

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am	Worship
9:40am	Sunday School
10:30am	<i>Coffee and Fellowship</i> in Fellowship Hall
11:00 – 11:45am	Youth Choir Rehearsals
12:00 – 1:30pm	Youth Group – Youth Space
1:30 – 2:30pm	Confirmation Class – Ministry Center Upper Room
6:00 – 8:00pm	High School Group – Gene Ryan's Parsonage
Monday	
9:30 – 10:45am	Morning Bells rehearsal
4:30 – 5:15pm	Echo Ringers rehearsal
5:00 – 8:00pm	Piecemaker's Quilting Group – Fellowship Hall
5:15 – 6:30pm	Celebration Ringers rehearsal
Tuesday	Veteran's Day
10:00am	Holy Yoga: Mat Yoga – Ministry Center Upper Room
12:00pm	Women's Book Discussion Group – home of Barbara Reitmeyer
Wednesday	
6:15 – 7:15pm	Exultation Ringers rehearsal
7:30 – 9:00pm	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
Thursday	
8:45am	Prayer Time via Zoom
9:30 – 11:00am	Women's Coffee Break Bible Study – Ministry Center Conference Room
Friday	
10:00am	Senior Bible Study – Ministry Center Conference Rm.
11:00am	Holy Yoga: Chair Yoga – Sanctuary
12:30 – 3:30pm	Mah Jongg – Contact Victa McKenzie for details
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
8:30am	Mission Commission Meeting – Conference Rm.
9:30am	Worship
9:40am	Sunday School
10:30am	<i>Coffee and Fellowship</i> in Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Making of Cranberry Relish – church kitchen
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12:00 – 1:30pm	Youth Group – Youth Space

CAMP FOWLER REGISTRATION OPENS ON DECEMBER 1! CNRC is slated to go as a group from July 5 – 10, 2026. If you are planning to attend, please register ASAP! Contact Gene with any questions. Coupon Code is COLTSNECK2026.

Welcome to the Colts Neck Reformed Church. We are happy to have you worshipping with us this morning. As we prepare for worship, please silence your cell phone.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND BIBLES – ASK ANY USHER

PERSONAL HEARING ASSIST EQUIPMENT AND PEW CUSHIONS are available from any usher.

A FAMILY ROOM is available downstairs for parents of infants and young children; the service is video-streamed live to this room. Ushers can provide assistance.

MUSIC THIS MORNING is offered by *Morning Bells*.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE THIS MORNING are given by *Henry Swordsma* in loving memory of his wife, *Nanette*.

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS up to age three is provided in the **Nursery** (downstairs in the church) during the 9:30am worship service. Thank you to *Terri O'Neil* for being our nursery caregiver today. For more information, or if you have questions about the church nursery, please contact Stacey Savage at earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church or 732-462-4662.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP will be held in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30am worship service. Thank you to *Jan Anania, Victa McKenzie, Claire Morris, LuAnne Petrie and Jane Rappleyea* for hosting today. Please consider hosting this important ministry of the church. Sign up via our website under "Sign Ups".



PARENTS OF CURRENT OR FORMER YOUTH! Please complete the Youth Program Experience Survey! Scan the QR code to access. Contact Rev. Gene Ryan at revgeneryan@cnrc.church with any questions. Whether you just started participating, or have for four years, we want to hear your opinion!

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at the home of Barbara Reitmeyer. They meet at 12:00pm for lunch followed by a discussion of the book, "The Briar Club" by *Kate Quinn*. Please RSVP to Barbara Reitmeyer at rrabr@juno.com. For more information regarding this group, please contact Barbara Battles at blbattles@gmail.com.

VETERAN'S DAY: Colts Neck Township will have a ceremony to salute our veterans on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00am at Cedar Drive Middle School, 73 Cedar Dr. A light lunch hosted by the Colts Neck Women's Club will follow the ceremony. All veterans are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP meets tonight, November 9 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Rev. Gene Ryan's parsonage. The High School Group will also meet on Sundays, November 23 and 30.

YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Linda B., fractured ribs due to a fall

Charlie F., prayers for continued healing, and for his physical therapists as they work to help him get back on his feet

Judy L., medical concerns

Dianne M., medical concerns

Victa M.e., torn meniscus

Mary Jane M., cousin to the Mc. and A.families, suffered cardiac event, fell, paralyzed

Marcia S., attends church with Barbara W., hospitalized with a brain bleed

All of our church family members in long-term care facilities

MISSION PARTNER – Covenant House: Offering shelter, support, and unconditional love, Covenant House serves homeless and trafficked youth, providing food, safety, counseling, and resources to help them build hopeful futures. *Pray that young people without safe homes will find welcome, protection, and a path toward new life.*



OPEN DOOR THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION has begun. Donations are being collected today as well as on November 16 and 23. There is a box in the narthex for the donations. Frozen turkeys,

turkey breast, or ham will be collected on November 16 and 23. **Open Door has requested the following items:** mashed potatoes, crackers/cookies, stuffing, pasta and pasta sauce, corn muffin mix, cake mix, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cake frosting, juice (64 oz.), sugar/flour (5 lbs. or less), aluminum roasting pans/foil.



NOVEMBER CLOTHING DRIVE for Family Resource Associates (FRA) has begun and will end next Sunday, November 16. Donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or in the church office during business hours. Please donate any clean unneeded clothes, shoes, purses and linens (bedding, towels, curtains). FRA is not accepting books, electronics, or anything breakable. If you have large amounts, please contact JoEllen at Family Resource Associates at 732-446-4041 or FRAClothingdrive@gmail.com to schedule a pick up.

ANNUAL MISSION TRIP: The mission team will "finalize" plans for this year's trip this month. We will most likely support needs in Florida or North Carolina in late February or early March. For those with interest, questions, or would like to provide input, please contact Pete Engelman at pengel1121@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE for our annual **Sounds of Christmas** concert on **Saturday, December 13, at 2:00pm** in the sanctuary. You will hear a variety of music, both sacred and secular, that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

SINGING WITH THE SENIORS: Come and join us as we sing some familiar old songs with the residents of the Reformed Church Home and Brandywine!

- **Wednesday, November 19th** at the Reformed Church Home, 1990 State Route 18, Old Bridge. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am to carpool or meet there at 10:25am.
- **Friday, November 21st** at Brandywine in Colts Neck, 3 Meridian Circle. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:05am (after Senior Bible Study) to carpool or meet there at 11:15am.

Questions? Contact Maggie Tripold at music@cnrc.church.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM for the Open Door Family Advocacy Program kicks off today!

- You can select a child through the sign-up on the church website under "SignUps."
- There will be a "Coffee Connection" table available this Sunday during *Coffee and Fellowship* where you can select a recipient.
- For those who want to support through donations – please use the "Giving" page on the church website (select Christmas gift) or visit us during *Coffee and Fellowship*.



It is a blessing to be able to help make a child's Christmas happier. Thank you for your support! The distribution will be on Sunday, December 14.



ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT: Join us on **Sunday, November 30th**, from 4:30 to 6:30pm for our annual Advent Family Night! This will be a fun time of food and fellowship as we prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm and get organized for a variety of activities such as ornament making, bell polishing, writing Christmas cards, sanctuary decorating, etc., followed by pizza and dessert. This event is for all ages! Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups."



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL ADULT FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY! Join us as we celebrate the joy of the season together on **Friday, December 12, 2025**, at the home of Becky and Matt Axtell from 7:00 – 10:00pm. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share along with a \$5.00 per person donation to help cover costs. We will have a "White Elephant" gift exchange (for those who wish to participate). This is a good time to find a home for that one-of-a-kind item buried deep in your closet – bring it wrapped and anonymous (one gift per person or per couple). Regifting from previous "White Elephant" events is encouraged! Please sign up on our website under "Sign Ups" by November 28th so we can prepare for a merry and meaningful night together. This event is designated for adults only. Let's gather in gratitude and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

REV. SCOTT BROWN is out of the office and will return on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

HELP AND CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR!

Books, children's books, coloring books, homemade crafts, hand knitted and crocheted items, quilted creations, gently used holiday décor (all holidays), nicely presented home baked, canned and assembled treats.

NEW THIS YEAR! Vintage items, antiques. We know many are willing to share really special and meaningful items. These will be displayed in a special place with all bazaar proceeds going to church benevolence programs. Let us know your ideas or send a picture of your vintage objects antique(s) for donation. Please, no cloth items, no apparel. Vintage or antique items that fit on a table are best.

BRING ALL DONATIONS TO FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

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*Thursday, December 4, 3:00 – 6:00pm

*Friday, December 5, 3:00 – 7:00pm

If this does not work with your schedule, contact us:

Adrianne Spota at spota4@gmail.com and/or Lisa Specchio at lisa.specchio@gmail.com.

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*Sunday, December 7, 10:30am to Coffee Hour close – work Bazaar Second Chance, and then from end of Coffee Hour to 4:30pm – take down and put everything away.

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