

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. At that time, the Arlington area of Poughkeepsie was a "cow pasture" and a growing suburb of Poughkeepsie. To meet the spiritual needs of the new community a small group began evening meetings in a private home. The Rev. Addison C. Bird was called to be the founding pastor. The area around the church was residential, most people walked to church on Sunday.

Over the years the Arlington area of Poughkeepsie became much more commercial with a growing business district. The church has existed through tough times in

the difficulties of the world, the community, and even through its own transitions.

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 1st Sunday of each month.

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

The leadership is called the Consistory(board). The Consistory through the end of the year is:

CONSISTORY

Cynthia Canaday 845-546-1634
Dawn Kostenko 845-546-6093
Ann Veeder 845-546-3286
Jerry Canaday 845-444-0477
Shahla Tariq 845-224-1726

We welcome your questions or suggestions. Consistory Meeting minutes and reports are available in the office

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

WORSHIP SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to our regular 11am Sunday worship service, 9am Tuesday morning 8 weeks Bible studies, 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. Our schedule of services and special events through the end of the year 2022:

NOVEMBER

- 01 9am Study-Video Topics from The Bible Project
- 02 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 06 11am Membership Sunday with the Lord’s Supper and Fellowship Lunch
- 08 9am Study-Video Topics from The Bible Project
- 09 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 12 9am ARC Community Pancake Breakfast

- 13 11am Worship Service with Snack Fellowship
- 15 9am Study-Video Topics from The Bible Project
- 16 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 20 11am Worship Service and Congregation Meeting/Snack Fellowship
- 21 9am Study-Video Topics from The Bible Project
- 23 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper
- 27 11am Worship Service with Snack Fellowship
- 30 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper

DECEMBER

- 03 11am-4pm 8th Arlington Holiday Festival/ Parade
“Kids! Heart and Soul Cocoa Nog! Gift Basket Fundraiser
- 04 11am Sunday Worship with the Lord’s Supper and ARC 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
- 28 5:30pm Salt of the Earth Sermon and Supper

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Food Insecurity and Homelessness

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. These people need our understanding, compassion, and help.

A little help can go a long way! You can volunteer in homeless shelters or soup kitchens. Or donate to charities that are helping the homeless. Here are ways we at the Arlington Reformed Church can all help.

Canned and Boxed Food Donations

When collecting foods for the local food pantry we can 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. At Arlington Reformed Church we collect boxed and canned foods each week and deliver them to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry. When buying donated foods, you can look for sales. 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 soups and stews (pop top lids are best) | |
| canned vegetables and fruits (pop top lids are best) | |

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.

School Supply Drive for A.S. May

We collect school supplies starting in August for a September

delivery to A S May Elementary for families that could use some help at the beginning of the school year with costs for school supplies. Thank you, church, for your generosity. The school gladly received your contributions.

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.

FALL/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!

