

Lyll Memorial Federated Church

Announcements: Sunday, November 28, 2021

Welcome to all our visitors this morning!

We are happy to see you and blessed to have you here!

Prayers: Pastor Thom receives prayer requests from members of our church family, our community, the country and world. At this time please pray for the family and friends of John Decker (Alan's brother), and Helen Kading Russell Doland. We pray for the healing of... Bob Reid, and Louise Roeller; and continue to keep these people in our prayers: the Walbridge Farm Community, Donna Cervoni, Keith Adams, Kevin Kading, Jean Armstrong, Marianne Milo, Anne Van Vlack, and Anna Belle Secor.

Please Note These Dates:

November 28, First Sunday of Advent
December 2, Village of Millbrook Tree Lighting, 6 p.m.
December 4, Village of Millbrook Spirit of Christmas Parade, 2 p.m., and Crafts Fair, on the Village Green, 10-5 p.m.
December 7, Board of Spiritual Life meeting, 7 p.m.

TODAY:

The Advent Lighting Reading: Hope

Pastor Thom asks ...that anyone who is able remain after worship today, to lend a hand with the first phase of the Greening the Church.

Fall Congregational Meeting: Thanks to all who participated in last week's meeting!

NOTE: Updated reports for 2021 from committee chairs and program leaders are due December 1. Please get them in on time.
THANK YOU!

Missions: We will be taking a special offering for our annual support of the 4 missionary families who share the gospel far and wide. These folks include Karen Stockton, Aaron & Holly Hicks, Larry & Susan Salay and Daniel and Sarah Zagami. There's lots of information about each on the mission bulletin board. The offering will be collected over 2 weeks, November 28- December 12.

Advent Season Poinsettia Requests: *Next Sunday, December 5, will be the due date.*

Please use the Flower Offering envelopes found in your pew, to make a donation in memory of a loved one(s). You can place your envelope in the offering plate. Please speak with Dawn Blackburn, 845-242-2566, if you have any questions. We hope to have everyone's donation by next Sunday, December 5.

Anti-Racist Study Group: The Anti-Racist Study Group will be taking a break until January 3, 2022, when we will begin reading a new book, international best seller, *What White People Can Do Next: From Allyship to Coalition* by Emma Dabiri, acclaimed historian and author. This book questions the meaning of whiteness and supports the creation of an antiracist world. It teaches us how to be agents of change against racism and how to help establish a more equitable world. This is a moving, inspiring collection of essays, in which Dabiri draws on both academic discipline and lived experience to probe the ways many of us are complacent and complicit, showing how, instead, we can each undermine white supremacy.

We chose this book to help us move beyond our current and growing understanding with hopes to gain some tools and the courage to affect lasting change at this critical point in our country's and the world's history.

Emma Dabiri is a regular presenter on BBC and a contributor for the Guardian. She is a teaching fellow in the Africa department at SOAS and a Visual Sociology PhD researcher at Goldsmiths at the University of London. She lives in London. Please join us!

If you are interested please contact Pastor Thom Fiet, or Cat Greenstreet (cgreenstreet1@verizon.net).

The Giving Tree: This year we are collecting coloring books, word searches, sudoku...colored pencils, markers and crayons for the residents of Green Briar. Please reach out to Diane for additional details.

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Food for Folk: If you are able to donate any kind of *potatoes (dried or canned) and/or rice* they will be especially appreciated. Please note, whatever you donate is always greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. In addition we are pleased to report 35 Turkeys will be given out for Thanksgiving, thanks to your generosity and that of our extended community. You may reach a grateful Diane Moretti at 845-242-6508.

Meals on Wheels: At this time our Meals on Wheels program is serving approximately 26 people a hot meal and a sandwich, three times a week. Please consider volunteering to assist with this valued service to our family, friends, and neighbors - your assistance will be appreciated. During this time of year additional drivers, kitchen helpers and cooks are in demand. If you would like to know more please contact John: 677- 4235; mealsonwheels@lyallmemorial.org

Simple Refreshments: On Communion Sundays refreshments will be available after worship. They will either be outside, when the weather permits, or inside the Narthex where the doors can be opened.

The Society of Friends: The Nine Partners Quaker Meeting is held Sundays at 9 a.m., in Lyall's Library. Please call 845-705-4219 for additional updates.

PLEASE Keep Us Updated: If your phone number has changed, or you have a new email or postal address please let us know. We are all grateful for your attention to this, and Susan will be glad to hear from you, at 677-3485, or by email at communications@lyallmemorial.org

Chancel Choir: Dan Koch and members of the Chancel Choir are holding their rehearsals on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and masks will be required for those who are not vaccinated and optional for those who are. Please contact Dan for updates.

St. Pauly Box Giving: Reusable clothing may be donated to the St. Pauly Box, in the parking lot. Lyall benefits from all donations.

The Donate Button on Our Web Page:

You may select the 'PayPal' option or choose to make your donation with a credit card. It is secure and a receipt of your transaction goes to Lyall's Treasurer, Kristen Reid.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Masks and sign in continue to be required when anyone is in the new wing. We need to comply, whether we are there briefly or believe we are alone.

Protocols for Worship in the Sanctuary:

- *We strongly encourage those feeling unwell not to attend worship service or enter the premises
- *There will no longer be temperature taking as you enter the church
- *You are no longer required to sign in for contact tracing
- *Mask wearing is optional for those attendees who have been fully vaccinated, as per NYS guidelines
- *For the time being please maintain social distancing within the Sanctuary by sitting in designated pews.

