

# Middleburgh Reformed Church

## News & Announcements

January 2014

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Jan Liberti will be in New York City for 2-3 weeks for cancer treatment. If you would like to send Jan Liberti encouragement her email is: [jliberti@me.com](mailto:jliberti@me.com) and home mailing address: 1199 Hervey Sunside Rd. Cornwallville, NY 12418

1/8 **Worship Committee Meeting**, 7 pm  
at Joan Youman's house.

1/9- **Consistory Meeting**, 7 pm

1/16- **Spiritual Life Committee Meeting**,  
9:30 am at Mrs. K's

**Bible Study**- Tuesdays at 1 pm- starting again on the 14th, at the Spencer's house. We read and discuss the text for the coming Sunday's worship.

**NET Dinners** are great. So are you. Come and join the fellowship be a blessing to our neighbors. The MRC coordinating committee includes Mary Lou Ryan, Karen Miller, Leslie Hooper and Ellie Spencer. Everyone is invited to get involved by providing food, supplies, serving, and/or setup. And of course- eating together is what it is all about. So, come and eat!

Every Wednesday, 5-6:30 pm.

1st: No Dinner

8th: Our Lady of the Valley Parish

15th: Middleburgh Methodist Church

22nd: St. Mark's Lutheran Church

29th: Potluck at the Reformed Church

February 5th we will be serving dinner. A signup sheet is in the foyer to help with the 29th and the 5th.

Join Albany Synod for a **Celebration of Service to honor Nancy McNiven**

On Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 4:00-7:00 pm at First Reformed Church of Scotia (224 N. Ballston Ave. Scotia, NY 12302)

Tribute at 5:00 with a light meal

RSVP by January 6, 2014 to Trudi Thun at [thun.trudi@gmail.com](mailto:thun.trudi@gmail.com) or call the synod office at 518-374-4573.

**Offering Envelopes**- are available in the foyer. If you do not have a box with your name, there are unnamed boxes and let Lewis Youmans know the number on the box so he can record donations.

**New Members Class**- are you interested in formal membership in the church? or just learning more about where this church has come from or what we confess? Let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested in a 6 week class- meeting time flexible.

### Operation Christmas Child

Some of our shoe box gifts are on their way to Ukraine. As you know from recent news reports, Ukraine is a country experiencing turbulent times. I had the privilege of meeting members of the national leadership team of

OCC at a conference two years ago. They are devoted servants of Jesus who are striving to share the Gospel in a land where the existence of God had been denied while under Soviet rule. Our shoe box gifts will be used to introduce the Greatest Gift of All to children whose parents and grandparents lived in darkness. Pray for these children to welcome Jesus as their Lord and Savior and for them to share the good news with their families and friends.

If you participated in last fall's packing party, you know that we were able to include a picture from a Christmas card in each of our boxes. Please save this year's Christmas cards for that purpose. Last year some of you also purchased cards with religious scenes when they went on sale. That would help too!

A lovely Christmas card tradition was shared at a workshop I held for OCC project leaders last fall. Perhaps your family will adopt it also. The person who shared it said that in the busyness before Christmas, cards are often not fully appreciated at the time they are received. Her family collects them in a basket. After Christmas, the family takes out one card each day to read and enjoy during their family devotions. Then they pray for the sender(s). This year they plan to add the step of cutting off the religious and nature scenes to include in their shoe boxes next fall.

May 2014 be a year of peace and joy in the Lord for you and yours!

- Mary Lou

**Nominations for Consistory** will open January 12th. Place a name for Elder or Deacon into the white church box in the foyer. We are looking to fill positions for 2 Elders and 2 Deacons.

We need a **clerk for Consistory meetings**. The task involves attending the meetings, taking minutes and typing them up. Contact Pastor Jeff if you are willing.

### Consistory

Elders: Jim Spencer (VP), Sarah Bramer,  
Joan Youmans, *vacant*

Deacons: Brian DeFeo, Leslie Hooper,  
Karen Miller, *vacant*

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### Upcoming Sermons

Jan 5th: John 1:29-34; The New Start- Jesus' Baptism

Jan 12th: John 2:1-12; The First Sign

Jan 19th: John 2:13-25; Reset for Glory

Jan 26th: John 3:1-21; What Life? Bio or Zoe

Feb 2nd: John 4:1-26; Living Water