

Lyall Memorial Federated Church

Welcome to all our visitors this morning!
We are happy to see you and blessed to have you here!
Announcements: Sunday, August 7, 2022

Please Note These Dates:

August 8, The Anti-Racist Study Group continues
August 9, First Harvest Pantry, at 8 am
August 11, Lyall Lunch meeting, at 10:30 a.m.
August 14, Brief Congregational Meeting, 11:40 a.m.
August 15, The Anti-Racist Study Group, 12:30 p.m.
August 16, First Harvest Pantry, at 8 am

Prayers: Pastor Thom receives prayer requests from members of our church family, our community, the country, and world. Please pray for the family and friends of Guy Lavallee. We also pray for the healing of... Jeremy and Teresa Gould, Joe Credle, Sandy Beaumont, Dorothy Myler, Christine Horihan, Donna Cervoni, Kevin Kading, Jean Armstrong, Marianne Milo, & Anne Van Vlack.

TODAY: The Special Music by Jason Brown will be sung by Dan Koch

Lyall Lunch: *On August 11, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a meeting for all Lyall Lunch Team volunteers, we hope everyone will come to get reoriented as we prepare to resume Lyall Lunch on Thursday, August 25. This year Lyall Lunch will be prepared and served twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Please contact Bob Tierney at 845-677-4458, or bobtier03@gmail.com if you are interested.*

Congregational Meeting: A brief Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, August 14. During the meeting votes will be held to approve revisions made to the bylaws in June 2022, and to affirm a name change for the church. Your presence is *encouraged*, but if you are not able to attend please assign your vote to a proxy who will be in attendance.

Food for Folks: This month two volunteers are assisting, Diane...she'll let us know if anything special is needed. Whatever you donate is *always appreciated*. Diane Moretti may be reached at 845-242-6508.

Volunteers...We continue to call on those who have graciously joined our team of Lectors and Greeters/Ushers, and to call on new volunteers to sign-up for this month and next, on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

Missions: A July 30 update from Karen Stockton with a *prayer request* is posted on the Missions Bulletin Board. Please be sure to read it, if you have a moment. Your support is important.

The Anti-Racist Study Group: The Anti-Racist Study Group will continue on *Mondays*, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. On August 1, 2022, the Anti-Racist Study Group began reading Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar, one of the New York Times 10 Best Books of the Year 2020. Little, Brown and Company describes it:

A deeply personal work about identity and belonging in a nation coming apart at the seams, Homeland Elegies blends fact and fiction to tell an epic story of longing and dispossession in the world that 9/11 made. Part family drama, part social essay, part picaresque novel, at its heart it is the story of a father, a son, and the country they both call home.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ayad Akhtar forges a new narrative voice to capture a country in which debt has ruined countless lives and the gods of finance rule, where immigrants live in fear, and where the nation's unhealed wounds wreak havoc around the world. Akhtar attempts to make sense of it all through the lens of a story about one family, from a heartland town in America to palatial suites in Central Europe to guerrilla lookouts in the mountains of Afghanistan and spares no one—least of all himself—in the process.

We chose this novel to deepen our understanding of the lived experience of immigrants and others at the margins of our society with the hope of making us more aware of the dynamics within the United States and ultimately expanding our own compassion and empathy.

We meet on Zoom on Mondays from 12:30 – 1:30 ET. *We welcome newcomers; joining us for just this book is fine.* Please contact Pastor Thom or Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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The Community Choir and the Chancel

Choir: Both of these much appreciated choirs will resume this in September. Please contact Dan Koch at dkochpiano@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining. He would love to have you!

Building and Grounds Committee: The next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be held on Sunday, September 4.

Meals on Wheels: At this time Meals Wheels is seeking drivers to help deliver meals. Your assistance will be appreciated whether it is one day a week, once a month or as a fill in. Please consider volunteering to assist with this valued service to our community. If you would like to know more please contact John: 677-4235; mealsonwheels@lyallmemorial.org

The First Harvest Pantry: On Tuesdays, from 8 until 10 a.m., Debby Falk welcomes clients at the First Harvest Pantry, through October.

Society of Friends: Each year beginning in June, the Nine Partners Quaker Meeting holds their meetings on Sundays, at 9 a.m. in the Quaker Meetinghouse at the intersection of Church Street and Route 343. They will return to Lyall after Labor Day.

Celebration Bags for Food Pantries: The congregation continues to be generous to the children of our area by providing birthday bags that include cake mix, frosting, and sprinkles. A friend of Lynn's is providing a birthday card for each child. Our intent is to continue this as a year-round effort.

Our Daily Bread: Copies of the July through September edition of *Our Daily Bread* are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one!

Bible Study: A new series of Bible Study discussions will resume in the Fall, with Pastor Thom and Jim Demus.

New Wing Office: The office hours in the new wing are Monday - Thursday 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Phone calls are welcome at 845- 677-3485. If the phone isn't picked up immediately, *please* leave a message, or send an email to communications@lyallmemorial.org

NOTE: Protocols for Worship

- *Mask wearing is encouraged for attendees
- *We strongly encourage those feeling unwell not to attend worship service or enter the premises
- *For the time being please maintain social distancing within the Sanctuary by sitting in designated pews.

The Donate Button on Our Web Page:

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

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

Ukrainian Relief: Razom for Ukraine is a fully vetted 501 c3 NY-based organization that has worked assisting Ukraine and Ukrainians since 2014. Razom adjusts its efforts to focus on providing what is needed in real-time by those on the ground in Ukraine. *Please consider making a donation to: razomforukraine.org*

