

**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.*



Come Into the Light

*April 6, 2014*



***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.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **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; a baby changing station is in the women's bathroom.

### **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 hearing reinforcement units that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and 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 after worship on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

### **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 music and crafts.

### **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 refreshments 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 at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

### **Lost and Found Basket**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex at the Union St. entrance of the church. If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check there.

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014

\*The congregation may stand.

### PRELUDE

Will Hayes, cello  
Adam Fine, baritone

*Suite No. 1 in G Major* J.S. Bach  
*Menuetto I & II Saraband, Gigue*

### *Offertorium from the Requiem* Gabriel Faure

Sacrifices and prayers of praise  
we offer to you, O Lord.

Receive them for the souls of those  
whom we commemorate today.

Lord, make them pass from death to life,  
as you once promised to Abraham, and to his  
seed.

10:00 a.m.

### GREETING

Bill Levering

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Midge

### *Introit & Kyrie*

Grant eternal rest to them, Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.

A hymn befits you, God in Zion,  
and a vow to you shall be fulfilled in

Jerusalem. Hear my prayer,  
for unto you all flesh shall come.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### \*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Forgive us Lord for our apathy and for our  
lack of courage to speak up. Forgive us when  
we walk past and don't help. Forgive us when  
we get it wrong. We confess that we are afraid  
and don't want to change in order to be with  
those who are different. We ask that you  
would lead us into action: give us strength to

be a voice crying for justice and peace and  
whatever is needed to act justly, love mercy  
and walk humbly with you.

### \*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
O my soul! What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul!**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

(*adapted from Isaiah 58*)

This is the fast to which we are called: to free  
those who are wrongly imprisoned and lighten  
the burden of those who work, to let the  
oppressed go free and remove the chains that  
bind people, to share our food with the hungry  
and give shelter to the homeless, to give  
clothes to those who need them, and not hide  
from those who need our help. Then our  
salvation will come like the dawn, and our  
wounds will quickly heal. Then our light will  
shine out from the darkness, and the darkness  
around us will be as bright as noon.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

### *Sanctus*

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of Hosts,

the heavens and earth are filled with your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest!

### *Pie Jesu*

Annaleigh Lester, soprano

Merciful Lord Jesus,

grant them rest, eternal rest.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### LESSON

*John 11:1-45 (pg 104)*

### SERMON

*Come Out*

Stacey Midge

### \*HYMN

#228

*O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

#### *Agnus Dei et Lux Aeterna*

Lamb of God, who removes  
the sins of the world, grant them rest.  
May eternal light shine on them, Lord,  
with your saints, for eternity,  
for you are merciful.  
Grant eternal rest to them, Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.

#### *Libera Me*

Adam Fine, soloist

Free me, Lord, from eternal death,  
on that day of dread, when the heavens and  
earth shall move, when you shall come to  
judge the world by fire. I am made to tremble,  
and to fear, when destruction shall come, and  
also your coming wrath. O that day, that day  
of wrath, of calamity and misery, the great  
and exceedingly bitter day. Grant eternal rest  
to them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on  
them.

#### \*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

#376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## *In Paradisum*

May angels lead you into Paradise.

At your coming may martyrs receive you,  
and may they lead you into the Holy City,  
Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive  
you, and with Lazarus, who once was a  
pauper, may you have eternal rest.

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## **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 FRC & UPC who entered eternal rest  
in previous years about this time:

*Virginia Bard, Roberta Hamilton, Roy Peters,  
William Rickard*

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

## **In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the  
sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of their parents and grandparents, by  
Walter Yang & Family. We are grateful that  
these flowers, which represent our prayers and  
praise, will be taken to church family members to  
recognize a special need or celebration.

## **Music Notes**

Today's Introit, Anthem and Offertory are all  
from Gabriel Faure's *Requiem in D Minor*  
composed between 1887 and 1890. It was  
performed at Faure's own funeral in 1924. We  
are grateful for the support of the UPC Tilton  
family and for today's instrumentalists: Violin,  
Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz; Viola, Rick  
Rowley, Bill Shapiro, Karl Brosch, Edith  
Kliman; Cello, Will Hayes, Cathie-Jo Brun,  
Olivia Cox; Bass, Don Lester; Harp, Leah

Kidwell-Fernandes; Organ, Naphtali Rothrock; Rehearsal Pianist, Susan Hale.

### **Celebratory or Memorial Flowers**

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the church office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

### **Post Service Refreshments**

Everyone is invited to have refreshments in Assembly Hall right after worship. We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food. It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. Food should be brought around 9:30am. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall or fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering plate. If any questions, please contact the church office. **We are in need of 3 volunteers for April 13.**

### **Easter Reception Volunteers**

We are in need of **one or two leaders** for our Easter Sunday reception in Friendship Hall. If you would like to contribute in another way, we are looking for volunteers with set up, cleanup and/or bringing a food item to share. Food items desired are deviled eggs, cheese and crackers, dip and chips, fruit and veggies, and cookies. You can sign up for any of these tasks by calling the church office at 377-2201, by using a white pew card, or by signing up on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall.

### **Easter Flowers**

Each Easter, members of Chancel Guild adorn our church with beautiful Easter Flowers. Your family can contribute to remember a loved one or honor a loved one. Please send your suggested donation of \$20 to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 **and** contact the Church Office with

the name of the person the flowers are in honor or memory of. Even if you have donated in previous years, please place an order for 2014 **by Monday, April 14.**

### **Easter Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing**

Most mainline denominational churches take an offering for basic human needs; both the Presbyterians and the Reformed Church take this offering, occasionally at different times of the year. Both denominations use the money in similar ways to end poverty and help with disasters. This year, our Easter Offering will be the One Great Hour of Sharing and the Presbyterian Church will be administering the gift this year. It goes every year to three efforts: disaster assistance, hunger relief and the self-development of people. These three programs are well administered by our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Both the RCA and the PCUSA offerings for disaster relief and hunger are usually managed by groups on the ground that are trusted partners in the area of need, so these offerings often end up going to exactly the same places. It is comforting to know that when there is a disaster in some foreign land, we are cooperating as Christians to bring relief in the most efficient way possible. We hope that this year you will be extra generous in your Easter Offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing as a help to human need and as a witness to our cooperation around the world and in our own community.

### **Easter Flowers Delivery Help**

We need volunteers on Easter Sunday, April 20, to deliver Easter flowers to recently-bereaved and home-bound church members. The flowers, an addressed card for each recipient, and a Sunday bulletin will be available for pick up after the service. Members of the Support and Care Committee will be present to assist. Please plan now on participating in this ministry by extending a lovely symbol of God's faithfulness!

### **Faith Bookshop**

All CD's in the Bookshop are on sale today for \$7 plus tax. Other sale items and books chosen specifically for the Lenten are also featured. Browsers welcome!

### **Horizons Bible Study**

The Horizons Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Poling Conference room. We are now doing a 6 week Lenten study: *Gospel Lives: Encounters with Jesus*. Study guides are available at the church office for \$10 each. All are welcome to attend.

### **Forum**

After worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Joe Doolittle 384-1700, Peggy King 370-1885, or Amy Brule 785-8201.

**Today:** New Approaches to Cancer Awareness & Early Treatment, Schenectady Cancer Foundation; Tom Goodman, MD; Tina Versaci, Exec. Director

**April 13:** Union Presbyterian & First Reformed leaders will chat together about how our Joint Witness is going and what the future might hold.

**April 20:** Easter Reception

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

**Today:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Keith Pray, sax

**April 13:** Dave Gleason, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Keith Pray, sax

**April 20:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Jim Corigliano, sax

### **Church School**

There will be regular Church School for grades K-8 today.

### **Chancel Guild**

Chancel Guild will have their Spring Business Meeting in the Dirck Romeyn Room after worship today.

### **Junior & Senior High Youth Groups**

ALL youth in grades 6-12 will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday nights unless otherwise noted, all will meet for dinner, fellowship, service, and learning activities.

**Today:** Regular Meeting

**April 13:** Regular Meeting

**April 20:** Easter – NO MEETING

### **TMC Spring Concert Today**

The Thursday Musical Club Chorus by Julie Panke and accompanied by Elinore Farnum will present its Spring Concert today at 2:30pm in the church Sanctuary. Selections by the women's group will include familiar opera choruses of Puccini, Verdi, Mozart, Wagner & Strauss, a medley from *Fiddler on the Roof* narrated by Jack Aerecke and classical and popular songs. Complimentary tickets are available from Julie Panke or the church office. A reception will follow the concert.

### **Justice Action Council**

**Today 2pm:** "*Stepping Toward the Lion*" – GE Theater at Proctors, Award Winning – Interfaith Story Circle film on Bullying, co-sponsored with SICM and FRC – Justice Action Council Film and discussion of issues with principles and interested community. The film compellingly demonstrates the power of story to heal and transform our world by highlighting the experiences of a young Muslim and his involvement in a unique storytelling program for teenagers of many different religions and cultures; Children at the Well Youth Storytellers for Peace and Understanding. According to Jennifer Patterson of the Times Union, "this story is one to be shared."

**April 27, 12:15pm-2pm:** *The Health Care Movie and Lasagna for Lunch*

Join the Justice Action Council for the movie and discussion of health care reform. The Healthcare Movie is a serious but entertaining 35 minute film comparing the developments of American and Canadian healthcare. Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, the documentary explores the health

care systems in Canada and the U.S. and considers how the two systems ended up in such different places. In Canada, healthcare is regarded as a human right, treated as a responsibility of the government to be provided to every citizen. In America health care is a profit-making commodity. Discussion will follow led by Richard Propp, MD, Retired Hematologist and Medical Director of the NYS Patient Safety Center, Chair, Capital District Alliance for Universal Healthcare, Inc. Lunch: Lasagna, Salad, Drinks and dessert. For this, a donation of \$5-\$7 per person is suggested. For reservations please call Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

### **Group V**

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 7 at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Refreshments and coffee will be served. Co-hostesses: Cindy Hamilton and Barbara Piper. Program: Easter – significance, signs, stories, etc. We will also hear from the 2 FRC Covenanters about their own lives and Easter. All women of the church and their friends are invited. Contact Maria G. Todd with any questions.

### **Midnight Run April 11**

Youth Group participating in The Midnight Run, an organization in NYC that sends vanloads of volunteers to stops all across Manhattan with food, clothing, and hygiene supplies for people who are homeless. We will meet to pack the van at 6pm and return at approximately 3am. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stacey Midge. We are also collecting donations of the following items: bottled water, washcloths, hygiene items, men's and women's clothing (good condition,) money for food & other supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

### **Group VII**

We will meet Friday, April 11 at 11:30am. "Small Lunches in Homes." Co-hostesses TBA. Please note our meeting this month is the second Friday rather than the third Friday of the month. Contact Ronnie Bartholic with any questions.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We will be meeting on April 24 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. For questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic 399-7679.

### **New Writers Group**

A Flash Fiction critique group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Walton Conference Room. Flash Fiction is a COMPLETE story, fiction or nonfiction, written in 1,000 words or less. For more info and signups, contact James Gonda at jamesgonda63@yahoo.com or the church office.

### **Earth Sunday Frolic Along the Mohawk**

Plan on joining our Creation Care Commission (CCC) April 27 for an environmental outing! We'll be picking up trash on the bike-hike trail starting behind Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) as part of the "Canal Clean Sweep" initiative. A nutritious lunch of soup and bread will be shared following worship; we'll leave the church at 11:45 to meet with others at the SCCC trail head at noon. Participants wanting an event tee shirt should sign up on the CCC bulletin board in Assembly Hall. Work gloves required. Together we'll make a difference in our care for creation!

### **Fellowship Luncheon**

Our next luncheon will be on Friday, May 2 at 12 noon in Assembly Hall. Our hostesses will be Ellie Brudos, Ann Hammett, and Connie Young. Speaking will be Jim Salengo. Jim is Executive Director of Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation and will be talking about the continuing improvements that are happening in Schenectady. Our luncheon series has been quite successful, with interesting programs, wonderful fellowship, and great food being our winning combination. You can bring a dish to share or just sit back and enjoy; all are welcome, men and women. You may sign up in Assembly Hall or call 346-0304. So, please come and join us, this will be our last luncheon until September, so don't miss out!

## **Annual CROP Walk**

On Sunday, May 4, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from the Church Office. Non-walkers can simply drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP." Checks eligible for GE Matching should be made out to SICM. Any questions contact Cathy Lewis.

## **Men's Breakfast Date & Program Change**

**May 10: 8am** – Presentation by Gene Rowland with a photographic record of his recent trip to Amelia Island FL for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual *Concours d'Elegance* (Collector Car Show.) Please sign up in Assembly Hall.

## **SICM Easter Baskets**

We would like to thank all the people who contributed many items for the SICM Easter baskets.

## **Interfaith Dialog Friday after Easter**

This year for our interfaith dialog, Congregation Gates of Heaven has invited us to their normal services on Friday, April 25 at 7pm. After the service, Rabbi Cutler and Dr. Levering will have a lively exchange of ideas.

## **New Member Class**

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading membership orientation meetings that include a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held at 3pm on the first Sundays of May and June from October – February.

## **Lenten Schedule**

### **Wednesdays through April 9**

6pm ~ Dinner

7pm ~ Lenten Classes

8pm ~ Lenten Evening Worship

### **Dinner**

Come share a free, delicious meal and good conversation at 6pm any Wednesday of Lent.

### **Classes**

#### **Race: The Power of an Illusion**

Rev. Daniel Carlson

Employing an exceptional documentary, we'll explore race from many perspectives.

#### **Lent For Kids - Jamie Ipsen**

A class for children in grades K-8 full of art projects, music, and stories. (childcare also available for our little stones)

#### **Scarves - Carol Troost**

Learn to crochet different styles of ruffle scarves, the different yarns and resources. Attendance limited; sign up in Assembly Hall.

#### **God Talk with Local Leaders**

**April 9:** Union College Dean Therese McCarty

#### **Learn the Art of Pysanky**

Rev. Abby Norton-Levering

Learn to decorate eggs the Ukrainian way.

#### **First Reformed Church and the Civil War**

**April 9:** FRC and War – Overview from the church archives.

### **Lenten Evening Worship**

A quiet, brief service of songs accompanied by guitar, guided reflection, Holy Communion, prayers, and Christ's peace.

## Holy Week April 13 - 20

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

10am: Worship Service

### **Movie Screening April 16**

7pm: "A Place At the Table"

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

7:30pm: Service

### **Good Friday, April 18**

12pm: Service

### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

3pm: Musicians of Ma'alwyck

### **Easter, April 20**

10am: Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt

5pm: Easter Vespers

### **Palm Sunday**

This celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week. Music on this joyous day will feature youth and children at **10am**.

### **Movie Screening**

April 16 at **7pm**: *A Place at the Table*

Did you know that over 50 million Americans are food insecure (meaning that they do not know where their next meal will come from), or that hunger affects over 70% of students in Schenectady? This is an eye-opening film about the hunger crisis in the United States.

### **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae April 17**

First Reformed has long celebrated a service of darkening on Maundy Thursday in which the Lord's Supper is celebrated; then a series of readings and a darkening sanctuary create a somber and reflective remembrance of the trials of Jesus. The service begins at **7:30pm**.

### **Good Friday**

At **noon** in our Sanctuary gospel readers, intercessors, and the Chancel Choir help lead this service amidst the presence of a rugged cross.

### **Musicians of Ma'alwyck Here Holy Saturday**

Written in 1680, the same year as the founding of the First Reformed Church, Musicians of Ma'alwyck on Saturday, April 19 at **3pm**, will present the gorgeous cantata cycle *Membra Jesu Nostri* of celebrated middle Baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude. Scored for a small choir of soloists with string and organ accompaniment, this glorious and poignant work is considered the first Lutheran oratorio and depicts the suffering of Christ on the Cross. The Buxtehude performance will be performed with dance interpretation by the acclaimed French contemporary dancer Gwen Chabaud Benolliel who worked with members of the Paris Opera Ballet. The Buxtehude will also feature classic artwork representing the Crucifixion. Two other works are on this program as well, the monumental solo organ piece *Chemin de la Croix* of Dupre and mesmerizing *Chaconne* of Purcell.

### **Easter Sunday**

On Easter Sunday join us for the grand celebration of Easter Joy at **10am** including the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Church School will be celebrating Easter Sunday with an Egg Hunt (rain or shine.) All children ages 4 yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate. Middle school & high school helpers are needed to hide eggs. We will meet in Room 20 at the top of the stairs directly following the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their happy children in Room 20 after the service.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Joseph Gallagher, Claire Hughes	Victoria McGowan-Horan, Joan Lindsay
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Virginia Laumeister	Roberta Blackmer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Walter & Alison Yang	No delivery – Palm Sunday
<b>Greeters</b>	Gay & Joe Doolittle	Nancy Davidson
<b>Kinderwyk</b>		
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Amy Brule, Don Leach, Roberta Blackmer, Arthur Casey, George Davidson, Gay Doolittle, Eleanor Rowland, Linda Witkowski	Margaret King, Darwin Brudos, Phillip Falconer, Thomas Lindsay, William Rochelle, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Nancy Wainwright	Jim Miller
<b>Refreshments</b>		Please Sign Up!
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Martin, Victoria McGowan-Horan, Nancy Wainwright, Darwin Brudos, Kimberly Burgoyne, Therese McCarty	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon



## **Loyalty and Loss    May 9, 2014**

You're invited to an evening with Lynn Japinga, Hope College Professor, and author of [Loyalty and Loss: The Reformed Church In America, 1945-1994](#), a fascinating book about the post-WWII history of the RCA. Want to learn more about our small but diverse denomination? Come hear Lynn speak at the Niskayuna Reformed Church on May 9. RSVP to the Regional Synod of Albany by calling Trudi Thun at 374-4573 or emailing [thun.trudi@gmail.com](mailto:thun.trudi@gmail.com).

## **Parking for Sunday Morning Worship**

Thanks to our friends at the YWCA, the Stockade Inn and McDonald Engineering, there is plenty of place to park within a block of the church. The YWCA has just recently opened up their lot for us on Sunday mornings and there are at least 25 spots there. It's just a block down Union Street and you could help a great deal by parking there on Easter Sunday or any time you can't find a spot.

Of course, this is in addition to the two normal church parking lots.

**Sunday, April 6**

10:00 am ..... Worship  
 10:15 am ..... Church School for K-8  
 10:20 am ..... Carol Choir  
 11:15 am ..... Forum  
 11:15 am ..... Orff Rehearsal  
 11:20 am ..... Kirk Ringers  
 4:00 pm ..... Youth Orchestra  
 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers  
 5:00 pm ..... JH & HS Youth Group

**Monday, April 7**

9:00 am ..... Mens Newsgroup  
 11:00 am ..... Group V  
 7:00 pm ..... Klokken Ringers

**Tuesday, April 8**

10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer  
 10:00 am ..... Horizons Bible Study  
 6:00 pm ..... CRTC

**Wednesday, April 9**

9:30 am ..... Kerygma Conversations  
 1:00 pm ..... Thursday Belles  
 6:00 pm ..... Dinner  
 7:00 pm ..... Lenten Classes  
 8:00 pm ..... Lenten Evening Worship

**Thursday, April 10**

7:30 am ..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
 10:00 am ..... Stitch Group  
 6:45 pm ..... Yoga  
 7:00 pm ..... Stephen Ministry  
 7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

**Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday**

9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
 9:15 am ..... High School Choir  
 9:30 am ..... Choir Rehearsal-Poling Chapel  
 10:00 am ..... Worship  
 10:15 am ..... Church School for K-8  
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“Most of us can’t help but live as though we’ve got two lives to live, one is the mockup, the other the finished version, and then there are all those versions in between. But there’s only one, and before you know it, your heart is worn out, and, as for your body, there comes a point when no one looks at it, much less wants to come near it. Right now there’s sorrow. I don’t envy the pain. But I envy you the pain.” – Andre Aciman, *Call Me by Your Name*

“When we choose to live authentically we chip away at others prisons of pretend and create an opportunity for them to walk out of darkness into freedom.” – Anthony Venn-Brown, *A Life of Unlearning*

“At the border of where I will literally not survive so long as I keep living in so much fear of the harsh judgments of others, I am finally conceding the truth to you all. I am finally conceding the truth to me.” – Dan Pearce, *Single Dad Laughing*

“Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them.” – Henry David Thoreau, *Civil Disobedience and Other Essays*

“No matter who you are, no matter what you did, no matter where you’ve come from, you can always change, become a better version of yourself.” – Madonna

“Human beings are not born once and for all on the day their mothers give birth to them, but...life obliges them over and over again to give birth to themselves.” – Gabriel Garcia Marquez

“Only after disaster can we be resurrected.” – Chuck Palahniuk, *Fight Club*

“Burst down those closet doors once and for all, and stand up and start to fight.” – Harvey Milk