

Middleburgh Reformed Church

News & Announcements

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November 2014

Ham Supper: Saturday November 8th. Tickets, posters and assignments are out. See Susan Pendergast if you have questions.

Food Pantry Needs Over the past several months, the number of families who find it necessary to visit the food pantry has increased. As a family of faith, we are committed to serving those in our community who are in need. At this time, you are encouraged to step up your support of the food pantry ministry through your donations and prayers. Contributions of non-perishable food and/or monetary donations are always welcome. However, during the month of November we are asking you to contribute non-food household items that may not be purchased with SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps).

Suggested items include:

bath soap
shampoo
toilet tissue
facial tissues

paper towels
dish detergent
laundry detergent

The needs of the food pantry's clients go beyond putting food on the table. Health issues and the need for employment are often mentioned in conversations with those who use the food pantry. Pray for healing, comfort, and appropriate care for those who are sick or injured. Ask God to open doors of opportunity for those who are looking for work.

Thank you for blessing those in our community who need our support.

In Christ's service,
MRC Board of Deacons

Support the New Beginnings Thrift Shop: The flood-damaged children's wooden chairs in our fellowship hall were repaired and stained at the ARC workshop over two years ago. We offered to pay for the repair but we were asked instead if we could support their "New Beginnings" Thrift Store when it opened in Schoharie. Now that they are open, please stop in and check out what treasures they may have. They are well stocked but could use additional donations of gently used children's clothing. Our donations of children's clothes for their work on our children's chairs—sounds like a good deal.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 23rd, 7 pm at the Middleburgh Methodist Church.

Sunday Notes

Nov. 1st: All Saints Day- celebrate your favorite saint by praying prayers of the saints in the sanctuary and eating some candy. (prayers and candy will be available)

2nd: Set your clocks back! & Romans 12, Working Together

9th: No Sunday School. Romans 14:1-12 The One Lord (& we aren't it).

16th: Romans 15:1-13: Worshipping Together (by putting others first)

23rd: Christ the King Sunday

30th: First Sunday of Advent



Operation Christmas Child

Last year the shoeboxes we filled with gifts, prayers, letters, and photographs made it to the far corners of the world- Ukraine, Philippines, Congo, Ecuador, and China! Children who have been impacted by civil unrest, natural disaster, disease, and poverty were blessed by the toys, candy, school supplies, and personal items we sent. Even more important was the message they heard about the God who loves them.

God allows us to participate in his work in reaching out to hurting children. He has a plan for each shoebox that we pack. The ball you pack may be just what a lonely child needs to make a friend. The hand-knit hat you place in a box may keep a refugee in a camp from getting frostbite. Attending school could be possible for the child

who receives the school supplies in a box packed by you. God will use our gifts in mighty ways to invite children into his kingdom!

The children who receive shoebox gifts are always curious about the far-away strangers who sent their gifts. You are encouraged to write a note to the child who will open a box you pack. Photographs are also welcomed and highly valued. Bring your notes and photographs to our packing party to include in your boxes.

Operation Christmas Child dates to remember:

November 14 - Pre-packing party: Adults will gather in the fellowship hall to assemble GO boxes beginning at 9 a.m.

November 16 - Dedication Sunday: Lunch and Packing Party

November 17-24 - OCC National Collection Week (See Mary Lou about volunteer opportunities.)

Please lift up Operation Christmas Child in your prayers.

Next Consistory Meeting: November 20th

Annual Meeting: December 14th, following worship will be our congregational meeting that includes lunch, reports of our life and ministry together, making plans for the next year, and electing Elders and Deacons.

Regular Happenings

Bible Study Tuesday: 1 pm-2:30 at the Spencer's house, studying the Scripture for the coming week in worship.

Bible Study Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Marian Lynes' house, studying the book of Acts.

Neighbors Eating Together (NET) Dinners in November

Wednesdays, 5-6:30 pm.

5th: Here (Middleburgh Reformed) *see the Table to help.*

12th: Our Lady of the Valley

19th: Middleburgh United Methodist

26th: No dinner- Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

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