

The Messenger

First Reformed Church of Scotia
224 North Ballston Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302

The Rev. Craig J. Hoffman

The Rev. Jan L. Hoffman

Volume 64, Number 5

May 2011

From
Craig's
Desk

Loving Your Enemies

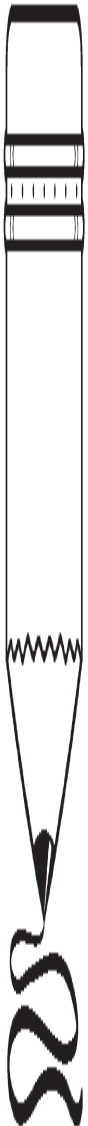
Last night during the time of devotions before one of our church's committee meeting, one of the members reflected on the ambivalent feelings generated in her by this week's news that Osama Bin Laden had been hunted down and killed. The ambivalent feelings did not arise from the justice that had been served, from the admiration of those who worked so hard to gather the intelligence and who risked so much to execute the mission, or from the sense of patriotism the mission's success engendered. The ambivalence came from the many, many scenes broadcast of crowds rejoicing. Rejoicing at the death of another person was the source of the ambivalence – in her and, as it turned out, in others present around the table. In her reflections she quoted Martin Luther King who said: "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars . . . Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." She closed by simply saying, "I choose not to rejoice in someone's death." Her words touched all present.

The quote from Martin Luther King came from reading blogs on the Internet where so much of our cultural reflection is done these days. I recognized it immediately as coming from one of King's sermons entitled *Loving Your Enemies*. I have a copy in my library and first thing this morning I took it off the shelf and re-read it.

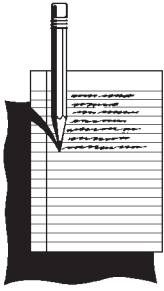
The context of King's sermon was the violence of the civil rights movement of his day – violence that finally took his life. The very real enemy he had in mind was the racist who used threats, beatings and terror to intimidate and silence those demanding equal rights. But King's words and insight are also applicable to our context, and to our enemy. Listen to what King said in his time and in your mind substitute our context for his, our enemy for his.

Time is cluttered with the wreckage of communities which surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way. This does not mean that we abandon our righteous efforts. With every ounce of our energy we must continue to rid this nation of the incubus of segregation. But we shall not in the process relinquish our privilege and our obligation to love. While abhorring segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the beloved community.

We live in challenging times when it is so easy to demonize others, and in so many contexts and ways. Our Lord calls us to stand for the humanity and worth of others, even the humanity and worth of our enemies, just as he did.



Thank You 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 Carol and Jack Arnold -- Our son Glenn joins us in thanking all those who have supported our family with the cards, letters, expressions of concern and prayers following Glenn's January skiing accident. It has been a long spell, but we are pleased to say that he is now able to sleep in a bed again, use his elliptical machine for therapy and drive a car. Faith and prayer prevailed.
- From Caitlin Crowley – Thank you so much for your heartfelt support throughout my hospital stay and illness. Words simply cannot express my appreciation for all of your kind words and gestures throughout a challenging time for me and my family. The beautiful prayer shawl and numerous cards I received are reminders to me of the power of prayer and of God's strong presence in our lives each day.
- From Val Morehouse – Thank you to all members who sent me birthday cards, and to Jan and Craig who visited me. Also thank you to Amanda and Bill Faulkner and little Micah who brought me the flowers. You all made my birthday a special one.
- From Val Van Patten – Thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered to me by John Pierce. I enjoyed visiting with John.
- The Family of Victor Teater – It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during this truly difficult time. We are very grateful for the many cards and kind words we received from the congregation, for the wonderful poems from Sharing and Caring and for the nice cards we receive from the Care Bears. Thank you too, to everyone who contributed baked goods for our Dad's Memorial Service Reception and to all who took time out of their day to serve those refreshments to our family and friends. Everything was delicious and made our Dad's memorial celebration very special.
- From Scotia Food Pantry – thank you so much for your generous food donation for the month of April. Also, a very special thanks for the Easter baskets which were much appreciated by the families with children. We appreciate your interest and support of the pantry.
- From Susan Duncan – Thank you so much for the lovely lilies. I have never had any before. I am just sorry I did not attend the Easter services. I know they are great to be remembered. I hope to soon return.
- From Barbara Botsford – Thank you for the Easter lily and everything you send. I enjoy them all. I am in a wheelchair and just can't get to church but walk in my room and do the desk in the C Building. Thank you
- From Dot Stewart – I would like to express my "thank you" to church members for their many acts of kindness: to Pam and Dave Walsh for bringing a lovely vase of flowers, to Sharing and Caring for their inspirational messages, for the Easter plant, to Tom and Chris Bodden who brought me to the Seder meal and church service and to Pastor Craig for his many visits. It is comforting to know that people care about you.

Milestones In Our Lives

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

New Address

- Opal Oaks has moved. Her new address is: 1 Ascot Lane, Apt. 164, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

We extend our sympathy to:

- Jerry and Tina Haldeman on the death of Jerry's mother.

Mission Trip Will Be Planned



Plans are percolating for the 2012 Youth Mission trip. There will be a meeting of youth in grades 8-11, and their parents on Sunday, May 8 downstairs in the Senior High Room. We plan to meet briefly at 9:00 am to begin discussing location, costs and dates. We're thinking about February break, 2012 and are looking at going back to Louisiana or Mississippi to work with the Mennonites rebuilding from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. We are also exploring going to Ecuador to work in an orphanage that is helped by missionaries supported by the Reformed Church in America. Dan Brudos and Kent Busman have taken a mission trip there. We want to know how much support and interest we have for a farther trip that costs more.

Speak to Dan Brudos, Sunny Baldwin or Pastor Jan if you'd like to know more or if you're interested.

Youth Will Receive Bibles

On Sunday, June 12, during 10:00 worship, we will hand out Bibles to our third graders and to any older students who have not yet received a Bible from their church family. We give Bibles to our young readers so that they can also study God's word at home and with their family. Giving Bibles is part of the way we fulfill our vows that we make at baptism to teach our children Christian faith. If your family needs a Bible, or if you know of a youngster who doesn't have a Bible, please speak to Sunny Baldwin or Pastor Jan, 370-4751.

Fowler Scholarships Are Increased

We are delighted to announce that this year raised about \$4,000 at the Annual Camp Fowler Spaghetti Dinner. Youth from our church who register for a week at Camp Fowler this summer will receive a church scholarship of \$135, an increase of \$10 from last year! We do ask that you send us a note about your camp experience and a picture, if you can, so we can keep an active bulletin board during the summer.

Contact Coordinator of Christian Living, Sunny Baldwin, or Pastor Jan Hoffman at 370-4751 with your registration status so we can send your scholarship directly to Camp Fowler.

Don't forget to register as soon as possible. Summer will be here before you know it and several weeks have filled up. Please visit <http://www.campfowler.org> to register online. Online registration requires a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at the time of registration. If you do not pay the full amount ahead of time, you'll pay the remainder at Fowler on the Sunday you register.

Graduates Wanted!

In the June issue of *The Messenger* we want to publish the names of everyone in our church who graduates this spring from high school, college, or graduate school. Please help us make sure we don't inadvertently miss anyone. Call the church office, 370-4751, and tell us the name of your graduate, the school issuing the diploma, and what the graduate's future plans are. Thanks for your help!

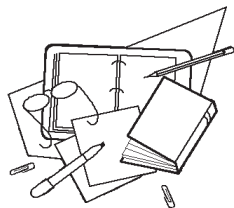
Heat Will Be Turned Off

Our consistory has a heating policy that not only helps us conserve gas, but also helps us plan for shutting down our heating system. Unlike your home furnace, when we shut our church's heating system down it takes a full day to get it up and running again. So we don't just turn off the heat; we plan to turn off the heat. By policy we shut our system down by the third Sunday in May – this year, May 15. We will shut it down even earlier if weather permits. So, starting on Sunday May 15, if it seems a bit chilly in the morning dress a little warmer for church.

Booster Week-end Has Been Organized

Each year the Fowler Boosters Association organizes a long weekend gathering of volunteers up at our Fowler Camp and Retreat Center. Typically about 125 people from Reformed Churches all over upstate New York come to help get the camp ready for the summer season. Our own Kurt and Donna Ahnert are active in the FBA. They invite you to join them for this year's work weekend. The work weekends are always Memorial Day weekends – this year Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. You can come for the entire weekend or for just a day. Call Kurt or Donna at 346-6781 to find out more.

CRTC Offers New Classes



The Capital Region Theological Center (CRTC) is the result of a cooperative effort between four Christian denominations that are in formal relationship to one another: the Reformed Church in America, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church USA. The CRTC designs and offers significant courses and experiences designed to better equip Christians in the area, both clergy and non-clergy, for more effective ministry and mission. Here are some upcoming CRTC offerings.

Thus Says the Lord: Listening to the OT Prophets II

This 20-hour course, led by New Brunswick Theological Seminary Professor Dr. Beth Tanner begins Tuesday, July 21, at the Niskayuna Reformed Church.

The cost is \$250 (\$200 to audit). The registration deadline is Monday, July 18.

Empathy in Action: Introduction to Pastoral Care

This 20-hour course, led by Psychiatrist and Lynwood Reformed Church member Dr. William Grosch begins Thursday, September 8, at the Lynwood Reformed Church.

The cost is \$250 (\$200 to audit). The registration deadline is Tuesday, August 23.

Canoeing Through Creation

Get away into the beautiful Adirondacks for canoeing, hiking, and for theological reflection on the care of God's creation, Monday through Thursday, September 12-15. Our own Kent Busman, leads this event that begins and ends at our Fowler Camp and Retreat Center.

The cost is \$300. The registration deadline is Wednesday, August 24.

Register for any of these courses/experiences by calling the CRTC, 462-2470, or by going online at www.capitalrtc.org. The website has more information on these and many other courses available in 2011. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes; please contact us for an application.

MOM & Communion Offerings Will Go To Camp Fowler

Our May Mission of the Month and our June 5 Communion Thanksgiving Offering will both be given to our Fowler Camp and Retreat Center, in Speculator NY. "Camp Fowler," as it is usually called, provides significant summer camp experiences for our youth. But it is also the site of adult retreats during the year. This year some of our church's women enjoyed an overnight away at Fowler's Pine Lodge. Fowler also provides opportunities for individual time away in the Prayer Cabin, built in memory of Pastor Jan's father, Herm Luben. Some of Fowler's retreats are for junior and senior high youth during February break (Get away), for adults during Advent and Lent. This summer, during Adirondack Weekends, you can go for long weekends, stay in Chi Rho, a motel-like lodge, and have guided activities. This is just a sampling of events offered at the camp. Please check out the website, <http://www.campfowler.org> and find out how you can be a part of Fowler's life.

Our Board of Deacons selects our Missions of the Month with an eye to expanding our ministry and mission in Christ's name to the larger world in which we live. Please use your yellow envelope to contribute to the Mission of the Month.

Food Pantry Needs Listed

Every week our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for May. 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 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.

- May 1: Cereal
- May 8: Jam/Jelly
- May 15: Canned Meat
- May 22: Peanut Butter
- May 29: Bar Soap

Sign Up For Your Photo To Be Taken

Our church will publish a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills later this year. Reserve a time after 8:00 or 10:00 worship to have your household picture taken. We are scheduling sittings for Tuesday, June 7 through Saturday, June 11. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8 x 10 custom color portrait. There will be no obligation to buy additional photos, cards, etc., although you certainly may. All our church friends are welcome and encouraged to sign up and be included in our church directory.

Thanks To Our Snow Removal Team

We've just come through one of the snowiest winters in many years. Now that it is past, we want to thank Mark Lansing and Erv Grant. These men use their own trucks to keep our parking lots clean. Thank you so very much, Mark and Erv. We also want to thank Clyde Beck for so faithfully blowing and shoveling the snow from our many sidewalks.

Thank these good people when you see them.

Women Dig Out Your Hats

Women, dig out those spring hats and let's show them off for Mother's Day, May 8. For several years we have all looked lovely in the sanctuary with our hats on, a fashion statement that you don't see too often any more. So get your hat and wear it proudly.

Thanks Goes To CROP Walkers

Thank you to all 35 members of our CROP Walk 2011 team. Our team raised over \$3700 thanks to your support of them. A photo of our team is posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor Craig's office.

Gardeners Needed



We are blessed as a congregation to be the stewards of 6 acres of lakefront property in an urban area. Our church grounds are truly a blessing for us, and a blessing for others who walk through our campus. When the weather is nice many people walk through our grounds every day because they are so lovely. It's not uncommon to find people having their lunch on one of the benches around the church, enjoying a view of the lake or one of our gardens.

June Shaw is the leader of our Garden Guild, a group of people who tend and care for the gardens around the church. More hands make lighter work. If you'd like to be part of our Garden Guild, call June at 306-4408.

Do You Know Someone Who Needs A Prayer Shawl?

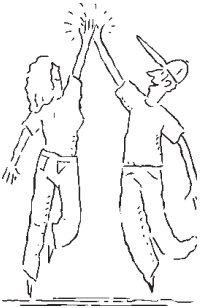
Our Prayer Shawl ministry began a couple of years ago. We have many shawls and baby blankets available, and we have people willing to knit and crochet more. Do you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl? Our shawls are knit with prayer and with love for those who are ill, grieving, or facing changes in their life. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry also provides prayer shawls for times of celebration, like baptisms. Please speak with Coordinator of Christian Living Sunny Baldwin, 374-9276, or Pastor Jan if you have an idea of someone to receive a shawl. Yarn, patterns, and instructions are also available for you.

Prayer shawls or lap robes have recently been given to some of our shut-ins, and baby blankets have been given to newborns and to their older siblings. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our prayer shawl ministry.

Young Adults Group Will Meet

Our Young Adults Group will next meet on Saturday, May 14 from 5:00 to 8:00. Babysitting will be provided in the church nursery. Adults will meet in Brink Hall. Rick Crisci will lead this time. Contact Rick for any questions (399-2875).

Thanks To Volunteers For SICM Day Of Service



We received the following note from Schenectady Inner City Ministries:

Many thanks to the congregations and volunteers who made the Saturday, April 9 SICM Day of Service a resounding success! Over 160 volunteers came from various SICM congregations and from 3 colleges – Union, Siena and SCCC. Volunteers from our church included Inga Wade, Sunny Baldwin and Dottie Brooks. Volunteers worked at various SICM sites, cleaning and painting at the SICM Food Pantry, spring cleaning at the SICM Damien Center, preparing a garden site at Wallingford Park for the SICM/Roots and Wisdom Edible Playgrounds Program, writing advocacy letters on hunger issues, preparing Easter baskets for pantry distribution, cleaning out at Koinonia Christian Ministries and more. Congregations and the Niskayuna Food Co-op did a great job collecting items for these Easter baskets for the kids (to be distributed through the Food Pantry this month); 2 Youth Groups assembled 150 baskets from the items! It was also fun to see several families who brought their children with them to gain volunteer experience.

Other volunteers worked on projects with other non-profits that work closely with SICM, including yard work and spring cleaning at the Lighthouse (Bethesda House), the Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Better Neighborhoods, the Community Land Trust, and Home Furnishings. Our partner non-profits were happy for the volunteer help, and many of our volunteers learned about other needs and issues in the community this way. The projects ended with a delicious lunch (also prepared by volunteers) at First United Methodist Church. This was a wonderful event overall, and SICM is grateful for all the help from our congregations and partners.

How Does Our Flower Fund Work?

Flowers adorn our sanctuary every Sunday morning as one of the ways we praise God. The flowers cost our church \$45 each week. This money comes from the Flower Fund, not from our regular offerings. Money gets into the Flower Fund in one of two ways:

1. People make a donation to the Flower Fund for a particular week. When they do they can do so in memory or in honor of some special person or event. We publish the name of the donor, the person remembered, or the event honored in the bulletin that Sunday. We invite you to place flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday that is significant for you. Call Church Secretary Kathie Balsler, 370-4751, to schedule a day.
2. People make a donation to the Flower Fund before Christmas and/or Easter for the purchase of poinsettias or lilies. We invite these donations in memory of someone or in honor of some significant life event. Again, we publish the names of those remembered or the events honored in the bulletin. Since more money is usually donated at Christmas and Easter than we need for poinsettias or lilies, the surplus helps us purchase flowers the rest of the year.

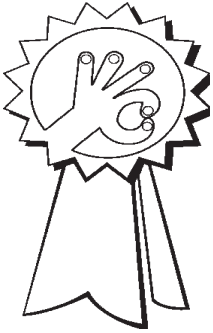
Each year our Worship Council invites the gardeners among us to place arrangements of fresh flowers from your gardens in the sanctuary. Again, please call Kathie in the church office to arrange for a date. We need to know ahead of time so that our standing order with our florist can be cancelled in a timely way.

Book Group Lists Selections

Join other readers in your church family at 7:15 on the third Tuesday of the month for a discussion of a good book, and what that book may show us about our faith or about the world in which we live out our faith. We meet in the Lakehill Room. There is no need to sign up - just read the book and join in. Here's the schedule:

- May 17: Pastor Craig leads a discussion of *Dakota: a Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris, the reflections of a writer who moves from New York to her grandmother's home on the Great Plains.
- June 14: Helen Nelson leads a discussion of *Homer & Langley* by E. L. Doctorow, the account of two New York City brothers whose apartment full of hoarded newspapers, etc. tells the story of the early 20th century.

KIDS Hope News



How do you handle saying goodbye to someone you care about? Our Kids Hope USA mentors will begin the process of doing just that with their Sacandaga Elementary School students over the next month. The last day of mentoring will be Wednesday, June 1. That day the mentors and students will have a gathering at the school to formally end the mentoring sessions for the school year and say a final goodbye. Many current students in the program will hopefully return to Kids Hope USA and work with their mentors again for the 2011/2012 school year. We hope that many of our current mentors will also return to continue a caring relationship with their students. We also hope that our Kids Hope program will grow a bit more to reach some of the new children currently already waiting for a mentor relationship at Sacandaga.

As our mentors prepare for closure to their Kids Hope USA relationships for the school year, it becomes necessary to consider the importance of closure. Properly handled this process can be “one of the most transformative phases of a therapeutic relationship”. Here’s why.

Good closure limits emotional damage to the child.

Good closure creates an opportunity for learning about relationships.

Good closure communicates care and professionalism of the Kids Hope USA program to the student, family and school.

Good closure demonstrates that every Kids Hope relationship should have closure every year regardless of continuation in the future.

All of the mentor and student partnerships went very well this year, and the bonds between our mentors and students are strong. Each child will handle the conclusion of the Kids Hope relationship with the mentor in a different manner. Each mentor will have a variety of feelings and thoughts as he or she brings closure to the relationship as well. We are fortunate in that all of the student/mentor partnerships will experience a natural end due to the end of the school year.

First Reformed Church of Scotia will be having a joint prayer-partner/mentor in-service here at church on Sunday morning, May 22 at 11:30 in Memorial Lounge. The in-service will center around a media presentation on “What’s It Like To Be A Kid Today?” The mentors and prayer partners will reflect on this as we consider the challenges that our Kids Hope students and all children face in today’s world.

Jeanette O’Connell is a Kids Hope USA mentor. Jeanette mentors because “there is something very satisfying about providing something a child isn’t getting at home. I have a child who really needs this program. I really look forward to this. It fills a need in me to give and this is something I can do. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and forming new relationships I never would have formed otherwise.” Norma Hamm is Jeanette’s prayer partner.

FROGS Plan Last Two Activities

The FROGS, our youth group for youngsters in grades 3-8, have had a busy year and we’re winding down for the summer. Don’t miss the last 2 activities for this school year!

- Sunday, May 15, 3:00

Jordan Swearingen invites all the FROGS, families and anyone else who wants to bowl, to his Birthday Bowling Bonanza at Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes shoes, games, pizza, music, prizes and more. There is also a Silent Auction. Email Amy Swearingen at aswearin@nycap.rr.com or call her 469-8560 to register. All proceeds will go to benefit Camp Fowler.

- Monday, June 13

We’ll help serve the evening meal at the City Mission. Details will be in the next issue of *The Messenger*. Carolyn Scott is coordinating this activity.

Attendance Announced

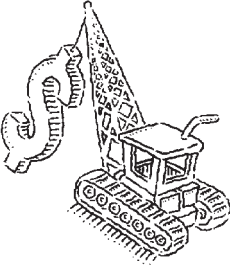
We report our monthly worship attendance to encourage you to faithfully gather on the Lord's Day and invite others to join you.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
April week #1	298	335
April week #2	242	175
April week #3	245	210
April week #4	478	254
April Average	316	244
YTD Average	252	241

April Finances Reported

Each month we report our giving. Here's how we gave in April.

<u>GIVING</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
April	\$25,285	\$23,852	\$1,433	6%
Total for the Year	\$100,399	\$105,097	(\$4,698)	(4.5%)



May 2011 Calendar

Room Code
 ML – Memorial Lounge
 BH – Brink Hall
 LH – Lakehill Room
 OF – Church Office
 BR – Bell Room
 S – Sanctuary
 RM1 – Room 1
 RM8 – Room 8
 RM9 – Room 9
 K -- Kitchen
 N -- Nursery

Sunday, May 1

8:00 Worship – S
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble -- RM8
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM9
 9:15 Cherub Choir -- RM9
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Coffee Hour --BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 12:30 CROP Walk

Tuesday, May 3

12:15 Care Givers -- ML
 7:15 Administration Council --OF
 7:15 Care Givers -- ML

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 Luke Bible Study-- ML
 12:00 Luke Bible Study -- LH
 7:00 Emmett Fox Group-- ML
 7:00 Women of Joy -- RM1
 7:15 Luke Bible Study -- LH

Thursday, May 5

7:00 J. Westervelt 4-H - RM1
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir --S

Saturday, May 7

9:00 Krankenboesekers -- BH

Sunday, May 8

8:00 Worship – S
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble -- RM8
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM9
 9:15 Cherub Choir -- RM9
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Coffee Hour --BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR

Monday, May 9

7:30 Consistory --ML

Tuesday, May 10

7:15 Stephen Ministry -- ML

Wednesday, May 11

7:15 Emmett Fox -- ML

Thursday, May 12

7:15 Sanctuary Choir --S

Saturday, May 14

5:00 Young Adults Group -- BH

Sunday, May 15

8:00 Worship – S
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble -- RM8
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM9
 9:15 Cherub Choir -- RM9
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Coffee Hour --BH
 11:15 Te Deum Bells -- BR
 FROGS - Jordan Swearingen's
 Bowling Birthday Party for Camp
 Fowler

Tuesday, May 17

10:00 Circle Joanna -- ML
 7:00 Scotia Reformed Home Bureau
 -- RM1
 7:15 Book Group -- LH

Wednesday, May 18

1:30 Sharing & Caring -- ML
 7:00 Emmett Fox Group-- ML

Thursday, May 19

7:00 J. Westervelt's 4-H -- RM1
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir -- S

Saturday, May 21

7:00 Mohawk Valley Chorus Concert
 -- S

Sunday, May 22

8:00 Worship – S
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble -- RM8
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM9
 9:15 Cherub Choir -- RM9
 10:00 Worship –S
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Coffee Hour --BH
 11:30 KIDS Hope - Mentors and
 Prayer Partners -- ML

Monday, May 23

7:15 Congregational Care Council-
 -ML

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 Emmett Fox Group-- ML

Thursday, May 26

7:15 Sanctuary Choir --S

Sunday, May 29

8:00 Worship – S
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble -- RM8
 9:15 Youth Music Group -- RM9
 9:15 Cherub Choir -- RM9
 10:00 Worship –S
 11:15 Coffee Hour --BH

Monday, May 30

* Holiday -- Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 31

7:00 Scotia Reformed Home
 Bureau -- RM1

June Anniversaries

Bill and Karen Faulkner	1	Chic and Marian Gilgore	15
Harris and Louise Gregory	1	Dick and Kathy Hoskinson	16
Robert and Barbara King	3	John and Diana Ackner	18
Kent and Jill Busman	4	Ken and Barbara Nelson	18
Jeff and Cindy Taft	5	Joe and Cathy Deamer	21
Stanley and Fern Lee	6	Myron and Alicia Hermance	21
Nick and Meri Sue Bobrowich	9	Al and Margo Snyder	21
Tom and Judy Vaccaro	9	Adrian and Blanche Gray	28
Doug and Inga Wade	9	David and Jae Schalekamp	28
Russ and Claudia Garrison	10	George and Karen Squires	28
Duane and Mary VanPatten	11	Charles and Cheryl Conover	30
John and Michelle Frasca	13		

Each month in The Messenger we print the names of our local members currently active in the life of our church who have a birthday or anniversary. If we have missed listing yours, please call the church office (370-4751) and we will make sure that it gets listed in the Anniversary/Birthday listing for the appropriate month.



June Birthdays

Cheryl MacNeil	1	Michaela Kilgallen	10	Erin Walsh	19
Helen Blase	3	Emily Davis	12	Phil Davis	20
Tyler Ayers	4	Joseph Deamer, Jr.	12	Al Carter	21
Justan Foster	4	John Hoey	13	Eric Hoey	21
Michael Shaw	4	Russell Carlson	14	Gayle VanHeusen	22
Adrian Gray	5	Miranda Gilgore	14	Grace Ackner	23
Katie Hoskinson	6	Ethan Szemansco	14	John Auger	23
Pam Walsh	6	Laura Taft Bull	14	Blanche Gray	23
Ken Fetter	7	Carole Tygert	14	Linda Naumowicz	26
Randy MacNeil	7	Tom Vaccaro	14	Barbara Wurz	26
Jim Penn	7	Nancy Konczeski	15	Laurel Ahnert	27
Shelly Poremba	7	Collin Penn	15	Betty Knaggs	27
Brian Ahl	8	Steve Balser	16	Terri Doyle	28
Bub Bekkering	8	Paul Kramer	16	Dorothy Henwood	28
Nancy Blair	9	Diana Ackner	19	Meri Landry	29
Alexandra Ayers	10				

First Reformed Church of Scotia
224 N. Ballston Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302-2599
(518) 370-4751

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Schenectady, NY
Permit No. 41

Address Service Requested

Inside This Issue of the Messenger
Fowler Hosts Clean-up Week-end
Olan Mills Will Take Photos
Sanctuary Flowers
FROGS Plan Activities
KIDS HOPE USA
And more!