



Pastoral Candidate News

The consistory rejoices in receiving the unanimous recommendation of a pastoral candidate from the search committee. In review of the search committee's recommendation, we have invited the candidate to lead us in worship on Sunday, August 3, at 9:00am. Following the worship service there will be a congregational meeting where we will seek the affirmation and support of the congregation in extending a call to the candidate. In light of this very important service, **we will be meeting in the sanctuary** instead of outdoors. As we do each Sunday, the service will be broadcast over our Zoom link. Zoom participants will be extended the opportunity to ask questions or register comments in the chat option.

In honoring the candidate's request for confidentiality, due to current employment, we are not disclosing the candidate's name or location prior to the August 3rd, worship service. Thank you for participating in that request with us.

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CRCC Congregational Meeting 2025

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the Sunday morning worship service on August 10, 2025. As in past years, this meeting includes hearing the reports of the ministries and involvements of our many committees and the good work done by all of our staff. We will also receive the financial report for this current year, August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025, as well as reviewing and considering the proposed budget for the coming year. We will also be voting to fill the current vacancies on the Board of Consistory.

This is an important meeting. All members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to attend and participate in the conversations.



On Sunday, June 29th, we had the pleasure of welcoming **Athena Claire Turuani** into the family of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. Though they currently reside in Florida, Athena's mom, Erica, is a lifelong member of CRCC, and sister of Danielle Williamson. What an honor to share this sacred day with them!

Did You Know?

By Sandy Cornwell

The lapis blue paten, pitcher, and cup are placed on the communion table or the small wooden Shaker table weekly. Where did they come from? The pieces were commissioned over 25 years ago from a potter at Red Truck Works in Chestertown, New York. In Christian symbolism, the color blue represents heavenly significance, divinity, and authority. It is associated with God's presence, truth, and faithfulness, and is often used in religious contexts. Originally, there was a fourth piece to the set, a small pitcher, that was used to pour water during the baptism services. Unfortunately, mishaps occur, but the rest have lovingly endured.

SEEKING USED BOOKS, PUZZLES, BOARD GAMES, VIDEO GAMES, CD'S AND DVD'S

Lou Ann Connolly

A **FALL FESTIVAL** is being planned for September. We will, again, provide our very popular Used Book Table.

In addition to books of any genre, we plan to collect and sell puzzles, board games, video games, music CD's, and movie DVD's.

Please help in this outreach and fundraising effort by setting aside your gently used items. We will begin to accept them for donation as the date of the event approaches.

Please keep an eye on future newsletters and the weekly bulletin for more information.

Thank you for your help.

Youth Volunteers Needed

We are in need of individuals to volunteer for a number of youth positions for this fall. Children's message takes place during the 10:00 worship service. Children's Worship takes place in the gathering room following the children's message. We are in need of volunteers to fill both of these roles on a single or rotational basis. We are also in need of someone to volunteer as a nursery assistant for at least September and October. We continue to seek 2 individuals for employment as paid nursery staff.

If you want more information about these ministries or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Huiest crccsarah@gmail.com.

Albany Synod School of Ministry
**Reformed Church in America
Doctrinal Standards**

Instructor: Rev. Matthew van Maastricht

Tuesdays, September 9 – November 4
(no class October 28)
7–9pm

This course is designed to introduce interested students to the confessions of the Reformed Church in America - the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of the Synod of Dort, and the Belhar Confession. Students will learn the background and context of the original confessions, gain a working acquaintance with the content of the various documents, and gain some insight into the contemporary relevance of the confessions for the church's life and proclamation today.

Students will also learn the nature of confession itself – what it means for the church to *confess*.

Just as important, the course will explore to what extent the church can confess with these documents in the current climate.

To do so, the course will ask the students to explore their own understanding of the faith to gauge the extent to which language of a different time and/or place gives voice to what the church must proclaim today.

Course cost: \$300. All classes are held via Zoom.

Registration:

<https://albanysynod.breezechms.com/form/00db3a790>

For more information:

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July and August Mission of the Month

The July and August Mission of the Month is The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York's Backpack Program. "The Backpack Program helps alleviate child hunger by discreetly providing hungry children with bags of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food every Friday afternoon, so they have food to eat throughout the weekend. Although free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs provide significant nutritional benefits to students during the school day, many disadvantaged children do not have access to regular meals when school is not in session."

Backpack Items Needed:

- Breakfast items like cereal, oatmeal, or granola bars
- Easy to prepare meals like mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, or canned soup
- Bread
- Milk or juice
- Fresh or canned fruit
- Fresh or canned vegetables
- Snacks

Donations to Regional Food Bank can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month Envelope, via PayPal, or directly on their web site <https://www.classy.org/give/420462/#!/donation/checkout>

Junk in the Trunk

Start saving household items that you no longer use but don't want to put in the landfill! On **Sunday, October 12, from 12:00-1:00 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, Kyrra April, Ellen Buono, Lou Ann Connelly, Deb Desnoyers or Linda Murphy.



JUNK IN THE TRUNK

Sunday, October 12
12:00 - 1:00 PM

****If giving items, arrive at 11:45***

Community Reformed Church of Colonie

Confirmation Class Fall 2025



Confirmation Class will be taking place this fall for any high school youth interested in becoming an active part of the membership of CRCC. Interested individuals should contact either Lisa Gillan (ljmcgee522@gmail.com) who will be teaching the class, or Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

Advocacy and Global Mission

ADDRESSING LOCAL AND WORLD DISASTER

It seems every day we are reading or hearing about a new disaster or emergency happening in our community, country or world. Texas floods, Midwest tornadoes, California fires, and locally we face many of the same emergencies. Many of us feel helpless, and sometimes hopeless, because we are far from the areas, or we lack the skills to help. The good news is that we can make change happen! We can be supportive of organizations whose mission it is to respond to these events.

As a church community, we are financially supporting two organizations that address the needs of areas facing disasters. Specifically for the Texas flood community, CRCC as a church community is donating to The Rio Texas Conference, organized through the United Methodist Disaster Response - riotexasresponse.org. On a larger scale for worldwide disasters, CRCC is donating to World Care Center - worldcares.org.

World Cares Center

Worldcares.org

World Cares Center's mission is to ease the harm, suffering, and loss caused by disasters through the empowerment of under-served, at-risk communities to prevent everyday accidents and react as educated and skilled ready responders when disasters occur.

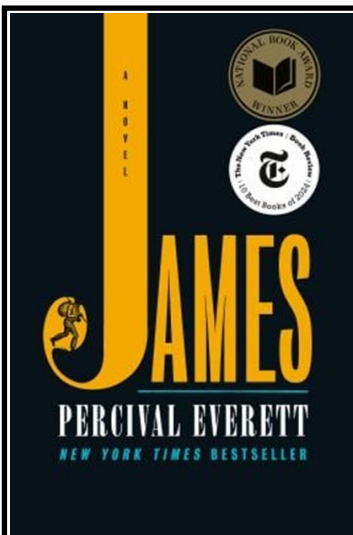
World Cares Center knows that resiliency is best promoted when all community members are prepared to respond to disasters together.

Everyone can be a Ready Responder!

The Rio Texas Conference

Riotexasresponse.org

United Methodist Disaster Response in the Rio Texas Conference provides caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster, that begins with response and ends with long term recovery. Training, serving and connecting responders and victims are the foundations of this faith-based organization.



Book Group will NOT be meeting in August. The next meeting will be **September 23rd, 6-8PM**. September's book selection is **James by Percival Everett**. All are always welcome.

Questions? Contact Karen Reynolds.

Construction Update

The timeline and start date for construction has been altered a bit. Environmental testing has found low levels of Asbestos in some of the building products used when the church was built back in the 1960's. While this is not surprising, removal and remediation of the asbestos will have to occur prior to renovation. The timeline as of now is removal and remediation will tentatively be completed by mid-August, and construction will start soon after. Construction will continue through September and potentially longer. Removal and remediation will occur at night, and will not affect the daily building use; no church related activities will be canceled, including our Daycare activities. Should you have questions or concerns I invite you to call me at 518-894-0994.

Yours In Christ,
Kevin Ingalls



Small Groups on Hiatus

Women's Bible Study, Upper Room for All, Shirley's Shawls, and Sew and Reap Quilters are on hiatus for the summer. All groups will resume in September. Watch the newsletter, Sunday bulletin, and social media for start dates.



Colonie Community Day Care

We are wrapping up a great year at CCDC! We ended our "school" year with our annual Spring Show and Graduation. This year was very special, because we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of the Day Care Center. It is an amazing tribute to both the Church and the Day Care for a business and mission to celebrate 50 years.

We are looking forward to another 50 years! At this point, we are teaching many of our former students' children. We have prided ourselves on being an extension of the families we serve and loving the children as our own. We are blessed to have this beautiful facility and the amazing playground. The wildlife certainly enjoys it, too! We have had our share of bird nests, rabbits, chipmunks, snakes, and of course, snapping turtles!

We are planning to have an anniversary picnic in the fall. We will be inviting past and current day care staff and children, families, and, of course, the church family.

Day Care is now enrolling for the fall, and we expect a full house! We are happy to carry on the tradition and mission of the church to provide a safe and affordable place to nurture our children.

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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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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 for worship to be ONLY available on Zoom will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service.

Please check our website and social media for updated information.

Even though we can't access our narthex bulletin board, we can STILL access our online one! Our Padlet Online Bulletin Board (padlet.com/crccsarah/churchbulletinboard) is updated regularly. Don't see something there you wish you did? Contact Sarah Huie (crccsarah@gmail.com) to have it added today!



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