



The Newsletter of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack
A Reformed Church in America Congregation

The Fisherman

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2016 CONSISTORY

Elders

Bill Better
Louise Bliss
Glenn Holzhauer
Lloyd Lawrence
Steve Race
Julie Veronezi

Deacons

Donna Lynk Campion
Roger Case
Cheryl Halleran
Sue Ihlenburg
Jim Mackerer

Missionaries

RCA -Partner in Mission(PIM)

Staff

Rev. Linda Miles
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PASTOR LINDA'S PONDERINGS

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Lent has ended and we begin the Easter season which lasts seven weeks ending on Pentecost which is May 15th this year.

The Easter season is a season full of life. It is springtime. Rivers and streams come alive. The grass turns green and the trees sprout new leaves. Our daffodils are already blooming and the many tulips planted for our 300th anniversary are coming up. I hear the birds singing every morning. It is a glorious time of year.

It is the perfect time to celebrate life. And we have much to celebrate as our church continues to celebrate its 300th year of ministry in Claverack. The best way to do that is to keep our Easter faith alive. Enjoy the good news of Jesus' resurrection and let its meaning sink in. Be grateful for the abundant life offered by Christ and share your faith, hope, and love with others. Make prayer a part of your daily life in your relationship to God. Do good works. He lives!

Blessings on you and yours in this Easter season.

Pastor Linda

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES & HAPPENINGS!!

Organ Recital, Keith Niver, Sunday April 10 ... 3:00 pm As a special part of the 300th Celebration. Following the concert there will be a reception in the CEB.

Bulletin Board in the Church Education Building You may be the **one** who has ideas we can use for the bulletin board. Please contact Louise Bliss or the church office to lend your skills to creating the bulletin board display.

Coffee Hour Signup Sheet is located on the bulletin board on the right by the calendar just inside the front doors of the CEB. ***Please consider hosting coffee hour.***

Planning Fellowship Activities

For the past month there has been a list of possible fellowship activities put out during coffee hours to enable people to indicate possible interest in these various activities and to add any other ideas they may have. Your ideas for fellowship opportunities continue to be welcome after the list is no longer out. Just see me during coffee hour with any suggestions. Several activities have been shown to have enough interest to be organized. Look for further information coming soon as we organize dates, times, etc. Thank you for your feedback.

Sincerely, Sue Ihlenburg

Recycling

The church is increasing its commitment to and participation in recycling in order to be a better steward of our earth and its resources. To this end there continue to be the baskets by the doors to the sanctuary for recycling bulletins, as well as the container for returnable bottles on the porch of the CE Building, with the proceeds being split 50/50 between the Boy Scouts and the church. There continues to be a container inside the CEB door for paper. In addition, one of the two containers in the kitchen is designated for clean commingled recyclables. In the hall next to the kitchen door there is one container for waste and one for recycling from coffee hours and meals. A small basket has been designated for recycling downstairs. It is located just inside the kitchenette door to the left under the counter. Please rinse recyclable drink and food containers before placing them in this basket. Anything with the recycling triangular symbol on it with numbers 1-7 in the center is recyclable. This includes plastic, Styrofoam, and paper cups; both ours and take outs from fast food venues. The only items in our dumpster should be non-recyclables. Special thanks to **Ed Cramer** for collecting our recyclables and transporting them to the Greenport Transfer Station which accepts commingled 1-7 items, and **Linda Theiss** for her computer skills in making signs for our recycling. Thank you all for your commitment to and participation in our recycling efforts, and becoming better stewards of our earth and its resources.

Sincerely, Sue Ihlenburg

Pastor Linda Miles office hours will be posted in each Sunday's bulletin. She is also available by appointment. The best way to reach her is by cell phone: 845-430-3348 or by e-mail: lindajosiemiles@gmail.com

Church office hours, Tuesday thru Thursday 9am to 2pm.

Sunday School Corner We are making "Resurrection Rolls".



The Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack
Consistory Meeting Tuesday February 9th, 2016 at 7 pm
Approved by Consistory on March 8, 2016
Stephen Race, Clerk of Consistory

Present - Pastor Linda Miles, Donna Lynk Campion, Julie Veronezi, Bill Better, Lloyd Lawrence, Louise Bliss, Stephen Race, Roger Case, Sue Ihlenburg, Cheryl Halleran

Absent - Glenn Holzhauser, Jim Mackerer

1. Opening prayer & scripture - at 7:00pm by Pastor Linda Miles

2. Additions/Deletions to the agenda - (see below)

a. John Dunham came to the consistory meeting to discuss the Church Bible restoration project. John is reporting that the Bible has been restored and that he is in the process of building a display case for it. John also discussed the Centennial book, which is very brittle and in need of restoration. However, after taking the book to a professional, it has been determined that the book is in a non-restorable condition. Since restoration is not an option, he thought copying the book would be the next best thing. John took the book to a copier in East Greenbush and they gave him the price of \$18 per copy. Bill made a motion that this proposal be added to the Annual Meeting on Feb. 28th. Lloyd seconded the motion and passed. John also discussed a marble plaque that is inside the belfry. The plaque is roughly 3' x 6' and outlines the history of Rev. Gephardt in the Church. The plaque is most likely too heavy to be moved but a photo can be taken and put on the web site. John also informed us that the stained glass window has a list of all of the ministers and dates of the first 136 years. Bill made a motion to have someone come and look at the window for restoration. Lloyd seconded and passed.

b. Sue has been looking to expand the recycling that the Church does. She has been in contact with Tom Patterson and the tenants of the parsonage. Sue made a motion that we purchase a 50 gallon recycling receptacle at Wal-Mart. Cheryl seconded it and it passed.

3. Approval of January minutes: January 2016 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Louise, 2nd by Roger and passed. They will be sent to the office for filing.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at this time

5. Deacons' Report: Roger noted that we had a nice turn out with food. He delivered food to Columbia Opportunities, Salvation Army and Claverack Food Pantry. Louise also noted that a few hams went to the Salvation Army.

6. Elders' Report: Elders had a meeting prior to the consistory meeting. The Elders approved a membership transfer request from Maryann Radomski & Richard Hughes.

Old Business -

a. Consistorial Retreat discussion put on hold until next meeting.

New Business:

a. Annual Consistory meeting will be held after Church on Feb. 28th.

b. Installation of James Mackerer as Deacon is postponed until he recovers from his accident.

c. There is a Spaghetti Dinner on 2nd Saturday of each month at Philmont Methodist/Reformed Church and the 4th Saturday of each month at Hudson Reformed Church at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to serve the hungry.

d. Vacation Bible School is scheduled at Hudson Reformed Church Aug. 1-5, probably in the mornings. There is an organizational meeting on Sat. March 19th at 10 AM. at the Hudson Reformed Church. 52 Green St.

Committee Reports:

Christian Growth & Education Committee - Cheryl & Donna - The Sunday School is planning projects for Lent. There is one student in the confirmation class. Confirmation will take place on Pentecost on May 15th.

Missions Committee - *Lloyd, John Dunham, Cheryl, Roger, Jan Dunham, Jenny Post* - The Super Bowl of Caring was collected last week. The money will go to local food pantries and Lloyd will have an exact dollar amount soon. The mission for Lent is being decided. Pastor Linda noted that Pastor Nick Miles has information on how we can help Native American missions. She informed the consistory that Native American missions are not getting as much money. The Missions Committee will meet to discuss giving to Native American missions, and inform the congregation and make a proposal to consistory.

Nurture Committee - *Louise* - Pastor Linda is planning to take communion to shut-ins after March 3rd at 11 AM with gifts from the Sunday school. Louise reported that she visited Millie Spoor and noted that she is happy and in good spirits. She also made a phone call to Harriet Hegeman. She also stopped to see Laura Cornell. Louise is stepping down from Nurture Committee but would be available if an Elder is needed to take communion.

Finance Committee - *Bill, Shirley, Nate, and Glenn* - Bill noted that Linda's reimbursement package was approved. Bill noted that the only change was that her travel stipend has increased to \$1,000. Cheryl made a motion to approve, Louise seconded and passed. Mike Bowman would like tickets to the Boy Scouts Pancake fundraiser at Applebee's to be sold during coffee hour.

Building and Property Committee - *Julie, Tom Patterson, Wendy Cook, and John Dunham* - Chair lift was inspected and is in good shape. Latch was replaced. Floor buffer was approved. RCW donated money for the buffer. Tom is looking for a buffer that can be serviced. Parsonage sewer is backing up. There is a cracked pipe from floor to ceiling. This was temporarily fixed but will need to be fixed permanently. The wall and floor under the toilet will need to be replaced due to water damage. Bill made a motion that Tim Weinman fix this issue, Sue seconded the motion and passed after discussion.

Worship Committee - *Dianne, Glenn, Cindy, Donna* - Donna stopped at the Rosery Flower Shop to discuss Easter lilies. There will be notification in the bulletin regarding upcoming lily orders and once a price is obtained the order forms will be available. The Rosery Flower Shop will also order palms for Palm Sunday. There will be no delivery charge. Dianne has agreed to stay on Worship Committee. Pastor Linda is also asking for readers for Church services.

Personnel Committee - *Julie, Jim* - Julianne Fletcher was hired as the Administrative Assistant. Some extra hours for training and 300th Celebration may be needed but these hours were already approved by consistory. Pastor Linda is helping lead a retreat on Feb. 23-25th. and will be out of the office during this time. She will be checking in by phone. Pulpit supply will be needed for April 24th as pastor Linda will be away at a retreat.

Fellowship Committee - *Sue Ihlenburg* - Sue is looking for suggestions for fellowship events. Some suggestions are nature walks, bike rides, movie nights, game nights, bowling, a trip to the Ghent playhouse, miniature golf and picnics.

Webpage, Publicity and Outreach - *Stephen Race, Louise Bliss* - New office computer has been ordered and it is expected to be here soon. Once the computer comes in Steve will set it up.

300th Anniversary Committee - *Glenn* - Donna brought up the guests that are staying with families for the Palm Sunday concert. Since the date has changed for the concert the guests will now be staying on a Sunday night into Monday morning. Pickup and breakfast will need to be arranged. Scout Sunday will be part of the 300th Anniversary celebration this year. Boy Scouts will be doing coffee hour and ushering. Lloyd shared that the directory is in the process of being published.

Meeting Closed with Prayer: by Pastor Linda Miles

Next Consistory Meeting Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 7 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

PRAYER CHAIN CONCERNS

Louise Bliss...**Gene, Geneva**
Peter Bristol's loved ones
Clapp Family...**Brian**
Daly Family...**Mike, Jeff**
DeLamater Family/friend...Eddie, Jr.
Dunhams' friends...**Shaquanda, Marta**
John Hardy
Harriet Hegeman...**David**
Holzhauer Family...**Glenn's brother's family**
Hotalen Family/friend...
Winnie/Richard
Sue Ihlenburg's niece...**Lisa**
Sharon Kavanaugh
John Keeler's loved ones
Pam Kline's Family...**Aunt Gloria's loved ones**
Krein-Hart Family...**Rose**
Jan Lynch's family/friends...**Alanna, Pete + Dawn, Sandy/Mary Ann**
Jim Mackerer
Ruth Manning's family...**Barbara**
Andrea Mastrianni's student...**Hayley**
Mayo Family...**Emile + Patricia**
McNamee Family friends...**Paul, Christine**
Pastor Linda Miles' family/friends...**Mother/ Lorna, Cathy, Bill + Elka, Patti,**

Ursula's loved ones, Claire, Hilda + mother
Heather + Ryan Niver's friends...**Ricardo, Michelle**
Carol O'Neill's family/friends...**Ted, Fred, Helen/ Lucas, Joan**
Ostrander Family/friend...**Peter, Kay/Nancy**
Kitty Osterhoudt's friend...**Jackie**
Snookie Patterson's friend...**Marita**
Paul's friend...**Chris**
Race Family...**Neal, Kevin + family**
Schoep Family/friend...**Terra, Karl/ Library Director**
Schroepel Family...**Rick, twin baby boy**
Denise Smith's friend...**Susan Ruth Smith**
Tara
Anne Terwilliger...**Artie**
Theiss Family/friends...**Carol, Lisa/ Gina, Brad**
Jan Toelke
Frieda Van Deusen's nephew...**Nick**
Veronezi Family/friend...**Aunt Alice, Uncle Willard/friend's mother**
Bob Weinman...**Steve**
Wilber Family/friends...**Jackie + Alan, Deena + John/Neighbors, friend's granddaughter, Victor + daughter**

...and those who are housebound or are in rehab/nursing/assisted-living homes:

HOME: **Nelson Dickey** (living with his daughter, Virginia Ambrose)
Charles Hallenbeck (living in Ohio with his daughter)

PINE HAVEN: **Pauline Gowen** (P-L's Mom)

WHITTIER: **Millie Spoor, Laura Cornell**

Lectionary Readings

April 3, Second Sunday of Easter.

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118; 14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8
John 20; 19-31

April 10, Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



April Birthdays



April Anniversaries

Katherine Cook	4/4	Vinessa Bowman	4/13	Mike & Lynda Nielsen	4/3
Andrew Mackerer	4/4	Ann Stone	4/19	Gary & Shanda Steenburn	4/20
Holly Barton	4/6	Florentina Campion	4/19		
_Lori Lennon	4/8	Lydia Skoda	4/19		
_Arlene Snyder	4/8	Amy Race	4/25		
_Jan Dunham	4/10	Jim O'Neill	4/26		
_Sarah Veronezi	4/10	William Krein	4/30		
Olivia Keeler	4/11	Jennifer Lynn Stupplebeen	4/30		