

THE KERK

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From the Interim Minister's Desk

"A Vision for the Future"

The other day I was thumbing through "my" desk in the pastor's study. There were a pile of congregational surveys entitled "A Vision for the Future". I was curious and took them home to read. There was one thing in common. Everyone was saying the 9:15 a.m. service was crowded and we needed more space. Then of course there were many different opinions as what to do, where to do it, etc.

"A crowded sanctuary", what a great feeling; and trying to have a vision for what to do. I felt sad for that need to do something, to dream what to do; the vision for the future vanished.

The Bible says in Proverbs: "Where there is no vision the people perish." Therefore, I call upon each of you, if you have been worshipping at St. John's or not to help us recapture that vision again. The people at St. John's are good, faithful people, who want to move forward. I can sense it.

So here's a plan:

1. Worship each Sunday you can possibly attend. Only when we are together can we feed our strength. Put your body on the line. Let us face the future together, that's where the new vision is.
2. We can be proud of our Church programs. Support with your encouragement those leaders who are keeping a very fine ministry going at St. John's; Consistory, Choir director, organist, ushers, lay leaders, Staff, Sunday School Teachers, lay volunteers of every sort, speak to them, send a note, volunteer to help.
3. We need as a congregation to have sufficient financial support to hire a full time pastor. That is why it is so important to meet the budget, beyond just paying expenses. I am part-time, but we want to encourage the Search Committee to seek a full-time pastor. Our future depends on it; so do the best you can. Our "miracle season" offering demonstrated that we want the congregation to move into the future. This too is a part of recapturing our "Vision for the future" for St. John's.
1. I will be working on helping us capture that new "Vision for the future" for St. John's, but I need each one of you to be a part.

Let's capture a "Vision for the future in 2011".

Joy to you and peace,

Pastor Dave

DESIREE'S DESK ARE YOU LOOKING BACK?

At the last Lenten service this spring at St. Christopher's, Episcopal minister Father Fred Cartier spoke in his sermon about not looking back, but keeping one's view on the future. He talked about how little can be done to change what has already happened.

This was reinforced just days before in an Upper Room article. The article spoke of how a woman's granddaughter had difficulty running in a race when she kept looking back over her shoulder.

The same is true in our lives. Having dealt with teens and twenty-somethings a lot in ministry, I have found that many cannot get beyond troubles they got into when younger. They cannot forgive themselves for their poor judgment, their youthful indiscretions. Guilt, shame, and embarrassment are part of their lives every day, sometimes every minute of each day. What a heavy load to carry when Jesus has already carried it for us. He took all our sins upon himself and died on the cross for us.

Paul spoke to the hope of looking forward rather than focusing on our past sins in his letter to the Philippians. He wrote, "But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing. Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (Philippians 3: 12b-14, New Living Translation).

In our Christian witness, we need to remind others, especially those new to Christ, of this forgiveness. All we need to do is believe in Him.

Desiree Albizu,
Associate in Ministry for Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported our Bake Sale on March 20. We made \$106. Proceeds will go to a mission project.

Newcomers are always welcome, even as the school year draws to a close. So invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

In case you are wondering, we will have Sunday School Memorial Day weekend. We hope your children will join us if you are in town.

Offering seems to fall off as the Sunday School year goes on. As it pays for the curriculum and supplies, please encourage your child to give. (Note: The average cost per year is around \$40/year.) We appreciate your support. If you would like to make a donation, please make the check payable to St. John's Sunday School, and give it to Desiree Albizu, or your child's Sunday School teacher. Thank you.



Our Sunday School year wraps up on June 12 with Children's Day. On this Sunday, the children lead worship at 9:15 a.m. It is through the great imaginations of the children and their creative teachers, with help from the Spirit, that the service comes alive every Children's Day. Please come and join us as the children joyously share the Good News with the congregation

Following Children's Day, everyone is invited to a Church Picnic at 12 noon at Wilcox Park in Milan. (See the article on the Church Picnic in this issue for more information.)

If you are interested in helping with our Sunday School next year, please see Desiree to arrange a chance to visit our classes before the end of the year. We are always excited to share this ministry with others who love working with children.

**COMMUNICANTS TO JOIN THE CHURCH
MAY 22**

After many months of study and service, the Communicants will meet with Pastor Dave on May 1, with the elders on May 15, and then will come before the congregation on May 22. Those who have decided to join the church will be taken into membership at that time. Congratulations to the students for their perseverance and all their hard work.

There will be one more opportunity for service at People's Place on May 14. Contact Cary Robinson if your student would like to go that morning.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where? St. John's Reformed Church

When? August 15-19, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Who? Children age 4 years to 6th grade

Theme? "Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street: Where Jesus Makes a Difference"

Teachers are needed for Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th and 6th grades combined. We also need people to help with music, recreation, and to prepare the snacks and pour juice each day.

Teenagers are welcome and encouraged to assist. If you can help, even for a day or two please contact Desiree Albizu at (518) 537-4421 or albizu@valstar.net.



MONDAY NIGHT BOOK LOVERS' CLUB

The Book Club will meet Monday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Associates' office. We will be discussing The Elephant's Keeper by Christopher Nicholson. Suggestions are always welcome for new selections as are new readers to the group.



RCA CAMPS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

A number of children are registered to attend one of the RCA sponsored camps this summer. Some children will be going for more than one week.

During these week-long experiences, the children live in cabins with other young Christians, enjoy various indoor and outdoor activities, and return home ready to sign up for camp the next summer.

There are still openings at Camp Fowler and at Warwick Camp and Conference Center in Warwick. Scholarships are also available for any child who would like to attend. Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child going to either of these camps. See Desiree Albizu for financial assistance.

If you would like to make a donation so that a child could attend who might not otherwise have the funds to do so, please make your check payable to "St. John's Reformed Church", and earmark it "Campership Fund". Thank you.

We keep track of the number of students who attend the RCA camps every summer. Please let Desiree know if you have registered your daughter or son for one of these camps. Thank you.

CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 12

There will be a church picnic Sunday, June 12 at 12 noon at Wilcox Park in Milan. The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. Members on the committee will provide watermelon and desserts. A free-will offering is always taken to defray the \$100 fee to reserve the space for our church, and costs for food provided.

Committee members are: Hop and Cathy Michael, Desiree Albizu, Mary Ann Berns, Jessie and John Duffy, Peter & Jackie Fenaroli, Cheryl Hayes, Mary Hennessy, Christine MacNeil, Mary Ellen Mann, Rebecca Meglio, Wendy Milton, Jen Monarchi, Amy & Cary Robinson, Annie Scott, Deb & Kevin Storrs, Holly Swart, and Annamarie Woelm. They provided desserts for the picnic.

Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship to kick off the beginning of summer.

WWF-WOMEN WITH FAITH MAY

Our May meeting will be Friday, May ? at 7:30 p.m. at the home of ?. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Mann at 757-2554.

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Summer is not only a time for vacations - it is a time for the children's summer worship program! It will take place each Sunday from June 19 through Sept. 4 during the 9:15 a.m. worship service. Children three years to third grade are invited to join us.

We will be looking at curriculum for this summer ministry for our young children. If you would like to help, contact Eileen Wambach at 758-5568.

GROUP WORKCAMP THIS SUMMER

In three months 14 Workcampers head off to Elizabethtown, PA. The Workcampers will be working on the homes of those less-advantaged.

There will be a meeting Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. for Workcampers, their parents, and the adult advisors for the trip. Registration forms will be handed out and the "code of conduct" will be discussed. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

We have been raising funds for rental vans, gasoline and food through the Mother's Day flower sales, the Friendship Tea, the Gertrude Hawk chocolate sales, and the Flower Power bulb and plant sale.

We must provide six-passenger vehicles. If you have a six-passenger pick-up truck or a van that seats six or more people, we would gladly swap your vehicles that week. It is cheaper for us to rent you a car than for us to pay for a van rental. Please give this your prayerful concern. We will be renting two vans to accommodate the people going, their clothes, bedding, and 14 buckets of tools and ladders, etc.

We thank you once again for supporting all our fundraisers in whatever way you have chosen. We have really done our best to help assist the families who are sending a student on this mission trip. It is a life-changing experience to be able to be God's servant in this way. You have helped make it possible.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALES

If you have not had a chance to purchase flowers for Mother's Day, you may want to order them from the Emmaus Road Youth Ministry. Orders will be taken until Sunday, May 1. Purchased flowers may be displayed in our sanctuary on Mother's Day in memory or in honor of a special mother, or they may be picked up Friday, May 6 between 3-5 p.m.

If you had a chance to see these lovely flowers graciously provided by the Totman's Daisy Hill Farm last spring, you know that you will want to order flowers again. Each plant was healthy, beautiful, and HUGE by Mother's Day. With Mother's Day being as early as it can be this year, some plants may not be as large as they have been in the past. However they are still high-quality beautiful flowers all summer long (provided you water and care for them). So don't miss out. There are limited quantities of each color flower, so you will need to place orders on Sundays during Coffee Hour when we know what is currently available. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

CHURCH LIBRARY

If you are new to the church, you may not realize that we have more books for you to check out and read than what's available in the fellowship hall on the cart. Those are the newest additions to the library. Come upstairs in the education wing to peruse our library, located at the end of the hallway, or check out a video/DVD or audio CD on either of the carts.

Fill out the book or video's card, usually found inside the back of the book or on the back of the video, with your name and the date checked out, and leave it in the card box. We ask that videos only be taken home for one week as they are easy to overlook and get lost in our busy households.

When you are cleaning this spring, please remember to check your bookshelves for books and videos that belong to the Church library. Thank you.

MAY 2011 MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for May is the medical clinic in southern Ethiopia administered by our RCA missionaries Caleb and Joanna Swart. In addition to the Windmill Project that Caleb and his father, Dick, are involved with, the family has, until recently, worked in partnership with the government to provide limited medical care to the Daasenech people. Unfortunately, this partnership was dissolved, and the government no longer stocks the clinic with medicines and supplies. In Joanna's words, "This has left a gaping need in our community". So, Caleb and Joanna are committed to raising \$5000.00 annually to fund the clinic. Their primary focus is on pregnant women and children, providing prenatal counseling, vitamin supplements, and anti-malarial drugs. Rabies vaccines, antibiotics and supplies for treating wounds are also stocked. Some of the funding is used for transporting seriously ill patients to distant hospitals. Without question lives are being saved.

MESSAGES FOR MAY AND JUNE

- May 1 "Taking Communion Together"
- May 8 Begins a series on The Creation in the Book of Genesis.
"How the World Came to Be"
- May 15 "The Second Story of Creation"
- May 22 "How Did we Get in This Mess?"
- May 29 "Murder One"
- June 5 Communion
- June 12 "Stories of Restoration"
- June 19 Father's Day "God's Unexpected Grace"
- June 26 "Am I a Born Again Christian?"

Come and See!

A CHURCH COVENANT

From Jim Wallis of Sojourners

How good and pleasant it is when the people of God live together in unity. Psalm 133: 1

As Christian pastors and leaders with diverse theological and political beliefs, we have come together to make this covenant with each other, and to commend it to the church, faith-based organizations, and individuals, so that together we can contribute to a more civil national discourse. The church in the United States can offer a message of hope and reconciliation to a nation that is deeply divided by political and cultural differences. Too often, however, we have reflected the political divisions of our culture rather than the unity we have in the body of Christ. We come together to urge those who claim the name of Christ to “put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4: 31-31).

1. We commit that our dialogue with each other will reflect the spirit of the Scriptures, where our posture toward each other is to be “quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19)

2. We believe that each of us, and our fellow human beings, are created in the image of god. The respect we owe to God should be reflected in the honor and respect we show to each other in our common humanity, particularly in how we speak to each other. “With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.... this ought not to be so” (James 3: 9, 10).

3. We pledge that when we disagree, we will do so respectfully, without falsely impugning the other’s motives, attacking the other’s character, or questioning the other’s faith, and recognizing in humility that in our limited, human opinions, “we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror” (1 Corinthians 13:12). We will therefore “be completely

humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2).

4. We will ever be mindful of the language we use in expressing our disagreements, being neither arrogant nor boastful in our beliefs: “Before destruction one’s heart is haughty, but humility goes before honor” (Proverbs 18:12).

5. We recognize that we cannot function together as citizens of the same community, whether local or national, unless we are mindful of how we treat each other in pursuit of the common good in the common life we share together. Each of us must therefore “put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body” (Ephesians 4: 25).

6. We commit to pray for our political leaders – those with whom we may agree, as well as those with whom we may disagree. “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made...for kings and all who are in high positions” (1 Timothy 2: 1-2).

7. We believe that it is more difficult to hate others, even our adversaries and our enemies, when we are praying for them. We commit to pray for each other, those with whom we agree and those with whom we may disagree, so that together we may strive to be faithful witnesses to our Lord, who prayed “that they may be one” (John 17:22).

We pledge to God and to each other that we will lead by example in a country where civil discourse seems to have broken down. We will work to model a better way in how we treat each other in our many faith communities, even across religious and political lines. We will strive to create in our congregations safe and sacred spaces for common prayer and community discussion as we come together to seek God’s will for our nation and our world.

Submitted to the Kerk by Pastor Dave

Croatia Update

At long last, Eric graduates with doctorate!

By Nancy Titus

After long years of study and being away from the family for months at a time, Eric will receive his doctor of theology degree this month from the Protestant Theological Faculty at Charles University in Prague.

While he has officially been a Th.D. since successfully completing his doctoral defense last November, this ceremony is the conferment of the degree itself. The graduation is Friday, May 20. We are not exactly sure what to expect, especially since the entire event will be conducted in the Czech language; we do know that Eric will be asked to sign the university's book.

Much about the experience has been illuminating. Of course, there is the direct course work he was required to do. He wrote papers and passed comprehensive exams in four major areas of theology: Old Testament/ Hebrew, New Testament/Greek, German, and church history. Then he wrote a 330-page dissertation on the influence of the context of pre-Nazi Germany on Karl Barth's rejection of the *analogia entis*, or analogy of being.

In addition to those obvious areas of learning, he also experienced for himself many of the aspects of European education that are simply different from American education, from the annual registration process and scheduling of work to how grades are recorded.

For example, European students place a high emphasis on a document for which we Americans do not have an equivalent. It is an index, which records each class or, as in Eric's case, exam that was given. The student is required to present this booklet at the conclusion of each exam so that the grade and professor's signature can be recorded. The index acts in an official capacity, similar to our transcripts. The institutions themselves keep an official record of work that was done, as we do with official transcripts, but this booklet is the one that students use the most.

Eric began working intensively on the degree after our arrival in Croatia in 2006, and completed the six-year part-time program in just four years, saving thousands of supporter dollars. For the most part, Eric was able to do

his coursework in Croatia, but he was required to travel to Prague two or three times a year to meet with his Doktorvater, or mentor, and to be examined orally by experts in the four major areas of theology.

While this is a personal milestone, it is much more than that. The degree is very important to the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Croatia, where we work. We especially feel it when we near the end of the school year, and undergraduate and graduate students begin presenting their theses, which they have been working so many months to complete. These papers must be presented and defended before a group of professors with the highest credentials. Because ETF still relies a lot on professors who come from overseas to teach in modular courses, not all of our faculty are available to hear these defenses. Every doctor we have in residence is important in establishing and maintaining our credibility as an institution. In addition, due to the sudden death of a colleague, Eric was placed in charge of the doctoral program, filling a huge need at a grief-stricken seminary.

We look forward to this celebration of all of Eric's hard work and all of the sacrifices made by the other four of us over the years. In addition, Eric's mother, Constance Morales, will join us in Prague for the big event. Though she hates flying in general and is reluctant to fly across the ocean, she has been to every one of Eric's graduations and does not want to miss this one. We are all looking forward to showing her around Prague, which Eric has come to know so well, and then later Osijek.

We praise the Lord for getting us through to this moment, and also thank you, our supporters, for making it happen.

Eric and Nancy Titus are RCA missionaries in Osijek, Croatia, where they work at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and with the Reformed Christian Church in Croatia. They have three children: Samuel, 16, Valerie, 13, and Penny, 11.
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May 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 May Flower Chair, Kate Czajka, 758-3223.

Greeters & Ushers: If you cannot serve on the Sunday assigned, please phone, Captain Barbara Spencer, 331-8940.

May 1

Greeters: Michael and Venus Mosher

Ushers: Gary and Nancy Finkle

Shepherd:

Nursery: Trisha Finch

May 8

Greeters: Glen and Nicole Jensen

Ushers: Cliff King and Harry Craver

Nursery: Denise Gilhooly-Partrick

May 15

Greeters: Bruce Quinn and Ralph Douglas

Ushers: Bruce Unson and Glenn
Countryman

Shepherd:

Nursery:

May 22

Greeters: Nancy Castillo and Eileen Zeliph

Ushers: Jack Doyle and Ralph Douglas

Nursery:

May 29

Greeters: Kevin and Deb Storrs

Ushers: Cliff King and Harry Craver

Nursery:



Red Roses and Thank You to:

To **Mary Stanton and Marie Votava** for labeling the April Kerk;

Denny and Judy Doyle and Shirley Kilgour for putting together the April Kerk; **Jackie Fenaroli** for labeling the Rummage Sale postcards;

Cindy Norton and John Roberts for folding and stuffing bulletins;

John Roberts for copying the evangelism postcard and delivering it to all the post offices;

Diana Bergsma, Irene Harrison and Judy Rockefeller for folding and stuffing the Palm Sunday bulletins;

Gloria Trezza for donating two Easter hams to the Food Pantry;

All those helping hands who packed up the Rummage Sale leftovers for the Salvation Army;

Denise Gilhooly-Partrick for cleaning the fellowship hall after the Rummage Sale to get ready for the next event;

Mary Stanton and Marie Votava for labeling the Dutch Supper postcards;

Beverly Kipp for straightening up and putting everything back in place in the fellowship hall closet; and **Diana Bergsma** for folding and stuffing Easter bulletins.





Thank you to Red Hook Cub Scout Pack 42 for their donations of many bags of groceries to the Food Pantry at St. John's.

"I would like to thank Priscilla Tremper for her last month's Shepherd's page, reminding us of how well our church is running with dedicated, faithful team work.

A lot of people have been discouraged, yet when you see all that is being done and accomplished, it truly picks up ones spirit.

Thank you Priscilla.

Mary Ellen Mann"

"The Arts n' Crafts Group would like to thank all of those who helped, donated and worked on our Spring rummage Sale. We were able to raise over \$1200 with all of your support. The leftovers went to the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center in Poughkeepsie, the SPCA, People's Place and the Hospital Auxiliary. So thanks to all of you!

Arts n' Crafts Group

TREASURER'S REPORT & STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report – General Fund

Year to Date Receipts	\$50,514
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$59,602</u>
Year to Date Balance	(\$ 9,159)

Donations to the **Mission-of-the-Month For March – St. John's Food Pantry - \$500**

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:

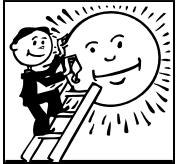
1. Case of hot cups \$84
 2. Case of paper towels \$30
 3. Evangelism postcards \$370.40
 4. ~~Tune sanctuary piano \$95~~
 5. ~~Exterior pest treatment (Church & Parsonage) \$280~~
 6. Communicant Class Handbooks \$212.33
 7. Search Committee Handbooks 245.67
 8. One month computer support \$88
 - 9.1 share to repair Parsonage Hallway Ceiling (10 shares needed) \$100 each
adopted \$300
 10. ~~Case of toilet paper \$45~~
 11. Case of paper plates \$11
 12. ~~2 New Ceiling Fans and Controls for Sanctuary, \$230.47 each, totaling \$460.94~~
 13. Box of offering envelopes \$3.76
 14. Denominational Assessment \$89.03 per person – yearly bill: \$14, 956.21 (a total of \$2,136 has been received to date)
 15. ~~Paint for parsonage \$66.96~~
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The Shepherds Page

May 2011

Living Life on A Higher Level



Everyone seems to be living in a time of doom and gloom. Everyday on the news and in the newspapers there is another obstacle for us to face. People are homeless, jobless, and hungry wondering where they will be going next. Yes, we all agree times are tough!

Many of the older people are feeling depressed, discouraged, and fearful wondering if they will be able to make it through. We, the shepherds can help them by listening, loving, and caring.

Read God's words in Jer: 29 vs 11 "For I know the plans I have for you" plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. I have a story to share which has happened to me and I'm sure it has happened to you. A lady comes out of the shopping mall and plans to go to her car. When she gets to the place where it should be, it isn't there. She starts to panic and thinks the worst. Someone had taken her car. A teenager notices this and says could you have parked it on a higher level? She hadn't realized there was one and raced to it. There was the car right where she had parked it.

The point is at what level are you searching for peace in all the doom and gloom? Your life still has purpose and meaning if you only try living life on a higher level. You can pray, read the bible, go to church, and volunteer to name a few examples.

By God's grace we can all live life on a higher level. You cannot only help your flock families but you also will find new meaning in life. This is one of the many reasons I have become a shepherd.

St. John's Shepherd: Eileen Zeliph

Who Do Shepherds Serve

- Those who become ill or hospitalized and need care.
- Those who face a critical decision and need our prayers.
- Those who are lonely and need calls and letters,
- Those who are celebrating and need us to recognize it.
- Those who are strangers in our midst and need friend.

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 - Eileen 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

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. Thessalonians 5:17
MAY 2011

MAY LUNCH AND LEARN - 2011

Driver Rehabilitation of the Hudson Valley, LLC Presents “Driving Safety Issues and the Older Adult”

Thursday, May 19th

Lunch – 11:45 a.m. Seminar – 12:30 p.m.

Mary Beth Meyer, OTR, CDRS, CDI owns and operates Driver Rehabilitation of the Hudson Valley, LLC which was founded in 2004. Mary Beth is a registered Occupational Therapist with over 25 years of experience in rehabilitation and mental health services.

Mary Beth has been performing driver assessments since 1990. She is certified as a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist and is a Licensed Driver Instructor in the State of New York. Although Mary Beth specializes in many different areas of driver safety, for this seminar she will be focusing on the safe driver program for the older adult. This will cover what a Senior Driver Safety Evaluation includes and what the evaluation may result in.

The ability to continue to drive safely becomes a critical question for many older people. Knowing one's strengths and limitations is crucial to safe driving. Driver Rehab's goal is to keep you safe and on the road. They are often contacted by family members and physicians concerned about the safety of an older driver. Addressing these concerns is often difficult for family members. The occupational therapist at Driver Rehabilitation of the Hudson Valley is specially trained in understanding and counseling on this emotional issue.

You will benefit from her services if there are concerns about your ability to safely handle the challenging tasks of driving because of a physical or mental disability or the aging process. The DRHV program follows guidelines established by the American Medical Association and the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, and serves clients from Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, and Columbia counties and beyond who travel to them for evaluations.

Come find out more about Driver Rehabilitation of the Hudson Valley and what it has to offer. Handouts and a question and answer time will be available

Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship hall.

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

or Beverly home – bkipp@frontiernet.net; Jackie home – jfenaroli63@gmail.com

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



Sympathy to:

Duane Stoddard and family on the death of his sister, **Anita Williamson**, on March 20; To the family and friends of **Shirley Totman** who died March 22; the family and friends of **Harriet Norton** who died April 5; Julie Harrison and family on the death of her grandmother;



Deadline for the **June** Kerk is **May 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

Plumbing, Heating and Repairs

Todd Abrahams Plumbing
235 Fraleigh Lane
Red Hook, NY 12571

Business & Fax 758-3867 Cell 389-2661

WANTED

Looking for an apartment, or to share rent, for my 13 year old son and myself in the Red Hook School District. Please call 845-332-5032 or 518-537-6140.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Kyle Nace
129 Stringham Rd.
Lagrangeville, NY 12540-5542

Kim Winchell
112 Yentz Rd.
Red Hook, NY 12571

**St. John's Reformed Church
Congregation E-Mail**

With the financial challenges facing St. John's this year, we are looking to cut costs wherever we can. One way you can help out is to start receiving the Kerk via e-mail. Doing so will help provide significant monthly savings in mailing costs, paper/ink costs, and staff costs for preparing the Kerk.

This service will be used only by the Church office with addresses blocked from view.

My e-mail address is:

I would like to receive the Kerk via e-mail

I would like to receive other St. John's information via e-mail.

signature

Place this form in the box at the rear of the church or e-mail your request to office@stjohnsreformed.org

Deacon's Fund

Victory Garden

Starting:

Sunday, May 15th

Donate plants to sell
to get our gardens growing.

Any greens or veggies

would be wonderful too!

All proceeds go to support the deacon's fund which helps those in need in our communities. Plant a little extra in your vegetable garden and bring it in for us to sale back to your fellow congregants. Extra produce will go to the food pantry.