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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 through the guidance of
the Holy Spirit.”*

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MISSION OF THE MONTH-March

RESPONDING TO THE TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Our offering to missions in March will go to **World Vision**. World Vision has staff on the ground and has been distributing fuel and heat to shelters in northwest Syria in response to cold and sub-zero temperatures. The zone of destruction is huge. Tens of millions of people have been affected across the area. The situation is desperate. In Northwest Syria hundreds of thousands of people are stranded in the streets. In Turkey people are huddled in cars, in tents or just cramped together with others trying to keep warm. Families are also dealing with potential disease outbreaks and the very real trauma that comes after these horrific incidents. World Vision is working around the clock to provide survivors with shelter, access to things that will keep them warm including blankets, heaters and fuel. They are working with partners and other humanitarian sources to ensure that the response is coordinated, efficient and meeting the most pressing needs of the most vulnerable, especially the children. World Vision priorities include helping support affected people with access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, healthcare, shelter and care for vulnerable children. Their initial response areas will cover Azaz, Afrin and Idib in northern Syria, and Gaziantep and Sanliurfa in Turkey. World Vision is not only asking for financial support, they are also asking for our prayers. *Mission and Outreach Committee*

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Fourth Sunday of Lent
10 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Children’s program
Scudder Circle Soup Sales

Mon. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Administrator - Kristi Colburn
1 p.m. Book Club- Fellowship Hall

Tues.

Wed. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
10:15 a.m. Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Thurs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Administrator - Kristi Colburn

Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator - Kristi Colburn

NEXT SUNDAY

10 a.m. Children's program

10 a.m. Worship Service

ADVANCE NOTICES

Church Rummage Sale - CLOTHES & SHOES only. Thurs., April 27, 6-9 p.m., Fri.; April 28 1-4 p.m.; Sat., April 29 9 a.m. to 12 noon. \$5/bag sale. Drop off to begin Sun., April 23. Proceeds to benefit the Roger & Bernice Leonard Scholarship Fund.

NOTICES

St. Johns Monthly Prayer Service is the first Tuesday of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. We will pray for St John's and for our mission and witness to the local community, for those on our prayer list, for those who aren't able to gather with us in this post-COVID era, for anyone's personal prayers, for any and all that God might bring to us in need of love, fellowship, and service.

Scudder Circle Soup Sales continue until all soups have been sold. Thank you for your purchases and contributions of delicious soups this winter. For more information, contact Mary Bayer at meb1rh@citlink.net.

Easter Flowers: Ordering deadline is today (3/19/23)

If you would like to place flowering plants in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please complete the order form, (located on the table in the FH), with your payment and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church office. Flowers are \$8.00.

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

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!

Food Pantry:

We served 8 families in the Food Pantry this week.

We could use donations of canned pears, mashed potatoes, ketchup, spam, bar soap, shave cream, shampoo and dish detergent.

All donations are truly appreciated and thanked.

Please place your items in the bin in the educational wing.

Food pantries facing "Hunger Cliff"

You may have read in the news that the federal emergency allotment for food stamp recipients has now ended in all states post-pandemic. However, households continue to struggle with inflation and higher food costs in particular. We all know that the price of groceries has increased while the amount of the goods in the package has decreased. The food stamp benefits reduction is significant: depending on household size, Hunger Solutions NY estimates benefits are reduced between \$95 - \$289 per household each month now.

St. John's food pantry provides one bag of non-perishable groceries and personal care items to households within the RHCSD each month. We also provide a \$15.00 Hannaford gift card for fresh food or medicine. There are 146 families actively using our pantry and we are seeing an uptick in use.

To keep this ministry viable, every donation counts! Please pick up grocery items while you are doing your personal shopping. If you aren't sure about what's on the weekly list, we are generally always low on laundry detergent and cooking oil. Monetary donations earmarked for the pantry are welcome, too.

Thank you!

The Deacons and volunteers of the Food Pantry
at St. John's Reformed Church

Red Hook Area Council of Churches Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

March 22 Host: St. Paul's and Trinity Parish in Tivoli, Visiting Minister: Pastor Alisha Riepma, St. John's Reformed Church

March 29 Host: St. John's Reformed Church, Visiting Minister: Father Michael Phillips, St. Paul's and Trinity Parish in Tivoli

Holy Week Services at SJRC

April 2 Palm Sunday, 10:00 am Worship Service - Communion

April 6 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm, Worship Service

April 9 Easter Sunday, 6:30 am, Sunrise Service,
10 am, Worship Service