

MESSENGER

Niskayuna Reformed Church

November 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am happy to be in your midst serving you in ways that I hope will be meaningful. I am aware that my role is somewhat fluid and may change as we walk this "in between" time.

There are many difficulties with the sort of transition NRC is experiencing these days. Any length of time without pastoral leadership can be both challenging and life giving. This congregation has been leading without a called pastor for a long time and at a very difficult time in the world. I am grateful that Consistory's care and wisdom prompted them to engage me to offer pastoral care to you. Currently I am available at the church on Thursday afternoons, usually between 11 and 3, or at other times by appointment. I am happy to talk about your family, your faith, your fears or simply hear stories of this church that matter to you. I am not a therapist, but I am a practiced listener and have done pastoral care for all ages over the past 35 years. I find this aspect of ordained ministry a sacred trust and I am honored when people choose to invite me on their journey even if it is only a few steps along their way.

I write this brief introduction after spending a mere two Thursdays in your midst. I have met some very committed and caring people during these short spells, in addition to those of you who have introduced yourselves to me after church on the Sundays I preached. The strain of your circumstance is clear in our conversations in many ways, but so is a spirit of 'trying to make the best of it'. Grace goes a long way toward turning challenges into positive directions and I think there is some solid ground for moving forward.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the days ahead. My contact information is: Cell 518-698-7496, my email brooksv@union.edu.

In Faith,
Viki



The office will be closed on **November 25th & 26th** for Thanksgiving.

The consistory and the staff would like to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Birthdays

3 Lyle Eldred
 4 Kate Dranichak
 6 Michelle Dillon
 7 Katie Persons
 7 Kalyn Pezzano
 7 Mia Pezzano
 8 Chad Pezzano
 10 Linda Burger
 12 Kathy Dzamba
 12 Matt Faddegon

12 Marisa Hungershafer
 14 Thomas Nappi
 15 Paul Sullivan



18 Charles Del Signore
 19 Lucas Henery
 19 Dora Mount
 20 Benjamin Butler
 27 John Moak
 27 Leslie Perlee
 28 Maureen Rizzi

Anniversaries

Tony & Diane Pechulis 2
 Ryan & Marisa Hungershafter 19

Women's Fellowship Group (WFG)

The WFG will meet on **Wednesday, November 10** at 2:00 pm in the Lounge. Activity is TBD. All are welcome. Please call the church office for further information.



Women's Book Group (WBG)

The WBG will meet at the home of Trudy Lehner on **Saturday, November 13** at 10:00 am. Location is TBD. All are welcome to join in. Please call the church office for further information.

November Ushers Schedule

November 7 John & Lynn DelSignore
 November 14 Richard Mizenko & Judy Henery
 November 21 Pat Zink & Linda Gardner
 November 28 Glenn Kreig & Barb Sim



Guest Preachers Schedule

November 7 Norm Tellier
 November 14 Viki Brooks
 November 21 Norm Tellier
 November 28 Bill Levering



Mission and Service Committee

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit Saratoga War Horse. This is a Veteran-run nonprofit organization serving Military Veterans and Service Members living with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) throughout the United States. Their participants' trauma is most often a result of combat experiences, Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and/or transitioning from military to civilian life. They help these Veterans to move past their trauma by partnering them with rescued and retired off-the-track Thoroughbred racehorses by providing a healing, equine-assisted experience. To learn more please visit www.saratogawarhorse.org Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Looking ahead:

December-Pups for Patriots

Communion Collections

RCA—collected \$180, donated \$500
World Central Kitchen collected -\$305
SiCM—donated \$75 to Grand Opening Celebration of the SiCM Community Hub
RISSE—donated \$300 to help the local community with refugees

Once again, we appreciate the generosity of our congregation.

If you have an organization that's near and dear to your heart and could benefit from a Mission of the Month Collection, please let us know as we are putting the list together for 2022. Please email Lizbeth Amorelli at hzebzil@gmail.com with suggestions.

Special Note: Our Communion Collections run for the entire month. If you are unable to attend church on the 1st Sunday of the month, you may mail your donation to the church. All checks should be made payable to NRC and specify on the memo line the name of the

organization that you wish to support.

Did you know that you can make Mission of the Month Collections through the Church's Web Site? There is now a dedicated Mission donation selection for the PayPal contributions.

SICM Emergency Food Pantry: For the month of November we will be collecting nonperishable Thanksgiving Food Items.

The Food Pantry is now accepting volunteers - call the pantry at 518-346-4445 for more information or email volunteer@sicm.us

Monetary donations are also welcome and can often purchase more food per dollar than we often realize. There is a green collection box in the narthex. ***Every donation impacts lives.***

2021 Volunteer Opportunities

Schenectady City Mission-

Currently the volunteer opportunities for serving dinner are on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions. But there are still ways you can get involved. Please see the following to learn more

<https://citymission.com/get-involved/>

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen-

2022 dates are TBD

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital-Did you know that Sunnyview has both an adult & junior volunteer program that offers many exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities—delivering mail/flowers, working in the gift shop, assisting with writing letters, transportation and even office work. Please contact Joan Laviolette at 518-386-3631 for more information.

UPCOMING M & SC Events

Brooks BBQ 2022—4/20/22 & 8/17/22

Next Meeting: November - TDB

All are welcome

SiCM Food Pantry

SiCM is in need of volunteers to help keep the largest food pantry in Schenectady County in operation. We have a need for volunteers to help with typical pantry operations from 8:30am to 11:30am, Monday - Friday, with a particular need on THURSDAYS.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our new and improved intake system that will be moving from the pantry vestibule to inside the Community Hub! Be a part of this exciting transition and help make a difference in the lives of your neighbors!

If you want to volunteer, please contact Camila Grande at camilag@sicm.us.

Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

NRC Family,
Many opportunities are available for us to help make Thanksgiving memorable for our community. Please consider supporting one or all of the following groups-they make a difference in the lives of many. God bless you.

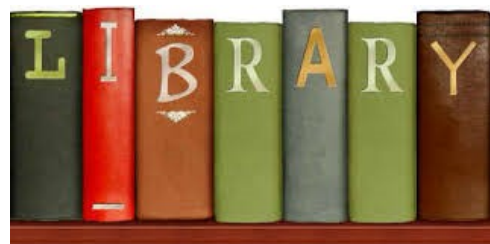


Concerned For The Hungry website:
<https://signup.com/go/GohjvU5>

Information for the City Mission and Salvation Army can be found on the website or call Ellen directly and she can send you the link. Thank you!!

Library Committee

The Library Committee will host an Information Table during coffee hour after Worship on Sunday, November 7. Please visit us by the Library on the lower level of the Education Building to ask questions, to drop off your donations of books, CDs, DVDs, or funds to help expand our holdings. We look forward to seeing you!



Niskayuna Senior Center

*Denotes registration or possible additional fee. Pre-order Gershon's lunch or bring your own. Coffee service available.

Tuesdays:

9am-12 pm Tom's Computer Class (1st & 3rd Tues of ea. mo.)

10a Tai Chi

10a - 2p Open for Indoor/Outdoor Socialization/Coffee service

10:00 am- Cards, Mahjong, Bridge, Bocci avail

12:00pm- Gershon's, BYOL and coffee service

1p MVP Zoom Chair Moves In House & ZOOM (Nov. 2,9,16)

Thursdays:

10a Tai Chi

10a - 2p Open for Indoor/Outdoor Socialization/Coffee service

10:00 am- Cards, Bridge, Bocci avail

12:00pm- Gershon's, BYOL and coffee service

1:00pm-The Eddy Health Alert Chair Yoga In House & ZOOM (Nov. 4 & 18)

Friday:

11a Alzheimer's Assoc. Caregiver's Group (1st Friday of each month)

11a CDPHP Chair Pilates ZOOM only (Nov 5, 12, 19)

Exercise Update:

11a Mon CDPHP Zumba Gold ZOOM available in House & Zoom (Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22)

11a Wed SilverSneakers Zumba Gold ZOOM only (Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24)

Classes remain avail. on ZOOM with a couple in-house. You can email Edie for registration, dates and times @ ecannizzo@niskayuna.org . Pilates, yoga, walks & art are avail. on You Tube at 'Niskayuna Seniors.'

Monthly Activities:

November 9th @ 12:30 Speaker; Comm. Nutrition Educator frm Cornell Cooperative Extension; 6:30p Beginner Mahjongg

November 11th @ 12:30 Veteran's Day discussion; Arts & Crafts w Edie

November 16th @ 12:30 Special Treat / Medicare Resource Consultant Lecture

November 23rd @ 12:30 Thanksgiving Discussion, Pass-the-Pumpkin; 1p Family Fued Game

November 25th & 26th Closed

Stop by and socialize! Bring friends, activities, interests or just pop over for coffee and conversation. We'll provide the space and hospitality.

Contact tracing, temperatures, name and phone numbers as well as masks and "social distancing protocols" continue to be in place.

Dates for Exercise Classes scheduled inside are only tentative, and subject to change. These classes may continue on Zoom, based on recommendation from NYS, Schenectady County and The Town of Niskayuna

November 2021

Monday, November 1

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Tuesday, November 2

6am-General Election (FH)
7:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)

Wednesday, November 3

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
10 am-H & A Sorting (L)
10 am-Mid-week Coffee Hour
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)

Thursday, November 4

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Friday, November 5

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-AA

Saturday, November 6

No events

Sunday, November 7

Communion
Mission-Saratoga War Horse
9:30 am-Worship Service (S)
9:45 am-Sunday School (PO)
10:30-Coffee Hour (FH)
10:45 am-Coffee Hour

Monday, November 8

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Tuesday, November 9

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
11:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, November 10

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
10 am-Mid-week Coffee Hour
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
2 pm-WFG (L)

Thursday, November 11

7:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Friday, November 12

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-AA

Saturday, November 13

10 am-WBG (TBD)

Sunday, November 14

Bells Sunday

9:30 am-Worship Service (S)
9:45 am-Sunday School (PO)
10:30-Coffee Hour (FH)
10:45 am-Coffee Hour

Monday, November 15

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
10 am-Jap Flower Arr (FH-1st)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Tuesday, November 16

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, November 17

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
10 am-Mid-week Coffee Hour
11:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)

Thursday, November 18

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
10 am-Soup Kitchen
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
1:30 pm-H & A Sorting (L)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Friday, November 19

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-AA

Saturday, November 20

No events

Sunday, November 21

9:30 am-Worship Service (S)
9:45 am-Sunday School (PO)
10:30-Coffee Hour (FH)
10:45 am-Coffee Hour

Monday, November 22

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Tuesday, November 23

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, November 24

7:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
10 am-Mid-week Coffee Hour

Thursday, November 25

Office Closed
Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

Office Closed

7 pm-AA

Saturday, November 27

No events

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 am-Worship Service (S)
10:30-Coffee Hour (FH)
10:45 am-Coffee Hour

Monday, November 29

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
4 pm-Violin (102)

Tuesday, November 30

9:15-12 pm-NS (101)
1:30-5:30 pm-TSL (FH/104)
7 pm-Boy Scouts (FH)

Please Note:

When no room is included after an event, it will take place on Zoom
Contact the church office if you have not been receiving the online information and wish to join us remotely.

CCC- Congregational Care

CM- City Mission

H & A- History & Archives

M & SC-Mission & Service

SA-Salvation Army

WFG-Women's Fellowship Group

WBG-Women's Book Group

