

# PRC CONNECTIONS

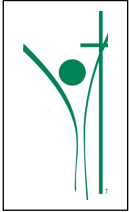
## PULTNEYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

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**Rev. Dr. Eric Titus**



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## Fall Education Series

### The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest creeds of the Church. It is confessed by millions of Christians every Sunday morning. However, many Christians are unaware of the rich history of its formation or its importance in the life of the Christian. Join Pastor Eric for this informative class beginning **Sunday October 8th following morning service and coffee time (11:15ish)**. This course will serve as the foundation for the Spring Education Series on the Nicene Creed.

#### *Thursday Morning Bible Study*

The Thursday morning Bible Study will be studying the book of Colossians beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing on Thursday mornings through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Books are available on the piano in the Agape Room at a cost of \$10 along with a reading schedule. All are welcome – please join us!

Paul must have felt like a mother duck guiding her ducklings to safety. He had seen the enthusiasm of the Colossian Christians but knew they had no idea of the dangers they would face. Longing for them to continue growing in the faith, Paul – now stuck in prison – wrote the young flock, affirming them, warning them of hazards, and pointing them to King Jesus, the supreme one who was with them and at work in them. This study will similarly guide us toward maturity in Jesus, who is still at work in his people today.

#### *PRC Financial Report*

**1/1/23 – 8/31/23**

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	105,042.41	119,825.14	-14,782.73
Benevolent Fund	0	18,098.80	10,782.11	7,316.69
Capital Improvement	7,862.65	4,404.34	0.00	12,266.99



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

3-6pm | Dinner Catered by Turf Tavern

Table Sponsors - \$400 (up to 8 guests) | Individual Tickets - \$50

Purchase tickets online or mail a check to the business office: 1790 Grand Blvd,  
Schenectady, NY 12309

**BRINK HALL, FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SCOTIA**

224 N Ballston Ave, Scotia, NY 12302

*Contact Josey with any questions:  
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## *Family Promise Update*

October's Communion offering will be for Family Promise of Wayne County, a non-denominational organization dedicated to helping children and their families experiencing temporary homelessness. Through a coordinated local network of churches, service organizations, and community resources, FPWC provides temporary short-term housing implemented with intensive case management services to families in an effort to achieve sustainable independence through sustainable housing. During the 2021-2022 school year, an estimated 600 children here in Wayne County were without stable housing. Nearly half of them were not yet school-aged. Family Promise also has a preventive program called ROTH which stands for Roof Over Their Head. This program aims to keep families in their housing and prevent them from becoming homeless. The program assists with one-time rental arrears and utilities, first month's rent, or security deposits.

PRC has been a strong support for Family Promise from the beginning of program operations in 2018. FPWC brought in the first family in late October 2018, almost 5 years ago now. PRC was originally a host congregation and welcomed the program's first family right before Christmas that year. As time went on, we transitioned to a support congregation to East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church, which is also our current role today. We help support with groceries and Monday dinner four times a year in this role.

Family Promise operates an apartment model program post-COVID. Due to financial constraints and the rising costs of utilities among other things, FPWC currently only serves 2 families, one at the Day Resource Center and one in an apartment that FPWC rents. This was the most fiscally responsible decision that had to be made to ensure the future of the program.

While families are in the shelter program, they are provided with housing, utilities, household supplies such as cleaning supplies and paper products, diapers, and other hygiene products. Families work closely with Nancy Ramos, the Care Coordinator, to work toward program goals. Families receive referrals to partnering agencies such as DSS, Catholic Charities, Section 8 housing, food pantries and clothing closets, among many others in order to try and get families to sustainable independence. They are also provided a list of local landlords that have built a relationship with the program to assist in finding housing.

Graduating families are offered a 5 Star Start from donations received by the program. This may include a couch, chair, beds, dishes, microwave, toaster, and like items. Some ROTH families also receive some of these items as well.

This year, 37 families have called Family Promise of Wayne County looking for shelter. Many of those families were able to receive assistance through the ROTH program. Year to date, 6 families with a total of 15 children have graduated into stable housing. The ROTH program has also assisted 38 families with a total of 87 children this year, while over 80 families have applied for rental assistance. The two families currently in the program include a family of 5 with 3 children, and a family of 3 with 1 child.

Family Promise's ongoing needs for donations include paper towels, tissues, diapers in larger sizes, pull-ups, trash bags, gently used furniture and household items, and monetary donations. There is also always a need for a variety of volunteer roles and on the Board of Trustees.



Family Promise is entering a new and exciting phase beginning in October. Our new director, Evonne Pomerantz, will begin her role with the program. Evonne and her family live in Marion and she is very familiar with programs and resources throughout Wayne County. As someone who experienced homelessness in young adulthood, Evonne brings a unique perspective to the role. Also in October, Family Promise of Wayne County will be entering a partnership with the Finger Lakes CAP Program (formerly know as Wayne CAP). This will be mutually beneficial to both parties as each provides services the other does not. This partnership will also save Family Promise some expenses and allows access to experienced grant writers to help grow the program. At this time, Family Promise is looking to become more secure financially and grow back up to serving at least 4 families at a time like it used to. The program is looking to purchase an apartment building or a building that can be changed into small apartments in order to own its own apartments and save on expenses. The program also continues to search for grants to fund the program and look for fundraising events to help cover program costs. Family Promise of Wayne County is appreciative for, and thanks PRC for your continued support and prayers.

### ***Women's Retreat***

Camp Fowler's Chi Rho House has been reserved for the Women's Retreat from February 9<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please save the dates! The cost for the retreat this year is \$160.00 and financial aid is available. If needed, please notify the church administrator. There is a sign-up sheet in Trinity Hall on the board.



### ***PRC Liaison needed for FOC***

Pultneyville Reformed Church is asking for a volunteer to act as Liaison to the Fellowship of Churches. They meet in the mornings once a month. If you would like to be involved, please see Mary in the church office.

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Or to the church office

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### ***Classis Luncheon***

On Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the Rochester Classis meeting. We will need volunteers to host a luncheon. Please sign up on the sheet in Trinity Hall if you are able to help.



### ***Flowers for the Sanctuary***

If you have a special occasion that you would like to commemorate by putting flowers on the pulpit for a Sunday worship service, then please sign up on the sheet in Trinity Hall for that special Sunday.



### **Caring Hands**

#### **October Meeting Dates**

Saturday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m.

### ***Coffee Hour Hosts***

We have started having our coffee hours again. If you would like to be put on the schedule as a coffee host, please contact the church office at [prc@pultneyville.org](mailto:prc@pultneyville.org) or 315-589-2703 or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table.

### ***October Liturgists***

October 1	Alison DeMarree
October 8	Nancy Titus
October 15	Dick Baxter
October 22	Amy Burdette
October 29	Mark Lagoner

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***Communion***  
**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Communion Offering is designated to Family Promise of Wayne County. This program has been serving Wayne County, NY residents since 2003. They are transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness, because every child deserves a home.

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. Baskets are available in Trinity Hall and Shalom Lounge for your donations.

***Our Missionaries***

<b>Nathan &amp; Nozomi Brownell</b>	Kenneth, Raymond, Luke	<b>Japan</b>	<a href="http://www.rca.org/brownell">www.rca.org/brownell</a>
<b>Felipe &amp; Janelle Silva</b>	Luca, Sofia, Mila	<b>Romania</b>	<a href="http://www.rca.org/silva">www.rca.org/silva</a>

***Williamson Youth Center***  
***Scarlet Thread***

General Snacks the Williamson Youth Center could always benefit from no matter the quantity!

How to deliver/get supplies to youth center:

1. Call Sue Shultz and she will pick it up 1-585-545-8989
2. Bring to FOC meeting

\*any other questions call Hannah: 315-743-6728

**Free Snacks:** given out when kids first arrive from school: Granola bars (avoid peanut butter), apples, lemonade (powder to mix with water), bottled water, flavored bottled water.

**Snacks that we sell** to Students for \$0.25- \$1.00: **single bags of chips:** Doritos, Funyuns, Cheetos, Gold Fish, Smartfood Popcorn, Popcorners, Pirates Booty, Welch's snack packs, Air Heads. **Candy Bars:** peanut m&ms, skittles, starbursts, twix, snickers  
**Soda:** mountain dew, orange, sprite, coke, pepsi, rootbeer, dr. pepper, Gatorade/Power Aid

**Kitchen/Bathroom:** Toilet paper, Paper towels, Napkins Plastic cups, Paper plates, Plastic cutlery (forks, spoons), Disinfectant wipes

### Missions Update

## **Fall focus centers on Asia; trip ideas for 2024 sought**

**By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair**

A couple of fun missions projects are in the works for the fall and both feature places in Asia. Our big event is still in the works, but we are hoping to learn more about our missionaries in Japan through it.

We are planning to join together in **15 Days of Prayer for the Buddhist World** in November and have an event set for **Sunday, November 12** in which we will again try our hand at making some of the foods from the places we learn about.

We will also focus attention on our missionaries in Japan, **Nathan and Nozomi Brownell**. They work in evangelism and church planting as well as education and leadership development.

They live in Yokohama and offer acceptance, forgiveness, and hope to young people who live with nearly unbearable stress. To reach them, they run the Green House, an after-school program where they can hear testimonies from Christians, a rare thing in this country that is less than 1% Christian. Nathan also teaches at a school founded by the RCA and Nozomi trains volunteers for Children in Worship.

Come to **our next Missions meeting, set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 12**, and help us plan this fun event.

We also are looking for ideas for a **future mission trip**, possibly in 2024. We have some seed money from the 2022 Croatia trip and would like to offer something that fits with our congregation's gifts and interests. Please bring your ideas to me or one of the other members of the missions committee.

Part of the seed money comes from a refund we received after many months of waiting. This substantial refund was from the

Dutch airline KLM for cancelling our flights to/from the town of Split, Croatia, near the site of the Oasis Conference we hosted last year. The bulk of the money has been set aside for a future trip, but \$500 was included in our recent gift to **Marijana Čizmanski**, our July Communion offering recipient.

Marijana runs **Zdrava Zajednica**, a ministry in a small town in Serbia inhabited by Roma, a disadvantaged people group with little support from each other or the government. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send her \$2,085 to complete her third year of her psychology degree, money to cover six months of past-due salary for her bookkeeper, as well as refund herself for some out-of-pocket car expenses.

She is so thankful! And the money came as she is also dealing with the stress of what may be her mother's last days, as her kidneys have started to fail on top of many other serious issues.

Marijana has had to travel for some required educational events and may put off some of her planned Community Health Evangelism training events due to her mother's condition. Please keep her in prayer as she deals with this heavy personal battle, in the midst of the myriad of ministry stresses she lives with.

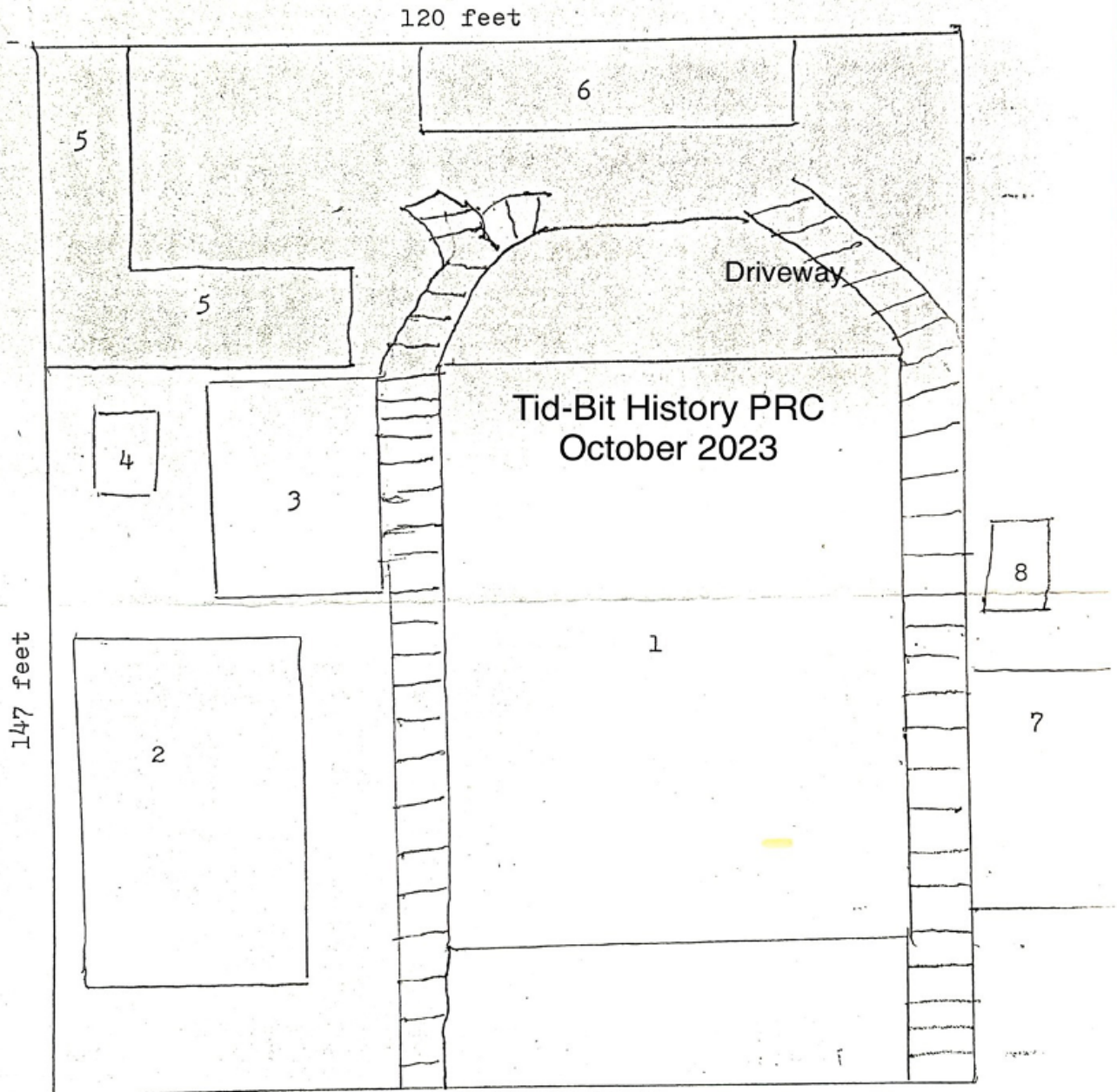
I'm so thankful to our church for your continued support for Marijana at this rough time. She is a former student of Eric's and mine at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Croatia, and she worked with Carolyn Otterness to develop her ministry model. She also has touched the hearts of the women who attended the Oasis Conference last year when they got to meet her in person.

*Just a Tid-Bit of PRC History:*

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

**Pultneyville Reformed Church**

This is a diagram of our church property in the early 1900s. It was drawn by Nellie Lawrence, with a little help from some others who remember it well



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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. The church   | 2. The Dominie's House   |
| 3. The Dominie's barn   | 4. The Dominie's Toilet  |
| 5. Open-backed sheds for horses and buggies/cutters.                |                          |
| 6. Privately owned/rented sheds with doors which closed completely. |                          |
| 7. Home of John DuBurck, Sr.  | 8. The Du Burck's toilet |

According to Nellie, there was at that time no toilet in the church. One had to use either the Dominie's or the Du Burck's and the Du Burck's was much nicer.



### ***Greeters***

<b>October 1</b>	Carolyn Youngs
<b>October 8</b>	Chelsea Manahan
<b>October 15</b>	Karen Manahan
<b>October 22</b>	Bill Wayman
<b>October 29</b>	Lorie Abbott

### ***Ushers***

Matt & Tonja Yost
Gary and Charlotte Buehler
Tim and Cyndi Cappon
Tom and Alison DeMarree
Gary and Linda Dubois

## Our Homebound Church Family

Don DeMarree  
900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.  
The Glen – Apt. 118  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Hopkins  
4172 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 192  
Pultneyville, NY 14538  
**Birthday: September 5**

Anne Hotchkiss  
1340 Parkwood Drive  
Apt. 240  
Macedon, NY 14502  
**Birthday: September 21**

Jennie Hubright  
The Episcopal Home  
505 Mt. Hope Ave  
Room 232  
Rochester, NY 14620  
**Birthday: October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**(105 years old!)**

Ruth Naylor  
Maplewood Nursing Home  
100 Daniel Drive  
#120  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Scheffinger  
1016 Railway Crossing  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jo SomDeCerff  
4233 Scarlet Sage Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
**Birthday: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lorrayne Walvoord  
4281 Congdon Road  
Williamson, NY 14589  
**Birthday: October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**(102 years old!)**



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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1	Claire Wayman
2	Karen Williams
4	Margie Setchell
11	Chip Bailey
12	Adam Peters
13	Marlene Walvoord
19	Jennie Hubright (105)
21	Christopher Allard, Lorrayne Walvoord (102)
25	Jo SomDeCerff
27	Jeannie Cole
30	Alison DeMarree
31	Tom Briggs



# October Elder Dick Baxter

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## ***PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

### Worship

Lois Fiegl  
Jim Fox  
Karen Fox  
Jane Morgan  
John Setchell  
Paula Shultes  
Matthew Yost  
Tonja Yost

### Building & Property

Tom DeMarree  
Craig DeNagel  
Mark Fiegl

### Christian Education

Amy Burdett  
Alison DeMarree  
Linda Dubois  
John Manahan  
Kate Orbaker  
Paula Shultes

### Missions

Amy Burdett  
Julie Fuller  
Paul Heilman  
Rosemary Heilman  
Chelsea Manahan  
Tom Moenter  
Nancy Titus

### Parish Life

Diana Lagoner  
Chelsea Manahan  
Karen Manahan  
Donna Reuter  
Jim Williams  
Karen Williams  
Carolyn Youngs

## Daily Scripture Readings

### **Sunday, October 1**

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

Wednesday, October 4

Thursday, October 5

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### **Sunday, October 8**

Monday, October 9

Tuesday, October 10

Wednesday, October 11

Thursday, October 12

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### **Sunday, October 15**

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### **Sunday, October 22**

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

Wednesday, October 25

Thursday, October 26

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

### **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Leviticus 19:1-2, 13-17

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### **Sunday, October 29**

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

### **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7

October				2023			
SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
<b>1</b> 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 Caring Hands	
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