

***St. John's Reformed Church  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 2023  
10:00 am 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 through the guidance of  
the Holy Spirit.”*

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH-JANUARY**  
**US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants based in Albany.**

We will be collecting items needed by Afghan refugees' families who are being resettled in the capital region. They were very grateful for the donations St John's made last spring and we hope that once again you will consider supporting this mission. They are desperately in need of the following items to restock their shelves: Comforters and sheet sets, Pillows, Bath towels, Tea pots, Pots and pans, Baking dishes, Coffee and tea cups, Large and small trash cans, Laundry detergent, Toilet paper, and Toothpaste. Items should be in very good condition or new. For those of you not fond of shopping, monetary donations are welcomed. James will be transporting our gifts once again to the Albany warehouse. Things to pray for: Afghan Families arriving and those who have already been resettled. The thousands of unaccompanied migrant children who continue to arrive at the US border, mainly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. All the children who were separated from their parents at the southern border and face continuing trauma. We understand that some of those children have still not been reunited with their families.

Mission and Outreach Committee

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

4th Sunday After Epiphany

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children's program

**Scudder Soup Sales**

Mon.        9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deacons' Fund Food Pantry  
              9 a.m.-3 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn

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.-1:00 p.m. Administrator- Kristi Colburn  
              **1 p.m. Scudder Circle Meeting- Fellowship Hall**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

10 a.m. Children's program

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Scudder Circle** Soup sales returns Sunday mornings. If you would like to make soup and contribute to this fundraiser please contact Mary Bayer at [meh1rh@citlink.net](mailto:meh1rh@citlink.net).

Missions and missionaries will be the topic of our February 5, Scudder Missionary Circle meeting. We will share and discuss this topic using who, what, where and why guidelines. Refreshments, prayer, warm fellowship and a short business meeting round out our meetings. We will meet in the Fellowship hall at 1:00 pm.

## **NOTICES**

**St. Johns Monthly Prayer Service** is the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. It's a time to pray for our mission of the month. On February 7, we will be praying for Church World Service Blankets Program. This program was created to give a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Our most vulnerable neighbors in the US and around the world can feel safe and keep warm when they may have lost everything or had the worst day of their lives. Let's blanket the world with love. We will pray for St Johns and for our mission and witness to the local community, for those on our prayer list, for those of our extended fellowship who aren't gathering 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.

**Adopt-a-Hymnal:** Hymnals are available to "adopt" in memory of a loved one. We can place a book plate inside the hymnal cover. Note for the memorial and checks or cash can be dropped off or mailed to the Church Office. The cost per hymnal is \$28.00

**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 helped out 8 families in the Food Pantry.**

We could use donations of: flour, sugar, salt, oil, ketchup, black beans, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, laundry and dish detergent.

Thank you to all who have donated food and/or gave monetarily.  
We would not have been able to serve our community without your donations.  
All donations are truly appreciated.

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