

The Fisherman

May 2025

The Newsletter of the
Reformed Dutch Church Of Claverack

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Welcome to Eastertide!

Christ is arisen and for the next several weeks we will celebrate in contrast to the solemnity of Lent. Celebration is so important, not just to remember the joy we have in our God, but also to fervently push back against the sorrows of life or the ways of the world. Our celebration can be encompassed in these words from the German hymn, "This Joyful Eastertide," that says:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst His three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, arisen!

Deaths flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Jesus, lover of our souls and our very being, invites you to the celebration of grace found in knowing our Savior. So, let us join together this season by feasting with one another, sending a letter or text to someone you love, smiling at a stranger as you walk down the street, and, as always, sharing the gospel whenever the Spirit leads.

Happy May,
Reverend Vanessa

Worship Schedule

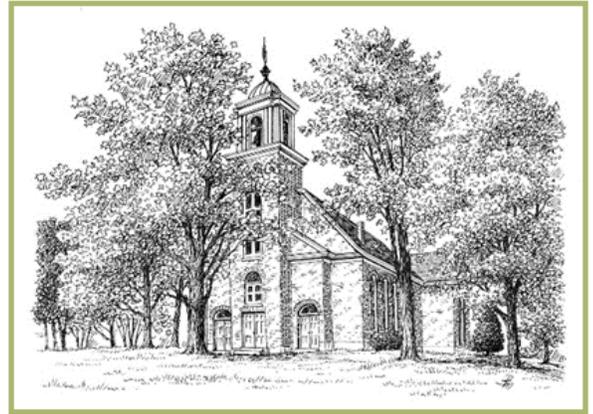
9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service
followed by coffee hour
immediately following the service.

May 4 **First Sunday of the month**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Rev. Vanessa Funk

May 11 Rev. Vanessa Funk

May 18 TBD

May 25 TBD



May Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

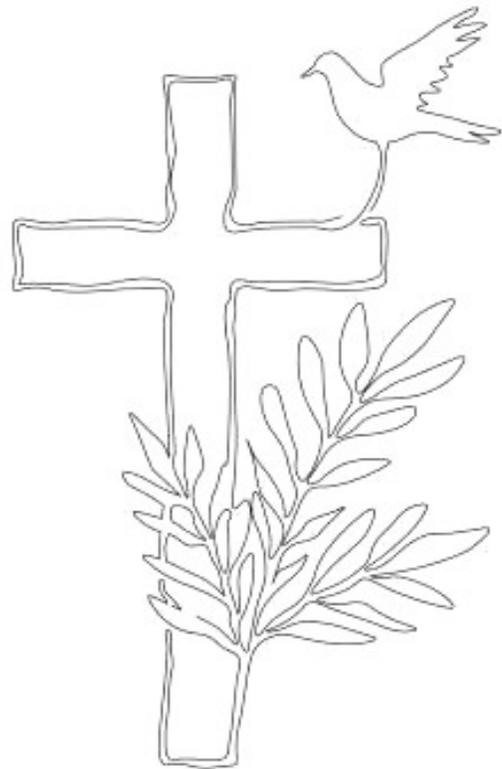
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23:1-6;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148:1-14;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67:1-7;
Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5;
John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9



Announcements

- Yule Booth meetings will begin again May 14, 2025 at 9:30am to 11:30am, and subsequent Wednesdays. Any questions please contact Dianne Slusar at **(518) - 672 - 4709** Thanks for considering!
- The church would like to hold a membership class, and is wondering how many people would like to join. Would you like to become an official member of RDCC who can serve on the consistory and vote at congregational meetings? Would you like more information about what it means to be a part of the Reformed Church in America as a denomination? If so, send your name to the office or let Reverend Vanessa know by May 30 if you want to join.



MAY BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- Birthdays -

Crystil-Lee Skoda	5/1	Rachel Plass	5/18
Dustin VanAlphen	5/2	Bill Better	5/18
Joshua Moon	5/5	Virginia Ambrose	5/19
Ryan Niver	5/6	Jackson Moon	5/21
Tricia Mayo	5/9	Mercedes Alvarez	5/21
Travis Plass	5/10	Patrick Mayo	5/23
Wendy Cook	5/11	Jason DeLamater	5/25
Owen Race	5/14	James Mayo	5/27
Shirley Sullivan	5/14	Kitty Osterhoudt	5/27
Erick Ihlenburg	5/15	George Barton	5/29
Jeff Plass	5/16	Conor O'Neill	5/29
Joseph Veronezi	5/17	Jayda Case	5/29

- Anniversaries -

Holly & Gig Barton	5/10/86
Betty & Peter Ostrander	5/24/85
Kathy & James McNamee	5/29





You're invited to join us for a feast and fellowship!
Let's wonder together about how to better support one another as church leaders and congregations, as we collaborate and encourage one another in ministry. Celebrate with us as we roll out the Collaborative Ministry Live Handbook!

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE
Jello-salad, casserole, anything! Or just yourself!

SATURDAY JUNE 21, 10 AM TO 1 PM

Lynnwood Reformed Church Hall
3714 Carman Rd, Schenectady, NY 12303

go to bit.ly/CMLCpotluck
to register (link is case-sensitive)

This event is sponsored by Albany Synod's Collaborative Ministry Learning Community (CMLC). Questions? Reach out to Greg Town, the CMLC coordinator: gnbtown@gmail.com.

[Click Here To Register!](#)

Missions April Update

Food Pantries and Myanmar Disaster Relief

Thank you for your response to these winter/spring 2025 appeals. In the first quarter (January - March), we collected \$835 for our **local food pantries**.

Those funds, plus donated grocery items, have been distributed to Hudson Salvation Army, the Philmont-Mellenville Pantry, and the Ghent Food Pantry.

The emergency appeal for **Myanmar-Thailand Earthquake Relief** in early April raised \$265. Those donations were distributed to World Vision's *Disaster Relief Fund*. As of April 25, World Vision has supported over 162,000 people, including over 120,000 with emergency food, as part of their overall response in the region. Thank you for giving so generously to these important ministries.

Mercy Ships Spring Appeal

This spring, the Missions committee is planning an appeal for **Mercy Ships** – state-of-the-art hospital ships that bring hope and healing to those in need. More details are to come in May on how you can help/donate to this year's appeal.

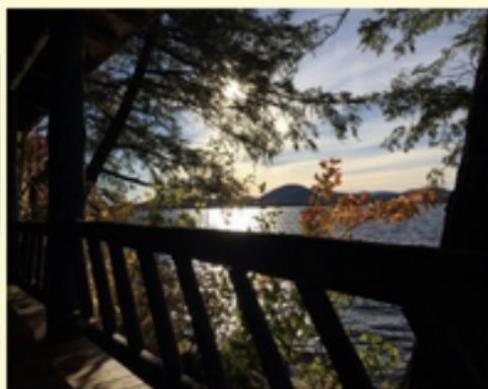


The Nurture Committee is gladly accepting any greeting cards that anyone has that they won't use or don't want. Sympathy, get well & birthday cards are always appreciated!



Camp Fowler

Since 1954



"OPEN THE HOUSE"

Saturday, May 24th - 10am to 4pm

We need your help to get things cleaned up
and ready to welcome campers back this summer!

[Click Here For More Information!](#)