

The Messenger

Newsletter of Helderberg Reformed Church

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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

Reflections on Faith

As we celebrated All Saints' Sunday this past week, the first Sunday of November, I invited those at worship to imagine with me those who gathered in worship in our current location in 1895. One hundred and twenty-four years ago, that



year was a significant time in the life of our congregation. The congregation moved from their original location at Osbourne's Corners (now the intersection of Routes 146 and 158) to our current location in the heart of Guilderland Center. Both the start of our daughter congregation, Altamont Reformed Church, and the decaying building, known as the Gamble Church, prompted the move to our current location in Guilderland Center. I can imagine that this was a big decision to make and that not everyone was certain it was the best decision. And so, I must say that I admire the step of faith that those who went before us took. Life was changing around them and they took a big step in order to be faithful to the leading of God's Spirit.

Paul, seeing the faith of the church in Ephesus, wrote to them, "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." And I like Paul remember those who have gone ahead of us in faith and

No!

Thomas Hood

No sun—no moon!
 No morn—no noon—
 No dawn—
 No sky—no earthly view—
 No distance looking blue—
 No road—no street—no "t'other side the way"—
 No end to any Row—
 No indications where the Crescents go—
 No top to any steeple—
 No recognitions of familiar people—
 No courtesies for showing 'em—
 No knowing 'em!
 No traveling at all—no locomotion,
 No inkling of the way—no notion—
 "No go"—by land or ocean—
 No mail—no post—
 No news from any foreign coast—
 No park—no ring—no afternoon gentility—
 No company—no nobility—
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
 No comfortable feel in any member—
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
 November!

those who walk along side us in faith giving thanks for all of God's saints in my prayers. Paul's prayer for them was:

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power

As the seasons change from fall into winter and we prepare for a new year in the life of the church by preparing a new budget and electing new leaders to consistory, I pray that we may know that same spirit of wisdom and revelation that we, too, might step out into faith. One way that I invite you to do this is by making a pledge of stewardship to our congregation for the coming year. The ministries of Helderberg Reformed Church need your support through time, talents, and offerings in order to continue faithfully into the future. You can find a 2020 pledge card in this newsletter and also in your Sunday bulletin. To help prepare the 2020 Budget, please return your pledge card by Sunday, November 17.

Please consider your gift to support the continued ministry of this congregation.

In Christ,

Pastor Lindsey

Events and Notes

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped out with the Turkey Dinner this year! The dinner can only happen with the love and Spirit of the entire HRC community.

2020 Pledge Time

It's that time of year to think about our pledges. A pledge form is provided on the back of this issue and more are available at church. Please have yours in by Sunday, November 17th.

Thanks, From the Parsonage

Pastor Lindsey and Steve are grateful for all the help with the repairs to the parsonage's garage roof—it was a big team effort! Thanks also to a good Samaritan for helping with our leaf cleanup.



Pastors Lindsey and Matthew pose with good bois at the Blessing of the Pets on Oct. 6th.

Interfaith Lessons & Carols

An Interfaith Lessons and Carols service will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 4:00 PM at Christ the King Church on Sumter Ave, Guilderland. Our choir will be singing, and Pastor Lindsey will be reading. An offering to benefit Guilderland Food Pantry will be collected.



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 to Help with their Thanksgiving Meal on Nov 26:

Stuffing mix, green beans, turkey gravy, French fried onion rings

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

2020 Pledge

I/We make the following pledge of stewardship to the Helderberg Reformed Church for the year 2020:

2020 Pledge \$ _____ per week, month, year (Please circle your choice)

Envelope # _____ (If you do not require envelopes, please check here _____)

Name: _____

Helderberg Reformed Church

Address: _____

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Thank You.

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