**Thank you to Rev. John Needham** for leading us in worship today.

**Welcome**! “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” We greet you in the words and spirit of the apostle Paul. We look forward to meeting you after the service, during coffee hour.

**Greeting** you today are Fred and Annmarie Kurtz. Ushers assisting in the service are Marilyn Lowe and Jim Pirro.

**Sanctuary Flowers** are placed by Ron and Shirley Burns in loving memory of their son, Gerald.

**There is a Nursery** for toddlers and infants in Room 7 and is staffed by an experienced caregiver. If your little one would rather play or needs a break, please feel free to have them join the fun in the nursey. The service is piped in and you are welcome to stay with your child.

**Join us in Schadewald Hall** after worship for fellowship with refreshments provided by Barbar Kindt and Linda Dido. We love**all**goodies –**homemade or store bought.** Please sign up for refreshments for fellowship hour. There is a signup sheet posted in Schadewald Hall.  **DATES ARE AVAILABLE.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR November 12, 2017**

**Activities this week:**

*After Worship: Women’s Guild*

*Monday: 7:00 pm Consistory*

*Tuesday: 11:00 am Balance for Life class*

*Wednesday: 7:00 pm Men’s Group*

*Thursday: 9:30 am Badminton*

 *7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal*

*Saturday: 9:00 am Soup Making*

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is November 19 after worship in Schadewald Hall. Please plan to attend.

**The Pecans have arrived!** And are ready for pick up. If you missed ordering we have extra pecans available. See Sandy Emrich.

**Operation Christmas Child** The shoeboxes are on the altar today. A list of those who created boxes is on the insert in this bulletin. Thank you Sandie Gregory for you dedication to this project!

**Thank you to everyone** who helped make the Election Day dinner a success.A special thank you to the Reservoir Inn for their gracious and generous donation of all the food for the dinner.

**Upper Room books** are in the Narthex.

**Movies with Meaning is postponed until January.** If you have a movie suggestion, please let Dorothy or Kathy know.

**Women’s Ministries’ Bible Study** is on hiatus until Spring.

**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 First Reformed Church of Fishkill, New York.

**Soup!!!!!** Soup will be on sale next Sunday. Talk to Sonnie or Dennis.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be** looking at the Psalms and we invite you to join us.  Bring your Bibles and take a journey with us and David at 7:30am.  Have some coffee and goodies and enjoy the time of fellowship with Rev. Stickley and the group. Love to see you there.....Rev.

**Spire Deadline is November 20.** If you have material for the December Spire please get it to Dorothy.

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**Deacon of the month** is Sandra Gregory. Call Sandie at 845-338-7626 if you need a deacon’s assistance.

**Social Solos** celebrate their one year anniversary this month! If you want to be part of this incredibly dynamic group, see Deb Zuill.

**Mission of the month:** October has flown by and we thank all of you for your generous contributions to help the unfortunate millions who have suffered from the natural disasters that have taken place.  November's mission will be "Doctors Without Borders."  This organization has volunteers throughout the world and is sorely needed.  God bless them.

**Minister Update:** Although the transition team/search committee continues their effort for a new “call” minister, it’s obvious that one will not be in place at the time of Rev. Gram's departure on October 31, nor is it likely that one will be available for the remainder of this calendar year. On the advice of Rev. Titus, the supervising minister assigned by Classis to assist us in our search, we will be employing pastoral supply (weekly substitute ministers) for the remainder of the calendar year. Consistory will reassess our pastoral needs at its December meeting based on the progress of the transition team and will provide ongoing updates. **The ministers preaching for November are as follows: November 19: Rev. John Needham; November 26: Rev. Charles Stickley. Ministers in December are December 3 and 10: Rev Nick Miles; December 17, 24 and 31 and Christmas Eve Services: Rev. Charles Stickley**. During this time frame without an onsite minister, Reverends Titus (Red Hook), and Van Houten (Fair St.) as well as Rev. Stickley have offered their services to provide pastoral care (home/nursing home/hospital visitations) or any other ministerial needs of our congregation. If you are in need of such care, please contact Dennis Croswell (331-5944), Dorothy at the church office (331-4121) or the Deacon of the month as listed in the weekly bulletin.

**Special Parsonage Renovation Fundraiser 2017:** As the transition team/search committee continues the process**\***  and in an effort to attract a new “call” minister, a number of renovation projects have been or will be undertaken at the parsonage. These projects include refinishing the living and dining room wood floors, replacement of flooring in the upstairs hallway, master bedroom, laundry and rear sun rooms, carpeting on stairs, re-pointing of all three chimneys, plumbing repairs, roof repair and painting. The total cost for these projects is estimated to exceed $10,000. In an effort not to deplete the Church’s saving account, we are initiating a special parsonage renovation fundraising program. We ask for your support in this endeavor by identifiyihg your donations as “Parsonage Renovation Project.” Thank you again for your generous support.

**\***we are hopeful that we will be able to update you shortly on this effort.