

THE MOSAIC

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship

April 9, 10 am

Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae

April 13

5:30 pm meal

6:30 worship

CACC Good Friday Noon Worship

The Church of St. Vincent De Paul

Presider, Rev. David Preisinger; presenter, Bertramd Fay

Easter Celebration:

- 6:30 am FOCUS Sunrise Service
Joe Paparone, FOCUS Advocacy Coordinator, preaching
(steps of west Capitol Park)
- 7 am Breakfast at Emmanuel
- 10 am Worship
- 11 am Reception





**"Waiting On Shore"
Rosses Point,**

The sculpture, by Niall Breton, reflects the age-old anguish of seafaring people who watched for the safe return of loved ones.

Looking over Oyster Island in "Sligo Harbour"

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Waiting

Look upon us gently, Lord
for waiting is not our forte.

So many other things are . . .
things like moving ahead,
fixing what's wrong,
planning what's next,
diagnosing the problem
cramming more into a day
than one person can possibly do
before the sun goes down.

But waiting . . .
when we are waiting for the light to
shine,
when we are waiting for the Word
when we are waiting for a wound to
heal,
nothing in the world is harder than
waiting.

So, in your mercy, Lord,
wait with us.

Be our very present help in waiting.
Heal our frenzy.
Calm our fears.
Comfort those who at this very minute
are with every anxious breath and
thought
waiting for they know-not-what.

Transform our in-the-meantime
into your time,
while we wait with each other,
sit with each other,
pray each other into hope,
surrounded by your presence,
even in the darkness.
Especially in the darkness.



Spring Hike Scheduled

April 8, 1:30 to 4

Our final Committee of Joy event before Easter is a hike. Take the opportunity to enjoy the coming of spring with companions from Emmanuel. On Saturday, April 8, we will meet at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 1:30 p.m. There are a variety of trails for a variety of mobility and endurance levels. Look for a sign-up sheet soon. Five Rivers is at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

FOCUS Churches of Albany
 Capital Area Council of Churches
 First Lutheran Church

Friends for Racial Justice

You are invited to a gathering
**Building the Beloved Community:
 Racism & Beyond**

To Register:
 (518) 441-6404 or
www.focuschurches.net

and a play...
Sunday April 30
 2 pm
"Fires in the Mirror"
 at Delmar Reformed Church

Friday April 28
 7 to 9 pm
Saturday April 29
 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Event Location:
First Church in Albany
 110 N. Pearl Street
Cost: \$30 per person,
 \$25 if you register before 4/15

Group discounts and limited scholarships are available, call (518) 443-0460 for more information and speak to Rev. Jim Ketcham





Can You Help?

We need a few more ushers. These are folks who can cheerfully greet others on Sunday mornings, distribute bulletins to everyone and welcome packets to newcomers and collect the offering. If you are willing to do this, please speak with Pastor Kathy or Judy Henningson. A new usher schedule will be generated soon. Current ushers will be kept in the rotation unless you notify us otherwise.

**Fires
in the
Mirror**

7 actors playing 27 roles representing the people & events during and after the 3 days of riots in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn August 19-21, 1991.

**2 pm Sunday, April 30, 2017
Delmar Reformed Church**

Sponsored by FOCUS Churches of Albany. Production by Callaloo Theater Company.
Karen Christina Jones, director. Free will offering to defer costs.
Plan to stay for a moderated discussion as a follow-up to the play.

“For the Birds”



Vocal Concert

April 30, 4 pm

art songs, arias

popular songs about birds

Performed by students of

Michael Clement



From Service to Others...



CROP Walk – May 7

The 37th Annual Albany CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. 25% of all funds raised by the Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens. More than 40,000 people in our region use local free meal programs to provide adequate food for their families. 75% of the funds help support the work of Church World Service (CWS) and its partners for hunger relief and development projects around the world.



The walk begins and ends at First Lutheran Church (on Western Avenue between Quail and Lake). Registration starts at 12:30 pm, and the walk officially steps off at 1:30pm. Walkers can choose either a 3 mile loop with rest stops or the shorter “Golden Mile” loop. Sign up sheets and sponsor record envelopes for walkers will be available starting April 9. Walkers will also be able to register for on-line donations. See Nancy Horan if you have any questions.

(Note: The 2016 Albany CROP Hunger Walk ranked #7 in the nation in terms of funds raised with a total of \$87,292)

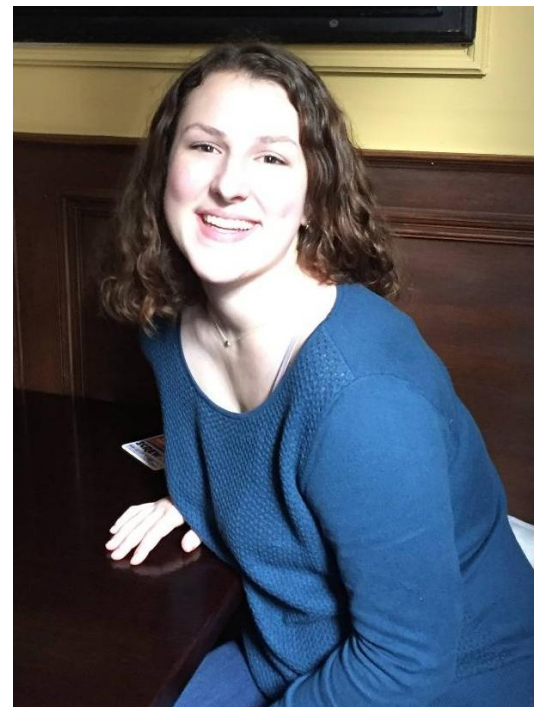
What are CROP Hunger Walks? Neighbors walking together to raise funds to end hunger in their community and around the world. Together – with different ages, faiths and backgrounds – we raise money and awareness to end hunger, one step at a time. What makes the Walks unique? CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build community while also making a difference locally and globally. Anyone is able to join. Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 30 countries. How can I support CROP Walk? • Recruit sponsors and walk the 3 ½ mile route • Walk the “Golden Mile” • Hold participants in your prayers • Sponsor a member of Emmanuel’s team

Graduation Open House for Erin Wilkerson

Sunday, May 21
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home of Kathy, Jim and Erin
29 Joy Drive, Loudonville

When we moved to Albany, Erin was in middle school. Now she is finishing college. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone in her life.



Dear Emmanuel Family,
Please join us to celebrate our
50th Wedding Anniversary on
Saturday, May 13, 2017,
at Emmanuel Baptist Church
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP to
Ian and Edith Leet,
[edith.leet@
outlook.com](mailto:edith.leet@outlook.com) or call
518-482-6612.



Save the Date

May 19-20, 2017

CABA will be hosting “*Healthy Congregations*” conducted by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. *Healthy Congregations* is a workshop designed to improve people’s capacity to calmly articulate what they think and value, and to act on that basis, while staying in active relationship with those who may disagree. Having the capacity to calmly discuss and resolve issues in a Biblical manner is an essential skill for all church members.



This workshop will help you . . .

- Learn how you as a leader can influence the health of your congregation – how to detect and avoid unhealthy patterns of living together in community.
- Learn how to keep anxiety from becoming infectious.
- Gain confidence in responding to challenges and opportunities.
- Learn how to put limits on invasive behavior, manage reactivity, and overcome sabotage.
- Discover how leaders can function as the congregation's immune system.
- Learn to focus on strengths, resources, options, and the future.

A complete schedule can be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

We will meet at the Clifton Park Center Baptist Church on: Friday, May 19 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants will need to purchase a workbook for \$20 and provide a hospitality fee of \$10 to cover the costs of snacks, lunch, and beverages.



Emmanuel Women are invited to meet for lunch at Shaker Pointe restaurant on Thursday, April 6, at 11:45 a.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Pat Hunziker or Betty Mallory so that adequate seating can be arranged. We hope to see you there!



*Dear Emmanuel Family,
We can't begin to thank you enough for helping to make our recent Peace Study Tour to Israel and Palestine possible. Your financial, moral, and prayer support was invaluable! We plan to share with you some of the many sites and insights the trip provided on Sunday, April 23, following church. May your lives be blessed as you have blessed ours.*

*Yours in Christ,
Ian and Edith Leet*

Please Note...
Coordinating Council:
 April 4, 5:30 at church
Diaconate:
 April 2 after worship
Congregational Mtg. & Diaconate
 April 30

“Spring Car Cleaning with Cornerstone”

Purchase car wash coupons to support Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry any time before May 31, 2017. You get a clean car and Cornerstone benefits! The fastest and easiest way to buy these car wash tickets is online at our custom home page on the Helping Hands website.

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/campusministry>

Questions or Concerns: Call 518-489-8573 x26 or email uacornerstone@gmail.com



Deadline for the May MOSAIC is April 18

Happy Birthday...

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| Anthony Malone | 5 th |
| Geoffrey Bray | 6 th |
| Andrew Malone | 6 th |
| Matthew Normile | 8 th |
| Chris LaBarge | 11 th |
| Ian Leet | 13 th |
| Tenosha Ford | 16 th |
| Hannah Scheu | 18 th |
| Lillian Matejcak | 20 th |
| Alyce Malone | 21 st |
| Jonathan Bray | 23 rd |
| Kristen Stroebel | 23 rd |
| Karen Green | 27 th |



Remember the Food Pantry...

April: deodorant



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