CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday	***Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***
9:30am	***Worship***
9:45am	Sunday School
10:30am	*Coffee and Fellowship* and Bazaar "Left Over" sale – Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Youth Choir rehearsals
12:00 – 1:30pm	Youth Group – Youth Space
6:00pm	High School Group – Rev. Gene's Parsonage
Monday	
9:30 – 11:00am	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
5:30 – 6:30pm	Younger Youth Gathering – Youth Space
Tuesday	
10:00 – 11:00am	Holy Yoga: Mat Yoga – Ministry Center Upper Rm.
Thursday	***Happy Thanksgiving!***
	Church Office and Early Learning Center Closed
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Sunday	***First Sunday of Advent***
9:30am	***Worship – Baptism***
9:45am	Sunday School
10:30am	*Coffee and Fellowship*
11:00am	Grieving during the Holidays Support Group; facilitated by Rev. Scott Brown – Conference Room
11:00am	Youth Choir rehearsals
12:00 – 1:30pm	Youth Group – Youth Space
4:30 – 6:30pm	Advent Family Night – meet in Fellowship Hall



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 *Cherubs, Alleluia Angels, Jubilation! and Sanctuary Choirs.*

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE THIS MORNING are given by *the Applegate and Lewis families* in loving memory of *Betty Applegate Kluge.*

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, please contact Stacey Savage, Director of our Early Learning Center at earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP will be held in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30am worship service. Thank you to the *Holiday Bazaar team* for hosting today. Please consider hosting this important ministry of the church. Signup on our website under "Sign Ups."

BAZAAR SECOND CHANCE TRADITION: Come shop for crafts and other fun stuff today during *Coffee and Fellowship*. Find something special for your home or for a gift while giving to church benevolence. All on a donation basis! Cash or check. Find us in Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY at 11:00am in the Ministry Center Conference Room for a talk facilitated by Rev. Scott Brown on "Supporting One Another while Grieving during the Holidays".



ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday, November 29th in Fellowship Hall from 4:30 – 6:30pm! All ages are invited to join us for a fun evening of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together and kick off the Advent and Christmas season with decorations, crafts, activities and cookies! Sign up today on the church website!



THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has begun their next study of the book of the prophet, Ezekiel. Join us for the discovery of Ezekiel's visions of God's glory. They meet Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:00am in the Ministry Center Conference Room. All women are welcome. The study books are available outside the church office.

YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gerry B., recovering from knee surgery
Mary N., Janine Smolinski's mother, recovering from surgery
Sue C., recovering from lumpectomy
Matt O., medical concerns
Clark P., recovering from knee surgery
Barbara W., dealing with water damage to her townhouse
All of our church family members in long-term care facilities

Prayers and Condolences to Natalie Fox on the death of her husband, Charlie Fox, on November 14, 2026. A memorial service will be held on January 9, 2027, at 11:00am in the sanctuary.

MISSION PARTNER: New Brunswick Theological Seminary – The oldest Protestant seminary in North America, NBTS forms leaders for the church and world, rooted in Reformed theology and committed to diversity and justice. *Pray for students, faculty, and staff to be guided by the Spirit in training faithful leaders for the church.*

CHRISTMAS IN ASBURY PARK: We are partnering with Trinity Church's Community Program to bring Christmas cheer and support to those in need of shelter. Donations can be made through the church website under *Giving* (please add "Christmas Gift" in note section) or in person during *Coffee and Fellowship* following Sunday services. Your generosity will brighten someone's Christmas and provide meaningful support beyond the holidays. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM for the Open Door Family Advocacy Program is making great progress - THANK YOU! There are less than ten children remaining, so act quickly. You can select a child through the signup page on the church website. A table will be at *Coffee and Fellowship* today, where you can select a recipient(s). **Please note** - For those who signed up for a child on-line and DID NOT pick up your label, bag, and instructions - please stop during *Coffee and Fellowship* to do that. The collection/distribution will be on Sunday, December 13th, at the 9:30am worship service.

FULFILL SORT ROOM: A long running, and VERY popular, mission activity involves helping in the Sort Room at the Fulfill facility in Neptune Township. CNRC is scheduled to serve on Wednesday January 6, 2027, from 1:00 – 4:00pm. We are looking for 15 people (12 regular, and 3 subs) to volunteer to help. Our work will help to provide food for hundreds of food-insecure families in Monmouth and Ocean County. Please sign up on our website today to reserve your spot!

REV. GENE RYAN will be out of the office Tuesday, November 24 through Friday, November 27.

CODE BLUE: Our church family has committed to provide volunteers to support Code Blue - the warming center at Trinity Church in Asbury Park. The warming center opens each night when temperatures drop below freezing - last year they served as many as 115 people over 98 nights. We'll be providing help every other Tuesday (1st shift – 6:30 to 8:30pm) during the months of December, January, and February. Duties include **–** set up chairs and tables, prepare (warming) and set up the meal, assist with sign-in and bag check.

Please sign up on the church website. We are aiming for two people to support each evening (Dec.1, Dec.15, etc.) and have layered in a substitute for each night. Once signed up, you will receive instructions and notification of need.

We have been blessed to have many members of CNRC participate in this outreach in the past. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Engelman at pengel1121@gmail.com.

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, December 1, at 7:00pm we will gather at the home of Sandy Anderson, or our Annual Christmas gathering! This is our 10th year – please join us! RSVP to Sandy at sja7669@gmail.com or for more information



ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Friday, December 11th from 7:00–10:00pm at the home of Becky and Matt Axtell, 17 Brookview Drive in Colts Neck. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer, fellowship, and fun with our church family! Please sign up on our church website and let us know whether you'll be bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. If you prefer to sign up in person, Sandy Freeman will be available during *Coffee and Fellowship* today to help you. And, of course, no Christmas party would be complete without our traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange, so start thinking about what fun (or funny!) gift you might bring! We look forward to celebrating the season together!

TREES ON CNRC CAMPUS: If you noticed the trees between the upper and lower parking lots at church you might have wondered, "why do they look like telephone poles?" or "will they be chopped down soon?", you aren't alone! In some of the recent storms there was a significant amount of branches and limbs that fell. Upon inspection, it was revealed that there was rot or damage to many of the trees. An arborist was called in and the results you see is a long-term way of both preserving the health of the tree and ensuring public safety. In a few years the treetops again will be full!