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110 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207 Zimmerman Hall

> Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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The First Church in Albany is committed to the city and people of Albany NY.

This feeding ministry is part of our commitment.

Pantry Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9am - 11:30am

The pantry entrance is on Orange St.

518-463-4449

www.firstchurchinalbany.org

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May 1st Crop Walk Results—CORRECTION

The CROP Walk information in this week's Eblast was incorrect. The \$467 reported as what we received, was in fact how much the FCIA Pantry Pacers collected. We will learn in the fall what amount will be received by our pantry. Sorry for the confusion. Still something to celebrate. Way to go Pacers!

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The First Church in Albany (Reformed Church in America)

Founded in 1642; Continuing in Ministry Today

In response to God's unconditional love for all people made known to us in Jesus Christ, we are called to be a welcoming and affirming community. The First Church in Albany includes young and old, families, couples and singles, rich and poor, persons of various races, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identities, differing physical and mental abilities, believers and seekers. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where we are loved.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 24, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

"Voluntary" "Partita on SLANTE" Iteke Prins, keyboardist

Burns arr. C. Callahan

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 138

Leader: Friends, why do we gather to worship the Triune God?

People: To give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts!

Leader: For when we call upon you Lord,

People: you answer, and increase our strength of soul.

Leader: Though the Lord is high and rules over all the earth,

People: God is mindful of us.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God whose steadfast love endures forever!



These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you command us to visit the prisoner, and treat them as if they were you. Forgive us for "other-ing" those who have been incarcerated, and forgive us as a society for making incarceration the "solution" to problems it could never fix. Forgive all of us for our sins, and send your Spirit to remind us that we are made for freedom and no one is beyond God.

Assurance of Pardon from Luke 4:14-19

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus read these verses from the scroll of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." May we also proclaim and live out these words; for when we do, we will more fully know Christ's peace.

*Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn or hand-sign of peace.



Prayer for Illumination

Like the light that shone into the cell where Peter laid, may you illuminate the text for us today, so that we might, too, prepare for freedom. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Sermon Text

Acts 12:4-11

When King Herod had seized Peter, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.

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Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then the angel said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

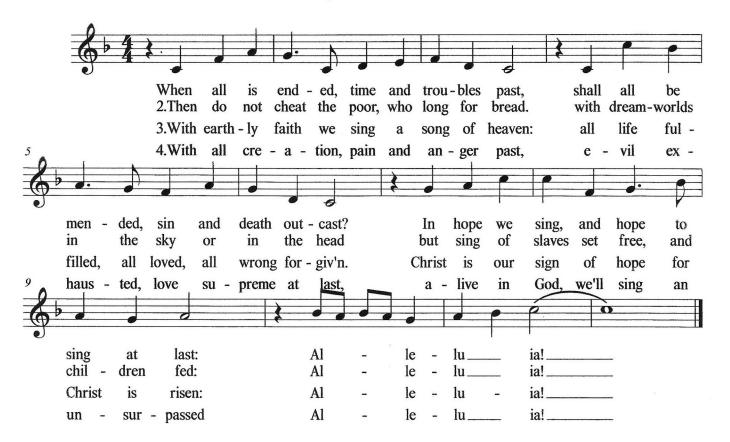
Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Prepare for Freedom for No one is Beyond God

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response & Offering

When All Is Ended, Time and Troubles Past



Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

"ENGELBERG" Iteke Prins, keyboardist arr. G. Young.

CCLI License #463379; One License #A-700689

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak Liturgist: Cameron Carley Keyboardist: Iteke Prins Vocalist(s): Susan Fedak

Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

Thank you for worshiping with us today! You all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull



WHAT TO DONATE

HOW TO DONATE

Backpacks

Pencils

Erasers

Pens - black/blue/red

Crayons

Markers

Highlighters

Folders

Binders

Notebooks - wide/college ruled

Composition books

Pencil bags/boxes

Scissors

Glue sticks

Rulers

Dry erase markers

And more!

DONATION DROP OFF:

FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry

(Emmanuel Baptist Church)

July 18th - August 19th Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 12:30pm

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Checks:

make checks payable to "FOCUS Churches"

Online:

focuschurches.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION / QUESTIONS CONTACT:

JAMES BLOUNT AT (518) 443-0460 EXT. 3



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Zoom 2 Study noon	3 ** AA	A Night 4 of Worship 7pm	5	6
⋆ 7 Combined FOCUS	* 8	Zoom Study noon Leadership Mtg	10 * AA	11	12	13
14	* 15	Zoom 16 Study noon Consistory Mtg	17 Blood Drive	18	19	20
21	* 22	Zoom 23 Study noon Primary Voting Day	24 ***	25	26	27
28	* 29	Zoom 30 Study noon	31 *			
*FOCUS Service at Delmar Ref.						

Key:











Pantry 9am

Centering

Drive In Prayer 12pm Worship 10am

Lemonade Lull

Hot Dog Thursday

Prayer Concerns

- Ronald Stockhoff
- John David Shoemaker, Beth Davis' brother
- Deb Anderson
- Joanne Farrell and John Patterson
- Ray Van Epps
- Beverly, sister-friend of Clarice Milliken
- Edie Leet
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Norma McClement
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Samuel, son of Barb Andrews
- The family of Danielle as they mourn her

- passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- Carol LaBatte
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Fran Carr Morton
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- Prayers for this burden of gun violence and its aftermath. We pray that cooler heads will prevail in discussions and decisions, for management of the situation.
- An end to the war in Ukraine

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org



Each Thursday this Summer 11:30am—12:30pm in Clee Park

Volunteers Needed Contact the office or use online link in Wednesday's EBlast





SUNDAYS
IN CLEE PARK
FOLLOWING THE
DRIVE-IN SERVICE

Enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

If you are interested in hosting a future Lull, please contact the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.



WHERE READING IS MAGIC

Yes, summer has just started No,

it isn't too early to think about the Fall.

When school begins again, elementary-age students in Albany's South End could use your help.

The Wizard's Wardrobe, that does one-on-one tutoring, will be holding its initial 13-hour Fall Tutor Training on the Saturdays of September 17th and 24th.

Learn about the impact that poverty and systemic racism have on young students.

Become prepared to strengthen their ability to read and support them with your relationship of caring. For more information, click the button below or speak with Program Director Debbie Fagans at (518) 776-0664.

Also, the Wizard's Wardrobe is looking to hire a Chief Operating Officer. The job description for this full-time job can be found on the their website. A passion for leveling the educational playing field is needed. Pay will be commensurate with experience and skills. For more information, contact Eric Fagans at (518) 776-0664.

This Week at the First Church in Albany





Sunday	7.24	10am	Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom
Monday	7.25	9am	Food Pantry
Tuesday	7.26	12pm	Adult Scripture Study
Wednesday	7.27	9am	Food Pantry
		12pm	AA Meeting
		12pm	Centering Prayer
Thursday	7.28	11:30am	Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park
	Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Monday 7.25 Tuesday 7.26 Wednesday 7.27	Monday 7.25 9am Tuesday 7.26 12pm Wednesday 7.27 9am 12pm 12pm

Upcoming Events

•	Sunday	8.7	10am	FOCUS Joint Service at Delmar
				Reformed
•	Wednesday	8.17	12pm-5pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
•	Tuesday	8.23	6am—9pm	Primary Voting Day

Meeting Schedules are subject to change. Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.

GROUP & MINISTRY LEADERS, SEND US YOUR

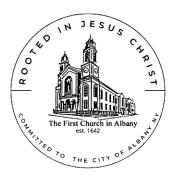
CALENDAR UPDATES

ONE-TIME EVENTS
OR RECURRING MEETINGS

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