- ☀️ **Young Adult Get-Together:** A gathering for young adults out of high school for fellowship and community.
- 🎳 **Bowling Outing:** A special bowling event held in honor and memory of Karen Reynolds.
- 🏌️ **Camp Fowler Golf Fundraiser:** Support the ministry of Camp Fowler at this year's golf fundraiser. (It'll probably be Monday, July 6th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Fairways of Halfmoon.)

**Save the date
and your "junk"!**

June 7 @ 11:00

JUNK IN THE TRUNK



Start saving household items that you no longer use but don't want to put in the landfill!

On **Sunday, June 7, from 11 AM-12 PM**, there will be a **Junk in the Trunk** event in the church parking lot. Anyone can give their items away and anyone can "shop" for new items! Popular items are children's toys, tools, home decorations, and office supplies. This is also a really nice social event. Folks walk from car to car to treasure hunt and visit. We hope to see you there! Questions? See Jessica Kaercher, Lou Ann Connelly, Donna Davidson, Deb Desnoyers or Linda Murphy.

SPRING CLEANUP WRAP-UP



On Saturday, May 16th, dedicated members of CRCC spent their day pushing up their sleeves, digging and scrubbing, to get the building and property in its best shape! 'Thank you,' everyone who took that day (and any other day!) to help maintain the property and building.

Is there a task that you would like to do regularly? If so, contact Kevin Ingalls, Deacon of Property and Grounds. Remember - many hands make light work!





Colonie Community Daycare Center May Day Celebration

'The May Day celebration is a long-standing tradition for Colonie Community Daycare Center! Each class gets dressed up to march around the May pole wearing their flower crowns as a celebration of Spring.

The classes join together in song to celebrate the transition from a long, cold winter to warm playground days!

As with all great celebrations, there is an ice cream social on the playground to enjoy the early blooms and sunshine with their families.'

- Lexy Brown



CAPITAL PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

Don't just Talk the Talk!! It's time to Walk the Walk as we support our friends and families in the LGBTQ+ Community! We will once again be walking in Albany's Capital Pride Parade representing CRCC as members of Room for All. We will head down to Washington Park immediately following worship - around 10AM. The parade kicks off at 11:30AM. **If you are participating, please contact Sue Bredice sbredice@yahoo.com. She will let everyone know that morning via text where our place in line is.**

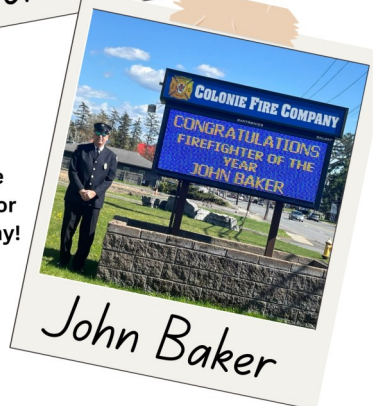
Capital PRIDE and the Capital Pride Parade and Festival benefit the critical programs and services of the **Pride Center of the Capital Region.**



Em was recognized for being an inclusive leader in their role as a mentor for the EmpowerU program at Hartwick!



John Baker was honored as the Fire Fighter of the Year for Colonie Fire Company!



EMPOWERU

EmpowerU @ Hartwick College is a two-year transformative program designed for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities who want to experience all that college life has to offer.



COLONIE FIRE COMPANY

Volunteers Proudly Serving the Community Since 1934

The Colonie Fire Company is a volunteer, dual engine and heavy rescue company serving the Village of Colonie since 1931. If you are interested in joining the team visit their website at [Join our Team - Colonie Fire Co](#).

New Breath Spirituality Center



Located within First Presbyterian Church of Albany, 'New Breath Spirituality Center is a place where we can learn

and talk about connecting with God, spirituality, and prayer/spiritual practices - as well as try some for ourselves...Through online gatherings and in-person events in the New York Capital Region and beyond, we experience God's presence together.'



April 24th-26th, participants retreated to Camp Fowler for a Spring Retreat: 'God in the Wild Places.'

Visit newbreath.org, or speak to some CRCC members (Mark Kaercher and Michael York) who have attended events, to learn more about the great programs they are offering!



Summer Worship Weather Guidelines



Outdoor Worship will not be conducted if:

- Outdoor temperature is under 55 degrees
- Heat Advisory issued by the National Weather Service
- Precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- Wind interference with the sound system or camera system
- Other weather-related conditions or impending weather changes that would interfere with conducting a full worshipful service.

The decision to move worship indoors will be made by the participating leadership one hour prior to the service.

Worship will be available via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube every Sunday.

Please check our website and social media for updated information.

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!



We are looking for individuals who love to take snapshots and preserve the great memories of CRCC! A photography team is being assembled who will attend meetings and events to get some photos for our newsletters and social media posts.

No fancy equipment needed!! Any device that can create digital photos is perfect!

All ages are welcome to share their skills!

Interested? Contact Sarah Huie - crccsarah@gmail.com

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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

Colonie Community Day Care Center

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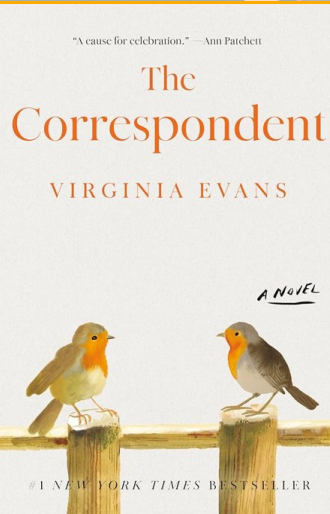
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Book Group News



The Book Group selection for June is **The Correspondent** by **Virginia Evans**.

Discussion and fellowship will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd, 6-8PM. Questions? Contact Vicki Lane, Elder of Adult Enrichment. She can be reached at vlane1020@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

By Sandy Cornwell

Who is Shirley? We all know about the ministry of **Shirley's Shawls**. It is our prayer shawl ministry that crochets and knits beautiful shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, and more, since 2007. Their handiwork has been given freely to hundreds over the years in times of healing, sadness, encouragement, or joy.

But why the name? **Shirley Beach** was a beloved member

who joined CRCC after she retired as a school music teacher. She was well loved for her humor and feistiness but searched a long while for a ministry that best fit her gifts. She approached Rev. Cornwell and Maggie George with research she had done (always a teacher) about shawl ministries in other churches - and her idea was embraced. Tragically, Shirley died suddenly and never saw this ministry begin. The name was chosen to honor her legacy - and to this day continues to wrap us all in her warmth and love.

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