
THE MESSENGER



World Communion Sunday

The congregation will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 5th. This service will be led and the table presided over by Lynn Makrin who is currently a student at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She is also currently serving as the student pastor for the West Glenville Reformed Church. Rev. McCloskey will be at a family wedding that weekend. He also has another wedding to attend the following Sunday, October 12th. Preaching Elder Kitt Jackson will be leading worship in his absence.



The church will celebrate Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 5th following the 10 am service. This will be a time of special food and fellowship. Food to be served include: pretzels, bratwurst, sauerkraut and Black Forest cake. Please join us!

SINGING & DANCE WORKSHOP ...

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SINGING + LITURGICAL DANCE WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 5 • 4:00 PM

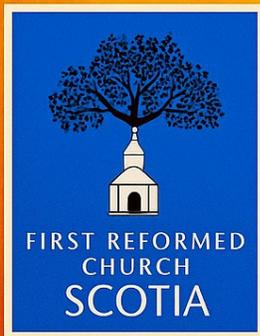
“More Than Anything” by Lamar Campbell

SINGING CLINICIAN:
Allyson Cobbins
Come Forth Assistive
Management



DANCE CLINICIAN:
Caley Lasey
Modern Art Theater
and Dance Academy

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Renew Bible Study

This group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon via Zoom. They have resumed studying Entering the Psalms: Meeting God in Scripture, which is a study that identifies the different types of Psalms and how they relate to our current lives. The books cost \$5 and are available from Diana Ackner. For more information and to sign up, contact Sunny Baldwin at 518-320-4562.

Pastor's Adult Education Series

Rev. McCloskey will be concluding his brief adult education series of the fall entitled "Early and Medieval Women of Faith." The class will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm October 7th & 14th. We will be studying Beatrijs of Nazareth, Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe. If you missed the first two classes, no worries, each class is stand alone.

Women
of FAITH



Confirmation Class

All 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us for this mentor based learning experience. We already have 4 students signed up, but there is still time to join. The first session will begin October 19th after worship. All materials will be provided. Contact Miss Diana for a timeline and information.

Ministry Involvement Fair

Are you interested in getting more involved with the church? Here is your opportunity to learn more about the church's councils, committees, groups and teams. Following 10am worship on Sunday, October 19th in Brink Hall, come meet representatives from these groups and even sign up to join. There is something for everyone! Come and find out how you can put your gifts, talents and skills to work!



Community Lunch Update by Mark Holley

The community meal is going into our busy season. Our September meal will be grilled cheese and soup, fruit and dessert. In October we are having a fundraiser dinner for our Thanksgiving meal. The dinner will be Friday October 24th and we are having chicken and biscuits, coleslaw and apple pie.



This will be an at-will donation. The Thanksgiving meal will cost about \$1,000 this year for 125 meals. Between the turkey and all the fixings, prices have increased and this meal is so important to our community and guests.

Please come and enjoy this dinner and support the Thanksgiving meal. Sending warm wishes to Norma and Deb. We miss you both and you both are in our prayers. Mark

Mission of the Month: The Backpack Program

by Linda Lewis



The BackPack program will begin distribution of weekly food to students in the Scotia-Glenville School District on October 10th. The social workers and staff at each of the schools are currently identifying students in need of extra food and getting parental permission to participate in the program.

Trinity Presbyterian Church packs up to 30 bags of food for Sacandaga and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Last year, we packed an average of 75 bags each week for students at Glen-Worden, Glendaal, the Middle School and some students at the High School. There is a food pantry at the High School supported by both churches but some students are embarrassed to take a bag of food home on the bus, so we deliver to these students at their home and also for the Middle School students. We try to reduce any barriers that prevent families from having access to needed food.

The cost of each bag has increased to \$289.00 for the year, which for 75 students comes to \$21,675.00. The Schenectady Foundation has funded 22 students for the last several years but we have just found out that they have reduced this number to 14 for this year, amounting to \$4,049.08. We have never said "no" to any student being referred to the program, nor have we limited the number per family. In addition to the weekly bags of food, we have provided large boxes of extra food for the 4 vacation periods: Thanksgiving, December, February, April. This year we added 4 additional distributions in late May, July, August, and early September.

3rd Quarter Financial Update

As of 9/21/25	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Total to Date	Over/Under
Congregational Giving	\$255,000.00	\$191,250.00	\$205,811.00	Over 8%
Other Income	\$266,450.00	\$199,837.50	\$191,487.00	Under 4%
Total Income	\$521,450.00	\$391,087.50	\$397,298.00	Over 2%
Expenses	\$521,450.00	\$391,087.50	\$391,326.00	

Stewardship News

COMING SOON: Our Annual Stewardship Campaign will begin in October. Kathe Sheehan has graciously agreed to chair this campaign this year. Expect a letter from Pastor Christopher which will include thoughts on Stewardship from members from the Consistory and Admin Council as well as inserts in the Sunday bulletins. We will celebrate Consecration Sunday on November 9, 2025.

Another Way to Give to the Church! Giving has never been easier! On our webpage (www.firstreformedscotia.org), if you hover over “Giving”, there is a new drop down option to “Give Now”. By clicking the link on that page, you will now be able to give via credit or debit card. This is being done through a company called “Tithe.ly”. There is also an app you can put on your phone to make donations. You can set this up for recurring donations or a one time donation. You also may opt to pay the fees that are charged to use this feature or not. Know that we are always appreciative of your gifts to help further our ministry and mission!

76th Dutch Fair: Another Great Year!

Many thanks to all those who helped with this year's Dutch Fair! From planning, to setting up; from cleaning up, to working the day off; from donating baking goods, to praying for us from home...each and every contribution is appreciated more than you can ever know! While it was a crazy week with all the preparations, it was wonderful to see so many working toward a common cause. This Fair was a great success because of everyone who helped! The event brought in over \$8,500 which will be used to support the many ministries of our Mission Council. May God continue to bless this church.

Thank you!

Sue Alibozek is recovering nicely from a recent injury and would like to extend her thanks to everyone for their cards and letters.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quilt Raffle! We want to thank Judi's Sew & Sew for the beautiful quilt they donated. We raised \$557 which will be sent on to the "Reading is Fun Program" in Schenectady. Barb King was the lucky winner of the quilt!

Kids Hope - You Can Change a Life!

KIDS HOPE USA is a program that partners one caring adult mentor with an at-risk child for one hour every week. When kids feel loved and valued, they are better able to learn, grow and succeed. Another important piece of this program is the prayer partner that each mentor and student pair have praying for them. We are entering our 16th year of this important ministry and we need your help! The list of kids who want and need mentors is constantly growing. You can make a huge difference in a kid's life! Volunteer today! If you are interested in learning more please contact Miss Diana, education@firstreformedscotia.org.



Faith Formation Update

10/5 *A Family of Belonging*

Sarah & Abraham - God's promise

10/12 *A Midnight Wrestling Match*

Story of Jacob - Tell your story

10/19 *The Great Baby Rescue* *kids sing

Story of Moses - Following God's plan **Confirmation class begins**

10/26 *Mercy and Manna*

Trusting God

11/2 *Five Fearless sisters*

You belong **Mabee Farm Fun Day 3-6**

11/9 *Judges*

Story of Deborah, Ruth, Hannah

11/16 *The Monarchy*

King David

11/23 *Prophets*

Search for God

Uncle Kent's Retirement Dinner

This year there will be two Fowler Dinner celebrations of Kent Busman's retirement. The first one will be held on Sunday, October 26th at 3:00pm and a second on Monday, October 27th at 5:30pm, both in Brink Hall. Both gatherings will be the same. These events will bring together numerous friends of Fowler for a time for food and fellowship as well as to raise funds to support this invaluable mission and ministry of the church. These gatherings will also celebrate Kent Busman's 39 years of service to the camp. The cost is \$60 per person.

Sound and Video Workshop planned for October 26:

Are you a techie at heart? If so, plan on attending the Sound and Video workshop on October 26th following service. This workshop led by Reverend Christopher and Paul Munson will provide instruction on the use of the sound equipment and video recording devices used during our weekly services. Volunteers are needed!

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

All Saints Day Service

This year the congregation will commemorate All Saints Day with a special service on Saturday November 1st at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. March of this year marked 5 years since the COVID-19 lockdowns began. So much has changed over the course of these 5 years including the passing of many beloved friends and family members. The service will include reading of the names of those who have gone on to heavenly glory. Often the names are only for those that passed in the previous year, but at this service you can submit the names of loved ones to be read no matter when they died. We are now collecting names to be read. You can call or email the office or use the sheets in the NatheX and the lobby of Brink Hall. Please make sure to include the year of death and a phonetic pronunciation of the name(s) you want read.



***ALL are invited to our
Annual Congregational Family Fun Day
at the Mabee Farm
Sunday, November 2nd from 3:00-6:00pm***

Save the date! We'll have lots of fun playing games, walking the nature trail, playing with animals, eating smores, fall and halloween crafts and much more.

Old World Santa Workshop

You can help the Over The Bridge Program and make a wonderful holiday gift in a class being offered by Patty Marre to make an Old World Santa. For \$40, you will be provided all the supplies you need and step by step guidance during this class. Class will be offered 2 times on Wednesday, November 5th at 11am or 6:30 pm in Brink Hall. If you have a glue gun, please bring that along with you and if you have any questions you can call Patty at 518-421-6862. Each class is limited to 8 participants. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table opposite Memorial Lounge.. The deadline to sign up is **Friday October 31st**.



Time Change!

Don't forget to fall back an hour on Sunday November 2nd as DST comes to an end.

Usher's Workshop:

Reverend Christopher and Paul Munson will be leading an usher's workshop and training session on November 9th following church service. We welcome new volunteers to this important position of greeting our congregation and helping to run our weekly services!



October is ADHD, Awareness Month. ADHD, an acronym for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, is a brain-based disorder that has been known since 1775. It affects one in ten school-aged children and can continue into all ages of adulthood. According to the ADHD website, the goal of the awareness month is to provide reliable information and resources to help people thrive with ADHD. In keeping with their 2025 theme, *The Many Faces of ADHD*, they want to increase awareness and understanding by sharing ADHD information and helping to dispel misperceptions and myths.

People who have ADHD have higher levels of inattention, impulsivity, and/or hyperactivity than their peers. The disorder can also affect a person’s ability to organize, plan, and manage thoughts and actions. They may have difficulty completing tasks or forget important things and may not consider the long-term consequences of their actions. Here are some Myths and Facts to help you understand the disorder better:

MYTH	FACT
ADHD Meds are addictive	The therapeutic use of stimulant medications for ADHD prevents addiction.
ADHD is caused by bad parenting.	Brain-imaging studies show that differences in brain structure and wiring cause problems with attention, impulse control and motivation.
ADHD is just an excuse for laziness.	ADHD is really a problem with the chemical dynamics of the brain and it’s not under voluntary control.
Children with ADHD just need more discipline.	Discipline and relationship problems are the consequences of ADHD behavior problems in the children, not the cause.

To help understand ADHD better, you can find more information and resources at <https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org>.

October Anniversaries:

Paul & Tee Munson 8
Tom & Jane Lansing 9
Bill & Kirsten Shave 10
Brad & June Coryer 14
Mark & Deborah Rahn 17

October Birthdays:

Betsey Homer 2
Linda Falcon 5
Ken Willcox IV 5
Sue Alibozek 17
Michael Trbovich 21
Bruce Wurz 24
Dustin Madison 28

Bella Plaske 2
Michael Naumowicz 5
Lorraine Gonyea 10
Kent Busman 19
Patty Marré 22
Diane Faubion 26
Mike DeMasi 29

Jackson Bodden 5
Lee Poremba 5
Katherine Penn 15
Cheryl Cook 19
Ed Rosenberg III 23
Mary Grumbling 26
Michele Swain 31

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