

**Sanctuary Trees:** In 1 Corinthians 13:13, Paul tells the people of Corinth that “three things will last forever – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love.” You are invited to take a crocheted heart from the Altar trees and remember how much God loves you! Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas from the Gregory Family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 9, 2018

### Activities this week

After Worship:	Cookie Walk
Sunday:	6:30 pm Blue Christmas Service
Monday:	7:00 pm Consistory
Tuesday:	9:00 am Bible Study
	11:00 am Balance Class
Wednesday:	12 noon Social Solos
Thursday:	9:30 am Badminton
	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday:	9:00 am Breakfast with Santa

**A Nursery** is available for toddlers and infants in Room 7 and is staffed by an experienced caregiver.

**Join us after worship** in Schadewald Hall for Fellowship and refreshments.

**Cookie Walk** is today; \$7.00 a pound.

**Thank you to** the Jordan Family and Herzog Supply for donating and decorating the tree and wreath on the outside of the Church and to Dave's Tree Service for hanging the wreath.

**Blue Christmas Service** is this evening at 6:30 PM. This service is for all who might be in a time of transition or grief or who continue to grieve during the holiday season where they might feel pressure to feel happy when that is furthest from their reality. All are welcome.

**Breakfast with Santa** happens in Schadewald Hall on Saturday, December 15 from 9 am 12 noon. Have your picture taken with Santa; each child will receive a small Christmas gift. Crafts for everyone. Prices are for ages 1-4: \$2.00; ages 5-12: \$5.00; for adult: \$10.00. To sign up call Ellen Richards at 331-0674.

**Congratulations to** the new members of and members who have changed position on Consistory: Elders: Douglas Constant and Sandra Emrich; Deacons: Russell Glass and David Kent. If anyone has reason why these persons should not be on Consistory, speak with Rev Bill.

**Thank you to** the members of Consistory who are finishing terms: Dennis Croswell; Barbara Kindt and Gregory Laib.

**Join us, after Christmas**, to celebrate the New Year together. It will be a **potluck lunch**, after church, on December 30th. As in the past, we will have dessert first, (during fellowship time), and then enjoy a potluck and a short "message in sharing" by Roberta Falatyn that you will find warm and engaging. Sign up in Schadewald Hall after church or call Pat Baker 331-2556. Sponsored by the Women's Ministries.

**2019 Envelopes** are available in Schadewald Hall. Classis dues are \$109.90 per person or \$9.16 per person per month.

**Mission of the month** is Family of Woodstock.

**Deacon of the month** is Sandra Emrich. Call Sandy at 845-687-4006 if you need a deacon's assistance.

**The Reformed Church is a connectional church.** Our classis includes 33 congregations in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We pray for the strength and vision of the pastors and the revitalization of their members. Today we pray for High Falls Community Church in High Falls, New York.

### Events at area churches:

- 12/9 Fool's Mass, Old Dutch Church
- 12/15 Breakfast with Santa, Hurley Reformed Church
- 12/23 Christmas Pageant, Hurley Reformed Church

**Seeing is believing**, but sometimes the most real things in the world are things we can't see . . . Chris Van Allsburg, *The Polar Express*