

Old Dutch Church Steeple Chimes

October 2017



From the Pastor's Study...

It was a project! A group of us from the Church were compelled to renovate the living room of the Washbourne House, a dwelling place for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Their lives have been torn by hurt and ugliness, and we were determined not only to invest in their safety, but also to create a home of comfort and beauty. It was a project! Walls and floors needed patching and painting, old, tattered furnishings needed replacing, new curtains, lighting, and artwork needed hanging. So Rob, Eddie, Dewi, Chester, and I, with staff and residents of the House, got to work designing and working to replace the old with the new. Sal donated many needful things. Other items were purchased. And slowly but surely, the transformation took place. That living room came alive with color and pattern and comfortable furnishings through this many-peopled labor of love.

If Old Dutch Church has a theme song, it is this: "All Are Welcome." The song begins with the words, "Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live." I am especially mindful this morning that we are engaged with God and one another in a quite massive building project. God is re-creating the world as God's household. God is gathering together people from all tribes and nations, people in all kinds of conditions with all kinds of experiences, to dwell in love and experience the beauty and safety, the peace and comfort of sharing life in God's household.

If this "building project" were only spiritual—if it were only about our souls and spirits, that part of us that is hard-wired for relationship with God—it would be a sufficiently large undertaking. It takes time and energy—regular engagement in the practices of worship, prayer, Scripture sharing, singing our faith, and celebrating the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper—to be "built up" spiritually. These practices deepen our communion with God and each other.

But you know that God's building project is also material. It encompasses not only our souls and spirits, but also our bodies, our physical lives. We need physical spaces in which to dwell. Our Sanctuary is one of those spaces. It is a place of immense beauty and it requires care. As you know, we are in process of raising funds to replace the Church's roof and repair the steeple tower. You will find a progress report in this Newsletter.

You will also find described here opportunities to offer your time, talents, and money to the spiritual and material building up of our neighbors. Through the practice of serving others, we are built up and grow in communion with God and our neighbors. It is God's project to re-create the world as God's household. It is a many-faceted and many-peopled undertaking. I invite to ponder anew how you will give yourself to God's labor of love!



Our New Sew Happy! Ministry

For years the women of the Old Dutch Church gathered to create beautiful crafts for sale in support of the mission and ministry of the Church. The gatherings also created a fellowship of love and service. Over time there were fewer women to engage in this ministry and sewing machines sat idle, lovely fabrics and other sewing notions were unused. Then Barbara



You Are Invited to a Sukkot Celebration Temple Emanuel, Kingston

What in the world is Sukkot? It is a week-long Jewish harvest festival in thanksgiving for the gift of God's bountiful creation. During the festival our Jewish brothers and sisters set up tents, prepare special foods, and invite all their neighbors to join them in giving thanks, feasting, and sharing fellowship. Celebrate God's bounty with the Temple Emanuel Congregation on Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. We are growing in friendship and shared mission with this Congregation. Tables will be filled with desserts. Will you join this celebration? If yes, let Pastor Renee know by e-mailing her: pastorrenee@olddutchchurch.org. Just put "Sukkot" in the subject line....or call Pat Hall at 338-6759. ++++++

Oliver, Lisa Dudley, and Anna-Marie O'Brien hatched an idea to resurrect this ministry in a new form. "Let's teach people how to sew," they said. So they launched. Many of you have contributed to this ministry by donating sewing machines and material and other things. **Every Thursday from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** they are teaching others how to sew—re-attach a button, fix a zipper, cut-out a pattern, create new clothes. Do you want to learn how to sew? Know someone else who does? Do you want to teach someone else how to sew? Join them on Thursdays for this hands-on fellowship of love and service.



CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 22, 2017

Since 1969, Church World Service has been sponsoring CROP Hunger Walks to raise funds to provide food and clean water to people around the world, and to empower communities to meet their own needs. CROP Walks change the world for good!

In 2016, the Kingston CROP Walk raised \$6,000.00 for local and global hunger relief. This year's Walk is happening on **Sunday, October 22, 2017**. Our Walk with other congregations and local agencies begins at **1:00 p.m. from the St. James United Methodist Church**. The Walk is only 1.5 miles. You can walk. You can support a walker with your money. You can do both! Sign-up sheets and information for walkers and sponsors will be available on Sunday, October 1. Sign-up to serve Christ and our neighbors!



RfA Celebration @ Old Dutch Church

Five years ago this past May the Old Dutch Church became a “Room for All” congregation. We agreed to live into the truth of God’s unconditional love and welcome by publicly declaring that we welcome and affirm the lives, the loves, the gifts, longings, and hopes of LGBTQ persons. This decision has changed our life together as a congregation, and as a witness to the larger community. Thanks be to God!

To mark and celebrate this anniversary we are holding a **one-day event on Saturday, November 4, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m. called “Transformed and Transforming: A Church’s Story of God’s Expansive Love.”** Our featured speaker for the day is Father Shannon T.L. Kearns, a Catholic Priest, founder of and chief contributor to “Queer

Theology”—a web-based community of learning and sharing for LGBTQ persons and allies. Also with us will be **Rev. Kenneth Walsh**, our former pastor who in the Spirit grasped the vision of Old Dutch as an open and affirming congregation, and with the Consistory (and Spirit!) labored to make it come true. The day will include worship, singing, and workshops; a time for telling and hearing the stories of how we and others have lived into and are still living into God’s love vision for us as individuals and congregations; and, of course, times to eat and drink together!

The celebration will continue in our worship service on Sunday, November 5, with Rev. Dr. Norman Kansfield preaching and all of us gathering at God’s welcoming Table to share the Lord’s Supper. A flyer with full details will be in your hands soon, but save the date now! Our thanks to **Preaching Elder Rob Sweeney** who with others labored to make us a “Room for All” Church, and who has done much of the work to make this celebration happen.



Offer Your Time, Your Gifts, Your Self

We need six people to serve in the **People’s Place Food Pantry**, one Monday per month, 4:30 -7:30 p.m. Can you help ? Let Pat Hall know: 338-6759; info@olddutchchurch.org. You can also join to sing, play bells, prepare coffee hour, help with bulletins and mailings, fight against racism, support immigrants, care for foster children.... Interested? See Pastor Renee.

Roof Project Update....!!!

Well...we are inching our way forward on the project to replace the Church roof and repair the steeple tower. We have received bids from several contractors which are being reviewed, and we anticipate moving forward this Fall, Lord willing and if all the pieces fall into place.



We have received grants, gifts, and pledges in the amount of \$472,000.00 toward our \$500,000.00 goal. Hallelujah for this! **We have yet to raise \$28,000.00.** We are planning two fund-raisers—a “Chili Cook-Off” and a benefit concert (stay tuned for details). And we have now opened the fund-raising campaign to friends and neighbors. **If you are able to make a gift to the Project,** it would be an enormous blessing to our ministry as we continue to gather in this lovely dwelling place to share in worship and ministry, and keep opening our doors to the people and the rich life of our larger community.

October Events at Old Dutch Church

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| Sunday, October 1, 10:30 a.m. | Worship, World-Wide Communion |
| Sunday, October 1, 12:00 p.m. | Consistory Meeting |
| Sunday, October 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m. | Youth Fusion @ Camp Taconic |
| Thursday, Oct. 5,12,19,26, 12:15 pm | Fine Arts Recitals |
| Friday-Sunday, October 6-8 | O+ Festival |
| Saturday, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7 p.m. | Historic Cemetery Tours |
| Friday-Sunday, October 13-15 | <i>Burning of Kingston</i> Week-end |
| Sunday, October 15, 12:00 p.m. | Elders Meeting |
| Friday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. | Dinner for Newcomers to ODC @ The Parsonage |
| Saturday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. | Movies with Spirit presents, “A Man Called Ove” |
| Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. | Healing Service @ ODC |



October Fine Arts Recitalists

- October 5, Bethany Pietroniro, who has been serving as our primary guest organist/pianist since summer, will be the artist.
- October 12, Pauline & Peter Mancuso, Flute & Piano.
- October 19, Jay Shulman, Cello, and David Smith, Piano
- October 26, Carl Gutowski, Flute, and Richard Udell, Guitar

Recitals are held each Thursday at 12:15 p.m.

Opportunities to Engage with Our Community in October

Warwick Days will take place at the Warwick Conference Center on Monday, October 2nd. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Contact the Center for info or registration - 845-986-1164.

Ulster County Office for the Aging announcements; please call OFA @ 845-340-3456 for info or to RSVP:
1) A free Caregiver Support Group will meet Mondays, 2 - 3:15 pm starting September 25 at Golden Hill Nursing Center. 2) Tai Chi for Arthritis will be offered Mondays & Wednesdays, 2-3 pm, starting October 2nd at Catholic Charities, 6 Adams Street. 3) The Annual Public Hearing to learn about available programs and services will be held at 10:30 am at the Esopus Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Port Ewen, on Tuesday, October 3rd. 4) The Annual Fall Medicare Enrollment Period extends from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7.

Congregation Emanuel, 243 Albany Ave, invites you to their Festival of Sukkot at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 6th, for Dessert in the Sukkah & a Sharing of Prayers for Peace. RSVP 338-4384x102.

O+ Festival, exchanging the art of medicine for the medicine of art, thereby empowering communities to take control of their collective well-being, will be held throughout the City of Kingston on the week-end of October 6-8. See www.Opositivefestival.org for a schedule of events.



Reformed Church Women of the Hudson Valley will hold their Fall Conference at the Fishkill Reformed Church, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, on Saturday, October 14th. Registration - 9:15, Breakfast - 9:30; cost is \$6. Following the breakfast, Sister Carol Perry will bring the message. The offering has been designated for Project Hospitality; non-perishable food items donated will go to the Fishkill Food Pantry. RSVP by October 9 to Liz Alexander, 845-297-7414, or mrsvquest@aol.com.

Living History Cemetery Tours will once again be offered in our cemetery at 7pm on Saturday evenings in October. Presented by Theatre on the Road, costumed re-enactors at select graves will offer a glimpse into the lives of the people who made Kingston possible. For information and tickets @ \$10 visit www.theatreontheroad.com. For reservations or questions, call 845-475-7973; you may also email at theatreontheroad@gmail.com. A special performance will accompany the *Burning of Kingston* re-enactment at 7:45 pm on **Friday**, October 13th.



The Burning of Kingston re-enactment will take place the week-end of October 13-15, again throughout the city. Scheduled events starting on Friday include The Story of the Burning of Kingston at 5:30 pm at the Senate House; the Procession of Lights from the Senate House through the Stockade to the Persen House at 6:30 pm; the Great Debate at the Persen House at 7 pm; Historic Cemetery Tour at Old Dutch Church at 7:45 pm. On Saturday, our Sanctuary and Museum will be open for visitors from 10 am - 4 pm. **(Volunteers are needed to greet visitors.)** Starting at 10:30 am, a "Revolutionary Express" Trolley Ride will be offered allowing a

close-range vantage for the British Landing at 11 am. The Storming of the Stockade and ensuing battle will begin at 2:45 pm and go past our front door while resident re-enactors flee the city. A Grand Ball is scheduled at City Hall at 7 pm that evening. Sunday's offerings will include a tour of the Military Camp and and a Drill Demonstration at 11 am, followed at 12:30 pm by the Battle of Upper Forsyth Park.

Opportunities, continued



The Kiwanis Club of Kingston will present their annual Kiwanis Kapers at J. Watson Bailey Middle School, Merilina Avenue, at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday evenings, October 19, 20, & 21. This year's show, written and directed by Steve Klein, is "Hairy Tales", loosely re-told and somewhat fractured fairy tales! Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained from any Kiwanis member (Pat Hall can hook you up!) or by emailing tickets@kiwaniskapers.com. Tickets may also be purchased online @ www.kingstonkiwanis.org. Proceeds to benefit the Kingston Kiwanis Scholarship & Youth Welfare Funds. Last year, Kingston Kiwanis gave 4000 hours in service to our community as well as more than \$40,000 in scholarships and donations for both children and adults.

A Man Called Ove, based on the book by Fredrik Backman, is the story of Ove, the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principles and a short fuse, who spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave. Ove has given up on life. After a boisterous young family moves in next door and accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox, an unlikely friendship forms. This award-winning film will be shown as part of the Movies with Spirit series on Saturday, October 21st at Old Dutch Church. Refreshments and a guided discussion will follow the 7 pm screening. Suggested donation is \$5.



Cub Scout Pack 103 will hold a Pancake Breakfast at St. James Methodist Church on Sunday, October 29. Speak to Dee Milczarzyk for info.

Where does the time go? This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! You are invited to the celebration at the Wallkill Reformed Church, 45 Bridge Street in Wallkill on Monday, October 30th as Rev. Eric Titus reflects on the history of the principle tenets of the Reformation also known as the Solae (or "only" statements). The evening is sponsored by the School for Christian Living and Serving. Please contact Desiree Albizu, Registrar, at albizu@gtel.net to RSVP.

Other offerings by the School for Christian Living and Serving are:

Systematic Theology: (Preaching Elder & Commissioned Pastor candidates, General Interest)

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Eric Titus

Dates: Weds., Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, & Nov. 1, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot St., New Paltz, NY 12561

Tuition: \$100

The Art of Caring Visits: (Elders & deacons, General Interest)

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Don Heringa

Date: Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot St., New Paltz, NY 12561

Tuition: \$15

PRAYER CORNER

Hospitalized - **Seth Allen, Austen Hearn** (20 mo. old nephew of Kim Hearn; with genetic defect), **Ah Tua Teo** (Deirdre Ourso), **Giada Pettengill** (local 16 mo. old with cancer), **Thelma Lucas** (Betty Williams)



Nursing Homes/Assisted Living - **Mary Markle, Audrey Hornbeck, Edna Atkins, Dorothea Clearwater, Maida Blankschen, Donald Bell, Aletha Takken** (Pastor Renee's mother), **Lizzy** (by Matt), **Esther Stickle** (rehab for broken hip)

At Home – **Joel Brink, Galen Kelly, Ed Ford, Howard Hopkins, Meghann Kelly, the Milczarzyk Family - Dee, Mary Ann, Anthony, Annie; Sylvia Van Etten, Tom Pape, Marion Ostrander, Liam Lezniak**(Matt Hall), **Hannah Little & family, John Fitzgerald**(Pat Hall), **Crystal**(Luci Windsong-Rain), **Lewis Oxendine**(Pat Hall), **Lynda Thaisz**(Pat Allen), **Ellen Fine**(Deirdre Ourso), **Linda Ferraro, Jennifer Potter** (Karen Van Kleeck's sister in NC), **Dave Hoffman**(Matt Hall), **Annabelle Staber, Michael Fisher** (Gene Hall), **Toni** (breast cancer; by Pat Hall), **Tom Moonan** (Anne Ingalsbe's nephew), **Peter Rosier** (son of Henk & Barbara), **Stephen Miles** (son of Pastors Nick & Linda), **Solon De Usoz** (Deirdre Ourso's nephew), **Robert Matheus** (Suzanne Halwick), **Patricia Martone** (Pat Hall)

(Names will remain on our At Home Prayer List for one month, unless otherwise requested)

Missionaries - **Rev. Aaro Rytkonen/Al Amana Center** (Oman), **Jim & Beth Harrison** (Bahrain)

Military Service - **James Bonestell** (son of Ken & Rebecca Rosier)

Church Life Committee of the Classis of Mid-Hudson encourages us to regularly pray for one another. In October we are asked to pray for RCA Missionaries, October 1; Shandaken Reformed, October 8; New Paltz Reformed, October 15; Port Ewen Reformed, October 22; RCA Colleges: Central, Hope, Northwestern, October 29.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Steve & Jane Hansell, Sarah Dernison, Elizabeth Wikane, and their family on the death of Steve's mother, Bonnie Hansell, in early June. Mrs. Hansell had been on our Prayer List for several weeks prior to her death.

Our prayers and sympathy go to Joel & Gisela Brink on the passing of their friend, Patricia Pick in mid-June. Ms. Pick has been in our prayer list for several years, since early in her diagnosis. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Betty Myers and family on the death of her brother-in-law in June.

Our prayers and sympathy also go out to Sue DiMuccio and their family on the death of her former husband, John DiMuccio, in July.

Our prayers and sympathy go to Rebecca Rosier and her family on the death of her brother, John Bonelli, in July.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Lula Nigkjonaj and her family on the death of her mother, Paska Nigkjonaj at the end of July. Mrs. Nigkjonaj's wake and funeral were held in the NYC area.

Our prayers and sympathy go to Dee Milczarzyk and her family on the death in early September of her uncle, Harry Van Wagenen.



We were saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Tom Danney in early August. Rev. Danney, who had retired from the ministry, is survived by wife, Marcia Westra, and their family.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Collette Sonnenberg on her death on September 11th. Collette had joined Old Dutch in 1955 and was also a long-time member of our Choir. She had also served several terms on Consistory and had the distinction of being the first female Elder on Consistory. Collette is survived by her sons, Craig, of Boston, and Marc, currently of Arizona. There will be calling hours at A. Carr & Son Funeral Home, Lucas Avenue, from 4 - 7 pm on Monday, September 18; a memorial service was held in our Sanctuary on Tuesday, September 19th.

We were also saddened to learn of the death recently of former member, Eleanor Shufelt. Eleanor and her late husband, Milt, had relocated to Arizona a number of years ago to be closer to their sons, Erik and Jeffrey, and daughter, Polly. Our prayers and sympathy go to the Shufelt Family.

A committal service for Bette Maxson was held on Wednesday, August 16th, in the Old Dutch cemetery. All who knew and loved Bette were invited to attend.



The lovely potted mums currently in the Sanctuary are from the wedding ceremony on September 23rd of Greta Mickey & Thomas McGowan. Our prayers and best wishes go to the couple.

Hannah Little would like to send wedding congratulations to her friends Fran Kole & John Morelli for their August 10th ceremony.

Congratulations go to Cris & Andrea Gatzke-Livecchi on the birth of a son, Simon Aurelius, on July 25th.



Congratulations and Welcome to *Janet Nunez*, the newest member of our Old Dutch Family. Also joining our church family through Infant Baptism on June 25th were *Stella Rose Lindsay*, daughter of Nicole Paone & Brian Lindsay, and *Naziel Infante*, son of Janet Nunez & Kenny Infante.

Healing Services resume - A Healing Service of Scripture, music, communal & Individual prayer with laying on of hands and anointing for those who desire it will be held in our Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7 pm. Come because you seek healing for yourself in body, mind, spirit or come because you desire to pray for those who long to be healed. Prayer shawls will be given.

Sacred Yarns Prayer Shawl Ministry meets during the Coffee Hour on the second Sunday, September - June. All those interested in knitting or crocheting, whether experienced or a novice, is invited. The Prayer Shawls become a part of our Healing Ministry once they are finished.

Food Donations for local food pantries may be left in the basket on the stage in Bethany Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Olé - A tour of the best of Spain & Portugal, hosted by Joan & Walt Schmidt, will take place November 1-11, visiting Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada, & Toledo. Cost is \$2699 per person. For a brochure or info, contact Joan Schmidt-(845)332-5179 or jfschmidt49@yahoo.com.

Interested in learning Spanish? Maria Del Rosario Lara, PhD., is offering individual and group class instruction for every level. Contact her at 843-618-1759 for info or an appointment.

