



The Newsletter of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack
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The Fisherman

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time for tears, and a time for laughter; a time for mourning, and a time for dancing... Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,4

"The trees grow more restless; October wind weaves through them; they shake their arms in dismay as if to fight the coming cold and the grief of the leaves going. Autumn air does a heart-dance on branches already gone barren; the misty air clings to golden leaves, making the trees bend even lower. It is a season to hold the trees close, to stand with them in their grieving. It is a time to open my inner being to the misty truths of my own goodbyes... I cling to the ripeness of summer knowing it will be many long months before I can catch a breath of lilac, or the green of freshly mown grass. And so, I begin my fallow vigil, remembering the truth of the ages: Unless the wheat seed dies, it cannot sing a new birth. Unless summer gives way to autumn, springtime will never embrace me." Joyce Rupp Praying our Goodbyes, p.11-12.

The trees in my neighborhood are beginning to change color, the first frost will probably come soon. We have just celebrated the fall equinox. Autumn reminds us that life is fragile, there are no guarantees of a trouble-free life, change is inevitable.

Autumn is a good time to treasure each day, to enjoy the summer memories and make plans for the coming year. It is a time to embrace the balance of the seasons, the warmth and the cold, the light and the dark. God has created this wonderful world where we are privileged to live in harmony with nature. It is a time to

care for the earth and feed our hearts with beloved memories and hopes for the future.

Let us celebrate this season remembering God's gift of life and beauty.

Pastor Linda Miles

Keep Up-to-Date with Opportunities & Happenings!!

FLU CLINIC

We are hosting a flu clinic after the church service on October 13th. Shots will be provided by Kim Plass and CVS Pharmacy. If you are over 18 and are in the CVS computer system, the form provided during the clinic is all you need...for everyone else, we just need a copy of your insurance card. We can do that in our church office. Enjoy coffee, refreshments and get your 2019-2020 flu shot; what could be easier?

Please remember to wear short/loose sleeves.

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

The Consistory encourages the church family to support the local food pantries with a money donation which will enable the pantries to purchase food at a much lower discounted price than the general public can pay for food items. Also, non-perishable foods will continue to be collected and taken to our local pantries every month.

Wednesday, at 10 am and 7pm. Our new season of Yule Booth meetings is very active in the cemetery room downstairs in the CE Building. Please consider joining us every Wednesday in creating Christmas ornaments for sale at our next bazaar. 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 the form in the CEB entry or email 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 in the CEB building or contact Irene Holzhauer. Thank You!

FALL CHURCH and SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Join Us! It will be a really great day!

October 6th at the Town of Claverack Park

What a fantastic way to welcome the new Sunday School year.

It is Communion Sunday; service is at 9:30 am, followed by a picnic.

Bring your own place settings and a covered dish to share (salads, fruit, desserts).

The church will furnish hot dogs, condiments and drinks.



Our first official Sunday School start will be Oct. 6th but we met September 29th to make our prayer cross focusing on prayer and a prayer life.
Our Advent theme this year will be "Shepherds and Angels".

Missions Update - Early Fall

Rise Against Hunger 2019 Recap

Thank you to all who donated (\$630 total) — and especially those who came out to help package meals — for this year's Rise Against Hunger event, held on Saturday, September 7th, at the Martin H Glynn school in Kinderhook. We had 13 volunteers come out (way to go!), joining other local volunteers in measuring and combining the basic meal components (rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamins) into meal bags — that were then weighed, sealed and packaged for shipping to regional warehouses. In 2.5 hours, we accomplished the day's goal of 25,000 pre-packaged meals, each nutritious meal able to feed a family of six with just some added hot water. Kinderhook Reformed is the local sponsor for the Rise Against Hunger packaging events and is very grateful for our participation and support.



RDCC helpers at the RISE AGAINST HUNGER packaging event.

Operation: Christmas Child 2019

October is Operation: Christmas Child month — the time when we ask your help in assembling gift boxes for needy children worldwide. You can help in two ways: give a monetary donation to help purchase needed items or to pay handling fees (now \$9 a box); or purchase requested items from gift tags that will be available in October. Thank you to all who helped us get a head start during the back-to-school sales — stay tuned for more details to come.

Yours in Missions, Lloyd

THANKS TO ALL THOSE

who contributed homegrown fruits and vegetables
for the DEACONS' FUND
during the 2019 growing season!

Also, a great **BIG** thank you to Mick and Mary Ann Gregory
who are exceptionally generous with their produce
and who are wonderful mentors in this service of giving to others.

To the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack

“On behalf of those we serve, my deepest appreciation for your recent contribution of \$240 to support the services of **THE SALVATION ARMY.**”

Chaz Watson

Territorial Director of Advancement

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE and SERMON TITLES

October 6, 2019	Psalm 37:1-9, Luke 17:5-10 “Abundant Life” Worldwide Communion Sunday
October 13, 2019	Luke 17:11-19 “Your Faith Has Made You Well”
October 20, 2019	Luke 18:1-8 “Persistence”
October 27, 2019	Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Alan Jansen New Brunswick Theological Seminary/General Synod Professor Emeritus

October 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.

October 6th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137;
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c;
Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22;
Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



October Birthdays

Charles Hallenbeck	10/1
Carolyn Wilber	10/2
Lloyd Lawrence	10/8
Ruth Manning	10/15
Kim Plass	10/16
William Rasweiler	10/16
Emil Krizar	10/18
Robert Mayo	10/25
Bella Van Schaik	10/30
Karen Winch	10/31

October Anniversaries

Denise & Scott Holzhauer	10/4
Rob & Shannon Schroepel	10/19
Cindy & Lenny VanAlphen	10/20

Helping Hands Needed for The 59th Bazaar

Fall is just around the corner and our church women are making plans for **The 59th ANNUAL BAZAAR**. Many of you are already busy sewing, canning, growing and drying plants, doing crafts and other tasks. We wanted to remind everyone what all this hard work and dedication accomplishes for our church and community.

The bazaar's success over these many years has allowed us to give back. The proceeds from our bazaar are delegated by voting to various community programs such as: the school back-pack program, local food and GGCC pantries, Camp Fowler programs and camper scholarships, missionary work and other requests. We have also supported funding needs for our sanctuary, CE building and parsonage such as: The Deacon's Fund, kitchen equipment, water heater, parsonage repairs and upkeep, and maintaining the equipment for the bell choir to name a few.

Please consider lending your talents to one of the booths listed below:

Bazaar Chairperson	Kim Plass
Publicity	Want to help? Sign up
Gingerbread/Kids Craft Room	Olivia VanAlphen & Pam Kline
Good Earth	Melissa Skoda
Home Boutique	Phyllis Mayo
Knitting Nook	Snookie Patterson
Pantry Shelf	Jean Starkes & Judy Weinman
Pine Room Luncheon	Donna Campion & Jane Case
Silent Auction	Carolyn Wilber
Sunday School Booth	Sunday School Teachers
Trifles and Treasures	Marylou Knull
Yule Booth	Dianne Slusar

Having a successful bazaar allows us to continue having **1 fundraising event** each year as opposed to many smaller fundraising events. Therefore, we need each and every one to participate in some capacity. There are plenty of opportunities before, during and after the bazaar. New ideas are welcome! Please contact Kim Plass or a booth chairperson to volunteer.

Thank you for your support.
The Reformed Dutch Church Women

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.