

ARLINGTON  
REFORMED  
CHURCH



# **Arlington Reformed Church Ministries and Upcoming Events**

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### ABOUT ARLINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

*"We are a caring community of believers in Jesus Christ, reaching out to our local community for the purpose of sharing God's love and making an impact for good in people's lives."*

The Arlington Reformed Church congregation was first organized in 1910.

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to fulfill this mission by loving God, loving one another, and loving our neighbors.

We are a church that seeks to love God with all our whole heart. We love our heavenly Father because he first loved us and sent his only Son to reconcile us to himself and to each other.

We are a church that seeks to love one another, just as Jesus loved us and gave himself for us—vulnerably, sacrificially, patiently, and honestly. We pray for, serve, and encourage one another in Christ.

We are a church that seeks to love our neighbors as ourselves. Following the Holy Spirit, we promote the welfare

of our neighborhood and proclaim the good news about Jesus in our communities.

We worship Sunday with Bible scripture, readings, traditional and newer hymns and songs, a message from God's Word, prayers for one another, and the Lord's Supper (communion) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

We have ministries for adults and children. Each Sunday service is followed by lunch (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) or snack fellowship the rest of the month.

The elected leadership is called the Consistory(board).

### **2023 CONSISTORY**

Elder: Dawn Kostenko: term to expire 12/2024

Elder: Rob Grant: term to expire 12/2025

Elder: Ann Veeder: term to expire 12/2023

Elder: Cynthia Canaday: term to expire 12/2024

Deacon: Jerry Canaday: term to expire 12/2023

Deacon: Stephanie Kinney: term to expire 12/2025

Deacon: Shahla Tariq: term to expire 12/2023

### **PASTOR FRANK GALLO**

Pastor Frank is our Sunday preacher and is available at the church, Mondays from 9am-12pm for appointments. He can be reached for conversation or to set up a time to connect at: (845) 546-7106

### **SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE RECORDINGS**

Recordings of Sunday sermon can be found on the website.

### **WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

Each week, a service newsletter gets emailed on Friday or Saturday. It includes information about Sunday's service and information about upcoming events. If you would like to receive it, please see Cynthia Canaday or contact us through the website.

## **OFFERINGS**

The plates at the front of the sanctuary are for financial offerings on Sunday. The smooth running of the church and our outreach into the community depends on the financial offerings of the church family alone with the building use income we receive. We appreciate your contributions. Donations can also be mailed in or given through the website or by using the QR code here.



## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Church is rarely cancelled due to wintery weather. If we are advised to stay off the roads, or there is a severe storm or one is imminent, we will cancel service. If we need to cancel, there will be a message on the church answering machine and on the website by 10am-so be sure to call or check the website before heading out into uncertain weather.

## **WEBSITE**

Visit the church website at [arlingtonreformedchurch.org](http://arlingtonreformedchurch.org) for information about the church schedules/ministries.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE PRAYER OR A HOME VISIT?**

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

## **WORSHIP SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

In addition to our regular 11am Sunday worship service, and the 5:30pm Wednesday evening Salt of the Earth ‘Sermon and Supper’ ministry we partner with, we schedule seasonal and special ministries like holiday breakfasts, dinners or pancake breakfasts, brunches, outings, music services, etc. We also participate in community events like the Arlington Street Fair and Holiday Festival to build relationships and friendships in and with our neighborhood. Pastor Frank will host a “Coffee and Conversation” at Panera’s on Mondays in January. Here is what is coming up:

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### DECEMBER

- 03** 11am-4pm 8th Arlington Holiday Festival/  
Parade "Kids! Heart and Soul Cocoa Nog!  
Gift Basket Sales
- 04** 11am Sunday Worship w/Annual Christmas Banquet
- 07** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 11** 11am Sunday Worship and Snack Fellowship
- 14** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 18** 11am Worship Service with Snack Fellowship
- 21** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 24** 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- 25** 11am Carol and Scripture Service



### JANUARY

- 01** 11am Ring in the New Year! Sunday Communion  
Worship Service followed by our 'Lunch and Leisure'  
Fellowship.
- 02** 9am Mondays at Panera's w/Pastor Frank for Coffee  
and Conversation
- 04** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 08** 11am Sunday Worship and Snack Fellowship-
- 09** 9am Mondays at Panera's w/Pastor Frank for Coffee  
and Conversation
- 11** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 15** 11am Worship Service with Snack Fellowship-  
National Bagel Day!
- 16** 9am Mondays at Panera's w/Pastor Frank for Coffee  
and Conversation
- 18** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 22** 11am Worship Service with Snack Fellowship
- 23** 9am Mondays at Panera's w/Pastor Frank for Coffee  
and Conversation
- 25** 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper

- 29** 11am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Praise and Testimony! Service-  
National Corn Chip Day!
- 30** 9am Mondays at Panera's w/Pastor Frank for Coffee  
and Conversation

## **ARLINGTONVILLE CHILDREN**

### **ARLINGTON FIRST STEPS: INFANT THROUGH AGED 5**

Here we will sing, play, and learn more how God made us, loves us and wants to be our friend forever. The children aged 5 and younger are attended to in the nursery room with loving volunteers who care for them during this time of ministry from 11am-12pm on Sunday. Josie Sahawneh is our nursery coordinator, and the little ones love their time with her on Sundays.

### **ARLINGTON KIDS: AGED 5 THROUGH 11**

In Arlington Kids class, kids are engaged in learning that will help them make wiser choices, build stronger relationships, and develop a deeper authentic faith.

Arlington Kids is for children from aged 5 through 11. We use Sermons4Kids curriculum to teach the kids a full Bible lesson each week. With Sermons4Kids, the kids are taught with object lessons, children's activities, Bible coloring pages, games, and crafts. Different materials are provided during class for each age group in attendance.

The kids watch animated Bible lesson videos, are given beautiful handouts, and are provided daily discussion questions to give their parents.



## WINTER OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Since the pandemic and inflation, many individuals and families in our community are having financial difficulties-it's hard to buy food. People become homeless for a variety of reasons. Most of which stems from circumstances that are beyond their control. All people need our understanding, compassion, and help. Here are ways we can all help.

### Canned and Boxed Food Donations

When collecting foods for the local food pantry we keep in mind the homeless by realizing that they don't have anywhere to cook-so donating food items that are ready-to-eat is helpful. We collect boxed and canned foods each week and deliver them to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry. Please remember, if bringing box or canned food from your home cabinets they must be unopened and not expired.



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| peanut butter                                     | jelly        |
| crackers and biscuits                             | boxed cereal |
| instant coffee packets or jars                    | dried fruits |
| granola bars and breakfast bars                   | cup noodles  |
| box instant oatmeal packets                       |              |
| canned vegetables, soups and stews (pop top lids) |              |

### Water Bottles

Each month we purchase individual water bottles for Dutchess Outreach for their "Meals to Go" program. Dutchess Outreach serves about 300 Meals to Go each day to the food insecure in our community. Financial Contributions to this ministry are greatly appreciated.

### Bread Ministry

Each week we deliver donated bread and pastries from Freihofer's to Dutchess Outreach's soup kitchen and to Hudson River Housing Homeless Shelters. A loaf of bread or

two really helps a family's food budget and the soup kitchen uses the bread and pastries toward the 300+ meals they make daily.

### **Deacons Fund**

The Deacons' Fund exists to support members of our congregation or community who have temporary financial needs such as rent, groceries, medical bills, counseling, and other challenges. Giving regularly to The Deacon Fund blesses and helps others at times when they could use help and the care of knowing they are not alone.

### **WINTER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1) Do you play an instrument? Can you sing? We are putting together solos, duets and groups for adults, youth, and children to sing at our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. See Jerry or Cynthia Canaday.



- 2) Are you handy with hand tools, making repairs, painting, and general maintenance? This building always has needs for YOU! See Jerry Canaday.



- 3) Do you like to greet your church family and guests? Are you able to be to church early and be ready to say hello and hand out a bulletin? See Cynthia Canaday.



- 4) Can you cook for large groups? Bake? Do you like to serve others? The holidays have needs for you! See Cynthia!

