

The Gazetteer

Glen
Reformed
Church



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Sunday, December 1— 9:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent
with special music by Ron & Wanda Burch
and Sue Casler;

Sunday, December 8— 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent
Youth Ministry Christmas Pageant & worship;
“The Sunday School will present a Christmas Pageant during the wor-
ship service on December 8th beginning at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be
served.” Tammy Moran, Christian Education Liaison (See p. 5 about caroling.)

Sunday, December 15—9:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent;

Sunday, December 22—9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent;

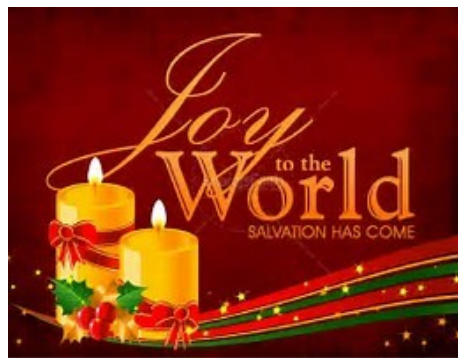
Tuesday, December 24—7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
with carols & special music, a “Happy Birthday
Jesus” youth message, a Christmas message of
peace, and a traditional candle lighting cere-
mony; Everyone can take home a Jesus birth-
day cake!

Wednesday, December 25—**We wish you a blessed Christmas Day!**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020—We wish
you a peaceful and prosperous New Year
in 2020!

Sunday, January 5—9:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas with
the Celebration of Holy Communion;

YOU ARE WELCOME! Come experience God’s peace for you.



**December 2019
January 2020**





Thomas J. Flander, Jr.
Preaching Elder Commissioned to
Glen Reformed Church

Dear Friends and neighbors,

As I sit here and write this my mind is flooded with many tasks that need to be done. I just came back from one of the "big box stores" in Albany, (you know the type, Restaurant Depot, BJ's, Sam's Club) with all of their loud blaring music (Christmas, I might add), forklifts and their drivers moving pallets of goods all over the place with all of the lights and bells and very loud horns, telling me to move out of the way or get run over. And long lines. (It seems like I am always getting into the line that never seems to move). I am buying supplies for Thanksgiving, yet my senses are being bombarded with Christmas music, Christmas decorations, and Christmas cookies! (UGH!). (yes I said ugh!). I try to remain calm, finding myself greeting the cashier as I leave with a "Happy Christmas,

I mean Merry Thanksgiving, ugh, I mean Happy Thanksgiving. What season is this?" Inside the car I grab what little hair I have left on my head and want to scream when I hear a small voice say,

"Peace." "Wait! What?" " Peace. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful...Peace." (John 14:27)

I take a deep breath, drink some water, put on some uplifting Christian music and proceed home. I have a healthy dinner with my family and go to bed early. And while chaos, busyness, frustration, anxiety and confusion try to interrupt me I loudly say with a firm voice, "Stop! stop the insanity! You are not welcome here. I just received an early Christmas present from my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I have opened it and I am going to use it right now, immediately! You will have to leave, because right now I am going to put on His Peace and rest in Him. Oh, and don't come back because I am planning on wearing His Peace, the peace that passes all understanding, tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day too."

Has this happened to you? Do you feel like this? Then make a choice, just like me. A healthy decision to say, "stop all the madness." For just a moment, each day make the "gift" of "Christ's Peace" a priority sometime during each day.

Read a small scripture, sing a favorite hymn, carol, or inspirational melody, find a bible app that will read to you, pick up a daily devotional to encourage you. Use your imagination, remember why we celebrate. May these words encourage you.

⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts

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and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

And finally,

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all! (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

From my family to yours,

A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

The Joy in Serving Him,

Pastor Tom

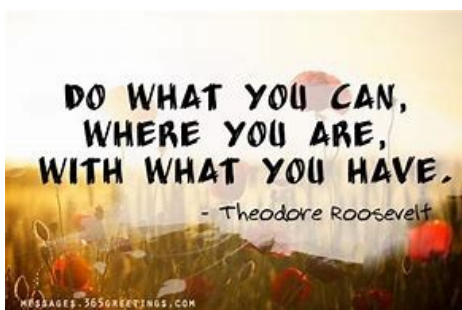


Our October/November mission was a huge success due to all the wonderful people who donated food for our care boxes. We put together 11 boxes with lots of food and a gift card to Price Chopper.

Many thanks have been received from those who benefited from this mission. Thank you to all who helped with this project.

We have received a generous donation of lap robes and hats/mittens made by Linda Cotter from the Glen-Mohawk Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 942 Auxiliary. These will be distributed during December.

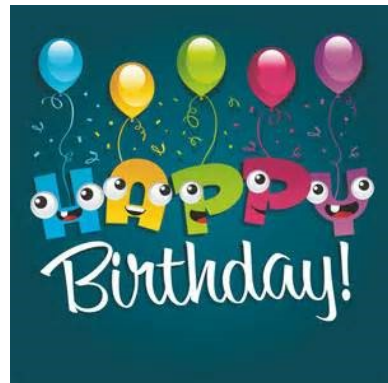
Judy Kelly and Sue Summerfield
Missions Committee



Thank you



I would like to thank my Glen Reformed Church family for the beautiful card and wonderful clock that was given to me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Your thoughtfulness is such a blessing to me. Pastor Tom.



December

2 Carolyn Hart
4 Jack Summerfield
9 Tina Taylor
12 Daryl Kosinski
17 Norma Sheldon
18 Pastor Tom
21 Gregory Kirk
26 Cindy Yurkewicz
29 Sue Summerfield

January

5 Caroline King
8 Abigail Gamble
Phyllis Kirk
Cheryl Rohling
13 Ron Wilmot
Alice Kirk
19 Karen Patterson
24 Priscilla Gamble
26 Marlene Smith

December & January Calendar

Clip, save & post at home.

Worship Schedule for December

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
December 1 <i>Holy Communion</i>	Sunday School	Sue Summerfield
December 8 <i>Christmas Play & Pot-Luck Brunch</i>	Allan Taylor	Sunday School
December 15 <i>SS Play Snowdate</i>	Allan Taylor	Ron Burch
December 22	Margaret McRedmond	Arlene Macek
Christmas Eve December 24	Wilmot/Sowle/ Sheldon Families	Kim Flander
December 29	Allan Taylor	Bethany Nacco



One of the joys of worship during Advent is the lighting of the Advent wreath candles and the reading of the story each week.

1st Sunday: Sue Casler & Karen Kosinski

2nd Sunday: Sunday School students

3rd Sunday: Ron Burch & Lee Smith

4th Sunday: The Kirk family

Christmas Eve: The Nacco family

Worship Schedule for January

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
January 5 <i>Holy Communion</i>	Sunday School	Sunday School & Teachers
January 12	Margaret McRedmond	Sue Summerfield
January 19	Marlene Douglass	Arlene Macek
January 26	Allan Taylor	Bernie Kirk, Jr.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting November 17, 2019

The bi-annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, November 17th immediately following worship. The meeting was opened with prayer at 10:10 a.m. and a quorum was established.

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for consistory: Elders—Edith Bowdish & Olive Taylor Deacons—Ron Burch & Michael Sowle. No nominations from the floor were offered. A vote to accept the slate was carried. The committee was thanked.

Bernie Kirk, Jr. presented the 2020 budget on behalf of the finance committee. A new septic system was installed recently to correct an unexpected issue. The cost was over \$3,000. Bernie pointed out that this is the type of unexpected financial burden that can stress the budget. It was announced that the church had received a bequeath from the estate of Alice Shelp. The need to establish an annual fundraiser that can be as successful as the pancake supper was discussed. The committee was thanked.

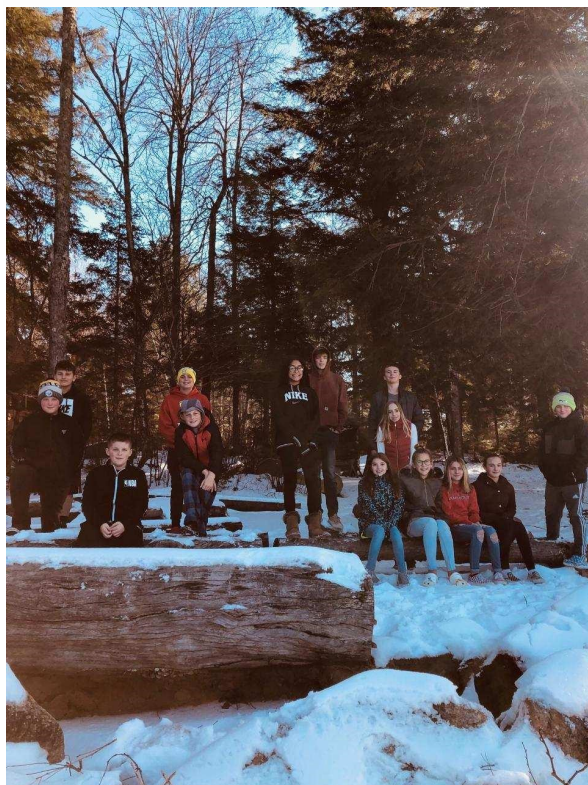
A volunteer to post scriptures on the church's website was requested. Karen Kosinski asked for prayer for Schorie Classis and General Synod as important decisions are coming up. Classis delegates Sue Summerfield and Karen Kosinski were thanked for their work.

Tom Flander commented on the good attendance at the meeting and asked everyone for continued prayer for consistory and for guidance for the church. The meeting closed with prayer at 10:40 a.m.



You're Invited!

The Glen Reformed Church, young and old alike will be gathering at 3pm on Sunday afternoon December 8th to participate in our annual Christmas Caroling through the Hamlet of Glen. We again will be riding on the hay wagon driven and provided by Mr. Ken Coyne of Bellinger's Apple Orchard. Everyone is welcome! And bring a friend. We look forward to this fun fellowship event!



2019 Youth Group Retreat at Camp Fowler

Fellowship, Learning, Challenges, Camaraderie, Fun!

Judy at the dishpan!



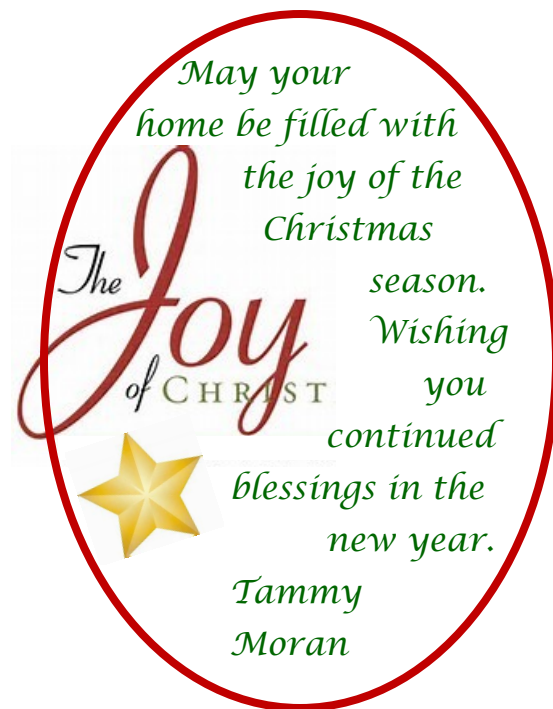
Our fearless
& organized
leader Marlene!



Cindy leading
our dining
room crew!

2019 Pancake Supper
Many thanks to all who volunteered
and to all who attended!

Our crackerjack kitchen crew at the ready!



To my church family,

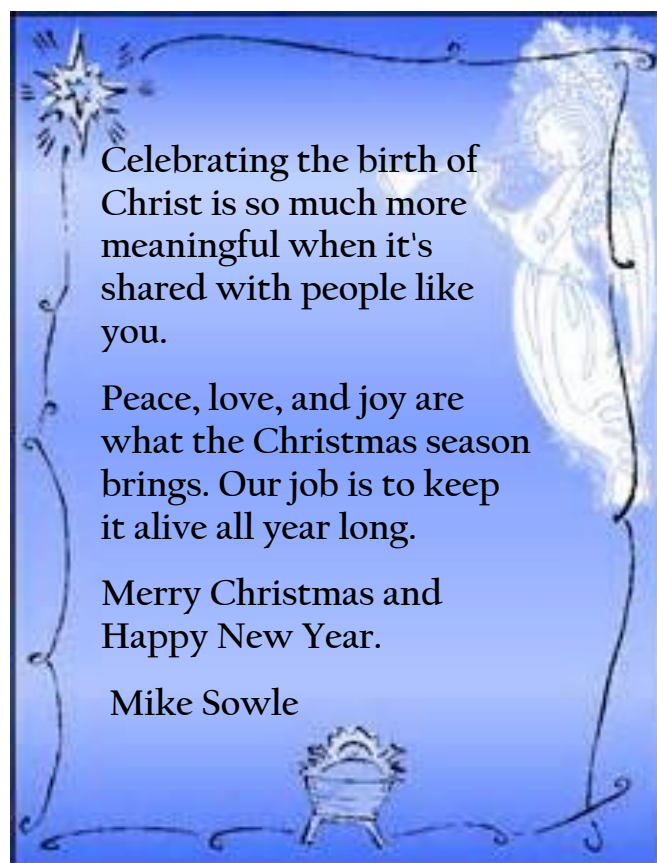
As I contemplated what to write to you it came to me as we were decorating the church for the Advent season. Our new banners are hanging on the walls to remind us that Jesus has brought us HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE.

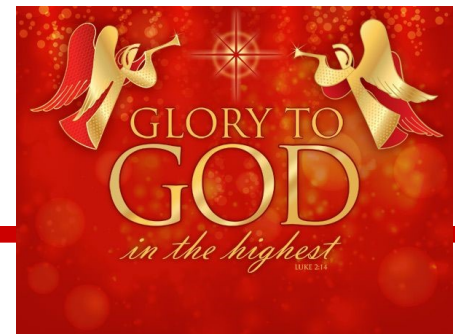
Through all of the hustle and bustle of the coming weeks and beyond may you find each of these as you look around.

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings,

Sue Summerfield, elder



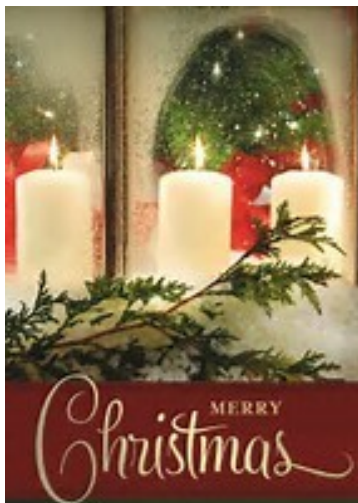


As the Christmas season approaches may we remember this is the beginning of the ministry of reconciliation that the Father so graciously gave to us. He sent his son Jesus to pay our debt and made us right with Himself.

Have a Merry Christmas and remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

Margaret

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. I pray you have a wonderful Christmas and new year!



Ron Wilmot



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TO:



*Believe in His HOPE,
Trust in His LOVE,
Be filled with His JOY,
Receive His PEACE.*

*God is good.
Always.*

* It's that time of year again. In the case of weather issues when cancellations must be made, we can only contact those people we know will be attending. When asked to sign up for something, please be sure to do so in case a meeting/event, etc. is cancelled.

* In the event that Sunday worship must be cancelled, notification will be made by a combination of texts and phone calls.

* Remember that during the winter months parking only on one side of the road (not at all is best) to allow for plows and sand/salt trucks to easily move along State Highway 161. Please be respectful and use the parking lot.

