

Rev. Megan Hodgin

# THE MESSENGER

Eleven months ago, the First Reformed Church Search Committee began its work in earnest. Our goal was to identify who we are as a church; use information compiled by Consistory that set roles and responsibilities for two pastor positions; and recruit and interview candidates. This was the “Get Ready, Get Set” phase of our process.

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And now, it is “Go” time! In September, all this work comes to fruition as the Reverend Megan Hodgin joins us as our Senior Pastor. Rev. Megan began work on Monday, August 28, and will preach her first Sunday on September 3. Schenectady Classis will hold a Service of Installation in our sanctuary sometime in October, and all will be invited.

Rev. Megan has found a house to call her own in the area, and will move there in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, she is staying with a friend who has an apartment attached to their home.

In her application to become our pastor, Rev. Megan wrote, “It is important that worship consistently echoes God’s call to be ‘salt’ (to preserve life) and ‘light’ (to offer hope to a hurting world)... Connecting sermons and prayers to current realities - injustices, tragedies, and joyous signs of the kingdom - also helps us practice and develop an awareness of God’s work in the world and our call to be part of it.”

We welcome Rev. Megan as our Pastor, and we are excited to have her lead us to do God’s work, to be ‘the salt and light’ of God’s world.

We are ready and set to go!



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 the Pastor's office. Read and enjoy them there for yourselves.

## WE JUST WANT TO SAY... THANK YOU!

- From Emilee Rosenberg: *Thank you for providing a scholarship so I could go to Camp Fowler. This year I went for 3 weeks! Twice as a camper, and once as a S.W.i.M! My favorite things this years were: being a S.W.i.M and a trip where we canoed, bushwhacked and portaged canoes. Thank you again!*
- From Rachel Rosenberg: *Thank you for providing a scholarship for me to go to camp this year! During Triple A I went to the outlet and I kayaked the West Branch river. I also made candles and pillows and learned about ways to preserve the earth. Thanks again!*
- From Edward Rosenberg: *Thank you for providing a scholarship for all of us, so we could go to camp for yet another summer. The memories made and friendships created are priceless, but with your help it made hiking mountains, canoeing through multiple lakes, and jumping on a floating bog possible. We are all extremely grateful for the aid you supply. Thank you!*
- From Livi Dykstra: *Thank you so much for the scholarship which made it possible for campers like me to attend Camp Fowler. Your generosity is much appreciated.*
- From Paul Munson: *I had a great time at camp this summer. Thank you so much for the support provided. I hope that everyone had a great summer. Thank you also for the flowers I was given after my offertory performance on the marimba.*
- From Ann Wright and family: *Thank you to all the folks who helped with the reception of my husband, Gordon.*
- From Sophia Pierce: *Thank you so much for the beautiful scarf, bible and book of devotions. It was so thoughtful of you. I will forever appreciate the continuous support I receive from FRCS.*
- From Robert Casper: *Thank you for the note on the "To My Mother" poem the Sharing and Caring group sent a year after my mother's passing.*
- From Linda Falcon: *Thank you all for the cards and caring thoughts while I was ill and recuperating from various hospitalizations. They mean so much to me and brightened my days.*
- From Emilee Rosenberg: *Thank you for my bible and prayer shawl. I will use my bible at school for guidance. Thank you for providing me a good foundation while I was growing up. I'll never forget it.*
- From Lynn Carman Bodden: *Dear people of FRCS, Thank you for the wonderful send-off on Sunday, August 13. I was touched by your many kind words, both spoken and in cards, overwhelmed by your gifts, and grateful for your embrace. I will hang the picture in my "rogues' gallery of churches" when I return home from all my teaching.*
- From the Munson Family: *The Munson family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences, cards and thoughtful gestures received this summer upon the death of Paul's mother, Barbara Munson. We are grateful for the support of our church family.*

**Name Tags:** As we welcome new pastors and staff, please remember to wear your name tags. By allowing others to know who we are, we offer hospitality to them. And – to be honest – many of us who have been here a long time still don't know everyone's name.

Name tags are helpful not only during worship, but also during fellowship time – so please wear them when you go to Brink Hall. And if you are a Dutch Fair helper, please wear your name tag, too!



## Notes from the Pastor's Desk:

**THANK YOU** for the warm welcome! A beautiful bouquet of flowers greeted me in my new office on Monday, and the rest of the week has brought a number of friendly visitors and delightful conversations. Even my dog received some homemade treats! I am so grateful for all you have done, as a church family, to help us feel at home here. I look forward to hearing more of your stories and sharing mine with you, as well, in the days to come! Blessings, Pastor Megan

## Caring for the Caregivers:

Jennifer Harvey, Respite Coordinator at Eddy Alzheimer's Services in Cohoes, will lead a presentation and conversation with The FRCS Caring Ministers. The event will be a key part of the caring group's first program year meeting on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:15 in the evening. The program will take place in the Lake Hill Room.

The caring ministers cordially invite any and all who may be actively interested in learning more about caring for a friend or family member experiencing Alzheimer's Disease. The meeting is open to all - especially current caregivers.

Ms. Harvey, a graduate of SUNY Albany has an MS degree in social work with a concentration in gerontology. She has experience in the field of aging as well as residential care and adult day services. She enjoys working with caregivers and seniors, providing up-to-date education and doing community outreach.

FRCS Caring Ministers have recently followed a theme of caring for (and about) the caregiver. Ms. Harvey's presentation will feature a long-beloved guide that seasoned caregivers often use: *The Ten Commandments of Dementia Caregiving*. Our discussion will help to keep caregivers healthy, grounded and realistic in our expectations of ourselves as caregivers. Please join us!



## #PeaceDayLabyrinthWalk

As a part of the world-wide observance for the International Day of Peace, the canvas labyrinth will be set up outside the sanctuary on Thursday, September 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening. The labyrinth provides a quiet, meditative space for prayer. In community with others, come walk and pray for peace. In the event of rain, the labyrinth will be set up in Brink Hall.

“The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. ***Together for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All*** is the 2017 theme of Peace Day.”

**September Mission of the Month:** Our September Mission of the Month is the Samaritan Counseling Center's Care Fund, known as Active Samaritans. Located in our former parsonage at 220 North Ballston Avenue, the Samaritan Counseling Center provides therapy for individuals, couples and families. Last year over 20,000 hours of individual, couple or group counseling took place in our parsonage, and it is but one of several Samaritan Counseling Center sites in the area. The Care Fund provides assistance to uninsured and underinsured clients, and helps them continue their therapy. To learn more, go to: [www.samaritancounselingcenter.org](http://www.samaritancounselingcenter.org)

Designate your Mission of the Month offering by using the specially marked envelope in your box of offering envelopes. Need a box? Call Kristen Shave in our church office, 370-4751.



## **SICM Summer Meals at Collins Park 2017:**

For more than 20 years, the SICM free summer meals program has helped hungry children here in Schenectady. Without this program, many children would not have a regular midday meal throughout the summer. Lunches are served at locations specifically targeted to reach the largest number of hungry children. At most of SICM's summer lunch sites, nearly 100% of the children qualify for free lunches. The NY State Education Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture fund SICM's summer lunch program by reimbursing SICM for each meal served. Lunch is available to youth 18 and under, and SICM serves on average 2000 meals each day. There are 18 permanent sites, and 8 mobile sites in our area. Collins Park is the site that our Scotia area children access. The Collins Park site supervisor is Ryan Dell, a high school student at Niskayuna. Summer Meals at Collins Park 2017 ran for 9 weeks, from Monday, June 26 thru Friday, August 25.

FRC Scotia is just one of seven Scotia churches which provides volunteers to the Collins Park site. The others are Trinity Presbyterian, City View, Our Redeemer Lutheran, St. Andrews, St. Joseph's and Scotia United Methodist.

Twenty FRC Scotia volunteers helped during our two weeks of serving, the first and last weeks of the Collins Park site. Our volunteers filled the lunch bags, helped the kids negotiate the Summer Meals rules (share box, seconds, etc.), encouraged the kids to take home books from our Dutch Fair cache, entertained with toys, games, bubbles, helped clean-up and recycle, and over-all provided a happy place to spend a week-day lunch hour.

The Collins Park site has this summer served an average of 20 children per day. In total, 703 lunches were served at Collins Park as of Monday, August 15. As for special programs, a volunteer named Susan Van Vorst of Scotia United Methodist Church has been running a recycling program where she teaches the children about recycling. Susan has also coordinated a special presentation with an agent from Cooperative Extension on Recycling. Another "shoutout" is due for The Village of Scotia Summer Recreation Program personnel who were very generous with daily support.

To thank all of the volunteers, SICM offered a Volunteer Appreciation Event, August 23rd. Red Rabbit, the food vendor for this summer, provided light refreshments including sandwiches, coffee, cookies, fruit, and veggies. Anna Winters, Olivia Cox and Sara Doriguzzi were the Coordinators of the SICM Summer Meals Program: Schenectady Inner City Ministry, Office: 518-374-2683 Ext. 104

*-Martha Eberle, Volunteer Coordinator for FRC Scotia*

## **Missions Council:**

Are you passionate about a particular mission? Do you have a mission project you would like to pursue? The Missions Council is always looking for missions to support or projects that the church could be a part of. Would you like to coordinate a mission's project – big or small? Please contact Erin Parker at [erinparker1228@gmail.com](mailto:erinparker1228@gmail.com) or 518-669-4443 if you have ideas.

Thank you to volunteers who have emptied the bottle bin and brought the bottles to the redemption center in the past few weeks. Jeff Taft has volunteered as Bottle Coordinator. If you would like to help return bottles call Jeff at 518-369-3835. If you have cleaned, returnable bottles or cans, drop in the container in the foyer OR deliver them personally to the Creating Change Redemption Center across from Price Chopper and next to Subway on Route 50 in Glenville. Please make sure that they know you are from the First Reformed Church of Scotia and not Schenectady. They will add your donation to our account.

## #SHOW UP - KIDS HOPE USA NEWS:

Each year the Kids Hope USA program concludes with required one on one-exit interviews conducted with each Sacandaga Elementary School student who was mentored through Kids Hope during the school year. Here are some quotes about the program and/or their mentor directly from the students themselves:



*"I loved every single bit. It's amazing!"*

*"It helps me learn and it's fun!"*

*"I miss you a lot and I hope to see you next year and you're the best person in the world!"*

*"I actually like Kids Hope!"*

*"It helps me concentrate when I'm in class and it helps me feel better about myself. It's someone to talk to about the changes. This helps from year to year and class to class."*

*"Teachers say you've got to be quiet – this gives me time to talk."*

*"She's been a guide through my whole life and I will never forget her."*

*"It will help you be better at a thing you are bad at...to improve and have fun...and feel better."*

*"When I first started, I didn't have any social skills—now I have AMAZING social skills!"*

The program also requires the completion of annual evaluations by all participating teachers and administrators at Sacandaga. Here are some excerpts from their comments on students mentored through Kids Hope USA:

*"(The student's) attitude and motivation have greatly improved and this in turn, positively affects everything else."*

*"(Student improvement) in ability to move on and accept consequences for his choices and turn things around."*

*"He (now has) an interest in reading which is HUGE!"*

*"(The student) now sees that he is important – that others see worth in him. (The student) used to be big on putting himself down."*

*"(The mentor) has done wonders for him. He has a few close friendships now."*

*"I have noticed increased attendance in a number of our students. Thanks to all the mentors for the devotion they have shown to the Sac students."*

*"(The mentor) helps foster a love for learning. (The student) now loves reading and WANTS to do work!"*

*"I think (the mentors) are amazing. They get to know the students individually, are able to connect with them personally and plan activities that the students really care about."*

The following students have already been identified as potential new Kids Hope USA students, students who could benefit and grow from a consistent one-on-one relationship: *Ty, CJ, Tyrell, Angie, Brianna, Eliana, Ali, Sage, Abigail, Colby, James, Sophia, Damian, Ellah, Jackson, Dieter, Lucus, Caden, Chace, Jasen.*

These children will watch as some of their classmates return to Kids Hope to happily be reunited with their Kids Hope mentor this fall. Sacandaga students regularly ask how they can be in Kids Hope USA and have a mentor show up for them each week.

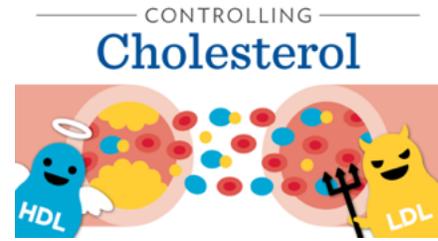
Are you called to be a mentor or substitute mentor for the 2017-2018 school year (our eighth year of Kid Hope USA)? Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to this deeply meaningful and powerful ministry in our greater community. Talk with any of the 80 members of First Reformed Church of Scotia who have mentored, substitute mentored or prayer partnered in support of this program over the past eight years, visit the Kids Hope USA website [www.kidshopeusa.org](http://www.kidshopeusa.org) to be inspired by true stories of Christian faith and discipleship, explore with Kids Hope USA Director Tee Munson, [frcstmunson@verizon.net](mailto:frcstmunson@verizon.net) your questions and thoughts about the Kids Hope program at Sacandaga Elementary School... you may learn you're ready for an adventure of love, faith, and the power to positively influence someone's life... including your own!

\* The tentative deadline for mentor applications is Sunday, October 1, 2017.

## Health & Wellness Notes:

Are you or someone you know on a Statin. which are medicines that help lower the amount of cholesterol and other fats in your blood. Statins work by:

- Lowering LDL (bad) cholesterol
- Raising HDL (good) cholesterol in your blood
- Lowering triglycerides, another type of fat in your blood



Statins block how your liver makes cholesterol that can stick to the walls of your arteries and narrow or block them. If cholesterol levels are kept within normal limits, it can help protect you from heart disease, heart attack, and stroke.

However, not all statins are the same. Since cholesterol is produced at night some Statins are created to be taken at night, so that there is a greater reduction in LDL cholesterol. Examples of Statins that should be taken at night are Simvastatin, Lovastatin, and Fluvastatin.

If cost is an issue, there are different types of Statin drugs, including less expensive, generic forms that are just as effective. Check with your doctor to see if a different Statin might be as effective. The most important thing is to take your medication at the same time every day as prescribed! Any questions, check with your pharmacist or doctor. They'll be glad you did!



## Welcome to our new organist, Camellia Dudinak:

Camilla's first service on the bench at FRCS will be Sunday, September 3. Please take a moment and welcome her to our community!

### More about Camellia in her own words:

*I have been either singing, playing piano, synthesizer or organ in a church setting since I was a teenager. I began studying piano when I entered elementary school, accompanying the high school choir as a teenager and the rest is history. I love the church and have made sacred music my life's career. I have taught voice and piano and have earned full certification in New Jersey to teach music in grades K - 12. I have taught music in both public and private schools. My happiest years were spent with my husband as his Organist and Director of Sacred Arts Ministries when he served as an Elder in the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church.*

*I have 2 daughters and 4 grand children who are the jewels of my life. While living in North Carolina for the past 4 years was a wonderful experience, my husband and I are so happy to be back in New York to enjoy as much family time as possible.*

*In addition I love to bake bread and pies. And chocolate chip cookies! The kitchen is a place of love and peace for me. Good therapy for a busy work week! I can hardly wait for our house to be built and I can start baking again in my kitchen!*

*I am very blessed to begin my service here as your organist and to play this magnificent organ! (And the beautiful Steinway piano!) I count it as a gift from God. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!*

## Minister of Visitation:

Rev. Dr. Bill Faulkner, Sr. ends his interim position as our Minister of Visitation on August 31. Rev. Bill and his wife Karen will remain active in the church and will be attending service regularly. Rev. Bill will also be available to the new pastors when called upon.

**Fowler:**

We've had a great summer with campers and families enjoying camp this year. Love your Neighbor was the theme and everyone experienced a meaningful and current theme to help connect with God and the world. FRCS was well represented again this summer, made new friends, new neighbors and new experiences!



Total Campers: 15      Total Families: 3  
 Total Counselors: 2      Total Volunteers: 8  
 Scholarship Totals: \$5,500

We had 14 FRCS people attend the Fowler Open House event this summer to celebrate Fowler and support newly ordained Jeremy Bork.

Thank you to all who helped to create these opportunities for our youth to experience Camp Fowler. Look for sign ups for the Harvest Gathering this fall in support of Fowler!

**Sunday School 2017-2018:**

We are excited to begin another valuable program year learning God's way. Our children will be involved in many diverse types of learning this year. Here is an overview of our programming.

**Little Lambs:** Nursery age 6 mos to 4 years old:

Diana Ackner leads our littlest hearts as they begin to hear Bible stories and get to know God's love. Story time, creative projects and free play are all part of this beginning program.

**Children in Worship:** Kindergarten and grade 1:

Joanna DeSilva leads our younger children in this peaceful storytelling program. Using figures, and structured worship times they will experience authentic representations of the Bible stories.

**Doves:** Grades 2 and 3, **Eagles:** Grades 4, 5 and 6.

Various leaders will help students better connect with the Bible stories through music art and creative response. The curriculum this program year is The Inviting Word.

**MS / HS:** Grades 7 -12.

Sunny and Bob Baldwin guide our teens through Bible concepts and help them connect these values and lessons to their lives today through mission, reflection and fun!

Registration: Please fill out a registration form for children new to the program. If you have previously registered your child you do not have to fill out a new form, *but please visit the registration table in Brink Hall during September to update any new information.*

**Volunteering:** We value safety and support in our classrooms. We are asking that each family volunteer to help out in a classroom at least 2 Sundays per year. You do not have to volunteer in your child's classroom but helping out in any of our rooms is a big help to our program and is a great way for you to give back to our church and get to know what everyone is learning! Please see the bulletin board for sign up choices. Another options is to help out with special events and donations throughout the year. Thank you for all of your support!



**F.R.O.G.'s:**

Youth group opportunities start in Middle School so we'd like to give our little ones an opportunity to get together for youth fellowship throughout the year. We'll be offering events including family outings, movie night, baking parties and more. Be on the lookout for a 2017-2018 schedule on the youth board this September.

## Dutch Fair:

This year's Dutch Fair is Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 to 3:00. This year's chair people are: Laura Bull (518) 369-4180 and Paul Rooney (518) 256-9332. Call them about questions or to let them know how you can help out.

Sign up to help on the rolling bulletin board in the Narthex. Sign up for one area or shift, or sign up for a few!



You can also contact our booth chair people about how you can help:

- Books: Kristen Rooney, (518) 399-9956
- Next to New Clothing: Kristen Shave, (518) 370-4751 (church office)  
*We will need help Friday afternoon (Sept. 15), and Dutch Fair day. Cashiers and roamer/strengtheners needed.*
- Toys: Marty Gilmore, (518) 393-8329 and Linda Naumowicz, (518) 399-1366  
*We will need help getting toys ready the week before the fair! Contact Marty about how you can help the toys get ready for their new homes.*
- White Elephant: Laura Bull (518) 369-4180 and Paul Rooney (518) 256-9332
- Home & Garden: Fern Lee, (518) 557-2070  
*Please deliver plants the Friday before the fair.*
- Bake Sale: Sue Alibozek, (518) 399-8540  
*We always sell out, so bakers unite! Pies are always a big seller as well as cookies, brownies and small breads. Please bring your baked goods to the church office Friday before the fair.*
- Kiddie Fair: Kristin Bodden, (518) 370-4751 (church office)  
*This year's Kiddie Fair will be a blast! All activities are free for youth. We need helpers to run games and activities.*
- Parking: Paul Rooney, (518) 256-9332
- Publicity: Mike DeMasi, (518) 371-1667  
*Help us get the word out! Grab some posters, or lawn signs and put them up at work, your favorite business (with permission of course!) or even on your car window!*

## Final Dutch Fair Donations:

The last day to bring in Dutch Fair donations is September 3. We need time to finish sorting before the Dutch Fair. Thank you for all your many contributions!



## Choir Rehearsals:

Will begin rehearsals for the fall on Thursday, September 7, at 7:15 in the evening. This would be a great time to join the choir! If you like to sing please consider joining. Contact Barret Germain at [barretgermain@gmail.com](mailto:barretgermain@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Book Club:

We'll kick off our book club this year with a meeting at The Waters Edge Lighthouse on Wednesday September 27 at 6PM. We'll choose a book for our first read. Join us for a snack, drink, dinner or dessert! Sign up on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office. Bring some ideas for books for the year!

## Back Pack Program Update:



September is just around the corner and that means that the week-end Backpack Program will be starting up again! Last year the church helped provide 34 backpacks of food to students in three elementary schools and the middle school in the Scotia-Glenville School District. Even though the program started late, that is still approximately 1,116 backpacks of food that were provided to hungry children right here in the neighborhood. There were 15 students at the middle school receiving food each week-end, so if a middle school student is willing to risk peer criticism about the extra backpack, you know they REALLY need it.

The cost of each backpack, is \$183.00 for the year. Each backpack includes 2 breakfast items (small boxes of cereal, instant oatmeal), 3 entrees (peanut butter and jelly, pork and beans, macaroni and cheese), 1 loaf of bread, 2 juices, fresh fruit (bananas, apples, oranges), a treat (cookies, granola bars), a milk card for a gallon of milk at Stewart's every other week, and canned vegetables once a month. There have also been community donations collected at Sherri Paull's Hair Salon in Scotia that allows the addition of extras such as fruit cups, granola bars, cereal, and various snacks. Volunteers will be needed again this fall to pick up the food at the Regional Food Bank, pack the backpacks and deliver them to the schools. These tasks happened Wednesday mornings for pick up of food and around noon for packing and Thursday mornings for delivery to the schools.

**For more information or if you would like to help, please contact:**

Linda Lewis by e-mail at [lrscotia@aol.com](mailto:lrscotia@aol.com) or call 518-346-6809, or

Martha Eberle by e-mail at [weberle@nycap.rr.com](mailto:weberle@nycap.rr.com) or call 518-887-5018

Thank you again for your incredible support of this program!



## Sanctuary & Brink Hall Sound System Update:

Friends, it's been a long process of conversations and meetings to compile a list of issues that need to be addressed with the sound system, along with getting a clear idea of the equipment and controls we need to have in place for the new system to function properly.

We are at the point where those lists have been put together in several tiers. This ranges from the minimum upgrades that are needed to address the microphone issues and problems with congregation members simply being able to hear the pastor; all the way to zone speaker setup with remote board control capabilities and wireless connectivity for different sorts of audio/visual input.

Contractors will be contacted over the next few weeks to bid on the project, and I expect to be recommending one of those bids to Consistory in October. The timeline beyond that has many variables, mostly depending on the level of work that we decide to have done.

I appreciate your patience as we go through this process and I understand the frustrations. I will be making regular updates through Messenger posts, and if you have any questions you can reach me through email.

*-Barret Germain, [barretgermain@gmail.com](mailto:barretgermain@gmail.com)*

## Buddy Walk 2017:

Joins us this year for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Capital Region Buddy Walk on Saturday October 14, from 11:00-2:00 in Schenectady's Central Park. We'll again walk with Grace Ackner on Team Princess Grace. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office or register online to join the team or make a donation.

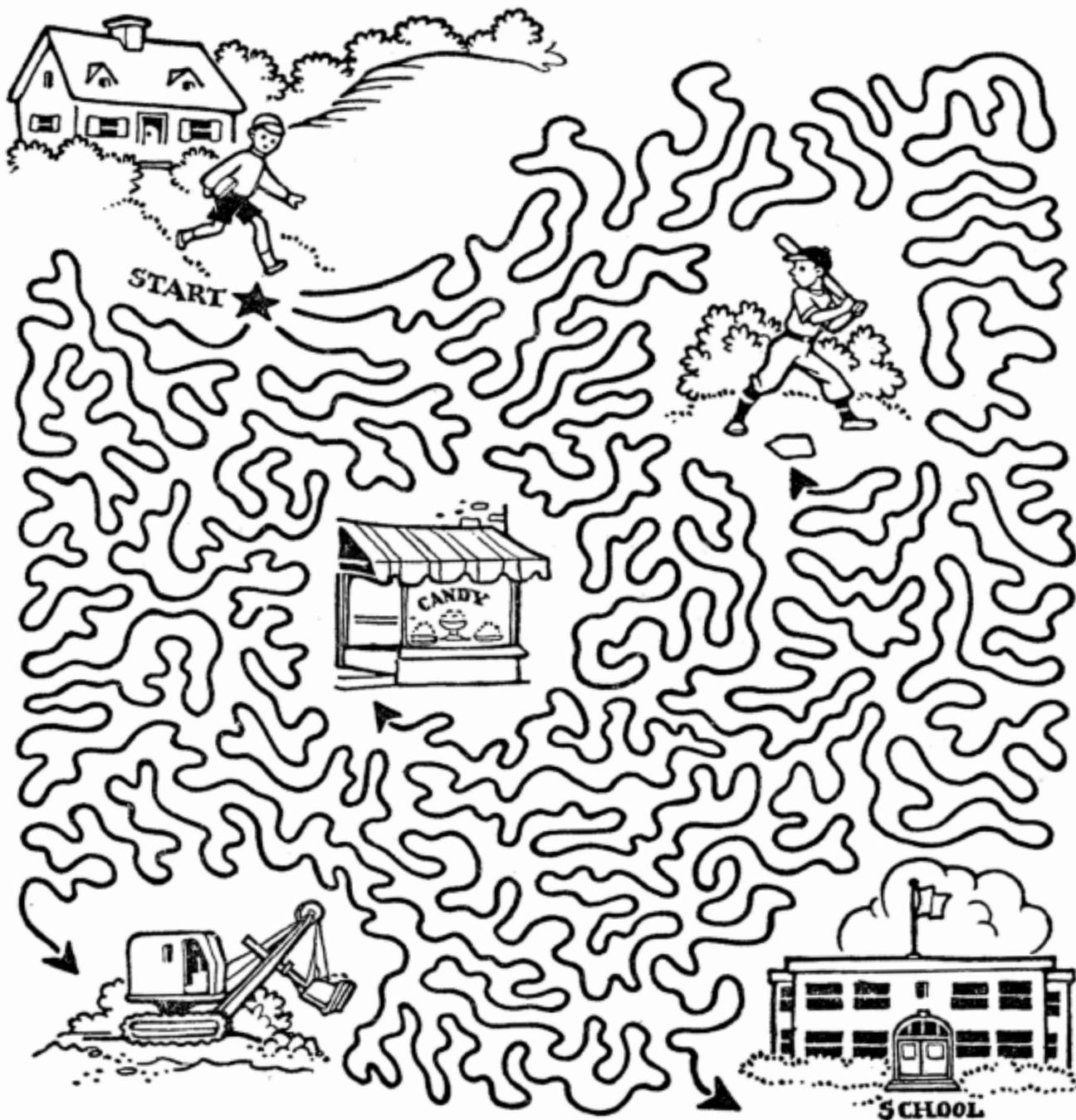
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# Children's Activity Page:

## *Bobby Goes to School*

When Bobby left for school today,  
His mother said, "Don't stop to play.  
Don't stop to talk. Don't stop to look"—  
Now find the path that Bobby took!

Follow one of the paths Bobby might choose. Did he do as he was told?



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Schermerhorn	3
Linda Willoughby	3
Maureen Dykstra	7
Kristen Faubion	7
Marian Gilgore	7
Patrick Mahon	7
Caroline Vaccaro	7
Lauren Vaccaro	7
Andrew Huisman Jr.	8
Brian Schaefer	8
James Kohout	9
Kevin Oaks	9
Susan Hoefer	10
Doug Shaw	11
Ed Horstkotte	14
Andrew Huisman Sr.	14
Fran Landry	14
Debbie Rosemarino	14
Eric Dulmes	16
Dave Walsh	16
Andrew Oaks	17
George Squires, Jr.	17
John Ackner	18
Joshua Rosenberg	18
Jennifer Willcox	19
David Schalekamp	20
Karen Trbovich	21
Bill Faubion	22
Madeline Westervelt	22
Amy Hoskinson	23
Karen Wentworth	23
Jillian Bull	24
John Pierce Jr.	24
Margo Snyder	24
Joanna De Silva	25
Trudi Thun Ertel	25
Cheryl Miller	25
Kurt Ahnert	26
Allison Atchley	26
Frank Skofstad	26

*Please note: We list the birthdays and anniversaries of our church's local active members and friends. If we missed yours, please call the church office, 370-4751. Thank you.*

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Harrison and Jane Bicknell	1
Michael and Tanya Healy	1
Kenneth III and Jennifer Willcox	3
Steve and Kathie Balser	4
Mike and Mary Jane Crowley	5
Tom and Liesl Falcon	19
Mike and Patty Marré	20
Andrew and Emily Kohout	22
Walt and Nancy Pfuntner	24
Ed and Linda Naumowicz	26
David and Erin Page	26
Ken and Kelly Sill	26
Brian and Jennifer Westervelt	27
Bill and Amanda Faulkner	28

### September Food Pantry Needs:

Every month our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for September. 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 the summer food themes:

#### And Baby Makes Three

- Disposable Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Oil / Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream



## September Calendar:

M Sept 4: **LABOR DAY - Office Closed**  
TU Sept 5: **Schenectady Home Bureau**  
7:15 **Health & Wellness**  
TH Sept 7: **5:30 Worship Committee**  
7:15 **Choir Practice Resumes**  
M Sept 11: **11:30 Caregivers**  
7:15 **Admin Council**  
TU Sept 12: **1:30 Scotia Home Bureau**  
7:00 **Stewardship Meeting**  
7:00 **Caring Ministers**  
SA Sept 16: **DUTCH FAIR (9:00-3:00)**  
MO Sept 18: **7:15 Consistory**  
TU Sept 19: **7:00 200th Planning Committee**

TH Sept 21: **6:00 Labyrinth Walk**  
M Sept 25: **7:15 Care Team**  
TU Sept 26: **7:15 Buildings & Grounds**  
F Sept 29: **5:00 Adult Youth Group**

**EVERY TUESDAY:**  
7:00 **Adult Bible Study**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:**  
8:30 **Time of Prayer**

**EVERY THURSDAY:**  
9:00 **Mission Bells**  
7:15 **Choir Rehearsal**

**EVERY SUNDAY:**  
8:00 & 10:00 **Worship**

### Contact our staff by e-mail at:

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