



# The Fisherman

August 2025

*The Newsletter of the*  
**Reformed Dutch Church Of Claverack**



## 2025 Consistory

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As the rhythms of long summer nights that lead to long days, hopefully, filled with laughter, wind down into school rhythms, work rhythms, church rhythms, and so much more, let's spend the month of August sitting and taking it all in. In this month's series, we will sit in what it means to live a life that reflects our redeemed nature. A life that remembers who really grew the corn fields and who holds the whole world in their hands to nourish and sustain us. Listen to the words from poet, Morgan Harper Nichols, as you step into August.

*"Let July be July.  
Let August be August.  
And let yourself  
just be  
even in  
the uncertainty.  
You don't have to fix  
everything.  
You don't have to solve  
everything.  
And you can still  
find peace  
and grow  
in the wild  
of changing things."*

**MHP**

## Worship Schedule

*Sunday worship starts at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by coffee hour.*

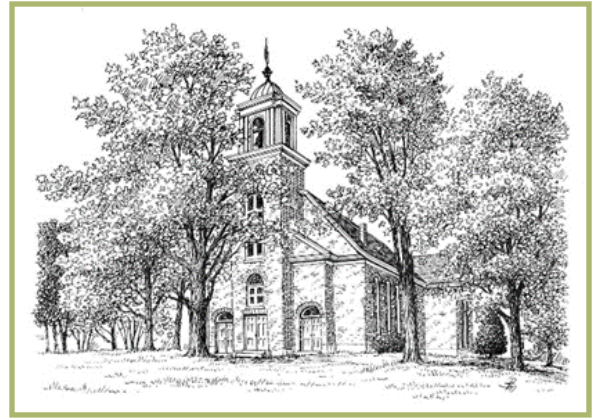
Aug. 3     **First Sunday of the month**  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Rev. Vanessa Funk

Aug. 10    Rev. Vanessa Funk

Aug. 17    Rev. Vanessa Funk

Aug. 24    Rev. Vanessa Funk

Aug. 31    Rev. TBD



## August Lectionary Readings

### **Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### **Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

### **Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

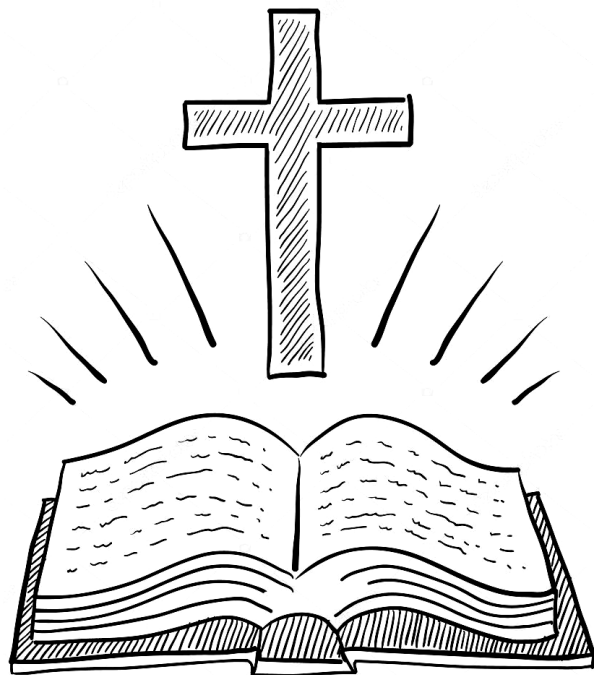
Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

### **Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

### **Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16;  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



## It's Jamboree and Jelly Time of the Year!

"Every now and then I yearn to spread some yummy jelly on my bread"  
*David Harrison*

If you are taking advantage of God's abundance of fruits by making jam or jelly please consider setting aside a jar or more for the Pantry Shelf.

Last year every jar was purchased !



## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

### - Anniversaries -

Jean and Frank Starkes	8/2/58
Nancy & Bill Rasweiler	8/6/88
Michelle and Jeffrey Keeler	8/7
Thea and Jim Schoep	8/15/92
Irene and Glenn Holzhauer	8/19/67
Amy and Steve Race	8/22
Donna and Jim Campion	8/23/87
Kim and Jeff Plass	8/24/85
Virginia and Peter Ambrose	8/28/71
Sheila and Mark Krizar	8/29/87

## & Anniversaries

### - Birthdays -

Michelle Keeler	8/1
Scott Holzhauer	8/7
Carl Van Schaik	8/11
Glenn Holzhauer	8/14
John Dunham	8/18
Cheryl Halleran	8/25
Gig Barton	8/27
Jim Schoep	8/27
Cameron Holzhauer	8/29
Jay Mackerer	8/30



## **Fellowship Committee Presents:**

Aug. 3 -- Jesus Christ, Superstar! at MacHaydn at 2 p.m.

Aug. 12 -- Stars & S'mores meteor shower watching at Andrea's from 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 16 -- Cookout picnic at Dutchman's Landing in Catskill at 3:30 p.m.

Aug 28 -- Cookout & Chords at Clermont State Historical Site with 3:30 p.m. food and 6 p.m. live music

## **Join a committee & worship together through your talents & gifts while making new friends!**

**Worship** -- strives to provide a meaningful worship experience for all, glorifying God and bringing the Word into our midst

**Nurture** -- assists in providing Christian compassion to those in need of support within our church family and community

**Mission** -- supports God's mission of love through tangible needs and fundraising

**Fellowship** -- organizes and sponsors various get-togethers and activities to foster community

**Property** -- oversees the repair, maintenance, and historical needs of our buildings and grounds

**Stewardship** -- administering the use of the church's talents and funds in support of God's ministry

**Christian Discipleship & Education** -- develops and administers educational programs so that all may grow in the love of God



# Hi Church Family!

Start cleaning out your closets and drawers. To make this rummage sale a success we need clothing and accessories for all ages, men, women, teens and children. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends that they can drop off their donations throughout the summer. Donations can be dropped off no later than September 10th. We are looking for clothing from all seasons that are in good condition. We will also accept accessories such as hats, gloves, scarves, belts, shoes and boots. Please do not include any undergarments, swimsuits, or pajamas. We are also looking to borrow clothes racks and hangers for our displays.

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## ***Rummage Boutique!***

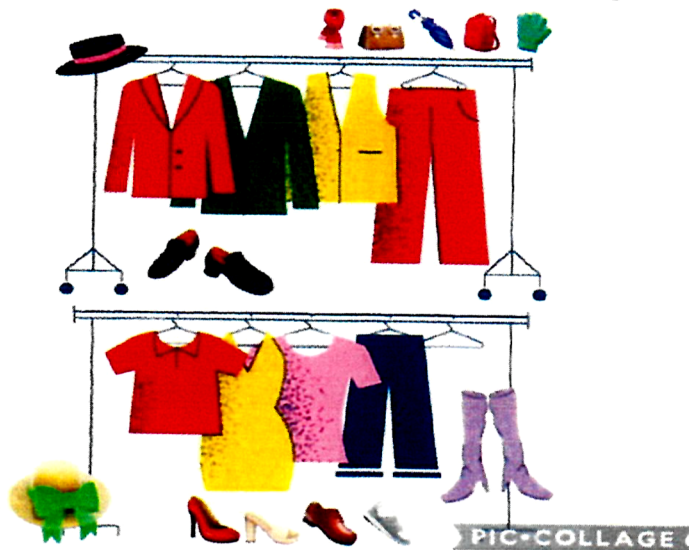


*Ladies' - Men's - Children's*

GENTLY  
USED

**CLOTHING &  
ACCESSORIES**

**Sat. 9/20  
10 - 2 pm**



Please let us know if you have any questions and / or if you can help us with your donations and time during the summer to sort, organize and price items. Please contact Marylou Knull or Donna Lynk.

**PIC-COLLAGES**



COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# C.R.A.S.E. PRESENTATION



August 13  
6:00 -  
7:00 PM



88 State Route 9H,  
Claverack, NY 12513



*Learn how to Avoid,  
Deny, and Defend.*

The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course is designed to provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active attacker event.

This one-hour, community learning will be hosted by the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack in their Fellowship Hall.

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The Fellowship Committee Presents:

# STARS & S'MORES

Explore the night sky and a meteor shower while eating s'mores with new friends.

Location after RSVP  
August 12 | 7-9 PM

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