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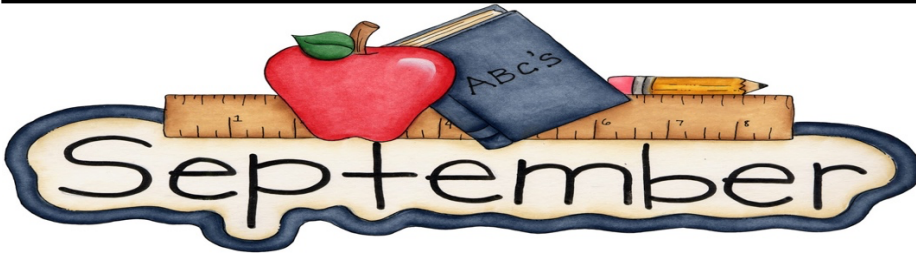
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What's the Reformed Church in America's Position On....

You may have had people ask you: “what’s the Reformed Church's position on....” You may not know the answer to a question like that on a number of issues of social importance. There is a reason behind this.

The Reformed Church’s constitution has three parts: The Book of Church Order, our Standards (Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, Belhar Confession, and the Canons of Dort), and finally our Liturgy. *Only liturgies having to do with sacraments are included in this last part.* So, our baptismal liturgy is part of the constitution while our liturgies for marriage and funerals are not.

What is significant here is that our *constitution is binding* on all office-holders in the RCA (Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Elders, and Deacons) and all assemblies in the RCA (consistories, classes, regional synods, and General Synod). What is not binding are statements or declarations of assemblies. Statements and declarations may be witnesses, exhortations, admonitions, or proclamations, but one thing is certain, they are not binding on office-holders or assemblies. We have a non-hierarchical polity and government that allows and is in fact built to make room for a wide diversity within the bounds of our constitution.

Scripture plays the ultimate role in this. And it is incumbent upon office-holders and assemblies to wrestle with scripture within constitutional bounds. Note, this means that scriptural interpretation is not a matter of individual whim, but is itself held within the bounds of constitution (not scripture, but scriptural interpretation). This means that assemblies, and especially our national assembly cannot declare for the entire denomination what the scripture definitely says about X, Y, or Z. The General Synod would then become a “papal assembly.” Furthermore, it would mean that General Synod one year could render an interpretation and then the next year the General Synod could render precisely the opposite interpretation since it is a representative body whose delegates change each year. You can see that chaos and confusion are likely outcomes of this.

This is why the General Synod cannot deliver a categorical statement on any given issue. We work rather toward common understandings and therefore can truly live into our motto: Reformed and always reforming.

The answer to the question “what's the RCA’s position on...” really does become one of: “as many positions as there are Christians,” so long as that position does not find itself in conflict with the constitution of the RCA. This does not mean the positions can’t be challenged. We have another process for that, and through our long history many positions have been challenged and those holding them held accountable when found wanting in their understanding of a particular point of scriptural interpretation. This happens through our judiciary process, but that is another article unto itself.

Peace,
Pastor Eric

Oasis Croatia: Opportunity to Pamper

PRC Team seeks to bless their socks *on* at conference

By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair

Fun is part of the ministry we seek to take to the weary women missionaries in Croatia later this month, and we plan to start out by giving them games and, yes, actual socks.

Not just any socks, though. We want soft, fuzzy socks that have been prayed over.

Seem a little strange?

Well, both Isaiah and Paul link feet and the idea of taking the gospel and proclaiming peace. Isaiah tells us “how beautiful on the mountains” are these feet, and Paul’s description of the armor of God includes gospel-of-peace foot coverings. The women missionaries we are going to serve have left their homeland to take the good news to people in and around Croatia, and we want their actual feet to feel some of the comfort and love from our congregation.

So, we are asking you to help us collect 60 pairs of such soft, fuzzy socks and to pray for each woman who receives them to know that God sees her feet and doesn’t want them to stumble as she continues to serve the Lord right where she is.

You can leave the socks in the basket at the mission table.

We will use the socks in a fun, ice- breaker game and then have the women keep a pair to cuddle in and to be reminded that God cares for them.

I think it will be the first of the things we do that will “bless their socks on!”

Don’t be fooled by the “silliness” of blessed socks or the beautiful resort setting on the stunning Croatian coast as the ministry to the women at the conference is real! Many, like myself when I was a full-time missionary in Croatia, arrive down-hearted, discouraged, and wondering if they can continue for another year in ministry. The toll of the constant spiritual oppression on them and their families is staggering. That is why the women themselves named the conference *Oasis* because it is a place for rest, relaxation, rehydration, and renewal for women who often feel like they are in a dry desert.

As we enter the final weeks of our preparation for the trip, we are focusing ourselves on prayer for the team as well as for the missionaries we encounter. We ask for concerted prayer from you as well.

For the team, we ask you to pray for our safety in traveling, for the unity among our members, and for each of us to be good listeners and encouragers to the women we meet.

To help facilitate your prayers, I’m listing the members of the team:

Amy Burdett, Lois Fiegl, Julie Fuller, Mary Jo Gunderson (a professional hair stylist friend of Carolyn Youngs who is joining us to cut hair), **Diana Lagoner, Chelsea Manahan, Karen Manahan, Sharon Moenter, Jane Morgan, Valerie Titus, Carolyn Youngs, Nancy Titus**

For the missionaries attending, we ask for prayer that they would be renewed in their faith, encouraged in their ministry and that they would connect with others to find answers to basic living questions they may not even know they have yet.

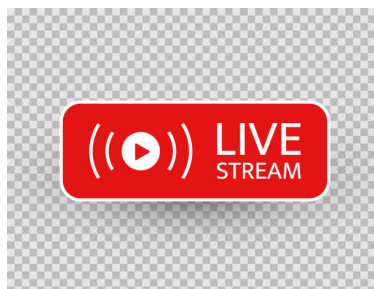
Fall Bible Study

We will be starting our Thursday morning Bible study a little later this fall as many of the group will be on the Croatian mission trip from September 25th through October 5th. Plans are to start the Study on October 13th at 9:30 as usual, so plan to sign up and ‘give’ of your time to study the challenge of stewardship. We will be using the book “What do I owe?” Managing the gifts God gives you by Rolf Bouma. This is a 5-week study and will explore the biblical idea of stewardship and the profound way in which it shapes the Christian life. Our tendency is to think of stewardship primarily in financial terms--- “What do I owe? ----but money is only one of the gifts God gives us to manage. We’ll also reflect on how we can use the gift of time, the gift of the creation itself, and the gift of God’s grace in thankfulness to God.



Live-Streaming Our Worship Service

On Sunday, September 18th we will begin worshipping back in our sanctuary and that means we will be livestreaming on our Facebook page for those who are unable to join us in person. We will need volunteers to run the camera and computer. This process is very, very simple! Thanks to Tom Moenter all the instructions are written out step by step and someone will train you as well. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table or on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall if you can help.





Worship Schedule

On Sunday, September 18th we will return to the sanctuary for our worship services which will begin at 10:00.



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.

Liturgist on Sundays in September:

September 4: John Manahan

September 11: Jane Morgan

September 18: Mary Bryan

September 25: Paula Shultes

Coffee Hour Hosts

When we begin to worship in the sanctuary again on September 18th we will also begin 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 or 315-589-2703 or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table.



Communion on Sunday September 4th

The September Communion Offering is designated for the Williamson Come-Unity Center which is a food pantry and soup kitchen.

Sunday, August 4th

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.

Family Promise News

Family Promise of Wayne County has been blessed with a very generous gift from the **Bullis Foundation**. Bullis will match all funds they raise, dollar for dollar, up to **\$65,000**. Every dollar you donate this year will be *doubled!* *Donations can be sent to 3 Holley Street, Lyons, NY 14489.*

Family Promise is always in need of donated items. Listed below are the current items needed. You can leave your donations in the plastic tub located in Fellowship Hall.

Mops and brooms	Dust pans	Garbage containers
Diapers size 2, 5 and 6	Baby Wipes	Pots and pans
Trash bags - tall kitchen & large all purpose	Toasters	Drip Coffee Pots



Scarlet Thread Youth Ministries

PRC will be providing snacks on Thursdays for the Scarlet Thread Ministries for the month of September. Please sign up on the clipboard located on the bulletin table or on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall if you can provide snacks for 50 kids at 2:00 p.m. on a Thursday in September. Scarlet Thread is always looking for volunteers so stop in on a Thursday afternoon and see what it's all about!

They also need donations which can be dropped off at the youth center (Old Williamson Reformed Church on Bennett Street, Williamson) any Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. They need:

Plastic/paper cup	paper plates	napkins	disinfectant wipes
Hand towels	paper towels	forks & spoons	baking sheets
Spatulas	cooking pots	microwave	tissues
Toilet paper	hand soap	dish towels	dish soap
Sponges	dusters	cleaning supplies	board games
Socks	AA & AAA batteries	sport balls (basket, foot, etc)	

Caring Hands



September Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 1 st	12:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 10 th	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 15 th	12:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 24 th	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 29 th	12:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Lorie Abbott, Grayson Stanton
4	Mark Lagoner, Kyle Shultes
5	Carol Hopkins
10	Jason Sonnevile
12	Dale Shaver, Jeffrey Vos, Jim Williams
13	McKenna Watson
14	Mary Bryan
15	Mark Watson
21	Rosemary Heilman, Anne Hotchkiss
22	Kayley DeNagel
23	Doug Sonnevile
24	John Allard, Harold Delhagen
25	Louise Hermenet
27	Tim Stanton
29	Ruth Naylor
30	Sara Webeck



A Happy Home Recipe

4 Cups of Love	5 Spoons of Hope
2 Cups of Loyalty	2 Spoons of Tenderness
3 Cups of Forgiveness	4 Quarts of Faith
1 Cup of Friendship	1 Barrel of Laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness and hope; sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Jeanne Cole

Daily Scripture Readings

Thursday, September 1	Psalms 1
Friday, September 2	Philemon 1:1-21
Saturday, September 3	Luke 14:25-33
Sunday, September 4	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 5	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Tuesday, September 6	Exodus 32:7-14
Wednesday, September 7	Psalms 51:1-10
Thursday, September 8	I Timothy 1:12-17
Friday, September 9	Luke 15:1-10
Saturday, September 10	I Corinthians 1:18-24
Sunday, September 11	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 12	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Tuesday, September 13	Psalms 79:1-9
Wed., September 14	Amos 8:4-7
Thursday, September 15	Psalms 113
Friday, September 16	I Timothy 2:1-7
Saturday, September 17	Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, August 18	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 19	Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15
Tuesday, September 20	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
Wed., September 21	Amos 6:1, 4-7
Thursday, September 22	Psalms 146
Friday, September 23	I Timothy 6:6-19
Saturday, September 24	Luke 16:19-31
Sunday, September 25	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 26	Lamentations 1:1-6
Tuesday, September 27	Lamentations 3:19-26
Wed., September 28	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Thursday, September 29	Psalms 37:1-9
Friday, September 30	II Timothy 1:1-14

Our Homebound Church Family

Marilyn Bixby
Wayne County Nursing Home
1529 Nye Road
Lyons, NY 14489
Birthday: March 7th

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

Louise Hermet
Victor Views
1440 Rt. 444
Victor, NY 14564
Birthday: September 25th
90 years old!!!

Jennie Hubright
Solstice Senior Living
55 Ayrault Road Room 113
Fairport, NY 14450
Birthday: October 19th

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

Alice Morgan
2301 Lake Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Birthday: March 27th

Ruth Naylor
St. John's Home
150 Highland Avenue
South 481A
Rochester, NY 14620
Birthday: September 29th

Dave Scheffinger
1016 Railway Crossing
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: June 30th



Jo SomDeCerff
4233 Scarlet Sage Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Birthday: October 25th

Lorrayne Walvoord
4281 Congdon Road
Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday – Lorraine: October 21st

Women's Retreat 2023
February 10th – 12th
Camp Fowler – Chi Rho House

Our Missionaries
Nathan & Nozomi Brownell
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Financial Report

1/1/22 – 7/31/22

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	87,541.38	105,460.06	-17,918.68
Benevolent Fund	0	16,741.75	11,921.75	4,820.00
Capital Improvement	19,798.81	10,355.64	.00	30,154.45

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Rosemary Heilman
Tom Moenter
Nancy Titus

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Linda Dubois
John Manahan
Kate Orbaker
Paula Shultes

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

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Craig DeNagel
Mark Fiegl
Ralph Morgan
Fred Walvoord

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Jim Fox
Karen Fox
Jane Morgan
John Setchell
Paula Shultes
Matthew Yost



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8:40 Choir
10:00 Worship
5:00 PRC
Connections
Deadline

6:30 Elders
7:00 Consistory

7:00 Oasis Croatia

9:00 Caring Hands

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8:40 Choir
10:00 Worship
1:30 Mission
Team Leaves
for Croatia

12:00 Caring Hands