

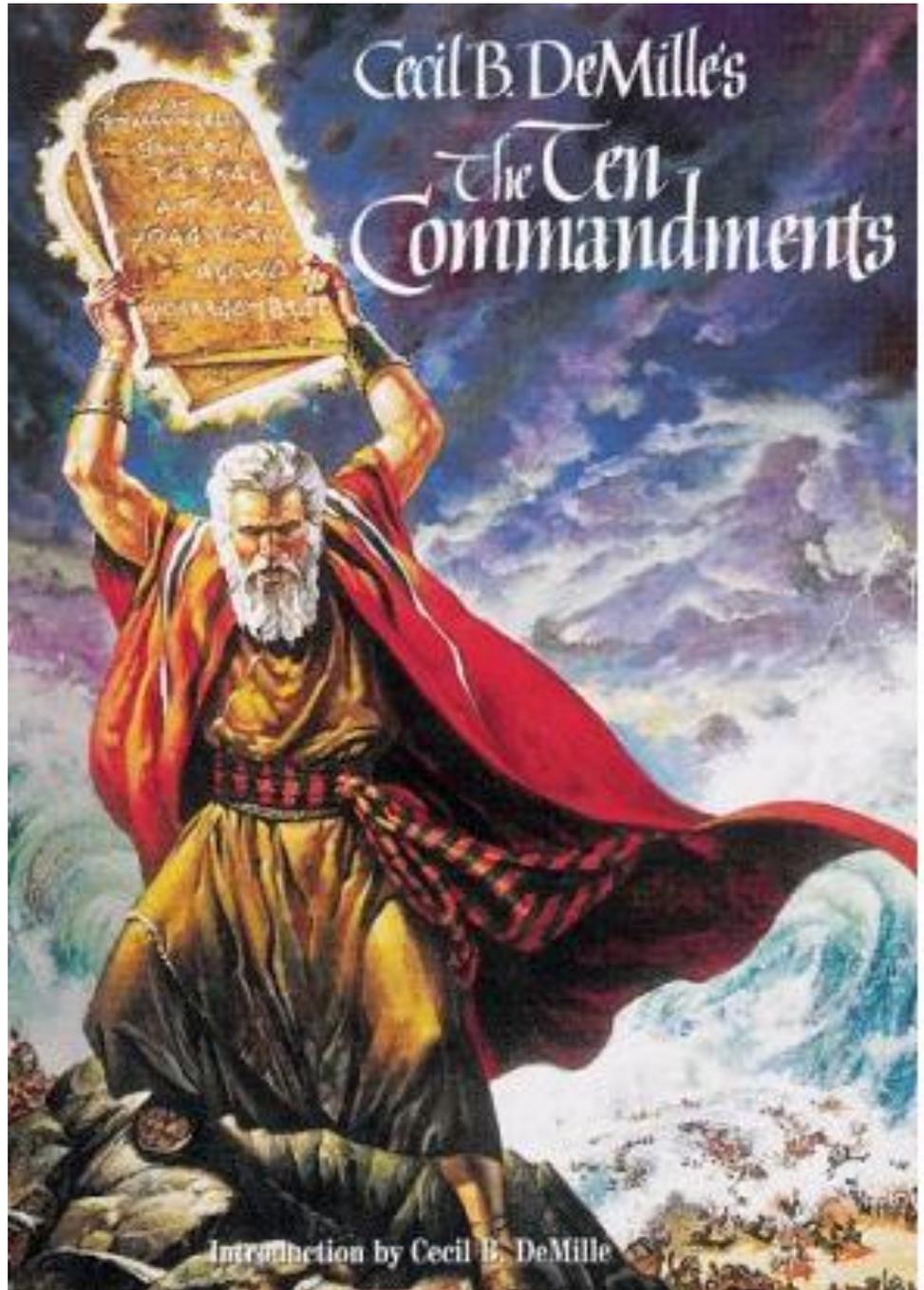
**The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962**

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.



The context of God's will is everything.

October 5, 2014



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(518) 377-2201 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 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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Wide Communion

October 5, 2014

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Nat Phipps

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 Klokken Tower Ringers
arr. Bill Ingram

As We Gather At Your Table

*As we gather at your table, as we listen to
your word, help us know, O God, your
presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.*

*HYMN #138
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Holy One, we confess that we have made excuses for not following your call. In our laziness, we have avoided and denied you. We do not look for you in the face of others, nor do we let others see your holiness in us. We have doubted your presence and failed to let you change our lives. Help us. Make us more complete and faithful in all that we do, we pray. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

from the Accra Confession

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation

and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of our world. We believe that God is sovereign over all creation. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*
Klokken Tower Ringers
Jason W. Krug

Be known to us in breaking bread
But do not then depart
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart
We would not live by bread alone
But by Thy word of grace
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

FIRST LESSON Jim Miller
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (pg 66)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Psalm 19 (pg 498)*

SERMON Bill Levering
The Ten Commandments in Positive Terms

*HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* #504

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nat Phipps

*DOXOLOGY #555
Now Thank We All Our God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rev. Phil Grigsby

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

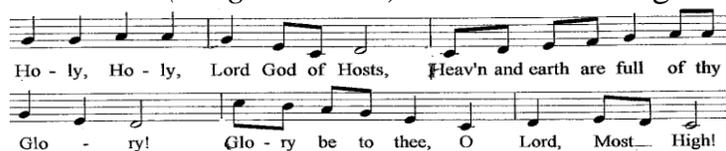
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*) Carl Steubing



COMMUNION

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 *O for a World* #386

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sicilian Mariners
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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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:

David Collins, Marion Lentz

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.

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

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Memorial Receptions

Pastoral care needs to update its list of people who would like to work in some capacity on the memorial receptions. We need people to provide refreshments, set ups and clean ups. You may already be on the list, but if you haven't been asked or just want to make sure that you're on the list, call Heather in the church office. We'll be collecting names for a few weeks. After the list has been completed, we'll have a meeting to reacquaint ourselves with the procedures. Being part of these receptions is a good way to help a family during a sad time. We want to make sure that the family can rely on us to relieve them of some of their cares. For more information, you may contact Linda Witkowski, 374-7904.

Post Service Refreshments

Everyone is invited to have refreshments in Assembly Hall right after worship. We are always looking for volunteers to bring in treats of any kind. It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. Please contact our Taart Baas, Karen Gonda, via email at

gonda6@aol.com or at 607-725-4521, to indicate the dates you are available.

Ushering

Del Pierce wants to thank those who listened to his talk on ushering last Sunday, and especially to the folks that volunteered to be on an usher team. We still need a few more to fill our ranks. If you would like to help out, once every 6 weeks, it's a great opportunity to meet people and a valuable service to our church. Please contact Del at 356-0955 or delpierce@gmail.com if you are interested.

Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop is open again in full swing: a little before the church service and again until noon. We love browsers as well as buyers. As always, there is a 30% discount on books ordered through the bookshop.

Fall Youth Activities

Youth group will meet every Sunday at 5pm for dinner, discussion, games, etc. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome, including friends who do not normally attend this church. If you have questions, please contact Stacey.

Today: Regular Meeting

October 12: Columbus Day Overnight & Service Project, meet at the church at 5pm.

October 19: Regular Meeting

October Church School

Today: Communion Sunday K-2 class until 11am/grades 4-8 celebrate communion with the congregation.

12: K-8 Regular Church school

19: K-8 Regular Church school

26: K-8 Regular Church school

Kirk Ringers/Singers will meet 11 – 11:30am Communion Sundays and 11:15 – noon all other Sundays. Any child K-8 is welcome to join us! Teachers are still needed for Fall classes: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

Today: Nat Phipps, solo piano

October 12: Azzaam Hameed, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

October 19: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney; bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Forum

After worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Amy Brule 785-8201, Peggy King 370-1885, Olivia Mancuso 381-8860, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

Today: Rev. Phil Grigsby

October 12: Fat is Not a Feeling: Inside the Mind of an Eating Disorder – Anna Ipsen

October 19: Worship Talkback with Focus on Music – Rev. Bill Levering

Classis Assessments

Did you know that when First Reformed Church pays Classis Assessments, we are helping to support 18 other churches in our Classis. Your financial support of our Classis Assessments is encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Lewis at 428-5830.

"How to" Classes on Sunday Morning

There are so many things to learn about in the world. This fall, our congregation will begin tackling this problem by having tiny little how-to classes about a wide variety of things in the church and in the world. The class will be after the Forum and will meet in the Dykstra Chapel.

Mission and Benevolence

Is there an agency or organization that you know of that would benefit from our Christmas offering? The Mission and Benevolence Committee is gathering information about possible recipients for that offering. Please provide the name, a brief description of the agency/organization and the name of a contact person to Rev. Stacey Midge or Peggy King.

Yoga

Weekly classes are Mondays from 6:15pm – 7:15pm in Assembly Hall, \$10 per class. The class is for all levels and you can come on a regular basis or just drop in when you can. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat/towel. If you have any questions please contact Douglas at: 229-7291 or dagoods1@gmail.com.

Midweek Evening Meal

Each Wednesday, those who appreciate eating with others gather in Assembly Hall at 6pm for a pot-luck dinner and friendly conversation. Bring whatever edibles you enjoy and wish to share; ice water and hot coffee provided. We clean up after ourselves; Midweek Evening Worship follows for those who wish to stay.

Midweek Evening Worship

Gentle singing accompanied by acoustic guitars; contemplative listening for God in scripture; sharing Communion around the Lord's Table; praying our joys and concerns aloud or in silence, extending and receiving Christ's peace...Midweek Evening Worship...
7pm Wednesdays in Poling Chapel. All are welcome.

Stitch Group

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

Saturday Worship Service

This is a family-friendly opportunity to worship through contemporary music and casual liturgy. All people are welcome, but we especially invite families with Sunday sports activities, those who work Sunday mornings, and anyone who is seeking a supportive Christian community in a modern worship setting. Please contact Stacey with any questions about this new service.

Horizons Bible Study Material

Our study for the fall is "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10am in Poling Conference Room. Study guides are available in the church office for \$8 for anyone interested.

Choir 'Exchange' with Scotia Today

Today the Chancel Choir will be singing 'across the river' with the choir of First Reformed, Scotia. In exchange, the Scotia choir will join us on Sunday, October 12 at FRC. For the joint anthem the directors have chosen the inspiring "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" by Craig Courtney with Judson Hoffman on trumpet. In the Spring there will be a joint instrumental program. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with our friends in Scotia.

Prospective Member Class Today

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 in the church office at 3pm on the first Sundays of October through February.

Group V

We will resume our monthly meetings on Monday, October 6 at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn room. Co-hostesses are Ilah DePaoli and Cynthia Hamilton. Please contact Barbara Piper if you wish to join us, 399-3620.

Writers Group

A Flash Fiction critique group meets 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.

Justice Action Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 12 at noon, following the Forum. All are welcome to attend and join our group in taking a stand on important issues in our community and in our world. Issues on the forefront include LGBT rights, economic disparity, care of our planet, bullying, access to mental health, and health care. Please join us and have your voice heard.

Fall Outing October 12

We are planning a moderate hike to Vrooman's nose in the Schoharie Valley, across the river from Middleburgh. The route is from the parking lot on the West Middleburgh Rd to the overhanging rock ledge (referred to as "The Dance Floor" in earlier history) over a wooded road and new trail, gaining about 600 feet in 1 ½ miles in easy climbing. The ledge looks to the south down the Schoharie valley to the Northern Catskills. More views toward Middleburgh and the Valley North can be reached by following the trail a few hundred feet further. Bring a lunch and drink to eat together on the ledge. The trail is child and dog friendly. A sign-up sheet is available in Assembly Hall. You may also sign up to ride in the FRC van if you would rather not drive your own vehicle. Van seating is limited to 9. Any questions, please contact Nancy, 377-3573.

Group VII

Our next group will be Friday, October 17 at 10:30am in the Dirck Romeyn room. Our program will be Things of My Very Own. Any questions, you may contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast group will resume monthly breakfast meetings on Saturday, **October 18, 2014**. (Please note the date change; we were originally scheduled to meet October 11.) Speaking will be the Rev. John Paarlberg, coming to talk about the Middle East situation with the Palestinians. We will plan to meet the

second Saturday of each month at 8am, unless we reschedule because of conflicts or speaker availability. You will be notified in advance if that happens. We will try to have an interesting program each month, and all attendees will be encouraged to suggest topics of interest. There will be a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall for those interested. Bring a friend if you can. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Gene Rowland, erowland@nycap.rr.com; or Joe Doolittle, aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com.

New Readers Discussion

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books with fellow readers? If your answer is yes, come join us on Sunday, October 19 at 12pm to join in our discussion of Matthew Vines book, God and the Gay Christian. More details will be available soon. If you are interested in joining us, and have questions, please contact Jeanne Shoulder, 781-724-5030 or Mary Jewett, 355-8059.

Handel Organ Concerto

On Sunday, October 19, organist Kaelen Hansson, instrumental ensemble, and the Chancel Choir will present Handel's Organ Concerto Op. 292, No. 4 F major as part of the Sunday morning worship. Kaelan is a fourth year student at Union College, a recent winner of the Union concerto competition majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in French and music.

What's Your Story?

Everyone has significant life stories to share and doing so within the context of a small group committed to gently holding such stories in the light of God's love enables us to come to better know and appreciate others--and ourselves! This fall, two new What's Your Story? groups, will be offered on the **third Monday** of Sept-Dec.

Tuesday Ladies

New place for Tuesday Ladies! Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30pm at Linda Wards home. Tell all your friends! Hope to see you then. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

Interfaith Friendship Celebration

Interfaith Community of Schenectady is having a celebration on Thursday, October 23 at 7pm at Proctors Theatre to increase awareness on peace and harmony in our community through understanding. There will be a buffet dinner, silent auction, and interfaith entertainment. The cost is \$25 per person and seating is limited. For more info or to make a reservation, call 346-5779.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We meet every fourth Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 23 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

Safe House Bowl-a-Thon

The Justice Action Council will be supporting this upcoming event on Sunday, October 26 from 1-3pm at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady. All proceeds will directly benefit Safe Inc's programs for at-risk, homeless, and sexually exploited youth in Schenectady. The cost is \$25 per person which includes bowling, 2 slices of pizza, and soda. Participants are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded for costumes. Our goal is to form several teams of 5 and support this worthwhile cause. Those who can't participate could consider sponsoring a bowler. Please contact Jeanne Shoulder at jmshoulder@hotmail.com or 781-724-5030 to sign up.

Campus Protestant Ministries Dinner

Campus Protestant Ministries of Union College will be sponsoring Community Dinners with International Students this fall. All invited are to bring LARGE dishes to share, as well as their families and friends, and their openness to interesting conversation. The dates are Sunday, October 26 in Breazzano Hall, and Monday, December 1 in Old Chapel; all starting at 6pm. RSVP's are appreciated, but not required to Abby Norton-Levering at applekale@gmail.com.

Classis Dinner Helpers

We are hosting a Classis Dinner on October 28. Helpers are needed for setup, cleanup and variants items. If you are interested, please contact George and Kitty Trimarco, 355-7464, or fill out a white pew card.

Fellowship Luncheon

Our monthly pot-luck luncheon will resume on Friday, October 31 at 11:30am. Hostesses are Gay Doolittle and Mary Jewett. Peggy King will be joining us to discuss our program: Casinos? What's the latest? Please bring a dish to share, beverage and dessert is provided. A sign-up sheet is available in Assembly Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Bestgen, 346-0304; or Amy Brule, 785-8201. We encourage both men and women to join us. We hope to see you there!

Choirs to Join for Evensong

The choirs of St. George's Episcopal and First Reformed, Schenectady, will come together on Sunday, November 2 at 5pm for a traditional Episcopal service of All Souls Evensong in our church sanctuary. Music will include "And I Saw a New Heaven" by Edgar Bainton, "Stay With Us" by Egil Hovland, and the "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat." by John Stainer. Andrew Krystopolski will be the organist and Julie Panke will direct the choirs. A reception will follow the service for those attending the Evensong as well as jazz vespers.

Harvest for the Pantry

SICM is having a dinner to raise funds for their emergency food pantry on Sunday, November 9 from 4 – 7pm at the First Reformed Church of Scotia. There will be a homemade chicken dinner with a vegetarian alternative. Tickets are available at the SICM office, \$30 per person, \$25 of which is eligible for GE matching. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, and show your support for the Food Pantry!

Midnight Run Nov. 14

The next Midnight Run will be on Friday, November 14. We will meet at church to pack bag lunches at 6pm, leave at 7pm, and return in the wee hours of the morning after we deliver food, hygiene items, clothes, and blankets to homeless people in Manhattan. We can take up to 8 volunteers; please contact Stacey if you are interested in going. We also need donations of the following items: blankets and sleeping bags, dark sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, new underwear (both men's and women's), sturdy shoes in good condition, deodorant, travel-sized hygiene products, and juice boxes. Any donations can be brought to the church office.

Organ Concert

On Friday, November 14 at 7:30pm, our organist, Naphtali Rothrock, will present a concert on the Schantz organ in our sanctuary. Her program will include music of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and Cesar Franck. The concert is free and open to the public.

Stephen Ministry Fall Focus

At this Autumn's monthly meeting members involved in our congregation's ministry of compassionate care for those going through difficult times are exploring Losses Related to Aging—in addition to participating in Small Group Peer Supervision. Most Stephen Ministers are currently engaged in one-to-one caring relationships with those experiencing difficulties in life; others are nearly ready to be assigned to those needing care. If you find yourself facing challenges that feel overwhelming which you would (wisely!) prefer not to confront alone, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, (Daniels Carlson, Vernetta Thuener, Maria G. Todd) who will confidentially help you get the support you need from a caring Christian friend.

Kinderwyck

We are looking for helping hands and arms to play with toddlers and rock babies from 9:50-noon each Sunday. Please call the church office if you are willing and able to help with this vital ministry.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Nancy Wainwright, Cynthia Gallagher	Fred Daniels, Claire Hughes
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Roberta Blackmer
Flower Delivery	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Mike Horan, Donna & David Bundy	Vernetta Thuener, Brad & Cathy Lewis
Greeters	Robert & Karen Dickson	
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn, Alexis Wisniewski – Jr. Assistant	Sarah Bachorik, Alexis Wisniewski – Jr. Assistant
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Adam Mason, James Gonda, Barbara Walton, George Davidson, Gay Doolittle, Cathy Lewis, Brad Lewis, Keith Muse	Caroline Welch, Jeanne Shoulder, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Bob Beadle, Brad Lewis, Cathy Lewis, Ellie Rowland
Reader	Jim Miller	Peg Miller
Refreshments	Ann Hicks, Ann Bish	Gini McDermott
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Michael Horan, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin, Philip Yourno, George Davidson
How To Classes	How to Ring a Handbell – Judy Moore	How to Listen – Daniel Carlson

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 am Summer Church School for K-2
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 11:15 am Forum
- 11:15 am Kirk Ringers
- 11:40am How To Classes
- 3:00 pm New Member Class
- 5:00 pm JH & HS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 am Men's News Group
- 11:00 am Group V
- 6:45 pm Yoga
- 7:00 pm Klokken Tower Ringers

Tuesday, October 7

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am Horizons Bible Study
- 11:30 am Support & Care
- 7:00 pm UPC Session

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:30 am Kerygma
- 12:30 pm Thursday Belles
- 1:00 pm Archives
- 6:00 pm Midweek Evening Dinner
- 7:00 pm Midweek Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm Writers Group

Thursday, October 9

- 7:30 am Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am Stitch Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, October 11

- 5:00 pm Link Service

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Church School K-8
- 11:15 am Forum
- 11:15 am Kirk Ringers
- 11:40 am How To Classes
- 4:00 pm Youth Orchestra
- 5:00 pm JH & HS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

“I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.” – Ronald Reagan

“I don't remember Moses writing, ‘Thou shalt not kill.. unless you think you have a good reason.’” – Willie Nelson, *The Tao of Willie: A Guide to the Happiness in Your Heart*

“Saint Augustine defined idolatry as worshipping what should be used or using what should be worshiped.” – Colin S. Smith, *The 10 Greatest Struggles of Your Life*

“When you etch your moral code in stone, you have no room for editing. You leave open the possibility that, as our ethical views evolve, your code becomes less relevant. You could find yourself with four of ten divine moral laws describing how to treat God and zero that prohibit rape or slavery.” – David G. McAfee

“A belief in God is vitally important, not just in show business, but stability in life. You know, to recognize deity is the most important thing that you can do. I mean, it comes to the Ten Commandments. They weren't ten suggestions. They were Ten Commandments.” – Donny Osmond

“If Moses had been paid newspaper rates for the Ten Commandments, he might have written the Two Thousand Commandments.” – Isaac Bashevis Singer

“We may not all break the Ten Commandments, but we are certainly all capable of it. Within us lurks the breaker of all laws, ready to spring out at the first real opportunity.” – Isadora Duncan

“I have ten commandments. The first nine are, thou shalt not bore. The tenth is, thou shalt have right of final cut.” – Billy Wilder

First Reformed Church

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

THE CONSISTORY

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Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister
Stacey Midge, Associate Minister

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