

ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

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Please call if you need prayer or would like a home visit. We have a prayer chain with very committed prayers and an elder can visit with you safely if you are shut-in at home.

Please visit the church website for all updated and added information.

JANUARY

03-Lord's Supper Sunday
31-Guest Speaker Sunday

FEBRUARY

07-Lord's Supper Sunday
14-Valentine's Ministry Service of Love
17-Ash Wednesday-Ashes 6:30-7PM, Service 7PM
21-1st Sunday in Lent
24-6PM-7:15PM Soup & Salad Meal/Lenten Service

MARCH

03-6PM-7:15PM Soup & Salad Meal/Lenten Service
07-Lord's Supper Sunday
10-6PM-7:15PM Soup & Salad Meal/Lenten Service
14-1st Quarter Congregational Meeting
14-Daylight Saving Time Begins-Spring Ahead!
17-6PM-7:15PM Soup & Salad Meal/Lenten Service
24-6PM-7:15PM Soup & Salad Meal/Lenten Service
28-Palm Sunday Worship Service

APRIL

02-5:30PM Good Friday Reflection/Prayer Service
04-Easter Sunday Celebration Service

MAY

02-Lord's Supper Sunday
06-National Day of Prayer at ARC
09-Mother's Day Worship Service
23-Pentecost Celebration Sunday
23-Spring Walk at Innisfree Garden after Service
30-Memorial Day Remembrance Service

JUNE

06-Lord's Supper Sunday
16-Father's Day Worship Service
23-Kids Summer Program Begins

JULY

04-Lord's Supper Sunday
11-Spread Out! Summer Picnic (Location TBA)
28-A S May School Backpack Supply Drive Begins

AUGUST

01-Lord's Supper Sunday
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SEPTEMBER

05-Lord's Supper Sunday
06- A S May School Backpack Supply Drive Ends
12-Grandparent's Day Worship Service

OCTOBER

03-Lord's Supper Sunday
03-Apple/Pumpkin/Lunch Date at Dubois Farm
24-Fall Congregational Meeting
27-Collection for Thanksgiving Food Baskets Begins
31-All Saint's Day Remembrance

NOVEMBER

07-Lord's Supper Sunday
07-Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back!
14-Veteran's Day Remembrance Service
19-Thanksgiving Food Baskets Assembled
21-Thanksgiving Service of Praise and Testimony
28-1st Sunday in Advent -Hope!

DECEMBER

04-Arlington Outdoor Holiday Parade and Festival
05-Lord's Supper Sunday
05-2nd Sunday of Advent-Peace!
12-3rd Sunday of Advent-Joy!
19-4th Sunday of Advent-Love!
24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
26-Year End Celebration Service

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN 2021

Food Collection- On any Sunday bring a nonperishable canned or boxed food for the local food pantry. Please help feed the hungry in our community.

Deacon and Outreach Funds-Make a contribution to the Deacon's Fund for helping with emergency needs for those in or without our church--or a contribution to the Outreach Fund for helping with outreach events and ministries.

Water Bottles- Once a month we deliver water bottles to Dutchess Outreach for their "Meals to Go" program. Make a contribution to this ministry!

Bread Distribution-Weekly we deliver donated bread/pastries from Freihofer's to Dutchess Outreach Soup Kitchen and to Hudson River Housing Homeless Shelter.

A S May School Supply Drive- This year, we will fill backpacks with school supplies to deliver to the A S May Elementary School to help families in need.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets-We collect money so we can buy food for food baskets we give to food insecure families for a Thanksgiving meal. We will assemble the baskets together over a light meal.

2021 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

As we see the COVID -19 pandemic subsiding, these events will be added:

- Ministry Events with Changeport Church
- Pancake Breakfasts/Holiday Meals
- Prime Time Daytime Music/Lunch Events
- Kids Programs and Excursions
- Bible Studies/ Educational Seminars
- Arlington Street Fair Booth

FIVE FINGER PRAYER DEVOTION

1. **Your thumb** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'
2. The **next finger** is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and and pastors. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The **next finger** is the tallest finger. It reminds us of leaders. Pray for the president and government officials, leaders in business and industry and in our community. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The **fourth finger** is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, sick or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our **little finger** - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)