

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

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| Sunday | First Sunday after Christmas |
| 9:30am | "Bells and Brew" Alumni Bells rehearsal |
| 11:00am | Worship |
| 7:00pm | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party – home of the Maggie and Dave Tripold |
| Monday | |
| | Early Learning Center closed |
| 5:00 – 8:00pm | Piecemaker's Quilting Group – Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | |
| | Early Learning Center closed |
| Wednesday | New Year's Eve |
| | Early Learning Center closed |
| Thursday | New Years Day – Happy New Year! |
| | Church Office and Early Learning Center closed |
| Friday | |
| | Early Learning Center closed |
| 10:00am | Senior Bible Study – Conference Room |
| Sunday | Second Sunday after Christmas |
| 9:30am | Worship – Lord's Supper |
| 10:30am | Coffee and Fellowship – Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00am | Worship – Lord's Supper |
| 11:00am | Mom's Group Coffee Connection – Room 22 |



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, February 1st as we gather around tables to celebrate 170 years of ministry, memories, and meals shared at Colts Neck Reformed Church! All are encouraged to come for a meal as we share memories and deepen connections. There will be two seatings to choose from, and, reminiscent of the Election Day Dinner, lots of ways to pitch in—whether by prepping

the meal, setting a table, sharing a memory, or simply showing up hungry and happy. Sign-ups will be available on Sunday, January 4. This is a no-cost celebration of who we've been, who we are, and the good things God has yet to cook up among us. All ages are invited and expected! Come be part of the joy!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex of the church this morning. Only people who have been using physical envelopes have been assigned a box. If you'd like a box of envelopes, please contact the church office.

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 *Alumni Bells*, and *Frank Van Note*, soloist.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE this morning are given by *Theresa and Don Bowers* in gratitude for the entire CNRC Congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS to *Laura Lombardi* on the birth of her grandson, *Noah Raye Moreno*, on December 16, 2025. Proud parents are *Samantha and Austin Moreno* and siblings, Sienna and AJ. The rose on the chancel table is in honor of Noah's birth.

TODAY there is no Gospel for Children, or childcare in the nursery. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the church narthex, or ask an usher.

TEENAGED NURSERY CARE HELPER NEEDED: Help is needed in the nursery on Sunday mornings during worship to volunteer in assisting in caring for children – infants through age 3. If interested, or for more information, please contact Stacey Savage at earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING: No Sunday School, Youth Group, or Youth Choir Rehearsals will be held today, and next Sunday, January 4. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Youth Choirs resume on Sunday, January 11.

YOUNGER YOUTH (1st-5th grade) will meet on Monday, January 5, from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Youth Space.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP will be held once again in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30am worship service beginning next Sunday. **Volunteers are needed to host on Sundays, beginning January 11.** Please consider hosting this important ministry of the church. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups".



WOMEN OF THE D'VINE is a women's fellowship group that regularly meets on the first Tuesday of the month, with rotating hostesses. **On Tuesday**, January 6, at 7:00pm we will gather at the home of Victa McKenzie. Please sign up on our website under "Sign Ups" and contact Victa at mckenzievicta@gmail.com for more information.

YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Glen B., recovering from the flu
Lenny B., recovering from knee replacement surgery
Gavin F., enlarged abdominal mass
Nancy F., fractured pelvis, sacrum, and spine due to a fall
John J., medical issues
June J., Craig J.'s mother, hospitalized with possible stroke
Kyle M., son of Dolly B., recovering from Brittle Bone surgery
All of our church family members in long-term care facilities

MISSION PARTNER – Trinity Episcopal Soup Kitchen (Asbury Park, NJ):

A ministry that serves hot meals, fellowship, and compassion to neighbors in need, offering not just food but dignity, hope, and community. *Pray that all who come to the table may be fed in body and spirit, and that volunteers may embody Christ's hospitality.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – COMPASSIONATE CARE: We have a fellow congregant who is seeking a kind, steady volunteer to spend time with her husband, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. She hopes to return to work and is looking for someone who could come one day each month, from 12:00–4:00 PM, to simply keep him company. For more information, please contact Sandy Freeman at cnrc.care@cnrc.church.

MOM'S GROUP COFFEE CONNECTION will be held **next Sunday**, January 4th, from 11:00 – 11:45am in Room 22, upstairs in the Ministry Center. We'll do a devotional together and enjoy fellowship over coffee and snacks! This group meets regularly on the first Sunday of the month.



WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held on Friday, February 6, at 7:00pm to Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 4:30pm. There is an "Overnight" option and a "Program Only" option where you can participate both Friday night and Saturday and not spend the night. The Reverend Kathleen

Edwards Chase is the leader of this year's retreat which will be held in Grove Hall, in Ocean Grove. The cost for the overnight retreat varies between \$100 – \$185 depending on the type of accommodation chosen, and includes the program, breakfast, and lunch. The "Program-only" option is \$65 and you must commit to both Friday night and Saturday. Copies of the Women's Retreat packet which includes more information can be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. It is also available on our website under "Current Happenings". **Sign Ups will begin January 2, 2026.**



FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL TABLE: Do you want to honor or memorialize someone whom you love and at the same time add to the beauty of our sanctuary? Sundays are available in January and February! Please sign up to sponsor the flowers on the chancel table for one of our worship services on our website under "Sign Ups." You can either bring your own arrangement, or we will order them from Colonial Florist at a cost of \$17.50 per arrangement.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCOME TO 2026 CNRC!

Have you been thinking about what your New Years resolutions will be? Will you give something up or add something new to your life? If it's the latter, then I have a few great options for you that will cost less than a gym membership.

1. HOST COFFEE HOUR: If you are part of a church group or a new member or would like to give back as part of the CNRC community, give hosting coffee hour a try. It only takes 3-6 people to host coffee hour and it's easy and quite enjoyable. We provide detailed instructions and will be there for you to answer any questions. We are in great need of hosts for 2026. Pick a date and sign up on our website under "Sign Ups".

2. USHER: We can use a few good men and women to usher. It truly is an easy job but a necessary part of our Sunday services. It's a tremendous way to meet new people. The only requirement is that you are at least 16 years old. We have usher teams and you'll only usher a few times a year, so it's not a huge commitment. There is an usher training with Rev. Scott Brown on Sunday, January 11, at 11:00am. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups". We'd love to have you join us!

3. CPR/AED TRAINING: Have you ever thought, "I'd like to get trained in CPR just in case"? Well, now's your chance! CPR training will be held here on Saturday, January 17, from 9:00am – 12:00pm for any congregants 16 and older. If you are a current usher or will be attending usher training on Sunday, January 11, the discounted cost is \$40. All others the cost is \$70. You will receive a 2-year certificate at the completion of the course. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups".

4. SELF DEFENSE CLASS: If none of those options float your boat, try a self-defense class, offered on Saturday, January 10, from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The cost is \$17.50 and open to all. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups".

Make this New Years resolution to add something new to your life! It's free membership, free cancellation, no long-term contracts and the benefits are immeasurable.

Lucy Lennox – Deacon, Welcome and Hospitality

