

# Middleburgh Reformed Church

## News & Announcements

## November 2013

**Bible Study**- Tuesdays at 1 pm- usually at the Spencer's house. We read and discuss the text for the coming Sunday's worship.

### **Food Pantry Meeting**

For anyone interested in volunteering or knowing more about the operation: 11 am on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact Russ Ryan with any questions.

### **Community Thanksgiving-Eve Service**

This year the annual service will be held in our sanctuary at 7pm. A community choir will sing and a rehearsal will be on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Contact Russ with questions.

### **Advent Worship begins December 1<sup>st</sup>**

On the first Sunday of Advent we are going to celebrate in worship with a Chrismon service. Chrismons are symbols representing Jesus Christ and they will be used to tell about who Jesus and decorate the tree. After worship we will have a light lunch and make a family and kid-friendly Chrismon to take home.

### **Church Budget**

We have changed our financial calendar to match the calendar year (it has been April-March).

**December 8th:** congregational meeting to vote on our spending plan (budget) for the coming year is scheduled to be in the Hall after worship.

**November 10th:** we are also having a meeting to talk about preparing our plan for next year. The purpose of the pre-meeting is to discern the direction as it immediately relates to our spending, which naturally is a reflection of what we do together in worship and mission. Budget year-to-date and year-to-date financial reports will be available at this meeting for reference. All are welcome to attend the meeting in the Hall following worship.

**Youth Group Mall Scavenger Hunt:** 11/10. it begins now- hunt for more information.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you for your generous support of this year's shoe box campaign. We ask you to continue to support this ministry to the world's hurting children through prayer. During this collection season, please pray for all the volunteers and Samaritan's Purse staff who will be involved in receiving, transporting, and processing shoe box gifts for shipment overseas. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the children who will receive the gifts.

*month at a glance*

2<sup>nd</sup> Ridder Team Meeting, 9 am-11 am

7<sup>th</sup>: Consistory Meeting, 7 pm.

9<sup>th</sup>: Ham Supper

Ridder Team Retreat: 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>  
(Pastor Jeff gone 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)

17<sup>th</sup>: Shoebox dedication in Sunday worship

27<sup>th</sup>: Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm

December 1<sup>st</sup>: Advent Begins

OCC Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1 - Pre-Packing Party beginning at 12:30 - We will meet in the fellowship hall to assemble boxes.

Nov. 3 - Packing Party - Enjoy lunch after church. Then choose gifts for children who are waiting for a shoe box gift and a message of HOPE.

Nov. 17 - Shoe Box Dedication Sunday

Nov. 18 - 25 - National Collection Week - See Mary Lou to volunteer at the relay center or to provide refreshments.

**Sunday the 24th-** Extra volunteers will be needed on to load shipping cartons onto the truck.

**NET Dinners are in full swing!**

Come share dinner and fellowship.

Every Wednesday

5-6:30 pm.

This Month:

6<sup>th</sup>: MRC

13<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of the Valley Parish

20<sup>th</sup>: Middleburgh Methodist Church

No Dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The MRC coordinating committee is 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.

**Consistory**

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

Deacons: Brian DeFeo, Leslie Hooper, Karen Miller

Pastor Jeff's email: [jeffa.kelley@gmail.com](mailto:jeffa.kelley@gmail.com), home phone: 827-8785; cell phone: 860-7404.

Pastor Jeff will be gone on study leave November 18-24th.

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**upcoming sermons**

Nov. 3rd: 2 Corinthians

9:6-15, *Generosity*

10th: Romans 12:1-8, *Gifts*

17th: *Missio Die*, (mission of God)

Dec 1st: Colossians 1:15-20, *Image of God*

**Ecumenical Food Pantry**

Open Wednesdays 4-6;

Saturdays: 9-11 am

and by appointment