

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

World Communion

Although I am at Helderberg for worship at least 90% of the year, I often find myself among many other gatherings of Christians. Most of the time this is with other Reformed folk for classis meetings or other



denominational gatherings, but sometimes it is with Christians of other theological and denominational backgrounds. And I must say even though I like my routines and the way we do things here at Helderberg, I am often deeply grateful to experience other expressions of faith.

Gathering with other Christians can invite me into expressing my faith in ways that I may not have otherwise thought to engage or that I may not have been able to do on my own. Whether it is being introduced to a new song of praise, being invited to lament alongside those who are hurting, or a phrase of a prayer that causes me to pause and remember those in the world I may not have even realized existed, I am incredibly grateful for the wide diversity of ways in which the Christian faith is expressed and worship is lifted up before the God, in whom we all live, move, and have our being.

The first Sunday in October is traditionally World Communion Sunday. Likely by the time you will be reading this, we will have already gathered or will very soon be gathered in worship to celebrate this day. For all the diversity of worship and expressions of faith that we have in the Christian tradition, the

Autumn

Rainer Maria Rilke

The leaves fall, fall as from far,
Like distant gardens withered in the
heavens;
They fall with slow and lingering descent.

And in the nights the heavy Earth, too, falls
From out the stars into the Solitude.

Thus all doth fall. This hand of mine must
fall

And lo! the other one:—it is the law.
But there is One who holds this falling
Infinitely softly in His hands.

September Consistory Highlights

Pastor Lindsey will attend a Courage to Lead continuing education retreat Nov. 7-10. Pulpit supply will be provided by Kitt Jackson.

The Deacons offering was earmarked for hurricane relief.

The Memorial Fund received donations in memory of Charlotte Lawton and Gladys Sharp.

Sunday School started September 9th. Pre School began on September 10th.

A suggestion was made to use mugs in places of styrofoam cups for coffee hour.

The next Consistory meeting will be October 8th.

sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism are practices that we share in common. The idea that Christians throughout the world are intentionally gathering around the table Christ set for us, mindful of the worldwide communion of saints, is an incredible and powerful image. It is a beautiful and tangible image of how we are truly one body in Christ just as the Apostle writes in the First Letter to the Corinthians:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

We share in one baptism; we drink from one cup; we are gathered into the one body of Christ. We are brothers, sisters, and siblings from far and near. The church of Christ has many faces and expressions throughout the world, and so I give thanks and rejoice for many parts within the body of Jesus Christ.



Events and Notes

September Financial Report

	Checkbook
Church 7/31/19	\$ 2884.07
Pre-School 7/31/19	\$ 1568.76
Schedule of Bills Summary	
Bills already paid	\$ 9213.41
Bills to be paid	<u>0.00</u>
Total Bills for Approval	\$ 9213.41
Regular Consistory Meeting September 10, 2019	

Church 8/30/19	\$ 2127.48
Pre-School 8/30/19	\$ 1608.80

Schedule of Bills Summary:	
Bills already paid	\$9103.72
Bills to be paid	<u>0.00</u>
Total Bills for Approval	\$9103.72

A Big "Thank you!" From the Parsonage

Pastor Lindsey and Steve are enormously appreciative of all the TLC members of the property committee leant the shrubs at the parsonage. Les Relyea and Allen Campbell put their green thumbs to work on Saturday the 5th. They look beautiful! And Tracker was happy to explore all the new sniffs the trimming opened for him.

Blessing of the Pets

Join us for Blessing of the Pets Service on October 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM on the lawn of Helderberg Reformed Church. The ministers of Helderberg Reformed, Altamont Reformed, and St. John's Lutheran will lead a short service of blessing for the furry friends in our lives. Animals of all sorts are welcome from horses to lizards, and dogs and cats of all varieties. If your pet prefers the comfort of their own home or is not friendly around other people or animals, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet to be blessed.

Turkey Time is Coming!

Where does the year go? It's already time to start getting ready for Guilderland's biggest annual event: the HRC Turkey Dinner! See the back pack of this issue for the flyer.

2020 Ushers List

The list of Ushers for 2020 is being prepared. If you would like your name added to or deleted from the list, or if there are any special requests or changes please notify:

Jackie Marr at (518) 356-0062
or 4478jackiemarr@gmail.com.

Guilderland Food Pantry

GFP Needs the Following Items:

15 oz can of pumpkin, stovetop stuffing mix, canned creamed corn, canned corn regular, small can of french fried onion rings, soup, canned fruit, cooking oil, laundry det, dish soap, snacks, canned fruit

GFP is looking for a new Executive Director

JOB OPENING: Executive Director of the Guilderland Food Pantry

Part time position. Responsibilities include overseeing the operations of the pantry, training all staff, fund raising and communications. If you are interested email: guildfoodpantry79@gmail.com

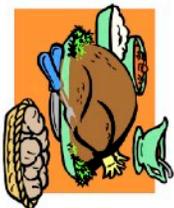
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

**Saturday – November 2nd
by Reservation Only!!**

Limited Seating Available!

**Seating Times: 3:30, 5:00 & 6:30
(8 per table/served family style)**

**Reservations: Please call 518-698-9911
*Take out dinners are also available!***



Menu – “All Homemade”

Roasted Turkey, “Real” Mashed Potatoes,
Butternut Squash, Stuffing, Gravy,
Green Beans, Fresh Dutch Slaw,
Pickled Beets, Cranberry Sauce,
Rolls, Beverages, Assorted Baked Pies

Adults: \$12.00 – Children 5-10: \$ 6.00 – Under 5: Free

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