

**WELCOME ALL
to our 10 a.m.
April 21, 2024 Worship Service**

“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.”

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Important Hours:

Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday-Office hours: 9a.m.-3p.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.

April’s Mission of the Month
Standing Up for The Rights of Children, Save The Children USA
What would our society be like, if protecting children and meeting their needs was always the most important thing? In Mexico Save The Children is working in 40 shelters in 7 border cities and also partnering with 41 organizations providing humanitarian aid. They are the only international, non-governmental organization to respond to the crisis on both sides of our southern border. This organization prioritizes the rights of children, whatever the situation. They believe that every child deserves advocacy and protection from harm. A staff member of Save The Children writes of her visits to a partner agency, “Today we met Mr. Jimmy, who migrated from Haiti with his family over 25 years ago.

Today he oversees Safe Harbor and dedicates his life to making the journey for immigrants safer. Safe Harbor began with cots in a church community center, but today it spans to multiple properties, owned or rented by the church, where migrant families find shelter, food, healthcare and placement services. “When we cannot be there ourselves to offer help, it is reassuring to know that there are others who can. It is our job, as their partners, to make sure they have the resources they need to continue their work. When we reach out to a child in need, wherever they are, whatever the situation, we are Christ to them.

Mission & Outreach Team

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children's Program

Set up for Clothing Rummage Sale immediately after fellowship hour – volunteers needed! See signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. Bob Gram will be reading from his novel, “Apocalypses 1”, at 4:00 p.m. today at the clubhouse of “The Woods” condo complex on Astor Drive in Rhinebeck. All are welcome.

Mon.	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry
Tues.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
Wed.	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry 10:15 a.m. Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 5-8 p.m. 1st day of the Spring Clothing Rummage Sale
Fri.	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 1-4 p.m. 2nd day of the Spring Clothing Rummage Sale
Sat.	9 a.m.-12 p.m. last day of the Spring Clothing Rummage Sale

NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children's Program

3:30 p.m. Violin Concert

ADVANCE NOTICES

The Men's Breakfast, first Saturday of the month at 8 a.m., Elizaville Diner.

St. John's Monthly Prayer Service is the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 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 more information.

Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. We gather for fellowship, prayer, and to create art. See Elizabeth Young for information.

Scudder Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Meetings will continue through June and then will resume in September. All women associated with St John's Church are invited to join us for an informative program followed by fellowship and refreshments and our business meeting.

Property Clean Up, New Date: May 4, for additional information, please see Glenn Countryman, Property Chairperson.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH MISSIONS – Mark Your Calendars

In June, as a church, we acknowledge Refugee Sunday and draw attention to the on-going struggle of refugees worldwide. Our church has invited JJ TenClay, the RCA's Refugee Ministries Coordinator, to our **June 2, Sunday** Worship Service to speak about her role and what projects she is working on. A luncheon will follow. Everyone is encouraged to come.

NOTICES

Technology: The Tech Crew will be adjusting the video settings, which may affect Zoom during worship services. Please send a chat message to Doug or Wayne to let them know how the video is.

CLYNK Bags: Thank you to all who have been donating their returnable bottles and cans. The proceeds are used to offset registration fees for RCA Camps. Please no juice or gallon water jugs, they are not returnable.

The Deacons' Fund could use your help by donating to the Deacon's Fund so the Food Pantry Clients can receive a \$15.00 gift card to Hannaford for perishable items not supplied in the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry

We served 5 families in the Food Pantry this week.

We could use donations of: quick oats, ketchup, mayo, peaches, applesauce, sugar, bar soap and black beans, and reusable grocery bags.

Donations are appreciated!