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| Sunday, September 8th | 8:45 am | Sanctuary | Sr. Choir |
| 13th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:30 am | Sanctuary | Worship Service |
| | 9:45 am | Educ. Bldg | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Music Room | Youth Choir |
| | | Fellowship Hall | Coffee Hour |
| | 10:45 am | Room 103 | Cherubs Choir |
| Monday, September 9th | 4:45 pm | City Mission | City Mission |
| Wednesday, September 11th | 2 pm | Lounge | WFG |
| | 6:30 pm | | Consistory |
| | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary | Sr. Choir |
| Saturday, September 14th | 9 am | Education Building | Educators Summit |
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

Niskayuna Reformed Church

September 8, 2019

13th Sunday after Pentecost



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As we gather together in worship, may you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. May God quiet your heart so that you may hear God's voice and sense the power of God's presence.

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. Please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary to receive a visitor's bag of information about our church.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Announcements

Prelude *Lieder: Bitten* *Beethoven*

Introit

Votum *John Bennett*
Our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* **100 vs. 1,2,6**

*Salutation and People's Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

feeding the hungry. The M & SC has come up with a monthly food collection plan—each month, we will focus on collecting one specific food item. If you prefer, monetary support is always welcome. There is a green box located in the narthex for that purpose.

September: canned spaghetti sauce

- Pastor Jason will be starting a book study for the fall on **Monday, September 30th** at 7pm. The study will last seven weeks, going through *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Enns. *The Bible Tells Me So* chronicles Enns's spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written. As he explores questions progressive evangelical readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual study. The book can be purchased before we begin, or Pastor Jason can order a copy for you. Please contact Pastor Jason with any questions.
- The annual Senior Member Luncheon will take place this year on **Monday, October 7th** at noon. All members of our congregation who are of retirement age are welcome. Our meal will be cooked by Paul and Cyndy Brownsey. Dessert will be prepared by the famous NRC pie bakers. Entertainment will be provided by local storyteller, Ceil Mack. It is sure to be an enjoyable and memorable event. If you'd like to attend, please call the church office at 518-785-5575 to RSVP by **October 4th**.
- There will be a blood drive on **Friday, September 13th** from 1-7 pm at the Niskayuna Fire Company at 2772 Troy/Schenectady Rd. (Rt. 7). Walk-ins are welcome, or call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.
- Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.
- **Questions**, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at office@niskayunareformed.org.

TODAY

- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in Room 102 of the Education Building.
- The Worship teams for **TODAY** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli and Jennifer Fulkerson; Counter: David Perlee & Leo Lichtig; Greeter(s): Bruce Fisher & Linda Matt; Coffee Hour: Consistory.
- Our communion collection for September will benefit ShelterBox USA. ShelterBox is a cutting-edge charity that hand-delivers emergency shelter for families devastated by natural disaster and conflict. For more information please visit www.shelterboxusa.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Jack Hungershafer**.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **September 15th** are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Leo Lichtig; Counter: Alan Holmes & Kim Cerone; Greeter(s): Richard Mizenko; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office **September 15th- 21st** for study leave. Our guest preacher will be Norm Tellier on September 15th.
- On **Saturday, September 14th**, from 9am – 4pm, clergy and lay persons from all over the Synod of Albany (our regional denominational body) will be gathering to learn what it means to be the beloved. There will be a focus on how we grasp that individually, as well as how we can teach that reality to others, including children. There is a good variety of workshops to attend and the fellowship will also be a highlight of the event. Children between the ages of 4-13 are also invited and will have their own program. Please attend if you are able, the cost is \$25, with lunch included. Please ask Pastor Jason any questions you have. The link for registration is on the church website. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to attend, please let Pastor Jason know.
- The SICM Food Pantry needs our support to maintain its commitment to

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

Call to New Life

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Arr. Althouse

The NRC Senior Choir

