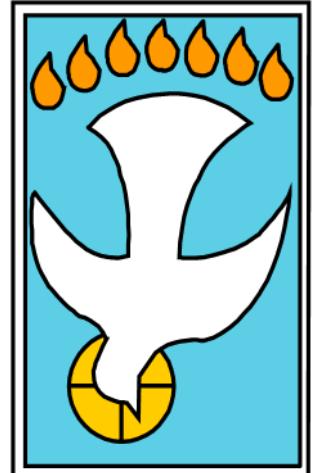


# **“THE SPIRIT”**

**October 2020**

**Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

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Laura Wayman, Editor



*God's purpose for Holy Spirit is to guide  
the Community to Christ with support and love*

## **MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

### **1. DAILY PRAYER**

- A. Prayer list in weekly devotional — please pray daily
- B. Personal prayer (needs/thanks/conflict) during Zoom service
- C. “Christ in Our Home” daily devotionals

### **2. WORSHIP**

- A. Sunday Zoom worship at 10:00 AM
- B. Koinonia group via Zoom - **October 12 & 26**

### **3. BIBLE READING**

- A. Individual daily reading
- B. Mid-week Message
- C. Koinonia group via Zoom - **October 12 & 26**

### **4. SERVICE**

- A. Service needs for LCHS include: Altar Care & Greeters
- B. Individual spiritual gift counseling available from Patti Henry

### **5. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP**

- A. Friendship Luncheoneers\*
- B. Fellowship Hour - immediately after worship via Zoom
- C. Faith, News & Brews\*
- D. Koinonia group via Zoom - **October 12 & 26**
- E. Yarn & Needles via Zoom - **October 19**
- F. Building Healthy Communication & Better Relationships - **October 14**

### **6. GIVING**

- A. Donna in Ghana
- B. Albany Lutheran Cluster - **Overflow Shelter @ First Lutheran**
- C. St. James Food Pantry

**[\*not currently meeting in person]**



- 03** David Mink  
**04** Becky Peterson  
**08** Khrystina Warnstadt  
**09** Kayla Cancilla  
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- for our "at home" members
- for Donna Rohrmiller, our missionary (Ghana)
- for Campus Ministry at UAlbany
- for our sister Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe
- for all those in service of our country



Sunday worship is via Zoom in **October**

Evening Prayer Services will be held via Zoom on Thursdays, **October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

Dedication of *Trudy's Barn* will take place on **October 4**

November SPIRIT deadline is **October 11**

Rev. Edwina Landry leads us in worship via Zoom on Sunday, **October 11**

Koinonia meets via Zoom on Mondays, **October 12 & 26**

Building Healthy Communication & Better Relationships workshop via Zoom on **October 14**

Healing of Creation liturgy and blessing of pets will take place during Zoom worship on Sunday, **October 18**

Yarn & Needles meets via Zoom on Monday, **October 19**

Church Council meets via Zoom on Wednesday, **October 21**

Reformation Sunday is **October 25**

Anti-Racism Group meets via Zoom on Wednesday, **October 28**

In **October** we are collecting supplies for the Emergency Overflow Shelter @ First Lutheran

The **October** SPIRIT includes a letter from our Upstate NY Synod Bishop, John Macholtz

# Save the Date!

**Tools for Better Relationships and Interaction:  
An opportunity for everyone of our Church Family at Holy Spirit and for  
our individual lives during these times.**

Please join us for a workshop with Pr. Diane Wheatley on Wednesday, **October 14**, meeting via Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 am **OR** that same evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (**same material, your time preference**). The second part of the workshop will be offered on Wednesday, November 4, again with options of a morning or an evening session offered at the same as the first part.

There is a manual to go with the workshop, available for free through a generous donation. The regular price is \$10.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to the Church office at tel. 518-463-6224 or [holyspiritbany@nycap.rr.com](mailto:holyspiritbany@nycap.rr.com) so that we can plan appropriately, and no later than October 8. For questions please contact Pastor Rahel directly at 740-751-7467.

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*Building Healthy Communication  
and  
Better Relationships  
taught by  
Rev. Diane Wheatley  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*



Together we will explore basics of interactions and relationships, and how our differences can be turned from challenges to blessings. A variety of illustrations of types and topics of interactions, examples on conflicts, and tips on how to respond will guide us in saying both yes and no as part of God's grace. Pastor Wheatley will also teach us how to create safe and healing space for ourselves, our families and our communities. Our prayer is that we will expand our tool box of perspectives and skills to help both ourselves and others grow in God's grace.

A manual will be available with information from the workshop and more so that you can review ideas, and engage others in discussion.

Rev. Wheatley has taught these ideas to over 2,000 pastors and lay people of the Upstate New York Synod of the E.L.C.A.; Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church; the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York; Capitol Region Theological Center; Lutheran Churches in Wisconsin, Colorado, Central Pennsylvania; and a variety of other churches including Presbyterian, Baptist, and United Church of Christ.



# Upstate New York Synod

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

September 4, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from the One who makes all things new, Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the sake of the world!

I have a confession to make. I fear that I may be growing numb to the mounting number of deaths of our black and brown sisters and brothers in the streets of cities as well as the quiet of bedrooms; Daniel Prude being the latest. Daniel's death, which happened six months ago on the streets of Rochester, NY, and was only revealed yesterday, was ruled a homicide by asphyxiation at the hands of the police.

Regarding the numbness I know in the depths of my very being that to head in that direction only moves me to a position of passivity in this horrifying sequence of killings and makes me complicit in the racism that is infecting the very core of our society and communities. I cannot grow numb. We cannot grow numb. Rather we must grow in numbers.

We must grow in the number

- ⊕ of people who speak out against the unending list of lives needlessly and tragically taken.
- ⊕ of individuals who speak up on behalf of those whose voices are being ignored
- ⊕ of churches whose ministry is involved in fighting this evil and recognized as such in our communities
- ⊕ of voices raised to say justice delayed is justice denied
- ⊕ of those who find ways to support our black and brown sisters and brothers
- ⊕ of those who, called to preach the Gospel and speak out against hatred and racism, do so with courage and conviction
- ⊕ of people who not only pray for an end to this but find a way to work toward that end
- ⊕ of communities of faith that commit to taking on the necessity of the hard conversations around systemic racism in all aspects of our lives

As the Prophet Micah questioned: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God." Look for God so you can walk with God. You'll find God standing next to the black woman on the street who wonders if she will get hit by a stray or intentionally directed rubber bullet while standing there

peacefully demonstrating. You'll find God holding up the family of George Floyd as they continue to mourn George's murder. You'll find God walking beside the family of Breonna Taylor and lifting them up when they fall. You'll find God embedded in the crowds that march down the streets of our cities and towns crying for peace and an end to violence and racism. You'll find God working on behalf of those who can't afford insurance, who have been evicted from their homes due to the loss of work and with those who work three jobs each day to put food on the table and pay bills while barely scraping by in life.

We have work to do people of God. We need to talk about this. We need to confront this head on. We need to say enough is enough. We need to dig deep and find the stamina and energy and patience to fight the fight that is taking place. It will be a battle, no, it is a battle. But it is a battle worth waging.

Listen again to the words that John Lewis left behind for us to hear and more importantly to live out.

"Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." – A tweet from June 2018

"I appeal to all of you to get into this great revolution that is sweeping this nation. Get in and stay in the streets of every city, every village and hamlet of this nation until true freedom comes, until the revolution of 1776 is complete." – At the 1963 March on Washington

Listen as well to the words of the greatest prophet: "whatever you do to the least of these you have done it unto me."

This coming Sunday and in future Sundays at worship, in daily personal prayer and in prayer groups, while beginning or ending the day, pray. Pray for an end to systemic racism. Pray for the families that have lost loved ones through violent means, name their names. Pray for courage and for God to use you to be a voice, to offer hope, to find a way forward and to be the light in the darkness that presently exists. Pray for those in the fight and then...join it knowing that the God who has claimed us goes with us each step of the way.

In Hope and Confidence,



John S. Macholz, Bishop



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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Dear Holy Spirit Family:

The other day, while visiting the website *My Jewish Learning*, I came across an article on the Shehechiyanu Blessing, a Jewish blessing that expresses “gratitude for new, or special, experiences.”

The blessing originates from a phrase that means “Thank you for allowing us to reach this moment.” It was standardized after the destruction of the Second Temple, such a very long time ago.

The blessing is used on special occasions, for example with a new home, or when doing something for the first time, including, interestingly enough, the first eating of the fruit of a particular season. But, as Rabbi Shefa Gold also points out, even though the blessing is traditionally recited for “first’s,” it can really be said anytime, “since every moment is new and unprecedented;” it expresses the miracle, “the wonder of having arrived.” In English translation, the Shehechiyanu Blessing is:

“Blessed are You, Eternal Spirit,  
who has given us life,  
sustained us and allowed us  
to arrive in this moment.”

That resonates strongly with me. That this “arriving” is happening, even in the middle of a journey whose ending we don’t know, even in the midst of so much suffering and destruction, floods, fires, violence and loss. It is easy to speak of “living with” the virus. But to live one’s daily life when so much is uncertain, unclear, and open-ended, and when that path of “back-to-how-it’s-been” turns out to be so fraught with illusion? Of course, we lament.

But let us not use the lament of our hearts to close our eyes and ears to the creative opportunities and gifts that God puts before us. Oh, that we would open ourselves to them! Oh that we would explore becoming community, wonder and be curious about what it means to be community now!

This summer, my family discovered some important firsts in our home: Jakob and I took Spanish with my sister and my niece in Spain over Skype; we began to play backgammon and other board games with each other that way; we learned about laughing together and enjoying each other even when we cannot be with each other in person. Muy bien!

I have wondered why God had the Israelites wander in the wilderness for such a long time. Surely, God did not get lost. Did God really have so much to give, give so many gifts? It can take a long time to wonder, receive openly, and explore a new thing.

May we meet all the “firsts” of our days and moments with deep wonder and gratitude for God’s faithfulness and generosity. Surely that is what it means to have arrived.

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours,

Pastor Rahel Hahn



## COUNCIL CORNER

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasures is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21

With the added challenges of COVID-19, it is imperative that we plan financially for the future of our church and our church's mission.

Our ongoing missions include:

- Sunday Worship Service (Zoom and Zoom in-person hybrid)
- Evening Prayer Service
- Koinonia
- Lesson and Craft Mailings to the children
- Donna Rohrmiller's ministry in Ghana
- CROPWalk
- Yarn & Needles
- Campus Ministry
- Friendship Garden
- Albany Maritime Ministry
- Synod Wide Hunger Campaign
- ELCA Disaster Relief
- Emergency Homeless Shelter Dinners
- School Supplies and Christmas Gifts for Delaware School Students and Mitten Tree
- Website and Facebook page

All these ministries and more are made possible by the generous Pledges and Contributions of our membership. We will continue to work to stay connected with all ages. Looking ahead we also have the task of creating new programs to serve our membership and the community. For these reasons we have the responsibility to receive more Pledges and to have more increased Pledges.

You will soon receive a letter and Pledge card to make a financial commitment. If you have never Pledged, prayerfully consider making a Pledge. If you are able please consider increasing your 2021 Pledge.

You also have the option of making contributions via traditional envelopes or the recommended electronic method.

If you have any questions please ask any of the members of the Stewardship Committee: Courtney Ciccarelli, Britney Lintner, Kathy Ross, John Maag-Tanchak, Claire Vandenbergh, Rick Vandenbergh and Hans Warnstadt.

"The measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

Rick Vandenbergh - Chair

# *Donna in Ghana*

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September 7, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

*"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. (Isaiah 40:28-29)*

One of the things I say to myself is, "Thank God, I'm not God." What this means to me, is that I am so thankful that God is bigger, higher, greater, wiser, more knowledgeable, and more powerful than I am. That I do not have to depend solely on myself, but I have a great heavenly Father who cares for me and leads me through this life. These last four months have been a challenge, but there have also been many blessings.

**Our children** moved into the new bungalow on our ocean compound at the end of June. It was such a pleasure to see the whole "family" together. Soon after that, in July, the Department of Social Welfare officer told me that she would be reevaluating the home situations of our children to see if they could be reunified with any family members. Quite suddenly, without involving our staff or me, the Social Welfare officer came and told 11 of the children they would be going home, and told 2 they would be moved to another facility by the end of the week. It was a difficult time for the children and for all of us. We continue to have our three older "children," one is off-site finishing her specialized sewing apprenticeship, one is in senior high school, and one is awaiting admission to nurses' training college.

**Where does the leave us now?** We will be visiting the children who were sent to family members to be sure they are safe and being cared for. As we are able, we will provide help with their school needs when the family is not able. We had been leaning toward supporting foster families caring for vulnerable children instead of continuing any form of institutional care. It is a much healthier situation for the children. This change moved us one big step closer. William and Xorve, the couple who have worked for us the longest, have put in applications for foster parent training. We are in the process of looking for another couple or a woman to also take the training and live in the new bungalow. We have a new Coordinator for our children services, Fred, who is himself a social worker and a foster parent. We expected to have to wait for the foster parent approval before starting to work with new children, but God had a surprise for us. Near the end of August, Fred received a call and a child was on his way to us. The boy was in a dangerous situation and had to be placed somewhere quickly. We were excited that our "new thing" was beginning so quickly! **Please pray for us.** Pray for our children as they get adjusted to living with their family members. Pray for the "NEW" God wants to do to come to a fullness, that we will find the second foster

couple or mother, and that the training and certifications to be done. Pray for this poor boy who is malnourished. We also want to start farming on the land we have to bring in some income. Pray for the funds needed for the initial investment into this project. (Donations can be given via Titian Ministries International.)

**The Jesus Elderly Care assisted farms in the village of Atronie are doing well.** The 90 elderly we help requested new cutlasses, which they use for farming. We were able to buy and distribute them, but unfortunately were unable to get pictures. The picture I am inserting here, so you can see what they are, is from some years ago. The cutlasses are used for planting, weeding, and harvesting.



**A few IAM Bible Schools, including my own, restarted using the proper precautions.** I now have 14 students who were very eager for us to reopen!

**We also had two feeding outreaches** because of the hardships associated with COVID-19. Although things are opening up here, many people are still not doing well. Prices have risen and income has decreased. Friends and relatives who were helping the less fortunate are many times no longer able to do so.

- We received a large donation through the IAM that allowed us to reach out to our group of 120 widows and orphans in Matsikope. This is where the village church I have been associated with is, and the people to whom we give Christmas food presents. They were very appreciative. They are a subsistence farming community. The dry season was over, but the harvests had not yet begun. The church, Heaven Investment Chapel, helped distribute the food. We provided maize and the vegetables which are dietary staples.



A generous donation from a church in Canada through Titian Ministries International allowed us to help many people in the Adidome area, where I live. We gave food to some pastors who have fallen on hard times, some elderly, some who are handicapped, a grandmother and her two orphan grandchildren, and some in a nearby farming village. We also assisted a

couple people with medical issues. A few people have needed help more than once because of the severity of their condition.



***Please continue to pray that we are able to meet the real needs of people as they come to us. There have been many requests for help with medical issues, some of which we have not been able to fulfill.***

Love in Christ,

*Donna*

Rev. Donna J. Rohrmiller

*Contributions can be made to International Accelerated Missions (IAM) by mail or on [www.iamoutreach.org/support-iam](http://www.iamoutreach.org/support-iam). If by mail please do not put my name on the check, enclose a note saying it is for me. Address: 114 Rock Rd; Berne, NY 12023 Phone: 518-872-0987. To contribute to the work done through Titian Ministries Int'l, give on the website, [titianministries.com](http://titianministries.com), or send a check to: Debra Hess, 360 Protection Ave. Apt. J-12, Herkimer, NY 13350.*

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Pastor Joemen's (Joe) daughter, my granddaughter, turned **2** in July! This is her 2 year old picture:



## KOINONIA

This group meets on two Monday evenings per month for Bible study.

We are continuing a series led by Pastor Rahel Hahn designed to teach how to read and evaluate scripture using examples from the NT, and alternating sessions with a Bible study on Psalms. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Koinonia meets via Zoom on **October 12 & 26** at 6:30 PM.

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## UPDATED ZOOM LINK FOR KOINONIA AND YARN & NEEDLES

Please use this link, until **December 7** for meetings for both Koinonia and Yarn & Needles.

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85730257632?  
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kEXMEGRo>

## YARN & NEEDLES

will meet on Monday, **October 19** via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

A recent project for the members of yarn & Needles was *Katori's Kozy Blanket*. (see photo below) Everyone knit or crocheted squares to be joined together to create a blanket for Katori as she recovers from illness. The blanket was placed on the altar and blessed by Pastor Rahel at our outdoor service on September 6.



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## BOOK CLUB

The Holy Spirit Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **November 17** at 6:30 PM via Zoom, hosted by Karen Hasenbein. The book to be read in advance is *Heart and Soul* by Maeve Binchy. Love a good read? Please join us!



For the November  
SPIRIT is  
**October 11**



# Thursday Evening Prayer Service

Please join us for a short prayer service from 6:30 PM — 7 PM on **Thursday evenings** via Zoom.

This brief service includes a structured liturgy, as well as time for individual prayer requests and quiet meditation.

## ANTI-RACISM GROUP

A new group has formed at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

Moved by recent events to figure out what we can do to help, we are learning to become anti-racist.

This is a process in which we will read and learn about racism; pray with each other and also do our own inner work around this subject; and help each other to become anti-racist.

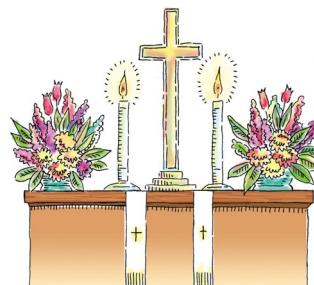
Current reading is the book *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo. A workbook/study guide is also available for this title. We are reading **the first 4 chapters** of the book before our next meeting. Please note that this is the same reading goal as in September. **It is the perfect time to join us!**

Our group meets via Zoom on every 4th Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 28**, 2020 from 7-8:30 pm.

All are welcome! If interested, please send an email to our church secretary, Laura Wayman with the subject line:

"Anti-racism Work Group", and you will be included in mailing list. You may also call the office.

Any questions regarding the group may be directed to Karin Maag-Tanchak. Please email Karin at [periwinklekarin@gmail.com](mailto:periwinklekarin@gmail.com) or call (518)728-7053 (leave message).



In Memory or Honor of Our Loved Ones

## September 2020

- *In memory of the anniversary of Jack Donovan's birthday ~ by his wife, Pat Donovan*
- *In memory of Betty Henry~ by Sandy and Tom Chillemi*
- *In memory of Ronald Henry ~ by Patia Henry*

## October 2020

- *In memory of Shirley J. and Parker J. Burns, Sr. ~ by The Family*
- *In memory of Francis and Eva Sheffield ~ by Patia Henry*

## CLOTHING BIN DONATIONS

Proceeds from Holy Spirit's clothing bin for **October** will be used for our Christmas giving projects.





The Albany Lutheran Cluster is collecting items for the Emergency Overflow Shelter, which opens **November 2**. Consider donating:

- hand sanitizer
- disinfecting wipes
- Lysol disinfecting spray
- Pine-Sol floor cleaner
- liquid soap (refill bottles)
- towels and washcloths
- twin-size sheet sets
- **paper** hot and cold cups, heavy-duty paper bowls and plates (no plastic per regulations)

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Dear Pastor Hahn and Holy Spirit family,

Thank you for your generosity in making a donation in July. I appreciate your support with these finances and for your support in prayer. It is an encouragement to me to know I am remembered as I see my name so regularly on your prayer list. It will be a joy when one day I can again join you for a service in person! In the meantime, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Blessings,  
Donna

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## FROM THE BLOG OF JAMES F. MCGRATH

In July 2020, author and professor Dr. James F. McGrath posted an article about Dutch artist Bas Uterwijk who created a picture of Jesus using artificial intelligence. As many of us are most familiar with the Scandinavian depiction of Christ we might not recognize the image below as a picture of Jesus without being told that it is. What strikes you the most as you examine it?



Want to know more? Please use the link below to read Dr. McGrath's blog:

[https://www.patheos.com/blogs/  
religionprof/2020/07/jesus-according-to-ai.html](https://www.patheos.com/blogs/religionprof/2020/07/jesus-according-to-ai.html)

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"God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,' God said. 'Just love.'"

~ Francis of Assisi



## CEMETERY REMINDER

All flowers must be removed by **October 1**. Thank you.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The St. James Food Pantry is open and the need for food has greatly increased. You may drop off donations directly at the food pantry on Tuesdays from 11 AM—2 PM.

You may also drop off your donations at Holy Spirit during office hours — and they will be delivered to the food pantry on Tuesdays.

Church Office hours beginning on Monday, **October 5** return to the (pre-jury duty) schedule: Mon-Thurs; 8-10:45 AM & 12-2 PM.



Please join us for the dedication of *Trudy's Barn* at the Friendship Garden on **October 4** at 12:30 PM. This brand-new equipment shed was constructed in memory of Trudy Adair. This is our "God's Work-Our hands" project for 2020, benefiting the children of the Delaware Community School who use the Friendship garden as an ecological

learning laboratory, and the Holy Spirit neighborhood, for whom it's an urban oasis. Special thanks to Claudia Wolfgang who came up with the idea for the project and coordinated it.



Dear friends at Holy Spirit ~

We are so very grateful to you for our wonderful new shed! It is truly beautiful and our supplies fit so much better.

We are so happy with it and can't wait to welcome back the children when it becomes safe to do so.

This summer we have had a bumper crop of produce in the garden and we were able to donate to many families and individuals in the neighborhood.

The Friendship garden continues to bloom with love and we appreciate our wonderful partnership of 20 years.

Please know we will think of Trudy often and we are reminded daily of the kindness of your congregation.

Thank you!

~ Sue Fowler

## DANA NEWS

- The City of Albany will have a free paper shredding event at Washington Park from 1-4 PM on **October 3**.
- The Delaware Branch library is open for curbside pickup of materials ordered in advance. Check it out at the following link:

<https://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/curbside-pickup/>



## Thank you!

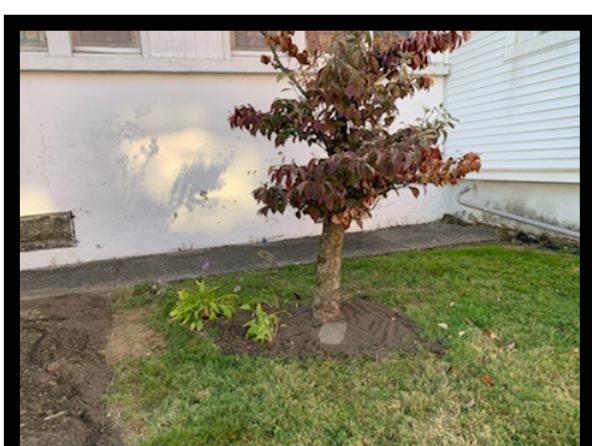
To all the volunteers who moved 4 yards of top soil from our green space to the front and sides of our building and then planted perennials on Saturday, September 19 and Monday, September 21.

Saturday's few — but determined — workers distributed half of the soil using only a garden cart and a broken down recycling can and three buckets!

Barb Turner's crew of hardy volunteers included:

- Kaelin Bray
- Patti Henry
- Craig Jones
- Dorothy Johnson
- Merril-Lee Turner
- Rick Vandenberg

The results of their efforts are picture perfect!





LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
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Church Office hours will return to regular schedule on Monday, October 5.\*

The office schedule is Monday-Thursday from 8-10:45 AM & 12-2 PM.

\* There is a slight chance of jury duty on Wednesday, October 7. If that occurs — it will be the FINAL day.