

The Fisherman

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

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Ones,

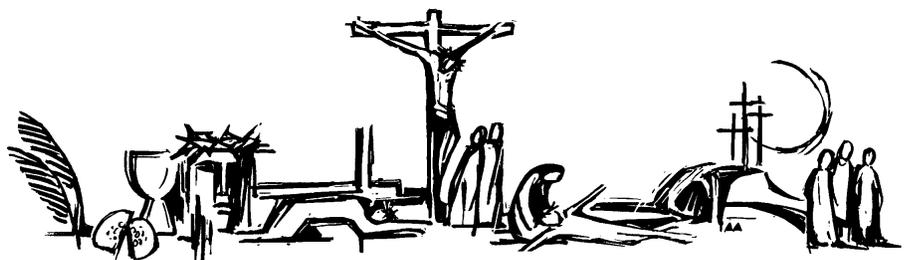
I hope your Lenten time has begun well. Here is part of a prayer by Ted Loder in *Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*.

Catch Me in My Scurrying

Catch me in my anxious scurrying, Lord,
and hold me in this Lenten season:
and hold my feet to the fire of your grace
and make me attentive to my mortality
that I may begin to die now to those things that keep me
from living with you
and with my neighbors on this earth;
to grudges and indifference,
to certainties that smother possibilities,
to my fascination to false securities,
to my addiction to sweatless dreams,
to my arrogant insistence on how it has to be;
To my corrosive fear of dying someday
which eats away the wonder of this day,
and the adventure of losing my life
in order to find it in you.

This Lent, spend some quiet time with the Lord. May your Lenten journey be blessed.

Pastor Linda
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Spiritual Life of Our Congregation



Worship Schedule



Our **worship services** are Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and we continue to follow the guidelines that have been enacted to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will continue for the foreseeable future until we receive further guidance. The worship service is streamed live on the church’s Facebook page. As this is a public page, you do not need a Facebook account. Go to: The-Reformed-Dutch-Church-of-Claverack. While this service is live, it remains a saved file so you can watch the service as your schedule allows.



Bulletins are sent electronically via email (a few are printed and mailed). This will continue indefinitely. We encourage in-person worshippers to print their own bulletins, for safety reasons. However, there are printed copies available. If you are not receiving an emailed bulletin, please contact the church office at office@claverackreformedchurch.org, or call us at 518-851-3811.



Virtual **Coffee Hour** will continue via Zoom for the next several weeks (from your home). We continue to look at the possibility of resuming coffee hour at church, hoping that social-distancing requirements could become less stringent. (An email with Zoom directions is sent via email each week.)



The **Christian Education Building** will be open for restroom use **only** during our worship services. The remaining building remains closed until further notice due to sanitation cleaning requirements.



Worship: As in past years, we continue family participation in the readings of **Journey to the Cross**. Please let Pastor Linda know if your family would like to read this segment during the Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday.

Communion Service

Sunday, March 7, we will celebrate **Holy Communion**.

- * If you are worshipping with us in person, please bring your own bread and juice;
- * If you are worshipping with us with Facebook live stream, please prepare your own bread and juice.



March Lectionary Readings

The Lectionary is a list of scripture readings that are traditionally used for each Sunday of the church 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.

March 7 (Third Sunday of Lent):

Exodus 20:1-7; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 14 (Fourth Sunday of Lent):

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 21 (Fifth Sunday of Lent):

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 28 (Palm/Passion Sunday):

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

Church Family Missions

...we have recently received a note from the **Mellenville Philmont Food Pantry**...

Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack, The Regional Food Bank has notified us of your recent donation [*year end 2020*] of \$500. The challenge of providing food to our community is never ending. Your generosity helps us face that challenge. Thank you.

Church Business

Bylaws Review Committee: If you are interested in revisiting our church's bylaws and being on the review committee, please contact Pastor Linda for more information.

Facebook: The-Reformed-Dutch-Church-of-Claverack

March Birthdays

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Kimberly Kline	3/2	Shanda Steenburn	3/18
Norma Barnard	3/2	Nathan Winch	3/20
Linda Theiss	3/2	Gabriel Case	3/22
Elena Campion	3/2	Christopher Post	3/22
Anne Terwilliger	3/7	Louise Bliss	3/24
Priscilla Fosby	3/8	Rev. Nick Miles	3/26
Patricia Hickey	3/8	Edward Cramer	3/27
Kameron Case	3/15	Joshua Campion	3/30
Megan Schoep	3/16		



A message of deep thanks to all those who so lovingly “warmed the hearts” of church family folks this past

VALENTINE’S DAY!

The “sweet” notes from the Sunday School and the surprise boxes of Valentine treats left at front doors were appreciated so very much!

Thank YOU one and all!