

*“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 through the guidance of  
the Holy Spirit.”*

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

**Elders**

Desiree Albizu

Glenn Countryman

Colleen Grover

Wendy Walrath

**Deacons**

Pete Fenaroli

Laurie DeCiutiis

Gian Stagnaro

Eileen Wambach

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## **MISSION OF THE MONTH- September**

**Capital City Rescue Mission** is a faith based mission that has been in operation for over 70 years in Albany, NY. The mission provides shelter, food, health care, clothing, a Chapel, and a learning center for those in need. It serves more than 750 meals each day to the poor and needy residents of the community. Each night they provide shelter for 250+ men, women and children. Daily chapel services are open to anyone seeking guidance, comfort and growth in relationship with God. More than 200 local churches volunteer to provide music, prayer, and an encouraging message from the Bible. They have a free medical clinic that provides essential primary care for people who are struggling with poverty or homelessness and have no insurance. Clean usable clothing supplied by generous donors is given away free of charge. Educational resources are available to help men and women move forward in life.

The Mission also has Recovery Programs. New Faith for Women provides safety, support and Christian addiction recovery. New Life for Men offers stability, support and Christian addiction recovery. The Transitional Living Program provides a safe, supportive environment to help people move forward in a healthy lifestyle. Celebrate Recovery – A Christ-Centered Recovery Program- provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals' confidentiality is kept and they are free to explore healing through a growing relationship with God and others who share common experiences. Capital City Rescue Mission has many beautiful stories of hope and lives transformed. Feel free to check out some of their bulletins on our Mission and Outreach Board in the Fellowship Hall. And please pray about supporting this excellent Christian Mission. M&O Comm.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**      10 a.m Worship Service  
                  10 a.m Children's program  
                  **Shepherd's Meeting following worship service**

- Mon. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn  
**10:00 a.m. Book Lovers Club-Rm. 3**
- Tues. 10:15 a.m. Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
- Thurs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn  
**7 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting-FH**
- Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn

**NEXT SUNDAY**

10 a.m. Worship Service-Communion, World Communion Sunday  
10 a.m. Children's program

**NOTICES**

**CLYNK BAGS** - Thank you to all who have been donating their returnable bottles and cans. Please remember - No juice or gallon water jugs, they are not returnable. Also we have been cautioned to not fill above the line or leave extra space if your bag has glass bottles. Thank you.

**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. Money is also used to help Red Hook residents with other needs. All donations are greatly appreciated!**

Thank you for your donations to the **Victory Garden** which has supported the Deacon's Fund.

## Food Pantry

**We helped out 11 families in the Food Pantry last week.**

Thank you to all who donated items to the food pantry. Our numbers of family served continues to increase weekly. We could use donations of tissues, laundry and dish detergent, spam, black beans, rice, oil, salt, sugar, pancake mix, and instant oatmeal. Items can be left in the bucket in the education wing entry.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**The Scudder Circle** invites all women and men who are interested in hearing about local history to come to our next meeting, **Thurs., Oct. 6, at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Sarah K Hermans will discuss her book "The 1903 Jackson Corners Signature Quilt". Refreshments will be served.

In 2010 an old, stained muslin sheet made of 42 blocks sewn together, many covered in embroidered names, was passed down five generations of the Hermans family. By the time it found its way to the 21st century, all record of why or by whom the homely quilt was made was believed lost. Besides the 260 names on the quilt, many of which belong to families still in the area, there was one obvious clue, the date 1903 on one of the blocks. The author spent a decade researching these people and the place they called home—a hamlet only a town over from her own home. What resulted was not only a pleasant and enriching pastime, but an examination of this rural area and its inhabitants at the turn of the 20th century when the “simple” life was coming to an end.

Please find the Consistory nominations ballot for 2023 below. Colleen Grover, Elder of Education, and Laurie DeCiutiis, Deacon of Mission and Outreach have finished their terms on Consistory and we have vacant seats to be filled. Laurie is filling an unexpired term and can be renominated. Please read the ballot carefully. When you have filled out the ballot, either mail it to the church office, or drop it in the ballot box in the Fellowship Hall by October 12. The nominating committee and Consistory appreciate your thoughtful, prayerful consideration of active members to serve a three year term starting in January 2023.

**CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS BALLOT**  
**Current Consistory Members**

**Elders**

Glenn Countryman– Property

Wendy Walrath – Mission  
& Outreach

\*Colleen Grover- Education

Desiree Albizu-Worship

**Deacons**

\*Laurie DeCiutiis – Mission & Outreach

Eileen Wambach – Education

Pete Fenaroli – Worship

Gian Stagnaro – Fellowship

**\*Their terms on Consistory will be completed in January 2023 and you are nominating people to replace them.**

The others listed are currently serving and should not be nominated.

Laurie DeCiutiis is filling an unexpired term and can be renominated.

The Consistory asks you to offer nominations of **active** members to the Nominating Committee and Consistory who have the gifts and talents to serve on the Consistory as an Elder or Deacon and on the Education and Mission and Outreach Committees.

**You are encouraged to speak to people before you nominate them.**

**Terms are for three (3) years.**

If **YOU** are willing to serve on Consistory, you may nominate yourself.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

(for **member verification** only)

(Place completed form in ballot box on table in back of Church or mail ballots to the church's office:

(126 Old Post Rd. N., Red Hook, NY 12571 attention: Kristi Colburn)

**DEADLINE: October 12, 2022**

## **Duties of an Elder**

The elders of our congregation are responsible for the spiritual guidance and discipline of the family of faith. This is achieved through oversight of what is preached and taught, the maintenance of the membership rolls, the visitation of those members who have fallen away from active fellowship with the church, the discipline of those members who do not keep the vows that they made upon joining, and by the offering of the Sacraments in such a manner that they are not abused.

## **Duties of a Deacon**

As a deacon you are called to serve the church and the world in ministries of mercy, service and outreach. To give that service focus and direction, Reformed Church in America deacons concentrate on six areas of ministry:

- 1) Special Individual and Family Concerns
- 2) Stewardship Education and Congregational Giving
- 3) Mission Involvement
- 4) Volunteer Service
- 5) Reformed Church World Service and Hunger Advocacy
- 6) Caring for Creation and Simple Living

The particular committees that need individuals with specific gifts and talents this year are:

**Education** – this committee works closely with the Coordinator of Children’s Ministries, Desiree Albizu, in planning, overseeing and leading the education programs for the children, youths and adults of this congregation.

**Mission & Outreach** – This committee is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of the various mission activities that the congregation participates in. Examples include Mission-of-the-Month, RCA Missionary Support and local concerns.