



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

# The Fisherman

## PASTOR'S CORNER November 2019

### 2019 CONSISTORY

#### **Elders**

Bill Better  
Cheryl Halleran  
Andrea Mastrianni  
Nate Winch

#### **Deacons**

Wendy Cook  
John Dunham  
Susan Ihlenburg  
Melissa Skoda  
Olivia VanAlphen  
Bob Weinman

#### **Missionaries**

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#### **Staff**

Rev. Linda Miles, Pastor  
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Director of Music  
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*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"*

John 10:10b

November is a time for gratitude for all our blessings. Here are some of my favorite quotes about gratitude. I hope they will be of use to you in this month of thankfulness.

At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the way for us.

– Albert Schweitzer

Gratitude turns what we have into enough. – Anonymous

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. – Karl Barth

In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give and that it is only with gratitude that we become rich. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. – Melodie Beattie

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. – Thornton Wilder

Gratitude for the present moment and the fullness of life is true prosperity. – Eckhardt Tolle

Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty. – Doris Day

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude. – G.K. Chesterton

Blessings,  
Pastor Linda Miles

## ***Keep Up-To-Date With Opportunities & Happenings!!***

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Saints Day. Please let Pastor Linda know by October 31<sup>st</sup> if you have the name of someone to be recognized in memory during the service.**

Did you know that on the back of each Sunday bulletin there are email addresses for Pastor Linda, the church office and the RDCC website?

Have you looked at the website lately? <http://www.claverackreformedchurch.org>  
You can view sermon titles for future dates and read past sermons.

Just a reminder that the First Sunday of Each Month is the collection for Local Food Pantries.



**Wednesday, at 10am and 7pm.** Our new season of Yule Booth has been actively meeting in the cemetery room downstairs in the CE Building. Please consider joining us up the last day, Wednesday, November 13, in creating Christmas ornaments for sale at our bazaar, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Many hands help to create more memories for the person who receives the ornament.

**Readers Needed:** If you would like to read the scripture during the service, please sign-up on the easel in the entrance to the CEB or email [rdcc88@yahoo.com](mailto:rdcc88@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**Greeters Needed:** Greeting our brothers and sisters as we enter God's house is an important part of our worshipping Him. If you are able to greet on a Sunday morning, please sign-up on the easel in the CEB or contact *Irene Holzhauer* 518-672-7905. Thank You!

**VEDDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Funds are available to provide interest-free loans for any member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack to use toward higher education. The loan amount is currently established as \$750 per student per year. Repayment is expected to begin one year after completing the course of education. A signed agreement is required. For more information contact *Wendy Cook*.

### **2020 Budget Assessment Classis of Columbia Greene**

General Synod RCA	\$54.30	Increased \$ . 08
Synod of Albany	\$37.00	Increased \$3.00
Classis of Columbia Greene	\$ 9.87	Increased \$ .40
Up \$3.48 (\$101.17 from \$97.69)		
<b>Total per member</b>		<b>\$101.17</b>



## Our 59th Annual Bazaar will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday November 23rd.

The Bazaar begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. Everyone (remember to invite your friends and neighbors) is invited to shop and have lunch and/or start with coffee and a bagel. There are hundreds of items to select from, but if you have a favorite item that you look forward to buying each year, come early so that you will not be disappointed. Be aware that the Silent Auction closes shortly before 2 p.m. You will not want to miss getting your bids in on anyone of many, many great items. We love our children and it is a family event so bring all the children who would like to come. Thanks to the men in our congregation who help with so much, including/they also help with parking cars and help with your packages and larger items.



The benefits from our Bazaar are designated by the Women of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack for mission projects locally, in the United States and around the world where help is most needed.



But before the opening bell at 10 a.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we need to cook, set up, and sign up. Anyone who would like to participate in setting up ahead of time or, help on the day of the bazaar, should leave a message at the church office, 518 851 3811, or speak directly to the contact people for the booths in person. Everyone has a chance to help and it is a wonderful social event where you meet new people and welcome friends from years ago. If you call the church office, or if you would rather speak in person to the contact person of a booth, you will need to know who is who, so...

**Knitting Nook**, Snookie Patterson

**Home Boutique**, Phyllis Mayo

**Pine Room Luncheon**, Jane Case and Donna Lynk

**Trifles and Treasures**, Marylou Knull

**Yule Booth** (smaller decorations and trimmings), Dianne Slusar

**Good Earth**, Greens and Centerpieces, Melissa Skoda

**Sunday School Booth**, Sunday School Teachers

**Pantry Shelf**, Jean Starkes & Judy Weinman

**Gingerbread Cookie Room**, Olivia VanAlphen & Pam Kline

For the **Chairperson of the Bazaar** leave a message or, speak directly to Kim Plass. If any merchants or entrepreneurs you know would like to contribute to the **Silent Auction**, or if you would like to help with the Silent Auction, please speak to or, leave a message for **Carolyn Wilber**.

The final message is come and help, meet friends, support your church mission projects, make new friends and greet the people you know with a smile and a hug. It is a special once a year event, and after 58 years, it has to be a GREAT EVENT. See you in church on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. too.

## **NOVEMBER and DECEMBER** **Services and Celebrations**

Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am, All Saints' Day, Communion

Please contact Pastor Linda if you have names to offer for All Saints' Day announcement.

Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am, Stewardship Sunday, Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Elders Meeting, 7:00 pm Consistory Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Service

Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Thanksgiving Service, World Hunger Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am Service, First Sunday of Advent, Communion

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Service, Second Sunday of Advent

1:45 pm Christmas Caroling, meet at the church. Following the caroling we will gather at Glenn & Irene Holzhauser's house, (159 Schroeder Rd. Philmont) for potluck food and fun.

Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Service, Third Sunday of Advent, Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am Service, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am, First Sunday after Christmas Day



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER**

### **November Sunday School:**

We will be talking about Daniel in the Lions' Den and prayer.

We will be learning about shepherds and angels as we approach the Advent Season.

## **KEEPIN' IT SIMPLE**

At a recent church women's meeting,  
it was discussed and recommended that coffee hours be kept simple,  
hopefully having folks more comfortable to volunteer to host them.  
The point stressed, was that the coffee hour is primarily a time for fellowship  
and providing coffee, tea and juice would be sufficient.

If volunteers also want to bring some goodies, that is fine, but not essential.

To make the task even easier it was also suggested that  
beverages be served from the "pass-thru windows" at the counter.

Please also note this update for...

## **MAKIN' THE COFFEE**

With the coffee that the church is presently using  
for one packet of coffee

**only fill the water level to the top of the print on the coffee pot**  
(which is also 1" below the metal band).



#### November Birthdays

Pastor Linda Miles	11/1	Spencer Barton	11/15
Kay Simmons	11/3	Brayden Skoda	11/22
Darcy Connor	11/6	Willa Schroepel	11/23
David Winch	11/12	Debbie Van Dyke	11/25
Judy Weinman	11/14	Joslyn Stone	11/27
		Dianne Slusar	11/30

#### November Anniversary

Karen & Jay Case	11/12
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### November Lectionary Readings

The Lectionary is a list of scripture readings that are traditionally used for each Sunday of the year. Many preachers choose from these readings for their sermon texts. They are created in a three-year cycle to cover many important Bible passages.

#### **November 3 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119-137-144; Isaiah 1:10-28;  
Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

#### **November 10 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98;  
Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

#### **November 17 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

#### **November 24 Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

#### Late edition:

Please be advised that Rabbi Fried will be conducting an Introduction to Hebrew class starting Tuesday October 29, 2019 at 2:00 pm. This one-hour weekly class will explain how to read (beginners) Hebrew. It will focus on the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in the context of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Classes will be held at Congregation Anshe-Emeth, 240 Joslen Blvd., Hudson NY 12534. It is not necessary to attend every class.

## CORRESPONDENCE

From the Reformed Church in America:

Thank you for your contribution!

Care Network – \$640.00 for International Disaster Relief, 2019 Hurricane Dorian.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

With deep gratitude,

Ken Neevel, Director of Development & Facilitation

From the Salvation Army

On behalf of those we serve, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your recent contribution of \$240.00 to support the services of The Salvation Army.

May God richly bless you,

Chaz Watson, Territorial Director of Advancement

## A REMINDER

**As part of our commitment to be conscientious good stewards of our earth  
our church recycles.**

For people doing coffee hour: Please recycle containers from store-bought goodies, juice and half and half after rinsing or washing them clean and removing caps.

For those of us enjoying coffee hour: Most of what we use is garbage. Anything with food on it **cannot** be recycled. The children may have clear plastic cups for juice that are recyclable. Those should be emptied and rinsed and put in the recycling container to the right of the kitchen door. The garbage/recycling containers are labeled so please check that you put things in their proper container. Please don't mix garbage and recycling together as the recycling must be clean. Thanks!

Sue Ihlenburg

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**GREAT BIG THANK YOU of GRATITUDE**

to Sue for the countless hours she spends helping us be earth friendly.

Your efforts are appreciated by many, Sue!



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BETRAY	FORGIVE	NOT MY WILL	SADDUCEES	TAKEN
BLOOD	GRACE	PALSY	SAW	TEARS
CALVARY	HEROD	PASSOVER	SCRIBES	TITHES
CHASTISE	LATCHET	PEACE	SEPULCHRE	VINEGAR
CUP	LAZARUS	PHARISEE	SILOAM	WEEP
DEVIL	LEAPED	PILATE	SIMEON	WORSHIP

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