



## Arlington Reformed Church

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## The Lord Leads and Directs

In August, we began setting up snack bags and beverages on a table in the hallway so everyone can take a juice or water and an individually wrapped bag of chips or pretzels, etc., with them on their way out. Not back to snack fellowship after church, but a way to remind the church family that fellowshiping together is in our future.

We held our first social fellowship opportunity. After service a group from church went to DuBois Farm for some fresh produce and a lunch. We spread out at outdoor tables-socially distanced but able to talk to one another. It was really nice-a safe time of fellowship and the weather was perfect. Some apple picked, others bought stuff from the farm market...we got much needed exercise in the fresh air, too. We will go again on Oct.11<sup>th</sup>, meeting after church at 12:45pm...all are welcomed!



On September 6<sup>th</sup> we had our third communion with individual serve cups and wafers in a safe and sanitary way since reopening church at the end of June. We provided a hot dog or hamburger bag lunch to go Sunday after service as well. The bag lunch included a burger or a hot dog, with condiments, a bag of chips, some grapes, a bag of cookies and a bottle of water. Everything individual serve. Carrie Albertson grilled outside and as the congregation filed out they took a bag for themselves and maybe one to bring to someone else. It was a very well received Labor Day Weekend treat for the church...some who took their lunches to parks to safely gather with others and some took theirs home.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### [New York States Executive Order](#)

Phase Four Reopening allows worship services with 33% of our 245 capacity in (82 worshipers)

### Sunday Worship 11AM-12PM

We are now meeting at church for Sunday worship with Pastor Frank Gallo or Michael Ackerbauer, Ph.D. or one of our elders bringing the message.

Coming soon! An online livestream of our worship service from the church.

### Wednesday Phone Chat 7-8PM

There is a weekly phone chat scheduled each Wednesday. Here is how **anyone** can access the call to check in, discuss a scripture, pray together:

Dial: 1-929-436-2866  
Meeting ID#:616-565-565  
Meeting Password: 972760

### Website

There is regular updated information regarding COVID-19, community events and resources, and other church related information on our website: [arlingtonreformedchurch.org](http://arlingtonreformedchurch.org) including a prayer page, worship videos and messages, community resources. You can leave prayer requests there.



In September, we needed to have the sidewalk near the corner of Haight and Raymond repaired and replaced-and the large porch as well. It was a serious safety hazard. Seal coating the porch and walk happens this month. Trying to keep up on the maintenance of a big building, little by little!



## THANK YOU!

How can we thank God enough for you all! Your calls to each other, prayers, services, and faithfulness to give your offerings is keeping the church going during this time. You are all amazing and appreciated.

## **A TYPICAL SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **GATHER AND DRAW NEAR**

#### **Preservice Gathering Music**

*As we arrive, music is playing that encourages us to turn our hearts toward worship*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

*We share ministry focused information and upcoming fellowship opportunities*

#### **Prelude**

*We enter into a holy space by quieting ourselves, listening and preparing for worship*

#### **Opening Prayer**

*We acknowledge God's presence and ask for His guidance as we begin our worship together*

#### **Call to Worship *from* Psalms**

*We acknowledge that God himself calls us to worship him, and that we are gathered in his presence.*

#### **Song of Adoration**

*We sing a song that extols God's grace and truth and encourage our love and faith. A time to prepare our hearts and make ourselves fully present to God.*

#### **Call to Silent Prayer and Confession**

*God's holiness exposes our corporate and individual sins; God's kindness enjoins our honest and willing confession of them.*

#### **Assurance of God's Love *from* Scripture**

*God declares from his Word and through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are forgiven and live in grace.*

#### **Song of Praise**

*We sing a song that praises and glorifies God. We continue to prepare & make ourselves fully present to God.*

#### **Prayers of the People w/The Lord's Prayer**

*We intercede before God on behalf of our church, our families, neighborhood, town, state, country and the nations. And say the Lord's Prayer together.*

#### **Scripture Reading *from* the Old Testament**

*We hear truth through God's Word from the Old Testament-God's first special revelation-which set a foundation for the fulfillment we find in Jesus in the New Testament.*

#### **Song of Approach**

*As we near the preaching of God's Word, we offer ourselves in song with a commitment to have open hearts to hear the Word, or offer a declaration of our faith and continued praise to God*

#### **Peace Greeting**

*We remind each other of the peace given to us in Christ, that by being reconciled to God our Father, we are reconciled to one another as brothers and sisters.*

### **GOD'S WORD**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

*We invoke the Holy Spirit to illuminate and apply God's Word to our hearts in the reading and preaching of Scripture.*

#### **Scripture Reading and Sermon**

*God addresses his people through the reading and preaching of his Word to edify believers and exhort unbelievers to make sense of, much of, and use of, the good news of Jesus Christ.*

#### **Prayer for the Hearers**

*We ask God to grant us wisdom that we may apply what we have learned to every situation as he leads us.*

### **RESPOND**

#### **Parting Song**

*We conclude our worship with a song that reinforces what we've learned, expresses some new commitment that we have made, or offer God praise and thanks for his grace.*

#### **Sending Benediction**

*The members of the body of Christ are sent into the world with God's blessing to love God, one another, and share the love of Christ with others.*

#### **Sending Music**

*A piece of music to conclude our service as we head out*

## PRAYER NEEDS

- Those at home with ongoing health issue: Karen Rugar, Chet & MaryLou Graves, Hugo Becker, Edith Tomlins, Marcia Morse, Wendy Bohlinger, Cissy Kenyon, Nettie Farrier
- In nursing care with failing health: Eleanor MacIsaac, Pastor Ben LeFevre
- On hospice care: Pastor Derek Duncan
- For our college students: Kara Lu, Lexi Johnson, Matt Sahawaeh and Briley Corbin
- For Cissy and Steve Kenyon after the loss of Cissy's mom. A Memorial Service is being planned.
- Our Classis and the Reformed Church in America
- The Arlington Reformed Church: its people, services, ministries, outreaches
- Our local government officials, national leaders

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**Condolence:** To Cissy and Steve Kenyon on the passing of her mother, Vivian Heller. A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM at the Arlington Reformed Church. Cards of condolence can be sent to: Cissy and Steve Kenyon, 54 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**Sunday Worship:** Pastor Michael Ackerbauer, Ph.D., and Pastor Frank Gallo continue to preach on Sundays at Arlington. They are committed to serving in their ministry to us.

Pastors Michael and Frank are dialoging with consistory about helping with Bible studies and outreach in the winter months ahead. We are continually amazed at their kindness and work with us each week. Praise God!



*Pastor Michael Ackerbauer, Ph.D.*

**THANK YOU!-A S May School Supply Drive:** As a church family, we have an A S May Elementary School Supply Drive each fall. Everything collected goes directly to the A S May Elementary School, part of the Arlington School District. We raised enough to buy \$450 worth of school supplies-thank you for your generosity and care. The students and staff of A S May Elementary are so grateful.

## TAG SALES SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

To help raise funds for the church, Josie and Matt Sahawaeh will sell any items you donate at Tag Sales out of the garage most Fridays and Saturdays in September and October, 9AM-4PM. Please see Josie if you have anything to donate. Stop by and shop, tell your friends. Mask wearing, hand sanitizing and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to.



## DUTCHESS OUTREACH

Each month, we provide individual water bottles to Dutchess Outreach for their "Meals to Go" lunch and dinner programs. If you can donate toward this monthly ministry, please use an offering envelope or mail in your donation labeled "Meals to Go."



"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." (Galatians 6:10)

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.** (Romans 15:13)