

The Messenger

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From
Craig's
Desk

LENTEN THOUGHTS

Be forewarned. If I'm dining in a restaurant and I overhear someone at the next table say "church," or "God," or "Christ", my ears involuntarily pivot on their hinges and point in their direction, the better to be able to hear what they're saying. I know it's wrong to eavesdrop, but when it comes to talk about faith and about God I just can't seem to help myself. As Topsy, a little slave girl in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* once said, "I guess I's just wicked!"

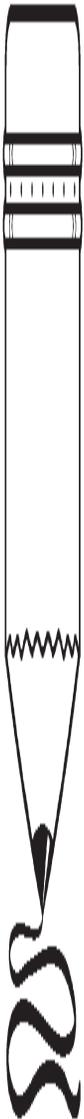
I wonder if your experience is the same as mine? Frankly, I'm surprised at how often people do talk about God in public with their friends. But what I often hear goes something like this. "Well, that may be true for you, but it's not true for me. I'm more into spirituality than I am religion. I think God is more like . . . ?" You may finish that last sentence however you like, or however you've overheard that conversation.

I'm not quite sure how to express this, but doesn't it seem as though the flow is going the wrong way – like water flowing upstream? If there is a God (and I absolutely believe there is) shouldn't our God talk make God the subject rather than ourselves? Shouldn't God be the center of it all, not us – God the measure of our lives and thoughts, not our thoughts the measure of God? One of the blessings of Lent that begins Ash Wednesday, this year March 5, is that we are given a season in which to pay special attention to how God has revealed himself to us, and of how our lives should look and be lived out in the light of that revelation.

Jesus Christ is God's Word made flesh. In Jesus we see most fully God's self-revelation to we human beings. That's what Christian Faith declares and has always declared. Christ is the measure of our faith, not our ideas about God.

Two summers ago when I walked the Camino de Santiago across Spain, one of the paperback books I toted along was Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Cost of Discipleship*. Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and leader of an underground seminary, was martyred for his Christian Faith by the Gestapo during World War II. I'll bet that he understood what I'm trying to say: that faith is more than opinion, and that the practice of Christian faith sometimes calls to ways of living that are hard and out-of-step with our culture. But also that it is this very Christian Faith that brings us to life.

I wish you a holy and meaningful Lent.



Thank You Notes From The Congregation

Since we published the last issue of *The Messenger* we received the following thank-you notes and letters. They are posted on the tack strip outside of Pastor Craig's office. Read and enjoy them there for yourselves.

- From Eileen Quick, Volunteer:
Thank you so much for the generous food donations during the month of January. Also, we appreciate the donation to the Regional Food Bank. We purchase a lot of our food there. We appreciate all that you do for the families of the Scotia Food Pantry.
- From Terry Griesche:
Many thanks to Diane Faubion for bringing me flowers from church. They were lovely and lasted a long time. Also thanks to the Sharing and Caring Group for their messages and good wishes sent to me. The thoughtfulness of all is greatly appreciated.
- From Val Morehouse:
Thank you to all who wrote prayers on the beautiful stars that hang in our sanctuary and to the youth for folding the paper into stars. Special thanks to Pastor Craig, Kristin Bodden and Kate Dulmes for stringing and hanging them. I have greatly enjoyed seeing the stars every week and feel a great warmth knowing that our prayers surround us like a cozy blanket.
- From Val Van Patten:
On a cold wintery day the brightest ray of sunshine for me came in my door when Pam Walsh walked in bringing me flowers. We had a lovely visit. Thank you Pam and thank you my friends from church for the lovely flowers.
- From Lee Poremba
Thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers after the death of my mother.

Shout Out For February



So many people do so much for our congregation, and we thank them all for it. This month we especially give a shout out to:

- Joe and Cathy Deamer who delivered the food donations to the Scotia Food Pantry.
- Ed and Kim Rosenberg for hosting our youth group at their home.
- Eric and Kate Dulmes for hosting our youth group at their home.
- Trudi Thun who coordinates our Sharing and Caring each month.
- Bobbie Nelson who helps with Children and Worship on Sundays.
- Tom and Chris Bodden, Sue Steciak, Bill and Kristen Shave and David and Jae Schalekamp who hosted our coffee hours for the month of February.
- All of those helping with putting together our 2014 Valentine' Luncheon. Special thanks to Kristin Bodden, Linda Naumowicz, Walt Pfuntner, Kim and Ed Rosenberg, Diana Ackner, Heather Kramer, Richard Doyle, Pastor Jan, Kate and Eric Dulmes, Jennifer Westervelt, Linda Willoughby, Tee Munson, and all our youth and Seniors who participated! Thanks so much!

Save Your Bottles

Our bottle return committee members Linda Ciabotte, Suzanne Denney, Leisl Falcon, Dot Henwood and Lynn Makrin each take a day of the week and pick up your donations of returnable bottles and cans and take them to the redemption center. The money they get for the bottles goes into a restricted fund for the Bethesda House and the City Mission. This is an easy way to donate to these two needy missions. Let's all keep our bottle return committee busy!

Ash Wednesday Service Will Be Held

Lent, the season of the Church Year when we look inward at our life and at our faith, begins on Ash Wednesday – this year March 5. That evening we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:30 for a quiet service of confession and reflection. Near the end of the service those who wish may have a mark of ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign of repentance and as a sign of our mortality.

Celebration Will Be Held For Pastors

On March 1, 1994 Craig and Jan Luben Hoffman were called to serve as pastors of First Reformed Church of Scotia. Later in the month on Saturday, March 26, Craig was installed as the pastor of our church. That same day Jan Luben Hoffman was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and installed as the other pastor of our church. For 20 years Jan and Craig have faithfully served our congregation and community. Imagine the number of worship services they have led over the years in our sanctuary and in the community, not to mention the number of baptisms, Lord's Suppers, funerals, and Consistory meetings they have presided over! (I wonder if they have kept a list? Let's ask Craig.)

We are grateful for their dedication to our church community and want to say, "Well done good and faithful servants" in a special way. Your Consistory invites all to a special 10:00 worship service on Sunday, March 2, in our sanctuary. It will be followed by a simple reception held in Brink Hall. Jan and Craig are aware of the celebration, but not the details! They will not lead worship that day, but will be our honored guests.

Join the Consistory on Sunday, March 2, to say thank you to Jan and Craig for 20 years of service.

Please Help With Coffee Hour

Our after-worship coffee hours are important to our congregation. Here's how they happen. They begin with a Coffee Hour Coordinator – someone or some couple who for three months makes sure that volunteers have signed up to host a coffee hour. Beth Vaccaro is our current Coffee Hour Coordinator, and will be through the end of March. Thanks, Beth!

But any Sunday's coffee hour finally depends on a host or hostess who comes to church early and leaves the sanctuary early in order to do the following:

- Set out tea as well as cream and sugar for the coffee. All of this is already at the church.
- Mix and set out the soft drinks for the kids. Again, the mix is already at the church.
- Set out the pretzels and trays of cookies that are stored at the church. Or set out trays of home-baked goods. While many of our weekly hosts and hostesses do bake for coffee hour, it's not expected. You are welcome to use the church's cookies and pretzels.
- Most weeks you don't need to make coffee thanks to our own Bill Foos who kindly sees to that. Thanks, Bill! We appreciate your efforts. If Bill isn't there, making coffee also needs to be done.

Church Secretary Kathie Balsler sends an instruction sheet the week before to people who volunteer to host a coffee hour. It tells you everything you need to know.

Donate To Easter Plants

On Easter we fill our sanctuary with lilies and spring flowers that later we deliver to shut-ins and others we want to remember. You can help by making a donation to our Flower Fund. Flower Fund donations not only help us purchase Easter Lilies, they also help us provide fresh flowers for worship throughout the year. Dedicate your gift in celebration of some event, or in honor or in memory of some person and we will print your dedication in our Easter bulletin insert. Call Kathie in the church office, 370-4751, by Friday, April 11.



Missions We Supported In 2013

Here's how we supported missions in 2013.

WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

Albany Synod missions:

Classis Ministries	\$500
Fowler Ministries	\$5,950
Assessed RCA benevolences	\$3,225
Church World Service	\$10
Otternesses, Missionaries in Hungary	\$3,100
Reformed Church World Service	\$60
Staten Island Project Hospitality	
Easter offering	\$1,416
Mission Trip	\$3,112
Theological Education:	
New Brunswick Seminary	\$750
Western Seminary	\$750
Tuition Support	\$1,500

LOCAL MISSIONS

American Red Cross	\$50
Bethesda House	\$670
City Mission of Schenectady	\$824
Coats, Blankets, Stuffed pets	\$89
Concerned for the Hungry	\$791
Deacon's Fund Disbursements	\$1,664
Habitat for Humanity	\$688
Kids Hope USA	\$1,166
Operation Christmas Child	\$20
Refugee Resettlement	\$100
Regional Food Bank	\$4,178
Ronald McDonald House	646
Salvation Army	\$936
Samaritan Counseling Center:	
Care Fund	\$942
Rent Subsidy	\$5,890
Schoharie Area Long-term Recovery	\$1,000
Schenectady Home Furnishings	\$487



Mission Giving Continued

Schenectady Inner City Ministries:	
General programming	\$1,188
Food Pantry	\$7,307
Patty's Place	\$93
Scotia Food Pantry	\$100
Scotia Relief Association	\$632
Souper Bowl Fund Drive	\$310

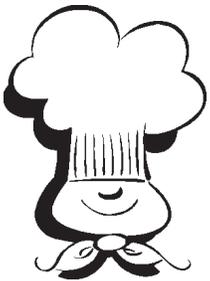
TOTAL MISSION GIVING \$45,966

But that's not all. Our Redeem Team redeemed over \$622 worth of our returnable bottles and cans for Bethesda House and City Mission.

People from our church volunteered time and energy to Project Hospitality on Staten Island, Camp Fowler, Habitat for Humanity, Schenectady Home Furnishings, the Joan Nicole Prince House, SICM Food Pantry, Ellis Hospital, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center, Baptist Retirement Center, Bethesda House, City Mission, the Salvation Army, Catholic Family Charities Refugee Resettlement Program, and to KIDS Hope USA at Sacandaga Elementary School.

All of KIDS Hope USA Director Tee Munson's time and portions of Pastors Craig and Jan Hoffman's time were also spent on one or more of the above missions. All together that accounted for \$24,787 of our total staff salaries and benefits expenses.

Help Make Food For Funeral Receptions



One important way in which we help support a family when a death occurs is to offer a reception in Brink Hall after a funeral at the church. Margo Snyder is our Funeral Coordinator and helps make this happen. You can help her by getting on one of her lists.

Let us know that you're willing to help serve and clean up at a reception if you're free. We understand that some days you may not be free, so many names on this list helps a lot.

Or let us know that you're willing to bake some cookies, bread, or other baked goods for a reception. Again, many names on this list helps.

To add your name to either of these lists, just call Kathie at the church office, 370-4751, call Margo at home, 952-7371, or sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Craig's office. Even if you've already signed up for one of these lists, please do so again so that Margo knows she may still call you. Thank you, and thanks, Margo!

Can You Make A Meal For Someone?

We keep a list of people at the church who are willing to prepare and deliver a meal to someone in our church who needs a helping hand after a stay in the hospital, or during some other life event. Please let us know if you'd extend yourself this way for someone by calling Church Secretary Kathie Balsler, 370-4751. Even if you've signed up before, please do so again so that we know we may still call you for a Helping Hand Meal. Thanks!

Bible Study Will Be Held On The Book Of Job

We are thrilled to have Heather Kramer lead another Kerygma Bible Study! Heather, a distance-learning student at the RCA's Western Theological Seminary, offers a 7-session study on the book of Job entitled, "Job and The Life Of Faith." Heather studied the book of Job at WTS with Dr. Carol Bechtel, the author of this Kerygma resource. The series begins Wednesday evening March 12 at 7:15 and ends on April 23. Sign up on the bulletin board next to Pastor Craig's office.

Discipleship Project Continues

We all need to continue our journey of faith and The Discipleship Project is the perfect vehicle for the ride. There are countless ways to grow and learn and share our inquiry, evolve as learners and create deeper understanding. Here is how The Discipleship Program works:

- Each year we set a goal, in the form of credits, to measure our growth as a congregation
- Participate in a bible study, faith retreat, educational event, personal book study, seminars, mission project, prayer project, etc. Each program / event / action has a certain credit value.
- Grab a card from the Discipleship board by Pastor Jan's office
- Return the signed card to the Bulletin Board
- You will be adding to our congregational Discipleship credits!

This program allows us to celebrate our life of Christian growth together and set learning and faith driving goals as a congregation! Check out the Discipleship board for current and upcoming opportunities. Take home a "Discipleship Menu" to plan out your journey!

Items Listed For Food Pantry

Every week our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for March. Please place your donations in the container in the narthex or in the one outside Brink Hall. What a great offering we would give if **everyone** brought the weekly item!

There is **always** a need for bags and for monetary donations. Donations are used to purchase milk certificates and other items available at the Regional Food Bank for just 16 cents a pound. Make out your check to the First Reformed Church of Scotia and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Here are this month's food askings:

- March 2: Kleenex
- March 9: Macaroni & Cheese
- March 16: Cereal
- March 23: Dish Detergent
- March 30: Fruit

Mission For March Is SICM

The Mission of the Month for March is SICM, Schenectady Inner City Ministry, which carries out a variety of ministries in our city and county. SICM was begun to help local churches coordinate their missions and ministries to the community. We are one of 54 congregations involved in SICM. Representing our congregation at monthly meetings are Natalie and Bill Monaghan. We thank them for volunteering to attend these meetings and educating us to the needs of our community.

SICM's ministries include a food pantry located at 839 Albany Street, annual summer lunch program, the annual CROP Walk in May, and Patty's Place, a safe drop-in center for sex workers. To volunteer for a SICM ministry, call 374-2683 and go online to www.sicm.us.

The Food Pantry is one of the best-known SICM ministries, providing food to an increasing need. The comparison between the number of meals served in 2011 and 2013 is staggering:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Meals Served:	323,730	468,297
Total Individuals Served:	37,123	52,033
Total Children Meals:	14,377	20,144

If you'd like to volunteer at the Food Pantry on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, call 346-4035.

Please use your yellow envelopes to contribute to our Mission of the Month. If you need a box of envelopes please call the church office, 370-4751.



Stephen Ministry Moment

Stephen Ministry is a ministry of one-on-one Christian care giving in which a trained Stephen Minister confidentially comes alongside a person going through a life crisis or hard time in order to listen and be present for as long as necessary. Each month one of our church's Stephen Ministers writes a Stephen Ministry Moment in order to let you know what Stephen Ministry is all about.

For more information contact Stephen Ministry Leader Cheryl MacNeil, 382-8279.

May I walk with you? A Caregiver's Perspective

July's cool early morning breeze folded over the eastern side of the Montana Rockies, mist ascending from the Sweetgrass River. A vermillion sunrise illuminated "Big Sky" country as my Wakaloosa horse ("Boss") and I sauntered smoothly among the corralled newborn Angus cattle. On the distant eastern horizon something unusual caught my eye. Was it a wandering lonely newborn, perhaps lost? Boss and I turned eastward, with smooth gait, our hearts gently beating in the same rhythm. Curious, the newborn nervously watched as we slowly approached. Well before closeness, I slowly dismounted, sensitive to possibilities. With Boss's well-worn leather rein in hand, we slowly approached, my palm open and extended toward the nervous newborn. First, there was an inquisitive sniff, then searching glances and finally a lick; the newborn accepted our presence. Boss nodded in affirmation. I wordlessly asked the newborn: "May I walk with you?"

Comforted, the newborn, Boss, and I ambled back to the distant corral, sensing increasing confidence and trust with each other, acknowledging each other's presence by travelling together. Up and down the undulating hills, we steadily approached the humdrum of round-up life, the bleats and howls, the distractions, the hot branding iron doing its dirty deed. The newborn pranced onward, cautiously with steadier feet toward the open corral gate, no longer lonely and lost. Boss gave a short snort, turning his head toward me, staring deeply into my eyes, for the longest time.

Years have passed since Boss's deep stare in the summer of '66. The mystery of God's grace is reflected by that simple question "May I walk with you?" As Stephen Ministers, this is what we do. When you are troubled, broken or lost, we ask if we may walk with you back to the corral.

Don Schermerhorn
Stephen Minister

Save March 22 For Fowler Spaghetti Dinner

Join us Saturday afternoon and evening March 22 from 4:00 to 7:00. Come celebrate 25 years of delicious spaghetti, bread, salad, and, of course cakes -- all to help our youth create Camp Fowler memories.

Camp Fowler gives youth the opportunity to grow spiritually, and to experience genuine learning and fun in a beautiful, faith filled environment. Campers are able to form new friendships, learn about nature and animals, be themselves, sing together, laugh often, run and play, swim, feast together, praise God, gain self-confidence and joy. You can be a part of the giving process to help our youth experience all these wonderful, important things through Camp Fowler. Be involved by volunteering your time and service, working at the event, or buy tickets and come and feast on delicious food, get take-out meals, donate a cake for the cake auction, buy a cake at the cake auction, or make a direct donation towards our scholarships. There are so many ways to be involved. Tickets are on sale in Brink Hall every Sunday: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under. Sign up to volunteer on the bulletin board in Brink Hall. Call Kristin Bodden with any questions or comments, 370-4751!



Milestones In The Congregation

Here are some milestones in the lives of people in our congregation since the last issue of *The Messenger*.

Congratulations:

- To Bob King who retired from GE after 44.625 years of service. Bob's special field of interest and labor was electrically powering vehicles.
- To Andrew and Emily Kohout on the birth of a baby boy, Wesley Ryan, on February 12.
- To Amanda Shults on the birth of a baby boy, Landon Jacob, on February 18.

We express our sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Norman Kohout who died on February 5.
- Lee Poremba on the death of her mother, Lavada Schaeffer, in Pennsylvania on February 11.

Sexual Harrassment Policy Established

We want to do everything we can to ensure that our people are treated with dignity and respect, and that everyone, especially children, are valued, protected and cared for. To that end, our Board of Elders has established a policy on Sexual Harrassment. Our Consistory has also established another policy, called a "Safe Sanctuary Policy" that helps us guard against child abuse.

Each year our Board of Elders appoints people to a Sexual Harrassment panel who are prepared to hear and handle any complaints. If you ever hear of or witness an incident of sexual harassment within the life of our congregation, contact one of these people on this year's Sexual Harrassment Panel:

- Pastor Craig Hoffman
- Pastor Jan Hoffman
- Elder David Schalekamp
- Elder Pam Walsh.

The board also appoints people who serve on our Safe Sanctuary Team. This team insures that we establish and follow procedures that help prevent sexual abuse. If you ever hear of or witness an incident of sexual abuse, contact one of these people on this year's Safe Sanctuary Panel:

- Pastor Craig Hoffman
- Pastor Jan Hoffman
- Elder David Schalekamp
- Elder Pam Walsh
- Kids Hope Director Tee Munson
- Coordinator of Christian Living Kristin Bodden
- Former CCL Sunny Baldwin

A copy of each of the above policies is kept in a binder in the Mail Room for your inspection at any time.

Save Your Cancelled Stamps

Did you know that we collect cancelled stamps in a plastic shoebox labeled "Stamps" in the Mail Room? We send the stamps we collect there to a program called "Stamps for the Wounded." Wounded soldiers use them for craft projects during their rehabilitation. This is an easy mission project to help. Just place your cancelled stamps in the box in the Mail Room or turn them in to the church office. Church Secretary Kathie will see that they get mailed to the program.



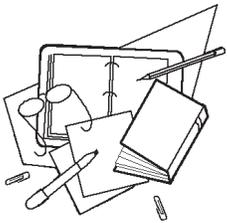
Youth Begin Angel Mission Project

Jesus taught us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. He also taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our Lord's commandments have been the theme of our Rotation Sunday School classes for our 3rd through 8th graders.

Our students have begun an Angel Mission Project to reflect these two commandments. Each rotation student has received "mission menus" with over 100 suggestions for ways to show love for God, love for our world, and love for the people in it. Here's how it works.

- Students do a mini mission project, further explore Bible stories, or do a good deed
- An adult signs their mission slip
- They return it to the Angel Bulletin Board in Room 1
- They receive points depending on what they have completed
- After receiving 50 points they are presented with a special Angel Wings Pin.
- They can get up to 5 pins!

Resources Available For Lent



Lent is the season when Christians give special attention to our spiritual lives, and to living in a way that expresses our deep gratitude for Christ's sacrificial love for us. Here are ways your church can help you.

Lenten Resources

Lenten devotionals and resources are available in Brink Hall and in the Narthex of the church. Please help yourself to both adult and youth materials!

Labyrinth Table Talk

We are delighted to announce an informational Table Talk on the art of the labyrinth on Sunday March 9 at 11:30 lead by Pam Walsh. Pam will introduce the history of the labyrinth, tell us about the varieties of designs, and about the many faith-filled benefits and uses of labyrinth for personal growth and as a tool for outreach and prayer.

February Attendance Announced

We report our monthly worship attendance to encourage you to faithfully gather on the Lord's Day, and invite others to join you.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
February week #1	213	253
February week #2	238	221
February week #3	226	213
February week #4	210	225
February Average	222	228
YTD Average	225	225

Family Finances

Each month we report our giving. Here's how we gave in February and throughout the year.

<u>GIVING</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
February	\$24,205	\$22,802	\$1,403	6%
Total for the Year	\$45,472	\$47,526	(\$2,054)	(4%)

Youth Group Plans Activities For March



A big thank you to all the F.R.O.G.s who joined the youth group in helping with the Senior Valentine's Luncheon in February! Our March F.R.O.G.s event will be on the second Sunday of the month, March 9. We'll meet at church from 1:30-3:30 to do some work for the Animal Protective Foundation. We'll make cat mats for the animal shelter, bake dog biscuits to take home and give to neighbors along with brochures to help people learn about the APF. (This counts towards the students Angel Pin Mission Project, too!)

High school, middle school, and F.R.O.G.s families are invited to East Glensville Community Church's "Holy Grounds Coffee House and Open Mic Night" on Friday, March 7 at 7:00. Come for an evening of food, entertainment, and community. (Kate and Eric Dulmes will be participating, but you'll have to come to see what it is they've got up their sleeve . . .)

On Sunday evenings this month, the middle and high school youth group will focus on relationships. For the first few weeks, we'll spend some time discussing human relationships, highlighting a godly view of love and dating. After that we'll begin to work our way through the book *Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman, which probes the idea of what it means to have a relationship with God.

Saturday, March 8 is our trip to West Mountain! High school and middle school students will meet at church at 4:00 and be back by 8:00. If 10+ people sign up, we will be able to get the discounted group tubing rate (\$14 per person), so sign up on the bulletin board outside the youth room and bring friends! Dinner will be provided, so if you are able to offer a small donation to cover that cost, it would be much appreciated. We're also looking for parent volunteers to carpool, so contact Kate Dulmes at frskdulmes@verizon.net if you are able to help us in this way.

Eastertide Retreat Offered At Fowler

Pastor Jan Hoffman is leading a contemplative Eastertide retreat, "Come to the Water," Tuesday afternoon through Thursday noon, April 29 to May 1 at Camp Fowler. She will be assisted by Ella Campbell, a spiritual director and elder at First Church Albany. Ella has led many retreats at Fowler and is a long friend of Jan's. You are welcome to join them at Chi Rho house, where you will have your own room. The retreat begins with supper on Tuesday evening, although you may arrive any time after 3:00, and ends with lunch on Thursday. There will be opportunity for guided meditation, quiet, time for handwork, reading and walking. The fee is \$150 and includes lodging, linens and meals.

To register, call the Fowler Camp and Retreat Center, 631-6789, or register online at campfowler.org/come-to-the-water.

Plan To Walk For CROP Walk

Save the date: The annual Schenectady Area CROP Walk to stop hunger will be held Sunday, May 4 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Once again our Missions Council encourages you to walk or support those who choose to walk. Want to help do something about hunger in our community? Come along for a walk! Last year over 500 people walked in Schenectady to raise money for local food pantries. Thank you, Jane Lansing and Lynn Makrin, who have volunteered to be our church's CROP Walk Coordinators.

Limber Up With A Yoga Class

Our Congregational Care Council once again sponsors a series of 6 Wednesday evening yoga classes, April 9 through May 14. Classes begin at 7:00 in Brink Hall and will run about 75 minutes. Bring your check for \$30 on the first night of class made out to Nancy Tomiessen, our certified instructor. Wear comfy, stretchable clothing and bring your own yoga mat. Join Nancy to limber up for spring!

March 2014 Calendar

Room Code

ML – Memorial Lounge
 BH – Brink Hall
 LH – Lakehill Room
 OF – Church Office
 BR – Bell Room
 S – Sanctuary
 RM 1 – Room 1
 RM 8 – Room 8
 RM 9 – Room 9
 RM 12 -- Room 12
 K -- Kitchen

Sunday, March 2

8:00 Worship –S
 9:15 Youth Music Group --RM8
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School --classrooms
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells - BR
 6:00 Youth Group at Church

Monday, March 3

7:15 Administration Council-- ML

Tuesday, March 4

6:30 Scotia Reformed Home
 Bureau -- RM 1

Wednesday, March 5, Ash

Wednesday

6:30 Listening for God -- LH
 12:15 Listening for God -- LH
 7:30 Worship Service -- S

Thursday, March 6

9:00 Morning Bells -- BR
 7:00 J. Westervelt's 4-H -- RM 1
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir -- S

Sunday, March 9, Communion

8:00 Worship –S
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM8
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School --classrooms
 11:15 Coffee Hour -- BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 1:30 FROGS -- K and RM 1
 6:00 Youth Group at Ken and Bob-
 bie Nelson's House

Monday, March 10

7:15 Consistory-- ML

Tuesday, March 11

7:15 Stephen Ministry -- ML

Thursday, March 13

9:00 Morning Bells -- BR
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir -- S

Friday, March 14

* Men's Retreat at Camp Fowler
 --Pine Lodge

Sunday, March 16

8:00 Worship –S
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM8
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School --classrooms
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 6:00 Youth Group -- RM 12

Tuesday, March 18

11:30 Care Givers -- ML

Wednesday, March 19

1:30 Sharing and Caring -- ML

Thursday, March 20

9:00 Morning Bells -- BR
 7:00 Jennifer Westervelt's 4-H --
 RM 1
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir -- S

Saturday, March 22

4:00 Spaghetti Dinner to support
 Camp Fowler -- BH

Sunday, March 23

8:00 Worship –S
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM8
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School --classrooms
 11:15 Coffee Hour -- BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 6:00 Youth Group -- RM 12

Monday, March 24

7:15 Congregational Care Council
 --LH

Tuesday, March 25

7:15 Buildings and Grounds Council
 --Lakehill
 7:15 Christian Education Council
 -- ML

Thursday, March 27

9:00 Morning Bells -- BR
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir -- S

Sunday, March 30

8:00 Worship –S
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM8
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School --classrooms
 11:15 Coffee Hour -- BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 6:00 Youth Group -- RM 12

April Anniversaries

Hugh and Yvonne Boyd	8
Jerry and Tina Haldeman	16
Jeff and Kathy Reynolds	17
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Jeff Reynolds	4	Nancy Pfuntner	20
Linda Lewis	6	Kimberly Rosenberg	20
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Inga Wade	9	Val Van Patten	21
Allison Beauchemin	12	Meri Sue Bobrowich	22
Eric Carpenter	12	Dirk Francois	22
Peg Foster	13	Cheyenne Willoughby	22
Walter Pfuntner III	14	Ruth Henry	23
Virginia Davis	15	Kim Monaco	23
Bill Eberle	15	Ethan Schalekamp	23
Rachel Rosenberg	16	Jillian Getter	24
Brendon Getter	17	Ann Wright	24
Alena Willoughby	17	Jane Lansing	27
Steve Goodspeed	18	Ashley Squires	29
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Katherine Makrin	18	Emily Taft	30

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