

# The Messenger

## Newsletter of Helderberg Reformed Church

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### Our Church

#### Sunday Worship

9:30 am with Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of the month.

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### From the Pastor's Desk

Throughout this summer we have studied together the practice of hospitality that is found in Scripture. One common thread that has shown up as we have read different accounts of God's people showing hospitality is that when



God's people give a little, God works in abundance to provide. There is the story of the disciples feeding the 5000 and the story of the widow at Zarephath giving bread and water to Elijah. She, her son, and Elijah are able to be feed from just a handful of meal and a little oil for days, when she originally had been gathering sticks so that she could make a last meal for her and her son and prepare to die. When Jesus asked the disciples to gather up what they could find all they came up with was five loaves of bread and two fish, yet in the end there were twelve baskets of leftovers. God gives in abundance even when we can give only a little.

This summer, as is typical of summer, our giving is down. Fewer people have been in worship and some offerings have been missed. It happens, but this particular season, we need you to give a little extra or make up what you have missed in giving. We have gotten behind on paying a few big billings like our classis assessments, the heating contract, and our insurance. We are grateful for the contributions of the Deacons and the Reformed Church Women that have helped to contribute towards these, but we still have not caught up. (A summary financial report of unpaid bills is included in the June budget on page three.)

## Here Comes

By Shel Silverstein

Here comes summer,  
 Here comes summer,  
 Chirping robin, budding rose.  
 Here comes summer,  
 Here comes summer,  
 Gentle showers, summer  
 clothes.  
 Here comes summer,  
 Here comes summer—  
 Whoosh—shiver—there it goes.

## Note from Editor

Thank you all for your patience with me in getting out the Messenger. Summer's a pretty slow time, so we'll just have this issue this summer.

We'll have a new Messenger out to you in September (Whoosh—shiver!) and be back on a monthly schedule then.

Walk in Love!

-Steve

## New Addresses

Ken & Jane French  
 c/o Brookdale Green Mtn  
 Apt. 220  
 12791 West Alameda Parkway  
 Lakewood, CO 80228

Ann Free  
 2262 Griffin Rd,  
 Churchville, NY 14428.

There have also been a number of unexpected and long time coming repairs to the church and the parsonage. The office air conditioning broke down in the middle of the July heat, the parking lot is needed of repair with deep divots that are getting deeper in the middle of the driveway, and the over 75-year-old plumbing in the parsonage has needed to be completely replaced in both bathrooms. We are thankful to have some memorial funds and capital project funds set aside for these, but these funds are quickly being depleted and cannot be used for our general expenses.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our church financially. Put a little extra in the offering plate this week or, if you can't make it, mail your contributions to the church office. We believe in a God who can do a lot with a little. Let's see what God can do when we give a little bit more.

Have a wonderful summer!

God Bless,

Pastor Lindsey

## Around the Synod of Albany

### Owasco Pastor Elected VP of General Synod

Rev. EJ de Waard, pastor of Owasco Reformed Church, was elected as VP of General Synod on June 12 at the annual meeting of the General Synod and says he will bring his "obedience in the strength of the Holy Spirit" to his role.

### Hymn Sing at Wolf Hollow

On Aug. 22, Wolf Hollow Brewing Company will host an evening of singing with Buzzard Bay BBQ and libations brewed—in part—by RCA pastor Jordan White.

### Christian Educators Summit

On Sept. 22 from 9am to 4pm Fort Plain Reformed Church will host a day of workshops, displays, and fellowship for Christian Educators. For more information or to register, email Sandee Clark at [atgramto6@yahoo.com](mailto:atgramto6@yahoo.com).

# Financial Reports

May Income/Expenses	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Offering	\$4781.78
Fund Raising	\$489.91
Pre-School Rent	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5771.69</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries	\$4873.37
Payroll Taxes/Benefits	\$1873.38
Utilities	\$1385.32
Insurance	\$643.33
Supplies/Postage	\$70.91
Auto reimbursement	\$196.64
Committees	\$212.85
Property	\$240.34
RCA Assessment	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9496.14</b>
<b>INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$3724.45)</b>
Trust Fund Transfer	\$1500.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(\$2224.45)</b>

June Income/Expenses	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Offering	\$5831.00
Fund Raising	\$68.62
Pre-School Rent	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7899.62</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries	\$6858.68
Payroll Taxes/Benefits	\$1974.01
Utilities	\$804.89
Insurance	(\$1.47)
Supplies/Postage	\$70.91
Auto reimbursement	\$0.00
Committees	\$25.00
Property	\$848.29
RCA Assessment	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10580.31</b>
<b>INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$2680.68)</b>
Trust Fund Transfer	\$1500.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(\$1180.69)</b>
<b>BILLS UNPAID/OVERDUE</b>	
BRRR Heating	\$949.00
Church Mutual Ins.	\$860.06
Fidelity Retirement	\$1688.00
RCA Classis Dues	\$4255.66
<b>Total Bills Unpaid</b>	<b>\$7752.72</b>

## Tree of Life

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*The Tree of Life is a work of art for the past and future of Helderberg Reformed Church*

In honor of Helderberg Reformed Church's 250th anniversary, artists in the community and the congregation are creating a work of art that will last for generations to come.

The HRC "Tree of Life" is a project that will use the history of HRC in a unique and beautiful way. Each leaf on the Tree will be crafted from stained glass recovered from the 1986 fire. The complete work will be hung in the narthex by the sanctuary entrance.

Contributing to the creation of the 250th Anniversary Tree of Life will ensure the vitality of the church by helping cover the cost of capital improvements.

A brass plaque will be created along with the Tree listing remembrances and honors. This plaque will accompany the Tree and together they will serve as a piece of church history for another 250 years and beyond!

*Look for more information about the Tree in your Sunday bulletins and online at [hrchurch.org](http://hrchurch.org).*



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