

Prayers, Joys & Concerns

Thanks to share: Virginia Giguere would like to thank everyone for the cards and condolences for the passing of her brother Jason.

- For Carol Lewis and family, as they mourn the passing of Carol's husband David. Carol is Ray Van Epps' sister.
- For Shirley Mockel, good friend of Marilyn Bradley, with health concerns.
- Kathleen Claydon
- Doug Plummer, friend of the Bradley family, as he begins treatment for health concerns
- Becky Gardner
- Virginia Giguere and family as they mourn the passing of her brother Jason Miller in June.
- Sam, son of Barb and Dave Andrews, recovering from surgery
- Carol LaBatte
- Sharnelle Jones
- Joeanna Brown
- Norma McClement
- Norma Jean Ballou
- For Sara Bonam-Welge and family
- Deborah Paris, daughter of Betty Pierce
- Sam, cousin of Barb Andrews
- For Barb and Dave Andrews as they take on the role of caretakers
- Ken Lucas, friend of Philip Labatte
- Kokese Ballou
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- Ruth and Josue Torres
- For Jim, Rose Hunsberger's father
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley-Suess, for strength
- Harold Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For the victims of Hurricane Idalia that struck Florida this week
- For our Maui Family (Ohana) as they recover from the recent wildfires.
- Prayers for all areas of conflict across the globe. May we all remember to lead with love.
- For an end to gun violence here in Albany, in the U.S., and around the world.

If you have a concern or joy you would like to share with our church family, email or call the office.

office@firstchurchinalbany.org

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH IS LABOR DAY

LABOR DAY

The Pantry and the Office
will be **CLOSED** to observe the holiday

The pantry will be open Wednesday, September 6th.



the prayer shawl ministry

at The First Church in Albany

The Prayer Shawl Ministry traditionally meets once a month in the Powell Room. We knit or crochet our shawls while we check in on one another. Then we discuss who might need a shawl.

We invite you to an informational meeting on Monday, September 11 @ 4:30pm. New members are always welcome.



If you know of someone who would be blessed by a shawl, please tell Jean Lamere, Gertrude Dorn, Kathy Monthie, or Mary Weijola. You may also touch base with the office and your request will be forwarded to the ministry leaders.



2023 SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 FOCUS CHURCHES OF ALBANY Emmanuel Baptist	4  LABOR DAY! Office Closed	5	6  AA	7  A Night of Worship	8	9
10 	11 	12	13  AA	14	15	16 Joint Board Retreat
17 Final Drive-In of the Season 	18 	19	20  AA	21	22	23
24  	25 	26	27  AA	28	29	30

Key:

-  Drive In Worship 10am
-  Indoor Worship
-  Coffee Hour
-  Communion Sunday
-  Lemonade Lull
-  Pantry 9am
-  Centering Prayer 12pm





September 10, 2023



Backpack Blessing

Bethany Reformed Church of Albany & The First Church in Albany are partnering to make sure you start your school year out right. We want you to know that you are loved and that your church family will be praying for you!

Bring your backpack with you to church on **September 10th** and we will celebrate this new beginning and bless your backpacks with a brief, but joyous prayer!

(Adults, we would not leave you out.)

Bring your workbag, briefcase, hobby bag and such. We want to bless them too.

We will also give you a special tag for your bag so that each time you look at that tag, you will be reminded that you are part of the family of Jesus and we love you!



We will see you Sunday,
September 10 at 10am
at



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Join Us for This Week's Events

SUN 3

- 10am: FOCUS Worship at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany (also on Zoom), See our website for links to worship info.

MON 4

- LABOR DAY - Pantry and Office are closed in observance of the holiday

WED 6

- 9am: Food Pantry in temporary location
- Noon: Centering Prayer (Powell), AA Mtg (Parlor)

THU 7

- 6pm: Potluck in Parlor
- 7pm: A Night of Worship



Scan for
full event
calendar

Our last Drive-In Worship Service will be Sunday, September 17. Indoor worship resumes on September 24.



THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY



End of

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - FOCUS SUNDAY, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 4 - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- 17 - LAST DRIVE-IN SERVICE
- 24 - BACK TO **IN-DOOR SERVICE**, BLESSINGS OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

REMINDER: THIS IS JUST THE CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND EVENTS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS.



SUMMER 2023





FALL TUTOR TRAINING

Our first two-day training will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 23. Each day is 8:45am to 3:30pm.

- Day one concentrates on how racism and poverty affect our students.
- Day Two looks at brain development, ACEs, the 5 components of reading, writing, and lesson planning.

For more information, email info@wizardwardrobe.org.
Attendance at the training is required for tutoring.
Other trainings: Nov. 11 & 18: Jan. 13 & 20



If you'd like to volunteer as a tutor click on the application below and email it to info@wizardwardrobe.org or mail it to P.O. Box 61, Albany, NY 12201.

We also need: Driver for a 12-person van for Wizard's Wardrobe

The Wizard's Wardrobe transports students from Albany School of Humanities twice a week after school for tutoring. We need a person who would be willing to do this. No special license is needed but proof of a regular driver's license and car insurance is. S/he will also need to undergo a background check. Which two days is to be determined. The time involved is approximately 3 hours a week. For more information, please contact info@wizardwardrobe.org.



An invitation from **THE CAPITAL REGION INTERFAITH CREATION CARE COALITION**

Join the Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care Coalition (www.capitalcreationcare.org) at our next meeting on September 18 at 7 PM by Zoom.

Our speakers will be Joan Howard from Home Earth Alliance and Sheree Cammer and the topic is "Life is good! Regenerative practices and EcoLandscaping."



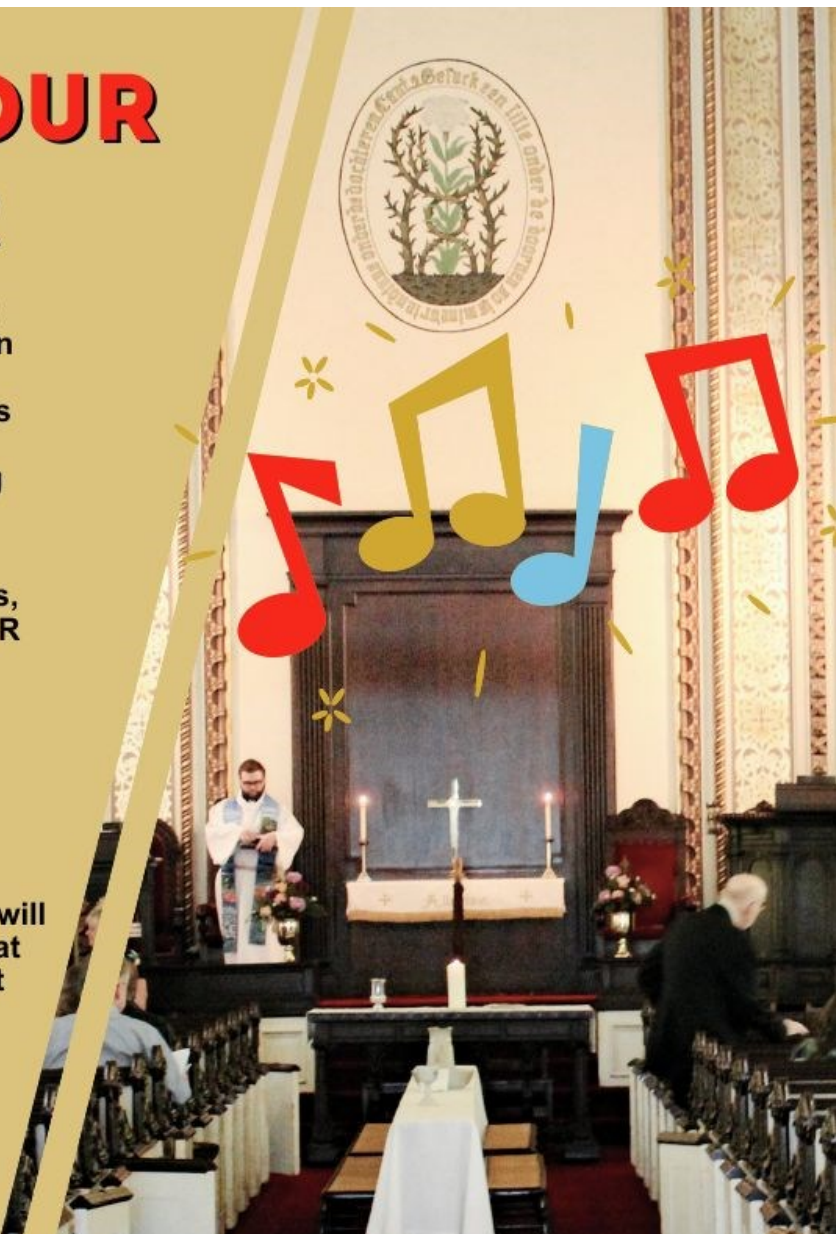
JOIN OUR CHOIR

It is the beginning of a “New Year”, at least in the school calendar. So also in the Church we begin a new “program year”. So we begin to learn new things too. No one is never to old to learn something new.

How about learning how to sing? Our present choir is very small in numbers, and we’d be so much better with YOUR voice. No, you don’t have to be an “opera” star or a candidate for “American idol”. Each of you have a voice, and with that voice YOU can make music telling of God’s love.

The first Sunday we will sing is Oct 1, World Wide Communion Sunday. We will have two rehearsals Sept 14 and 21, at 6:30 pm. Won’t you join us and try out your voice!!

*Remember, it has been said,
“When you sing,
you pray twice”!*



THANKS FOR A GREAT SEASON!

Hot Dog
THURSDAY

We will be back next summer
See you then!



Watch for the announcement about
Soup in the Park starting in November!



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley
 invites men and women of all ages who have
 suffered the loss of a spouse or spousal
 relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to
 a

HEALING WEEKEND

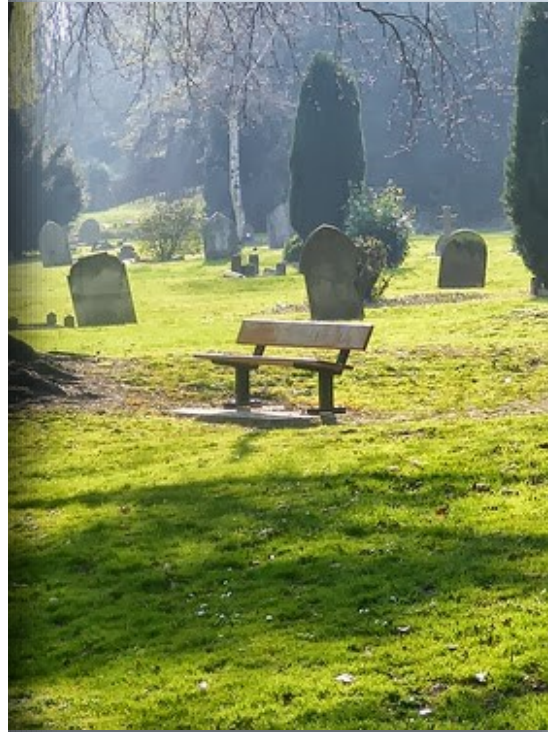
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 recovery from one of life's most traumatic
 experiences



St. Lawrence Retreat Center
Beacon, NY
October 20 to 22, 2023

Reservations required: Call Phyllis 914 261 5812 or
 Betty 973 903 3941

Email: beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com
 Website: www.beginningexperiencehv.org



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley
 invites men and women of all ages
 who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due
 to death, divorce, or separation to a
ONE-DAY REMOTE program



**In the Beginning...Coping with Life
 Alone**

Take the first step on the road to recovery from one of life's
 most traumatic experiences.



Saturday, September 23, 2023
9:00AM to 4:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Jim 845 220 7883
 or Denise 845 325 3147

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 Website: www.beginningexperiencehv.org