



From Albany Presbytery

An invitation to see God in our midst from Diana Hinchcliff at Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church:

This week, on August 11 and 12, will be the best time to watch the spectacular Perseid meteor shower--God's handiwork. These fireballs will be bright, fast, with a long trailing tail and there will be a lot of them, some 50-100 per hour. The showers are best viewed in the pre-dawn but they may start as early as 10pm. All we need do is find a dark place outside, away from street lights, look up, and wait. And while we're waiting, take a deep breath and a brief respite from everything demanding our attention: the news, family issues, kids getting ready to go back to school, caring for loved ones, and Covid--again. As sure as there are stars and meteors in the heavens, we can find one or two things to be thankful for and hopeful about even in the tumult of this world and our daily lives. Enjoy the show!

August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship in person and online 10 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship in person and online 10 am	9	10 Earth Care Task Force 7:30 ZOOM	11	12 Summer Gathering at Henry Hudson Park Noon	13	14
15 Worship in person and online 10 am	16	17 Session Meeting 7 pm on Zoom	18	19	20	21
22 Worship in person and online 10 am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship in person and online 10 am	30	31				

Sundays: 10 a.m. worship followed by Zoom and in-person fellowship
 Mondays: 10 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Seniors Who Care Host Picnic for Ladies and Gents



Women and Men are invited to a summer gathering at the Henry Hudson Park by the Hudson River in Bethlehem.
Date: Thursday, August 12th - rain date August 19th
 Time: Noon

Please RSVP to: Pam Taft (518-439-9281) pamtaft73@gmail.com and let Pam know if you need a ride.

Please bring: A bag lunch (Dessert and beverages will be provided) and folding chair/s if convenient for you to carry.

Take Wemple Road to Rt 144 South. Turn left on Barent Winne Rd which will become Lyons Rd as it proceeds south along the river. Look for us at the far end.

CORE MINISTRY

Core Ministry focuses on spiritual growth through worship and faith formation opportunities for people at all ages and stages of their journey with Christ.

Elders assigned: Ravi Bolleddu, Tricia Hertz, Nina Nichols

Remember to notify the office if you plan to attend in-person worship.

Reminder for Worship - We are still open to in-person worship!

Please continue to wear masks correctly during worship.

Also, we are continuing with just "singing" the hymns in your mind (as hard as that is!).

Thank you for continuing to be safe for all of us!

Covid Task Force

CARE MINISTRY

Care Ministry is focused on effectively demonstrating and communicating DPC's core values within our church and out in our community. Being advocates and support for our neighbors near and far through social events, awareness activities, and relief efforts.

Elders assigned: Nancy Braaten, Irene Harbison, Laura Scott

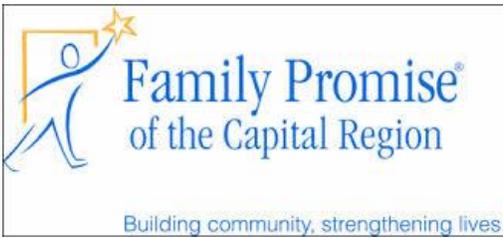
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7	Beth Walthall
8	James McGinn
9	Packy Carroll
13	Matt Lowry

18	Sarah Hamilton
19	Chris Lowry
22	Jean Somerville





Family Promise Update:

We are super busy this summer at Family Promise!

Housing

We are so pleased that Nurian, Jaky and Nixon have settled nicely into their home in Delmar and that Jaqueline has registered for classes at HVCC for this

fall. At almost the same time we were helping them move, we assisted two other families with securing apartments.

Meals

The meals delivered to the Day Center have been very much appreciated! When there are leftovers we always send them to one or more of our graduated families.

Rent Moratorium and Relief

We are very busy helping families with the NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program and anticipate more families needing help with housing as the rent moratorium ends in August.

Ice-Cream Social

Our ice-cream social was a lot of fun! It was wonderful seeing so many of our volunteers and families there. Each of our six graduates received \$1,100 for their future educational needs. We are so excited for them and their families! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund and/or attended the event!



Valley Cats

CDPHP has offered our volunteers and families tickets and food vouchers for the **Valley Cats game on August 27th** on a first come, first serve basis. Please email me if you are interested and the number of tickets needed. We have a large number of tickets. Thank you CDPHP!!

Household Supplies and Toiletries

Our supplies at the Day Center are running low. We distribute these items to our graduated families, families at risk of homeless and families who are in need. Donations can be left on the back deck of the Day Center.

Food Pantries

We are still filling two micro pantries in West Hill with non-perishable food twice weekly. You are welcome to donate food items which we will deliver to the pantries. Suggested Items: Rice, peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, tuna, cooking oil, rice products, boxed Mac and Cheese are very popular items but please feel free to donate any food that is non-perishable and doesn't require refrigeration.



Update from PAZAPA

Helping children with special needs in Haiti since 1987

The assassination last month of President Moïse, and the social unrest that has followed, have us particularly worried about the fate of the Republic of Haiti. For now, all is mostly quiet in the city of Jacmel where Pazapa operates. Port au Prince, the capital and center of the current political upheaval, lies fifty miles away over a twisting mountain road.

Pazapa's Executive Director, Marika MacRae, tells us that "Jacmel remains calm. People are venturing outside and going to work today" while she and the school staff are "praying for Peace."

In the more than thirty-five years since Pazapa's founding, the Haitian people have experienced one misfortune after another: coups d'état, hurricanes and of course the 2010 earthquake, from which the damage is still evident almost everywhere you look. Through it all, Pazapa has delivered vital, life-changing services to Haiti's most vulnerable population.

Here we show Pazapa staff member Elise Pierre providing on-going Early Intervention Therapy to Yniacio Baptiste, who is paraplegic.

Pazapa offers special education, medical and therapeutic care to children who are developmentally, physically and/or hearing-disabled. We conduct rural outreach in the communities surrounding Jacmel to bring about greater awareness of our programs and address myths and misconceptions. And we advocate - through both formal and informal channels - on behalf Haiti's disabled



population. That this work has been achieved through multiple cycles of misfortune over the decades is, above all, a tribute to the character and dedication of our staff of teachers, health aides and administrators. Thanks to your help, Pazapa perseveres.

Yours truly,
Charles Scholes, PhD
Board President, The Siloé Project/PAZAPA

Thank You Letters to DPC

Dear DPC,

For 79 years, the Capital Area Council of Churches has forged the ecumenical bonds among Christian denominations. Those efforts resulted in establishing a variety of programs over the years. Among these, the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, and food pantries in the Albany area. Currently, CACC administers or supports the following programs.

- Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter
- CROP Walk Albany
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Interfaith Celebration and Scholarship
- Cornerstone Campus Ministry at UAlbany
- Ecumenical Witness of Baptism Program
- Interfaith Prayer Room at Albany International Airport
- One Person, One Vote #2020Census Campaign

Many congregations and individuals support these programs throughout the year, both financially and through volunteer efforts. That support is appreciated. And for those programs to exist, there is an administrative element that also needs to be supported financially.

As a member congregation, we ask that you consider supporting CACC administration financially through a donation in 2020 or adding a donation to your 2021 budget. That support will assure that the Capital Area Council of Churches remains a strong ecumenical voice in the Capital Region.

Thank you for your financial support.

Sincerely,

Margaret Danes, President

Bruce B. France, Executive Director

Dear DPC,

With the summer season upon us, it is inspiring to see what grows when we work together. We are sincerely grateful for your contribution to Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Annual Campaign. Contributions such as yours help us:

- permanently protect a growing amount of historic and environmentally significant lands, which currently total more than 12,500 acres;
- enhance access to the land through our 20 preserves located throughout the tri-county region and by partnering with the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail;
- maintain and improve our trails and preserves so that visitors enjoy their time in nature;
- host events that keep us together, even at a distance. These include programs encouraging art in nature, health and wellness, and recreation.

As we faced a global pandemic, our mission became even more critical and we collectively turned to the outdoors. It served as both a respite from isolation and a means to be together safely. Together, we made a difference in protecting these vital open spaces. We thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, Mark King, Executive Director