

# THE KERK

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## *From the Interim Minister's Desk*

“Thank you with all my heart”

Dear Friends at St. John's,

We thank you for all your prayers, the beautiful cards, calls and for the lovely basket of cheer that James delivered to our home.

Knowing you all are keeping me in your thoughts and prayers means so much to us. I am getting stronger each day. The visiting nurse and physical therapist say I am doing very well and I see the surgeon next week.

Again thank you for your love and concern.

Peace,  
Dave and Marvelle”

## DESIREE'S DESK ARE YOU A PLASTIC?

The first week of February I attended the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) conference in Albuquerque. During one of the workshop sessions, there were various labels taped to the room's walls that teens use for each other today. Some were used in the movie *The Breakfast Club*, others from the popular TV show *Glee*. See if any of them fit you, way back when.

Art freak, band geek, plastics, cheerios, cool nerd, brains, criminal, princess, or loner.

The room was full of youth leaders, and we were grouped into threes. My group had the only princess in the room. (It wasn't me.) I found it interesting that there was only one princess. Maybe princesses don't grow up to be mission-minded and Christ-centered.

What we did realize is that few remained what they would have labeled themselves back in high school. And that was the point of this exercise.

By applying labels to people we dehumanize them. This makes it easier to not view them as the complex human beings that God created in his image. It makes it easier to label someone as in high school and to rationalize verbally or physically abusing someone else. Today we call this bullying and we all know it must stop.

If we can compassionately humanize others, we can get past labels. We can see the other as a whole person, who is just as much a child of God as one's self. Perhaps this is an exercise we need to practice together as brothers and sisters of Christ here at St. John's. We are all much more than any label laid upon us. God has taken us as his people and he will be our God. We need to be accepting of each other as God's children, complete with all our gifts, all our talents and all our weaknesses.

By the way (BTW), a plastic is a person who has the looks and "the power" socially in high school. Of the labels given us in Albuquerque, I labeled myself the cool nerd who almost fit the plastic mode, but was too focused on grades to buy into power grabbing. Good grades had a power unto themselves with teachers and administrators.

May all your labels and labeling be complementary and gracious.

Desiree Albizu,  
Associate in Ministry in Christian Education

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On March 6 we will continue our annual tradition of pretzel-making. The children in the lower grades will shape dough into delicious treats. As always we thank Denise Gilhooly-Partrick who comes in to oversee this baking lesson for the children and to Ben at Village Pizza for providing the dough.



On March 27, we will hold our Spring Bake Sale during Coffee Hour. The Sunday School families will bake cookies, bars, cakes, muffins, and breads to delight your taste buds. All proceeds go to a special mission project. Please note that this is a change from the original Sunday School calendar which had the date as March 20. The Friendship Tea had to be re-scheduled that day so we bumped the date a week later.

Please know that your child's friends are always welcome to join us in Sunday School, so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors to attend.

## SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

Openings are filling up fast for Camp Fowler, an RCA-funded summer camp in Speculator, NY. Brochures are available on the table in the fellowship hall or visit the web site at [www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org). We also have brochures from Warwick Camp and Conference Center, in Warwick, NY, another RCA-sponsored summer camp. Visit them at [www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org) or [www.campwarwick.com](http://www.campwarwick.com).

Camp Fowler is now taking registrations electronically, but we do have paper registration forms if that is easier for you. They may be found on the table in the fellowship hall.

Camp Fowler has added a new camp, Una Tierra, for grades 3-12, a first for all grades together. Check it out!

Last year we had a number of students attend the RCA summer camps. They return excited having made new friends in a Christian setting, and eager to go and be fed by God's word again this year.

If you would like a brochure, more information about either camp, or financial assistance, please contact Desiree Albizu, at [albizu@valstar.net](mailto:albizu@valstar.net) or (518) 537-4221.

Camp scholarships are available for those children who would not be able to attend otherwise. This also helps out families who may be able to afford camp for one child, but have other children who would like to go as well.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer the Red Hook Area Council of Churches will offer Vacation Bible School August 15-19, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, location TBA. Children ages 4 years to sixth grade are invited to attend. Older children are always welcome to lend a hand and assist.



Teachers, assistants, and people to lead music, recreation, and arts and crafts, and help with snacks are needed. If you can help or would like more information, contact Desiree Albizu, (518) 537-4221 or [albizu@valstar.net](mailto:albizu@valstar.net). Please keep this ministry in prayer as we seek to fill these necessary positions, and prepare to lead the little ones to Jesus.

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## EMMAUS ROAD YOUTH MINISTRY

Students in youth group and the WWF will be preparing for the Friendship Tea scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 1-3 p.m. The tea is our biggest fundraiser for the mission trip this July. Our theme for the tea will be "The Angels in our Lives". We plan to bring back the Shepherds' pie as a much-loved part of previous menus.

Everyone will want to get in on the ticket auction with donations from individuals and local businesses. There is also the possibility of winning one of many door prizes, so don't miss out. Register today!

Students sixth grade and up are welcome to join in youth group events. If your child is not on our e-mail list, please contact Desiree Albizu at (518) 537-4221 or [albizu@valstar.net](mailto:albizu@valstar.net). Thank you.

## GROUP WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP MEETING

Payments of \$199.50 for each person going to the July Workcamp are due March 1 and May 1.

We will begin meeting with the Workcampers and the students' parents on Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. in room 4 to prepare for the upcoming mission trip this summer sponsored by GROUP Cares, formerly GROUP Workcamps Foundation. Folders will be handed out of all the important information that each family needs for this Elizabethtown, PA Workcamp, July 31 to August 6. Four hundred students and adults will be repairing and working on the homes of the disadvantaged in that city.

Besides the Friendship Tea, we are planning a bulb and perennial plant sale and a Gertrude Hawk chocolate sale before Easter which will help make the Workcamp possible. We thank you for your on-going support as we seek to fund rental vehicles, food and supplies for this ministry in July.

This year's theme is "Connect", based on John 15:5, "Yes, I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them will produce much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing." More details will follow in upcoming issues.

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### MONDAY NIGHT BOOK LOVERS' CLUB



The Book Lovers' Club will meet Monday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Associates' Office to discuss Resistance by Anita Shreve.

This activity is open to all and the group welcomes suggestions for reading selections.

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## It's Tea Time Again! 7th Annual Friendship Tea

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

St. John's Fellowship Hall.

**Woman with Faith** and **Emmaus Road Youth Group** are proud to invite you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Tea March 20<sup>th</sup>. Monies raised fund the youth summer mission trip.

Come be served by our youth and enjoy a delightful and delicious Sunday afternoon. Hours of baking and preparation go into making this a very special afternoon for our guests. We advise purchasing your tickets in advance as we have had sell-out crowds in the past! This isn't just for our ladies anymore! Men are welcome, too. Look for the ticket information on the table in the fellowship hall. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 13. Don't miss out!



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### NEED A BIBLE?

Bibles are always on sale in the fellowship hall. Make your choice from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV, same version as our pew and pulpit Bible), or a New International Version (NIV). There are also copies available of The Beginner's Bible for children. The cost is marked on each. Checks may be made payable to "St. John's Reformed Church." and dropped into

the box in the bookshelf near the Bibles. If you have questions about other versions of the Bible, please contact Desiree Albizu for suggestions.

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**SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING AND  
SERVING SPRING COURSES**

**Feasting, Fasting and Writing Through  
Lent** (General Interest, Consistory  
Training)

Instructor: Beverly Kipp, Preaching Elder,  
writer, speaker, Focus Phrase™  
Moderator, LPN & Health Ministry  
Coordinator for St. John's Reformed Church

Dates: Mondays, March 14, 28, & April 11,  
with April 18 snow date, 7- 9 p.m.

Location: Wallkill Reformed Church, 45  
Bridge Street, Wallkill, NY

Tuition: \$35

Participants will walk through Lent together Feasting on God's Word and studying the spiritual discipline of Fasting. We will use Scripture verses as daily lenses to view our journey from the garden to the cross and on to resurrection. We will use the Radmacher Focus Phrase process to write our experiences in assigned three paragraph segments supported with email contact throughout the course. Each participant will choose an individual fasting plan that suits his/her need, desire and ability. It may be a one-day fast or a one day a week fast. It might be full or partial, food or non-food based.

Prior to Ash Wednesday participants will receive e-mail information regarding

Scripture readings and one or two short writings to prepare for the first class.

**Lord, Teach Us to Pray** (General Interest,  
Consistory Training)

Instructor: Ellen Ratmeyer, RCA  
Coordinator of Consistory Training &  
Ministry Services

Date: Saturday, March 19; 9:30a.m. -1:30  
p.m.

Location: New Paltz Reformed Church, 92  
Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY

Tuition: \$25, plus books and materials.

Serving as church leaders offers an exceptional opportunity to pray regularly for and with the members of your congregation. Praying "for" someone is one thing, but praying "with" someone is quite another! Even Jesus' disciples needed help in learning how to pray. Discover what prayer is, easy ways to construct prayers, and how to pray "with" people in times of illness, grief, loneliness, unemployment, hospitalization, death, fear and any range of human experiences.

This workshop will provide experiences of intercessory prayer and share what it means to be the presence of Christ. Prayer resources and suggestions for developing a daily discipline of prayer will be included in this interactive workshop. Together we will consider ways to nurture our faith and encourage our desire for prayer.

**An Introduction and Survey of the New Testament**

(General Interest, Associate in Ministry & Preaching Elder requirement)

Instructor: The Rev. Luis Perez  
Location: The Reformed Church, 6863 Mill Street, Rhinebeck  
Dates: Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 17, 18  
Tuition: \$100, plus books and materials

This course is a survey of the books that are the foundation of Christianity, from Matthew to Revelation, and examines the origins, themes, and philosophy of the early church.

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Scholarships are available. Please contact the Registrar, Desiree Albizu at [albizu@valstar.net](mailto:albizu@valstar.net) or 518-537-4221.

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
MARCH  
DEACONS' FOOD PANTRY**

The mission of the month for March is the food pantry. A huge thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the food pantry. The request goes out in the bulletin and those articles plus more are donated. There are 23 families who received food from our pantry in 2010. The deacon's fund provided families with help in the form of \$800 in gas certificates, \$2250 in food certificates (for perishables such as milk, bread, eggs and meat), \$800 to buy food that were immediate needs.

We ask for donations to refill the deacon's fund portion of monies used for the food pantry and we as usual need food and paper products particularly coffee, tea, cereal, condiments especially mayo, laundry and dish detergent and canned fruit.

Again a big thank you and continue the good work as servants of the Lord.

Karen Roberts

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**March Helpers**

Flowers: If you would like to place memorial or special remembrance flowers in the Church, please sign the Flower Chart in the narthex, complete a form and leave in the slot AND call March Flower Chairs, Cynthia Baer, 876-5738 and Mary Hennessy, 758-2391

**Greeters & Ushers:** If you cannot serve on the Sunday assigned, please phone, Captain Laurie DeCiutiis, 758-0643

**March 6**

Greeters: Girl Scouts  
Ushers: Girl Scouts  
Shepherd: Carolyn Carr  
Nursery: Tamara Wambach

**March 9**

Ash Wednesday  
Greeters: Barbara Coe and Stanya Jimenez  
Ushers: Gloria and Al Trezza

**March 13**

Greeters: Cliff King and Harry Craver  
Ushers: Peter and Janis Lawson  
Nursery: Denise Gilhooly-Partrick

**March 20**

Greeters: Bill Ecklund and Steve Mitchell  
Ushers: Don and Joy Peterson  
Shepherd: Michael Carr  
Nursery: Elizabeth Kenny

**March 27**

Greeters: Kevin and Deb Storrs  
Ushers: Linda and Doug Search  
Nursery: Diane Schaeffer

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## Croatia Update

### **Volunteer(s) sought to help students in Croatia**

*By Nancy Titus*

Wanted: help!

As we begin our second semester this month, we are looking ahead to our next academic year, and it is apparent that we will be in need of volunteer teachers.

The English Department has operated last year and this year with Croatian instructors teaching the English as a Second Language courses and me teaching the advanced composition courses. Next year, we will need to offer more advanced courses than are offered now, and we will lose one of our current teachers. In addition, the course load in our home school will require more one-on-one instruction with our children. These two additional elements on top of the load I already have add up to more than I can do alone.

So, we are asking you for help. First of all, we ask you to pray that the Lord will send us a volunteer or volunteers to come and help fill the gap. We are thankful that our supporters have been so faithful to pray for us, which is apparent in so many ways in our everyday lives. We know that God has a solution to our needs, and when we pray together for that solution, God always provides.

Second, we ask for you to talk to members of your congregation or others you know who might be able to spare some time to give of themselves for the benefit of the Kingdom of God and to gain a wider perspective that living in a cross-cultural environment can provide. These can be college students or retired people: those with strong Christian character, a heart to serve and willingness to be stretched by the rough edges of life in a former communist country.

There are several ways that volunteers could help. Obviously, one person could come teach English and help in our home school for the entire academic year, from September through June. Or a volunteer or volunteers could come just for one semester: the fall semester runs from October through January, and the second semester runs from late February through June. Or, we would even welcome a volunteer who

could come to tutor our children in our homeschool for a month or two, while also assisting some in the English program at the seminary. There is room for lots of creativity when it comes to dates and functions. While our greatest need is during the academic year, we could also use help during the summer months when we plan class sessions for our courses and our children finish independent study subjects.

Skills needed vary with the task the volunteer would do. Obviously, if the volunteer wants to teach English at the seminary, then he or she needs strong English and classroom skills. Previous experience in ESL or a degree in English is not required but certainly helpful, but students can still benefit greatly from having native-speakers of English to model. On the other hand, someone who just wants to work with our children at home would do a great service if they have strong skills in math, as Samuel will be finishing a geometry class this summer and taking Algebra II next year, neither of which is a strength for Eric or me.

Volunteers would have to pay their own expenses, but room and board could be provided in the seminary dorm.

There is even a project that a volunteer could do without ever leaving the United States: preparing class handout materials for a reading seminar. This would include vocabulary and content questions for an inspirational book students will read. This project would be immensely helpful by saving me time and effort during the academic year. In the past, a Sunday school has provided these books to students, so it could also be a mission project for a group within a church to buy and ship the books to us.

If you have any interest in any of the volunteer opportunities described, please email me at [nanntitus@aol.com](mailto:nanntitus@aol.com) or call and leave a message at 845-704-2494 (the cost to you is the cost of a U.S. phone call).



**Red Roses and Thank You to:**

**John Roberts** for stepping in for Pastor Dave and leading the services on Jan. 23;  
**Ralph Douglas** for finishing up his stint of bulletin folding; **Judy Doyle** for organizing and sorting out expired foods from the Food Pantry;  
**Jane Bier** for folding bulletins;  
**Jane Bier, Denny and Judy Doyle** for putting together the February Kerk;  
**John Roberts** for folding bulletins;  
**Todd Abrahams** for fixing the leak in the ladies room.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT & STEWARDSHIP**

**Treasurer's Report – General Fund**

January Receipts	\$16,675
January Expenses	<u>\$22,976</u>
January Balance	(\$ 6,301) Deficit

Year to Date Receipts	\$16,675
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$22,976</u>
Year to Date Balance	(\$ 6,301)

**Donations to the Mission-of-the-Month:**  
 \$453 for the Guatemala Mission Trip

**ADOPT-A-COST**

If you would like to adopt one of the costs listed below, make your check payable to St. John's Reformed Church, indicating which item you are adopting, and place in the Sunday offering plate or mail to the

Church Office. Adopted items will be shown in the following month's *Kerk* and more adoptable items will be offered. Items are:

- 1.50 gallons of fuel oil @ \$2.34 = \$117
- Case of hot cups \$84
- Case of paper towels \$30
- Evangelism postcards \$370.40
- Tune sanctuary piano \$95
- Exterior pest treatment (Church & parsonage) \$280
- Communicant Class Handbooks \$212.33
- Search Committee Handbooks 245.67
- One month computer support \$88
- 1 share to repair Parsonage Hallway Ceiling (10 shares needed) \$100 each **adopted \$200**
- Case of toilet paper \$45
- Case of paper plates \$11
- ~~Handbell Music~~ \$70.62 **adopted**
- 2 New Ceiling Fans and Controls for Sanctuary, \$230.47 each.

**Offering Envelopes** - If you had an offering envelope number 201 and higher; you will note that you have been assigned a new number; it is not a mistake. **The cost of a box of offering envelopes this year is \$3.76 per box. The Denominational Assessment is \$89.03 per active member.** You will find appropriate envelopes in the box for both of these items. We would appreciate any amount you can donate to help offset these costs.

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**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**  
**APRIL 14 – 16**

Now that spring is here – so is the time for spring cleaning. Maybe you'll start to clean out your closets, drawers, nooks and crannies again. Perhaps now is the time to start thinking about our **Spring Rummage Sale**. We do ask that your donations be clean spring and summer clothes, coats and shoes. Any blankets, quilts or spreads should be labeled (twin, full, queen). For curtains and drapes, please label their sizes

and if possible bundle them together. Household items are also greatly appreciated. Small, working appliances are acceptable and books are great too!

Due to limited space, we **CANNOT** accept toys, computers, large appliances, TV's, records, furniture, bikes or large exercise equipment.

**You may start leaving donations** in the fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, **April 10 through Wednesday, April 13**. If you can help out at anytime it will be greatly appreciated.

**The sale hours are:**

**Thurs. April 14, 6 -8 p.m.**

**Fri. April 15, 1-4 p.m.**

**Sat. April 16, 9-noon.**

Saturday is Bag Day so whatever fits in a grocery bag is \$5. (What a deal!!)

To make this Rummage Sale a success **We Need Help!!!!**

Can you help set up tables? Can you help sort incoming donations Monday – Wednesday? Can you help during sale hours? Can you help on Saturday for cleanup? Any time during the Rummage Sale week help is needed, even an hour will help. Many hands do make a difference.

We thank you all for your continued help and support. We hope this sale will continue to be a beneficial church project.

The Arts and Crafts Group

**Sympathy to:**

the family and friends of **Carol Denu** who died February 4;

the family and friends of **Cheryl “Cherie” Burns** who died Feb. 14.



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**ADOPT A COST:**

The property committee will continue to seek support for specific repairs and upgrades, in order to avoid spending limited budgeted funds and/or prior special projects donations.

The committee has obtained two new fans to replace the old fans in the sanctuary, one of which had stopped working. The fans will have new control units that will enable their direction to be reversed seasonally. **The cost for both fans was \$460.94. If you'd like to help offset this cost with an 'Adopt a Cost' donation specifically for that purpose, it would be greatly appreciated.**

Thank you,

James Walrath

## SEEKING EMPLOYMENT THIS SUMMER?

Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center is seeking people for summer staff for their camp in Allenspark, CO.

If you would like to apply, know someone who might want to, or are seeking more information, go to [www.highlandscamp.org](http://www.highlandscamp.org).

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Deadline for the **April** Kerk is **March 10**.

Personal ads of no more than 3 lines will be accepted for \$1 per issue.

Business ads in the form of a business card to be photocopied will cost \$5 per issue

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"Dear Mrs. Trezza and Parishioners,

Thank you for the beautiful prints of St. John's and the Red Church. I will always look at them and remember my time there.

Also, thank you for the check. It will help me with my projects.

Michael Holst"

Plumbing, Heating and Repairs

Todd Abrahams Plumbing  
235 Fraleigh Lane  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Business & Fax 758-3867

Cell 389-2661

## GUATEMALA MISSION 2011

I was never hooked on phonics, but I'm hooked on Guatemala and Shadow of His Wings.

The first time you go everything is so strange and new. Guatemala City has buildings with concertina wire on walls and roofs because of the crime. But there are the golden arches of McDonalds among other U.S. fast food restaurants. As you are driven away from the city you marvel at the steep volcanic mountains. It is a country of great contrasts-the ancient and the modern, the rich and poor. Mostly the poor. There are simple cement block homes with dirt floors, without electric, running water. There are those with floors, electric and water, but are still far simpler and sparsely furnished compared to our homes.

You start to notice the people. There are the children with their beautiful eyes and smiles, the woman carrying large baskets or bundles of fire wood on their heads.

So what is it that God would have me do in this beautiful country full of poor but hard working people? How much can a few of us do in a few days to change anything here?

We arrive at Shadow of His Wings. Everyone is glad to see us-the staff, the girls, the ladies who cook for us and Cindy the team coordinator. We feel special. We want to help them and give them things they need. It is like the grandparents coming to visit their grandchildren, all 76 of them.

We clean the peace garden and plant flowers. It looks better and gladdens people, especially Carol. "Can't you come twice a year?" she asks. The garden is Carol's special joy. We dig a trench under the girl's zip line and fill it with sand for softer landings.

Abigail House is excited that their sponsors have come to visit. We are the first church sponsors to visit. We love the entertainment they have for us. They love the drum and the projector. This is why we came. Our small gifts, the money we send, the projects we do, seem like a drop in a big bucket. But to the people and children whose lives are touched by our small contributions it is huge. God has answered their prayers. Their lives are so hard and many have so little, that God is their daily strength and hope. A box of groceries costing less than \$40 is a gift from God, delivered by the people of St. John's. Their smiles are the gift they give us. I go back for the smiles and the laughter of the girls...at Shadow of His Wings. I go to see how the love of Jesus and the love the house parents and staff has, transformed the girls. Guatemala is no longer strange and new. I anticipate seeing familiar sights, greeting people who are now friends, seeing the progress that our money and work has been a part of. There is still much work to be done in Guatemala in the Lord's name. As long as I am able, I will help with work and money.

Each girl at Shadow of His Wings can have four sponsors. This covers their full expenses. Consider sponsoring one of these girls at the small price of \$40 a month. You will receive information about the girl you select and be able to correspond with her. There are girls who have four sponsors, but newer girls may have only one sponsor or even none. Information is available at the Church to initiate this.

Susan Balogh



### **COVERED DISH SUPPER**

March 13, 5 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and rolls will be provided.

Following the dinner, how about a fun night out as we have a fashion show for all genders and age groups? The fashions featured will be "rummage" style. It is sure to be a fun night out. Tell a friend and bring them along.

Need a ride? Let us now. All are welcome.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 13!**

Remember to "spring ahead" before you go to bed Saturday night so you won't miss Church Sunday morning!



# HEALTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.* Thessalonians 5:17  
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## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS***

***THURSDAY, MARCH 31st***

### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

**“Aging in Place in Livable Communities”**

Lunch – 11:45 a.m.      Seminar – 12:30 p.m. ( note new time )

Hudson Valley Home Matters (HVHM), a local non-profit organization, will sponsor this informational seminar. HVHM was created in 2009 to offer those 50 and over the assistance of services and activities to help them continue living active independent lives in their own homes as they age.

This program will interest all those who want to learn more about aging in place, a movement that is growing here in the Hudson valley as well as all over the country. The program will explain how such programs save thousands of tax dollars and helps seniors be happier and healthier.

Younger folks who are interested in helping their parents are also encouraged to attend.

Come find out more about this organization and much more!!!

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**Thursday March 24th BLOOD DRIVE 3:30 -7 PM**

***DONATE BLOOD—Help SAVE A LIFE***

***Fellowship Hall***

***Sign up and bring a friend.***

**Sign up sheet on Health Ministry table**

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### **Health Ministry Hours**

Office hours Tuesday 9AM – 3PM and Thursday 11AM – 1PM. Visitation as needed.

If you would like a visit, please call the Church office.

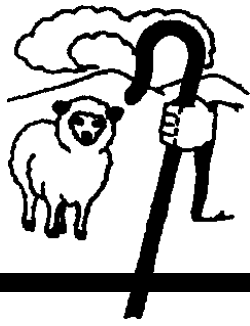
Contact Information: Coordinator – Beverly Kipp

Secretary/Program Coordinator – Jackie Fenaroli

Call church office – 758-1184; e-mail church office – [office@stjohnsreformed.org](mailto:office@stjohnsreformed.org)

or Beverly home – [bkipp@frontiernet.net](mailto:bkipp@frontiernet.net); Jackie home – [FenaroliJ17@yahoo.com](mailto:FenaroliJ17@yahoo.com)

Watch the Kerk and Sunday bulletin for program related or last minute changes in schedule.



# The Shepherds Page

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## Meet the Tates

Teamwork is essential in every church. You've heard of the corny Tate family. They pervade every organization. There is Dick Tate, who wants to run every thing. Ro Gate tries to change everything. Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever possible, and Irri Tate always lends him a hand.

Whenever new ideas are suggested, Hesi Tate and Vegi Tate pour cold water on them. Imi Tate tries to mimic everyone, Devas Tate loves to be disruptive, and Poten Tate wants to be a big shot. But it's Facili Tate, Cogi Tate and Medi Tate who always save the day and get everyone pulling together.

A one-man show doesn't get very far. But nowhere is this truth brought to a higher and more fulfillment than in the body of Christ. The Scriptures teach that by God's design all who are in Christ have been made dependent on one another. We may think we can go it on our own, but we can't. We can't fulfill our high calling as member of the body of Christ until we begin to realize that we all have a vital part to play. We are family. We need one another.

Lord, help us to overcome our stubborn pride. Teach us to cooperate.

Coming together is a start,  
Keeping together is progress,  
Working together is success.



## Who Can Be a Shepherd?

- ✓ Someone who is learning and growing in their walk with God
- ✓ Someone who is a good listener and concerned about the feelings of others
- ✓ Someone who is submissive to God's will for his/her life
- ✓ Someone who really cares about people and enjoys one-on-one visits
- ✓ Someone who wants to be available to help in times of need
- ✓ Someone who joyfully prays for the concerns of others
- ✓ Someone who is sensitive to people's hurts and real and genuine in their sharing
- ✓ Someone like you!

There will be a Shepherds Equipping Seminar this Spring, if you would like to know more about shepherding contact Priscilla Tremper 758-5657

### Shepherds Serving St. John's May 2010

Barbara Coe - Desiree Albizu - Jo Ann Fisher - Nancy Finkle - Denise Partrick - Amie Parker - Stanton Tremper -  
Joy Peterson - Diane Loughran - Elieen Zeliph - Linda Neilson - Carolyn Carr - Michael Carr - Marie Votava - Ruth Cole  
Kristy Koerner - Barbara Spencer - Wendy Walrath - Bruce Unson - Nancy Castillo - Terry Laibach -

*Priscilla Tremper Shepherd Coordinator*

**To Request a Shepherd call the Church Office 758-1184 or Priscilla Tremper 758-5657**

# Be part of Red Hook's 10% Challenge – *find out how to make your home cozy!*



Illustration by Daniel Baxter

Get a free\* home energy audit – a \$200 value

Check out all the details on the other side.  
Fill out the form today and reserve your audit!

Tips: You need to obtain the last 12-24 months of oil and electricity use. Electric usage is easy to get online at this web site <http://inet.cenhud.com/RetailChoice/ICforESCOs/InqAcct.aspx> or call 452-2700 (press 0 to speak with a representative) and they can mail you your usage (all you need is your account number). Call your fuel oil provider and they can do the same.

Some local Home Performance contractors approved for work (Challenge team does not endorse them)

- Rhinebeck: Malcarne Contractors, 845-266-8333
- Kingston: GreenTech Certified Energy Specialists, Inc, 845-943-1984
- Kingston: MBT Construction, 845-853-7499
- Kingston: Ulster Construction Company, 845-687-4025

find more Dutchess County contractors at <http://www.getenergysmart.org/Resources/FindPartner.aspx?t=4>

\* household income must be less than \$166,800 for free audit; reduced priced audits available for incomes up to \$333,600



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## GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK FREE/REDUCED-COST ENERGY AUDIT APPLICATION

Green Jobs-Green New York (GJGNY) provides **income eligible owners of one-to-four unit residential buildings** the opportunity to receive a free or reduced-cost residential energy audit.

To qualify for a free/reduced cost residential energy audit you must (1) own the 1-4 unit residential building, (2) have a total household income at or below the limits indicated below, (3) have not previously received a free/reduced cost audit, and (4) provide a 12-24 month summary of the **electric and heating usage** for the building .

Free/reduced cost residential energy audits are available on first-come, first-served basis until funds are fully committed. Applicants that meet the eligibility and supporting documentation requirements will receive a **Reservation Number** along with terms and conditions from the Program. Applicants will have 90 days to have their residential energy audits completed by a Participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Contractor. Please complete all required fields, sign and date application.

### Applicant Information

First Name _____		Last Name _____		
Building Address _____			City _____	County _____ Zip _____
Mailing Address (if different than the above) _____		Unit # _____	City _____	County _____ Zip _____
Home Phone ( ) - _____	Cell Phone ( ) - _____	E-mail Address _____		
Residential Building Type (5+ units do not qualify) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Unit <input type="checkbox"/> 3 -Unit <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Unit				Above Grade Conditioned Square Footage of Building _____

### How did you hear about the Program? (Select one from each line)

<input type="checkbox"/> Constituency Based Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> NYSERDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor/Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Smart Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Circular / Flyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Television	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

### Project Finance Preference?

GJGNY Loan     Home Equity Loan     Out-of-Pocket     Personal Loan

### Household Income Range (please use the attached household income chart)

My total household income is:

(Households with total income over 400% Area Median Income (AMI) do not qualify)     ≤ 200 % AMI     ≤ 250 % AMI     ≤ 300% AMI     ≤ 350% AMI     ≤ 400% AMI

### Energy Supplier Information

Electric Utility \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Does the Building listed above have central air conditioning? \_\_\_\_\_

Gas Utility \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Fuel Supplier \_\_\_\_\_  Oil     Propane     Other \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT ENERGY USAGE DATA REQUIREMENT** - You must provide **the monthly electric and primary heating fuel usage** for the building listed above for 12 - 24 months. Your energy supplier can provide you with this information.

**Applications received with incomplete energy usage data will not be approved.**

### Eligibility Declaration

I certify that I am the owner of the building listed above and the income of all the persons in my household is not more than the amount shown and that the other information I have given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that my signature on this form gives permission for NYSERDA, or its designee, to verify records necessary to assure my eligibility for a free/reduced cost GJGNY residential audit. I understand that if I give false information or withhold information in order to make myself eligible for benefits that I am not entitled to, I can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

#### Applicant's Signature

#### Date

When complete, please mail, fax, or e-mail the signed application and **supporting energy usage documentation** to:

Please send a copy of my GJGNY Audit Reservation Number to the Home Performance Contractor Listed Below:

**GJGNY Audit**

Fax: (866) 335-6306

Mail: PO Box 12129  
Albany, NY 12212

E-mail: [GJGNY-Audit@csgroup.com](mailto:GJGNY-Audit@csgroup.com)

Contractor Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**GJGN Median Family Income 2010**

<b>County Name</b>	<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>200%</b>	<b>250%</b>	<b>300%</b>	<b>350%</b>	<b>400%</b>
Albany	\$75,500	\$151,000	\$188,750	\$226,500	\$264,250	\$302,000
Allegany	\$49,800	\$99,600	\$124,500	\$149,400	\$174,300	\$199,200
Broome	\$60,400	\$120,800	\$151,000	\$181,200	\$211,400	\$241,600
Cattaraugus	\$51,100	\$102,200	\$127,750	\$153,300	\$178,850	\$204,400
Cayuga	\$59,900	\$119,800	\$149,750	\$179,700	\$209,650	\$239,600
Chautauqua	\$51,400	\$102,800	\$128,500	\$154,200	\$179,900	\$205,600
Chemung	\$57,200	\$114,400	\$143,000	\$171,600	\$200,200	\$228,800
Chenango	\$53,000	\$106,000	\$132,500	\$159,000	\$185,500	\$212,000
Clinton	\$60,600	\$121,200	\$151,500	\$181,800	\$212,100	\$242,400
Columbia	\$65,700	\$131,400	\$164,250	\$197,100	\$229,950	\$262,800
Cortland	\$57,800	\$115,600	\$144,500	\$173,400	\$202,300	\$231,200
Delaware	\$52,500	\$105,000	\$131,250	\$157,500	\$183,750	\$210,000
Dutchess	\$83,400	\$166,800	\$208,500	\$250,200	\$291,900	\$333,600
Erie	\$63,700	\$127,400	\$159,250	\$191,100	\$222,950	\$254,800
Essex	\$55,100	\$110,200	\$137,750	\$165,300	\$192,850	\$220,400
Franklin	\$49,900	\$99,800	\$124,750	\$149,700	\$174,650	\$199,600
Fulton	\$51,700	\$103,400	\$129,250	\$155,100	\$180,950	\$206,800
Genesee	\$61,200	\$122,400	\$153,000	\$183,600	\$214,200	\$244,800
Greene	\$57,200	\$114,400	\$143,000	\$171,600	\$200,200	\$228,800
Hamilton	\$52,600	\$105,200	\$131,500	\$157,800	\$184,100	\$210,400
Herkimer	\$56,400	\$112,800	\$141,000	\$169,200	\$197,400	\$225,600
Jefferson	\$51,600	\$103,200	\$129,000	\$154,800	\$180,600	\$206,400
Lewis	\$51,400	\$102,800	\$128,500	\$154,200	\$179,900	\$205,600
Livingston	\$66,600	\$133,200	\$166,500	\$199,800	\$233,100	\$266,400
<b>Long Island</b>						
Naussau & Suffolk	\$103,600	\$207,200	\$259,000	\$310,800	\$362,600	\$414,400
Madison	\$64,300	\$128,600	\$160,750	\$192,900	\$225,050	\$257,200
Monroe	\$66,600	\$133,200	\$166,500	\$199,800	\$233,100	\$266,400
Montgomery	\$54,100	\$108,200	\$135,250	\$162,300	\$189,350	\$216,400
<b>New York City</b>						
Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond	\$62,300	\$124,600	\$155,750	\$186,900	\$218,050	\$249,200
Niagara	\$63,700	\$127,400	\$159,250	\$191,100	\$222,950	\$254,800
Oneida	\$56,400	\$112,800	\$141,000	\$169,200	\$197,400	\$225,600
Onondaga	\$64,300	\$128,600	\$160,750	\$192,900	\$225,050	\$257,200
Ontario	\$66,600	\$133,200	\$166,500	\$199,800	\$233,100	\$266,400
Orange	\$83,400	\$166,800	\$208,500	\$250,200	\$291,900	\$333,600
Orleans	\$66,600	\$133,200	\$166,500	\$199,800	\$233,100	\$266,400
Oswego	\$64,300	\$128,600	\$160,750	\$192,900	\$225,050	\$257,200
Otsego	\$55,100	\$110,200	\$137,750	\$165,300	\$192,850	\$220,400
Putnam	\$62,300	\$124,600	\$155,750	\$186,900	\$218,050	\$249,200
Rensselaer	\$75,500	\$151,000	\$188,750	\$226,500	\$264,250	\$302,000
Rockland	\$101,600	\$203,200	\$254,000	\$304,800	\$355,600	\$406,400
Saratoga	\$75,500	\$151,000	\$188,750	\$226,500	\$264,250	\$302,000
Schenectady	\$75,500	\$151,000	\$188,750	\$226,500	\$264,250	\$302,000
Schoharie	\$75,500	\$151,000	\$188,750	\$226,500	\$264,250	\$302,000

Schuyler	\$54,900	\$109,800	\$137,250	\$164,700	\$192,150	\$219,600
Seneca	\$54,600	\$109,200	\$136,500	\$163,800	\$191,100	\$218,400
St. Lawrence	\$50,500	\$101,000	\$126,250	\$151,500	\$176,750	\$202,000
Steuben	\$54,400	\$108,800	\$136,000	\$163,200	\$190,400	\$217,600
Sullivan	\$57,500	\$115,000	\$143,750	\$172,500	\$201,250	\$230,000
Tioga	\$60,400	\$120,800	\$151,000	\$181,200	\$211,400	\$241,600
Tompkins	\$71,100	\$142,200	\$177,750	\$213,300	\$248,850	\$284,400
Ulster	\$70,100	\$140,200	\$175,250	\$210,300	\$245,350	\$280,400
Warren	\$59,600	\$119,200	\$149,000	\$178,800	\$208,600	\$238,400
Washington	\$59,600	\$119,200	\$149,000	\$178,800	\$208,600	\$238,400
Wayne	\$66,600	\$133,200	\$166,500	\$199,800	\$233,100	\$266,400
Westchester	\$104,700	\$209,400	\$261,750	\$314,100	\$366,450	\$418,800
Wyoming	\$59,200	\$118,400	\$148,000	\$177,600	\$207,200	\$236,800
Yates	\$53,100	\$106,200	\$132,750	\$159,300	\$185,850	\$212,400

**NOTES:**

The GJGN audit fee for single family buildings with less than 3,500 square feet of above grade conditioned space will be \$250 as described in the table below.

**Single Unit GJGN Audit Fees**

Household Income	Cost to Customer	NYSERDA Payment to Contractor
≤ 200% AMI	- 0 -	\$250
201 - 250% AMI	\$50	\$200
251 - 300% AMI	\$100	\$150
301 - 350% AMI	\$150	\$100
351 - 400% AMI	\$200	\$50
> 400% AMI	Market Rate	- 0 -

A residential building with 2-4 dwelling units, or a single unit with greater than 3,500 square feet of above grade conditioned space, will be eligible for a \$400 audit fee as described in the table below.

**2 -4 Units GJGN Audit Fees**

Household Income	Cost to Customer	NYSERDA Payment to Contractor
≤ 200% AMI	- 0 -	\$400
201 - 250% AMI	\$80	\$320
251 - 300% AMI	\$160	\$240
301 - 350% AMI	\$240	\$160
351 - 400% AMI	\$320	\$80
> 400% AMI	Market Rate	- 0 -

**Data Source:** [http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2010/select\\_Geography\\_mfi.odn](http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2010/select_Geography_mfi.odn)