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*“St John’s Reformed Church strives to welcome all, to know and proclaim God’s word, to seek God’s will and to live by Christ’s example. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we welcome all of God’s children, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, cognitive or physical limitation, to feel free to worship and seek God’s amazing grace.”*

*Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier,*  
Minister of Word and Sacrament  
is not preaching this morning.

*We welcome Kris Mingron,*

An intern and Chaplain Fellow at Fair Street Reformed Church who will be leading the service this morning.

Liturgist: *Mary McGuire*

Organist/Music Director: *Max Brey*

**The Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church:**

**Elders**

Eileen Wambach  
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**Important Hours:**

**Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier,** [alisha.riepma@gmail.com](mailto:alisha.riepma@gmail.com).  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday-Office hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and by appointment. Thursday-offsite, Friday-Sabbath Day (day off).  
If schedule changes occur, the Administrator will be notified.

**Kristi Colburn, Administrator**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Deacon’s Food Pantry Distribution**

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**May’s Mission of the Month**

**Shadow of His Wings Children’s Home in Monjas, Guatemala**

A program of the James Project of Latin America. Shadow of His Wings provides homes to children from a variety of backgrounds-including physical and sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, human trafficking, and/or the loss of both parents.

The goal is to raise these children in a way that they can find peace and experience the healing love of Jesus Christ. The boys and girls at Shadow of His Wings live in family units with Christian Guatemalan couples and their biological children, plus up to 12 children from the home (following the model of Christ and his 12 disciples).

This gives the children the experience of being part of a loving family-sometimes for the first time in their lives! The transition program provides children with real world experiences. They learn how to get and keep a job, manage a budget, do their own shopping, cooking, cleaning, etc. and have much more freedom to be out in the community and make outside friends. They also learn other important life skills, such as interviewing, using public transportation, etc.

Our church family has had a long connection with Shadow of His Wings. We, at St. John’s, love being able to help these good, caring, Christian people help the suffering in their midst. 78% of children there live below the poverty line, 49.8% of their children suffer from chronic malnutrition-the fourth highest in the world, 5000 children live on the streets of Guatemala City.

By providing resources to Shadow we help in some small way to make lives better. Children learn of the love of Jesus and go out into their communities and share that love.

Like a pebble in a pond, the rings of positive change can reach far.

Please prayerfully consider helping us to contribute to support this wonderful mission, and the people who are trying to enrich the lives of children, and by extension, communities in Guatemala.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### TODAY

#### **Seventh Sunday in Eastertide**

10 a.m. Worship Service      10 a.m. Children's Program

#### **Mission and Outreach Committee meeting after the worship service**

Monday-May 18 to May 25, Kristi Colburn, Administrator is on vacation.  
Please see Terry Laibach for Administrative needs.

Monday      9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry  
**10:00 a.m. Book Club-fellowship hall**

Tuesday

Wednesday      9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry  
**10:15 a.m. Bible Study-fellowship hall**

Thursday

Friday

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

10 a.m. Worship Service  
10 a.m. Children's Program

### ADVANCE NOTICES

**Men's Breakfast**-the first Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m. at the RH Diner.  
The next breakfast is Saturday, June 6.

**Church Picnic**-Sunday, June 7. Our picnic is coordinated by the Fellowship Committee. They will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to share. A sign-up sheet on the worship table in the fellowship hall. Any questions, please see Elizabeth Young.

**Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is June 9. We gather for fellowship and to create art. See Elizabeth Young for more information.

**St. John's Monthly Prayer Service** meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The next service is June 2. Prayers are offered for St. John's missions, for the local community, for those on the prayer list, for those who are unable to gather with the congregation for worship, for personal prayers, and for anyone in need of God's love. See James Walrath for information.

**Scudder Circle** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Our luncheon is May 8, 12 p.m. at the Grove Restaurant. There's a sign-up sheet on the worship table in the fellowship hall. Our group is open to all women associated with St. John's. For more information, please contact Mary Bayer.

### NOTICES

**Nursery Help Needed**-Thank you to all who have provided childcare this past year. Parents are afforded the opportunity to worship and be able to pay attention to the service. Please consider signing up to volunteer for a Sunday on the sheet in the fellowship hall. For more information, please see Desiree.

**Accessing Chmeetings from your Computer**-On your web browser search for [www.chmeetings.com](http://www.chmeetings.com). Click on Login in the upper right corner, Under I am a church member click on Find My Church, In the Find box enter Red Hook NY, Click on the St John's Reformed Church Red Hook NY. This takes you to our Guest page. To login click on the round circle with a head on the upper right corner. Enter your *email address* and your *login password*. Click on the Log In *box* and you will get to our Member home page where you can use the member directory and see our groups.

**Streaming Sunday Services**- Go to SJRC's website and click on the box, "join live". Click on "services" for the weekly bulletin and announcements

**CLYNK Bags**-CLYNK bags are located on the bulletin board in the FH or in the church office.

**The Deacons' Fund** could use your help. The money is used to give the Food Pantry Clients a \$15.00 gift card to Hannaford for perishable items not supplied in the Pantry.

### Deacons' Fund Food Pantry

#### **We served 16 families in the Food Pantry this week.**

We could use donations of; coffee, sugar, oil, laundry & dish detergent, reusable bags, toothpaste, mayo, rice, tuna, spaghetti sauce, instant variety pack oatmeal, black beans, green beans

Thank you for your support.