

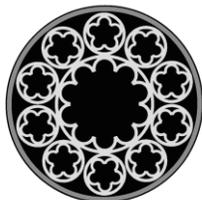
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.*

*Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.*

*Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.*



*January 15, 2017*

***First Reformed Church***  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(518) 377-2201 [www.1stReformed.com](http://www.1stReformed.com)

## **Welcome to First Reformed Church**

*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.*

If you are a first time visitor, we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911

### **Parking**

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

### **Need Help?**

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Joining the Congregation**

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation, please fill out a white pew card.

### **Communion**

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

### **Hearing Assistance**



We have a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for children through age four is available from 9:45am until noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

### **Church School**

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am upstairs in room 20.

### **Church School on Communion Sundays**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for church school activities.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **After Worship**

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Assembly Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

### **Service Online**

A recording of each of our worship services is usually posted at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) after a few days. Live streaming is also available there.

### **Lost and Found**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Jazz Trio  
Nat Phipps, piano; Peter Toigo, bass;  
Tom D'Andrea, drums

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge  
The grace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Hallelujah* Zimbabwean

\*HYMN *We Shall Overcome* Stacey Midge

**We shall overcome, We shall overcome,  
We shall overcome, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
That we shall overcome, some day.**

**We'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
That we'll walk hand in hand, some day.**

**We shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
That we shall live in peace, some day.**

**We shall all be free, We shall all be free,  
We shall all be free, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
That we shall all be free some day.**

**We shall overcome, We shall overcome,  
We shall overcome, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
That we shall overcome, some day.**

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**Almighty God, who makes all things new,  
in this new year we need your help to heal  
our division, break bad patterns, and show  
us new ways of living that lead to a better  
life. Give us wisdom and courage,  
we pray.**

\*GODS FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria, Gloria*

Latin Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*from Our Song of Hope*

**Our only hope is Jesus Christ.  
After we refused to live in the image of  
God, He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
sharing our genes and instincts,  
entering our culture, speaking our  
language, fulfilling the law of our God.  
Being united to Christ's humanity,  
we know ourselves when we rest in Him.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *All My Hope*

All my hope is in you, O Lord.  
You are my rock and my strength  
Hope in darkness my hope in light,  
You are my rock and my strength.

My hope, my light, my peace, my joy,  
My faith, my life everlasting  
You are my rock and my strength.

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg 679)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Psalms 40:1-11 (pg 513)*

SERMON *Praise* Bill Levering

\*HYMN (*vs 1&3*) #563  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY African American Spiritual  
*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Jazz Trio

\*DOXOLOGY #592  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #434  
*Today We Are Called to Be Disciples*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Fivefold Amen* African American

POSTLUDE Sicilian Mariners  
*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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### **Entered Into Eternal Rest**

Clarence Countermine

January 11, 2017

A service will be held in the spring.

George Morgan

January 11, 2017

## Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of our church who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Virginia Atherton, Donald Middleton, Clairmont Herman, William O'Hare, William Atherton, Dorothy Dykeman Clock, Edna Wood, Dorothy Murray, James Stevenson*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please contact the church office.

## Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is now posted in the church office where in you can choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## Music Notes

We welcome David Vredenburg to the organ bench today. Today's anthem, *All My Hope*, is from the musical Mass, "To Hope! A Celebration" by jazz legend Dave Brubeck (1920-2012). Mr. Brubeck performed that Mass at Washington National Cathedral on several occasions.

## First Forum

Held most Sundays after worship at 11:15am in Poling Chapel. Suggestions for programs are welcome; Contact Amy Brule 785-8201, Peggy King 370-1885, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

**Today:** Martin Luther King Sunday,  
Justice Action Council - Joe Doolittle

**Jan 22** Nurturing Father's Program –  
Wales Brown

**Jan 29:** Choices People Make to Join Church –  
Rev. Jon Norton

## **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm**

**Today:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass;  
Tom D'Andrea, drums

**Jan 22:** Scott Bassinson, piano

**Jan 29:** Azzaam Hameed, piano

**Feb 5:** Nat Phipps Trio

## **A Friend in Need**

In times of trouble, we look to caring Christian friends to listen to us while we work through our situation and related feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or someone you know. We just commissioned seven new Stephen Ministers last week! These Stephen Ministers are ready and committed to providing compassionate, skilled, trustworthy, faithful Christian care to others experiencing many different needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact Daniel Carlson or one of our other Stephen Leaders: Joanne Arnold, Lisa Etkin, Maria Todd, Vernetta Thuener.

## **Faith Bookshop**

How can you help the Bookshop prepare for its upcoming move? Buy now, so there's less inventory to pack up! You'll find the sale prices on books and other merchandise enticing. Also, while you're sipping your coffee in Assembly Hall, look over the freebies on the Bookshop's legendary blue cart.

## **Post-Worship Hospitality Needs**

Please consider providing treats and hosting our post-worship fellowship by signing up for a couple of Sundays during the year. The sign-up sheet and instructions are in Assembly Hall. Direct any questions you may have to hospitality coordinators Gay Doolittle, 399-0499, [gaysdoolittle@gmail.com](mailto:gaysdoolittle@gmail.com) or Barbara Walton, 346-1943, [waltonbl@aol.com](mailto:waltonbl@aol.com)

## **New for Kids!**

Learn to play the ukulele (or join us and share your expertise if you already know how to play!) We will be meeting each Sunday morning in room 20 from 9am - 9:55am

## **Church School**

Children in grades K-5 are invited to go upstairs for church school after the Children's Message; those in grades 6-8 may choose whether to remain in the service or help out with the younger children.

## **Kirk Ringers, Singers, and Orff**

Kirk Ringers, Singers, and Orff will meet from 11:15am to noon in room 20 (at the top of the stairs) each Sunday. We have loads of special music planned and lots of participants are needed! Any child of Church School age is invited to join us. No prior experience required. Come and find out what we are all about. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Ipsen, 399-6848.

## **Youth Group**

In addition to the mission trip, the entire youth group, from grades 6-12, meets once or twice a month for service and fellowship activities. The two this month are:

### **Pancake Breakfast - Jan. 22**

We will be serving our very own pancake breakfast, as a fundraiser for this and future year's mission trips. Meet at church at 8am to start making breakfast, which will be served from 8:30-10am before the worship service.

### **Youth Mission Trip**

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in our annual mission trip. This year we will be partnering with Old First Reformed UCC Church in Philadelphia, which runs an urban work camp. We will pack the vans at 9:30am on February 19, depart after being commissioned in the worship service, and return on Feb. 25 after a week of volunteer service, fellowship, and experiencing the history, culture, and social service community of Philadelphia. Friends who are not FRC members are also welcome to join us. If you (or your youth group-aged child) are interested in the trip, please email Stacey at [revstacey@gmail.com](mailto:revstacey@gmail.com) as soon as possible to get an information and registration packet.

## **Camp Fowler**

### **Registration is Open!**

Yes, it's already that time, so be sure to reserve your spot for a week or more at Camp Fowler this summer. Senior high campers are especially encouraged to sign up early, as those weeks fill up quickly. Schedules, rates, registration, and other information are available online at [campfowler.org](http://campfowler.org), or from Stacey. Scholarship information is also available from Stacey.

### **Offering Envelopes**

2017 offering envelopes are at the church office. There are plenty of extras available for those who did not sign up for them.

### **Lenten Devotional Booklet**

You are invited to contribute to this year's Lenten Devotional booklet. A poem, a drawing, a response to a Bible verse, or a short piece about an idea you'd like to share with the congregation. Sign up outside of Assembly Hall and send your submission by email to [karengonda6@gmail.com](mailto:karengonda6@gmail.com) or drop it off at the church office. Our deadline is February 19. Please, conclude whatever you write with a short prayer.

### **Drop In for Sunday Anthem**

For singers who cannot make it to regular Thursday night Chancel Choir rehearsals, you are welcomed and encouraged to join us on Sunday morning for anthems which may be familiar to you. We start at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Here are the January titles:

**Jan 22:** Light Everlasting (Christiansen)

**Jan 29:** Blest Are They (Haas)

### **Horizons Bible Study**

The Horizons Bible study group will be at 10 am on Tuesdays in the Poling Conference Room. We will focus on the Old Testament books of I and II Samuel, using a study guide from the Interpretation series. Anyone interested is welcome to participate. Contact Peg Miller for more information.

## **Short-Short Writing Group**

The FRC Short-Short Writing Critique Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in Assembly Hall. Short-Shorts are fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, essays, and travel pieces told in 1,000 words or less. The mission of the group is to help one another improve as writers.

### **Free Books**

The Johnson Memorial Library is weeding out some of their books. Free books will be available on the tables in the hallway near the library.

### **Book Return**

Return any library books you have at home in the next two weeks.

### **Friendly Church Visitors – Jan. 17**

Are you interested in extending the church's care by making an amicable visit to one of our home-bound members once a month? If so, please plan on attending our initial meeting and training on January 17 at 11:45am or contact Vickie McGowan-Horan (852-0113) or Pastor Daniel Carlson.

### **Tuesday Ladies – Jan 17**

The Tuesday Ladies meet every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young, 1400 Keyes Avenue. Our next meeting on January 17 will be our salad supper meeting. All ladies welcome to chat and get to know each other while we enjoy dinner at 6pm. Hope to see you then. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

### **Klokken Tower Ringers**

rINg! I'm in because I ring! What does it mean to be "IN"? Connected to the handbell community. In Partnership with the music of our church. Nurtured through musical enrichment and worship. You are cordially invited to be 'IN' Klokken Tower Ringers when they begin their 2017 season. Please contact Judy Moore @ [jbmnotes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jbmnotes@nycap.rr.com)

**Midmonth Complimentary Dinner - Jan. 18**

On the Wednesday evening nearest the middle of the month a free, nutritious--and often delicious--meal for those who are hungry for good food and fellowship is offered. Come as you are to Assembly Hall, 6pm. No additional food contributions are anticipated, but of course, would be welcome. Participation in the worship that follows is an option for those who wish to stay--but is by no means expected!

**Midmonth Contemplative Worship**

On the same Wednesday as above at 7pm members and friends gather in the stillness of Poling Chapel to sing a few songs gently accompanied by acoustic guitar; take turns reading a brief portion of Scripture and listening for what the Spirit may be saying; abide quietly in God's loving presence; gather around the Lord's Table where the bread and cup are passed from one person to the next; finally, with hands joined, prayers are offered for those in need. You are invited to contemplative worship.

**Evening Circle – Jan. 18**

Evening Circle will meet Jan. 18 at Sally Bestgen's home with Jeanette Davidson co-hosting, 2517 Antonia Dr. Niskayuna at 7pm. Shirley Readdean and Mary Pritchard will describe the YWCA's Domestic Violence Program. We will collect purses filled with personal hygiene items for the women in the shelter. Everyone is welcome. Call Ellie Rowland, 250-4302 or sign up in Assembly Hall.

**Group VII – Jan. 20**

On Friday, January 20 we will meet at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Rev. Daniel Carlson will be our speaker and Mary Jane Dike and Marlene Risseuw.

**Story Sunday – Jan. 22, New Time & Place**

Due to a last minute scheduling glitch at the Glen Sanders Mansion, Story Sunday Three Spirits Tell Helping Stories, will now take place on the same date January 22 but at a new time and place; At the Scotia Reformed Church, 224 N. Ballston Ave, (Rte. 50) in Scotia at 7pm.

Instead of dinner, we'll offer an assortment of the delectable Smiths Orchard Bakery Pies a la mode (<http://smithspieshop.com/>) admission will now be Free! We will have a free-will offering to support Jason and Maggie Jo's White work in Romania. To help plan pies, reservations are helpful to Joe Doolittle 518-384-1700 or [aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com)

**Pancake Breakfast – Jan. 22**

Come to church a little early on January 22. We promise it will be worth it! The Youth Group will serve hot pancakes and sausage from 8:30 until 10am to raise money for their upcoming mission trip to Philadelphia. There is no set fee for this event. The suggested donation is \$10, but are welcome to contribute whatever they are able to pay.

**Fellowship Luncheon – Jan 27**

Fellowship Luncheon will be on Friday, Jan. 27 at 11:45am. **"Sing Along" with Nate Phipps** and shake off the winter blues. Join us for good music, good food and good fellowship! Our hostesses are Ellie Rowland and Connie Young. Just bring a dish to share, sit back and enjoy. Remember, Fellowship Luncheon is open to both men and women and all are welcome! Please sign up in Assembly Hall or call Sally Bestgen at 346-0304.

**Avery Presents – Feb. 3**

On Friday, February 3rd at 7pm "The Usual Suspects" band will present a concert in the Sanctuary. They performed for us last year and a great time was had by everybody. Please join us for a night of terrific music! Reception to Follow.

**New Members Class**

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Bill Levering will be leading a membership orientation meeting **February 5** that includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held in the church office at 3pm on the first Sundays of October through May.

## **TLC (THURSDAY Lunch Club) - February 9**

Please note TLC is no longer meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12pm. Same initials, same good fellowship and food, but, bowing to popular demand, moving to two days later in the week. Next up, Tesoros Café. Rated 4.7 stars, this casual dining establishment is family owned and personally loved. Located at 1712 Union Street. Specializing in the most scrumptious paninis and crepes, all made with the freshest of ingredients. Give Gay Doolittle a clue if you think you're coming. Chat at church, call at 399-0499 or email at Overdoo@msn.com. Last minute drop-ins welcome, too.

## **Thomas Freidman at Proctors – Feb. 9**

Join us to listen to Thomas L. Friedman, New York Times Foreign Affairs Columnist speak at Proctors on Feb. 9 at 7pm. His topic, “The Big Trends Shaping the World Today: Economics, Technology, and Geopolitics”. Thomas L. Friedman is renowned for his direct reporting and sophisticated analysis of complex issues facing the world. His recently published bestseller is “Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations”. According to The Christian Science Monitor, it is required reading for a generation that’s “going to be asked to dance in a hurricane.”

On the day before, Feb. 8 plan on meeting at 7pm for pie a la mode and a pre-lecture facilitated discussion of Freidman’s recent book, facilitated by Brad Lewis. Tickets at the group rate (we need 10) are \$33.50 plus tax. This opportunity offered by Justice Action Council and Adult Ed. and Nurture. For more information please contact Joe Doolittle 588-2801 or aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com. by Feb. 5.

## **Schenectady Nijkerk**

### **Mid-winter Potluck**

The Schenectady/Nijkerk Council invites all interested in the on-going Sister City activities to a potluck supper 6 pm, Tuesday, January 24, Assembly Hall. Bring a favorite casserole or salad to share. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Memories and experiences of former exchanges will be enjoyed while plans for 2017’s youth exchange will be presented. The Council welcomes new members and sponsors. For further information, contact Laura Lee, lleelinder@gmail.com or 346-6866.

### **Justice Action Committee**

Several of us joined about 75 fellow Jewish and Christian people of faith in December for a candlelight vigil at a mosque in Latham to show our support for our Muslim brothers and sisters. Some wore t-shirts that on the front said *Today I am a Muslim* and on the back were the prophetic words of Protestant minister Martin Niemöller:

*When they locked up the social democrats, I remained silent; I was not a social democrat.*

*When they came for the trade unionists, I did not speak out; I was not a trade unionist.*

*When they came for the Jews, I remained silent; I wasn't a Jew.*

*When they came for me, There was no one left to speak out.*

We don’t know where or how we will be called to action in 2017, but with our country divided after this past contentious election we know we need to be ready to take action: by writing or calling our members of Congress and physically bearing witness wherever we can.

Our committee needs your advice and action. We will meet on second Tuesdays monthly, from 6:30 – 7:25 PM before Consistory Meetings. If you cannot attend the meetings there are other ways you can become involved and make a difference.

## **Stitch Group**

Our church stitch group meets every Thursday at 10am in Poling Conference room. Work on whatever project you have. For more info, contact Joan Lindsay, 399-3153.

## **Moving to Storage**

Because of the preparation for our big exciting renovation, you will see items moved out of their normal place. Don't be alarmed. We are emptying and rearranging spaces for the new construction. Contact Peter Ontkush at 377-9168 or pdontkush@att.net if you would like to help with this process. The last week of January volunteers are especially needed since we are trying to get many things moved by February 1. A big change is that Assembly Hall will not be available so Coffee and Conversation will be in the Dirck Romeyn Room and in the back of the sanctuary.

## **Stock Contributions**

We love to receive contributions of stock and they are a good way to get a deduction for appreciated stock without paying tax. However, sometimes brokers don't tell us what is going on. So if you give a gift of stock, please let us know so that we can get the right number in the right place. Contact Heather and let her know. And thanks!

## **Offering Envelopes**

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Q. 1. What is the chief end of humanity?

A. Our chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever. - Westminster Shorter Catechism

“The trouble with most of us is that we'd rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.”

— Norman Vincent Peale

“Nobody gets praised for the right reasons.”

— Diana Wynne Jones, *Castle in the Air*

“Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate, to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.”

— William Arthur Ward

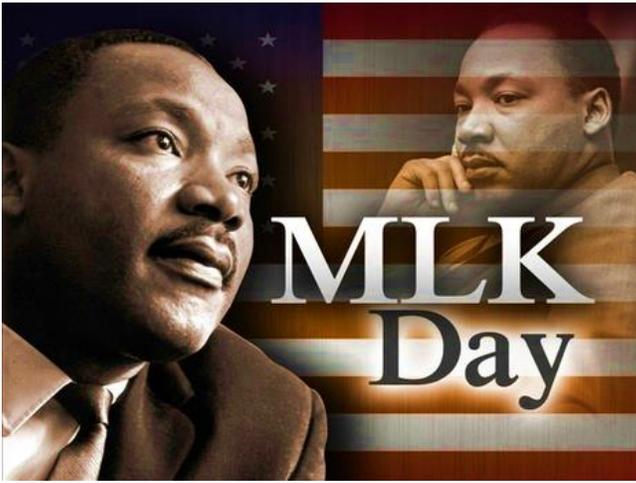
“I sometimes wonder whether our churches--living as we do in American death-denying culture, relentlessly smiling through our praise choruses--are inadvertently helping people live not as much in hope as in denial.” — Mark Galli

“God is not looking for incredibly high notes, intricate riffs or award winning ad-libbing. God is looking at the heart.” — Temi Peters, *Instruments of Praise & Acts of Worship*

“One thing I learned going through a storm and that is, you can Praise God in the dark! If God makes light to shine out of darkness, well bless God, I can call forth light into my situation. I am the light of God. Praising Him is not determined by day or night. In whatever state I find myself in, I will continue to acknowledge Him. Then

“Praise and worship is such a powerful device is able to dismantle every shackle and its able to breakdown every wall.” — Euginia Herlihy

“Praise and worship is not for certain or special individuals, it's for every believer. 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!' (Psalms 150:6).” — Euginia Herlihy



### **Events in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**

Schenectady Clergy Against Hate is sponsoring events during January to recognize MLK Jr. Day and to encourage understanding and peace in our community.

**On January 20 at 6pm**, there will be a Soup Shabbat at Congregation Gates of Heaven, featuring twelve hearty soups and bread. It will be followed by a panel discussion on Discrimination, Bigotry, and Hatred in Our Community. Please donate what you would spend on a meal out. Your donations will benefit the SICM Food Pantry. RSVPs are essential by 1/13 to [Klaws@cgoh.org](mailto:Klaws@cgoh.org) or 374-8173.

**On January 25 at 7pm**, also at Congregation Gates of Heaven, join in a Service of Solidarity and Unity. It will be facilitated by local faith leaders speaking the language of their own traditions. The service will be followed by a march, so dress in clothing appropriate to the weather.

Also on that day, members and friends gather in the stillness of Poling Chapel to sing a few songs gently accompanied by acoustic guitar; take turns reading a brief portion of Scripture and listening for what the Spirit may be saying; abide quietly in God's loving presence; gather around the Lord's Table where the bread and cup are passed from one person to the next; finally, with hands joined, prayers are offered for those in need. You are invited to contemplate with all who gather.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr.:**

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.



**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 am..... Chancel Choir  
 10:00 am..... Worship  
 10:15 am..... Church School K-5  
 11:15 am..... Kirk Ringers & Singers  
 5:00 pm..... Jazz Vespers

**Monday, January 16 – Closed****Tuesday, January 17**

10:00 am..... Morning Prayer  
 10:00 am..... Horizons Bible study  
 11:45 am..... Friendly Church Visitors  
 7:00 pm..... Short Short Writing

**Wednesday, January 18**

9:30 am..... Kerygma Conversations  
 7:00 pm..... Midmonth Worship

**Thursday, January 19**

7:30 am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
 10:00 am..... Stitch Group  
 6:30 pm..... Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 pm..... Ensemble Practice  
 7:30 pm..... Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 20**

12:00 pm..... Group VII

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<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Richard Gardner, Claire Hughes	Richard Rose, Lyn Gordon
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Katy & Rudy Petersen, Elizabeth Taft	Vickie and Mike Horan , Connie Young
<b>Liturgist</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carson
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Walt Robb, Phil Falconer, Gay Doolittle, Peggy King, Barbara Walton	Walt Robb, Gay Doolittle, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Barbara Walton, Marilyn Leach, Don Leach
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Leach	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Gene & Ellie Rowland	Gay Doolittle
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Clock (head usher), Ray Bostick, Jacob Etkin, Kay Koroma, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce (head usher), Michael Horan, Christine Lund, Victoria McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd

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We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and  
absolutely everyone is invited  
to our worship, activities, and service.

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