

**CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
CONNECTION  
October 2012**

**34th Annual Musical Celebration  
Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 3pm  
First Lutheran Church  
181 Western Ave., Albany, 12203**

Park in the church lots on Western or at the corner of Cortland Place and State St. The church is handicapped accessible from the Western Ave. lot.

The program showcases music being performed in our churches. Participants include the Bell Choir of Calvary United Methodist Church, the College of Saint Rose Women's Chorale, the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Choir, the St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Chorale, the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir, and a Lutheran Cluster Choir. Refreshments will be served after the concert. A free will offering will be received to support the ministries of the Council, but advance gifts may be made by using the tear-off form on the last page of this newsletter. Gifts received by October 23 will be listed in the program. Please post the enclosed flyer at your church or somewhere else where people can see it.

**A Message from the CACC Board of Directors**

Last month, the Rev. George Brennan tendered his resignation as Executive Director of the Capital Area Council of Churches, effective September 30. The Board accepted his resignation with sadness and regret. We honor and thank him for all of his work on behalf of the Council since his appointment in January of 2011.

The Board is pleased to announce that the Rev. Vernon Victorson, who retired from First Lutheran Church last year, has agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director. Pastor Victorson has a long association with CACC, having served on our Board and as Chair of the Shelter Oversight Committee in the past. We look forward to working with him during this time of transition.

**Church Women United Fall Forum & Bake Sale-Oct. 5**

Bethany Baptist Church, 59 Second St., Albany, 12210. Registration begins at 11:30am. Bring a bag lunch and money to buy dessert. Speaker from Albany County Department of Health on "Emergency Readiness."

**Sidney & Beatrice Albert Interfaith Panel Discussion-Oct. 22**

7:30pm, Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary at the College of St. Rose, 959 Madison Ave., Albany. Topic: "Is All Politics Religious? Let's Discuss It."

The principles of religious liberty and the separation of Church and State have been subjects of lively discussions during this year's election cycle. The panel will explore these principles from a legal and scholarly point of view and from the perspectives of the Hindu, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish faiths. Dr. Alan Chartock will moderate the discussion. Call 454-5250.

### **Congratulations to....**

--Phyllis Silverman and Kathleen Duff, recipients of this year's Carlyle Adams Ecumenical/Interfaith Award!

--the Capital Region Theological Center on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

--the Most Rev. Richard Roy, OSJD, Primate of the National Catholic Church of America, celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as bishop on October 12<sup>th</sup>!

--the Rev. James Kane, celebrating 30 years as Director of the Roman Catholic Diocese Commission for Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs!

--the 32 area seniors being honored on October 10<sup>th</sup> by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum with Lifetime Achievement Awards!

### **Transitions**

Welcome to new CACC Board members Susan A. Nixon, Esq., and Joan Lipscomb. We also welcome Christine Holle as the new Director of Jewish Family Services and the Rev. Richard Weiing, newly appointed Albany District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church. We note with sadness the passing of the Rev. Melvin Lavender, a United Methodist pastor who served several area churches.

### **From the churches and in the community...**

Albany's **First Presbyterian Church** presents a concert and art show on the first Friday (**10/5**) of the month...**The Homeless Action Committee's** annual dinner & silent auction is at 6pm, **10/12** at the Fuller Road Firehouse Banquet Hall, 1342 Central Ave., Albany. Cost: \$40. Call 426-0554 by 10/6... The **Interfaith Story Circle** will meet from 7-9pm on **10/16** at A Little Moon Tibetan Shop, 467 Madison Ave., Albany. Storytellers AND listeners welcome! Call Anne @869-5247...**The Food Pantries** hosts their Harvest Evening Celebration from 5:30-8:30pm on **10/18** @ Pat's Barn in the Rensselaer Technology Park. Tickets: \$65. Call Alissa @458-1167 for tickets...The **Cathedral of All Saints**, located at 62 So. Swan St., Albany, 12210, will hold their traditional "Medieval Faire" from 10am-5pm on **10/20**. Call 465-1342..."**Help or Hindrance: Faith Community Response to Domestic Violence**", 10am-1pm, **10/27**, Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Colonie. Free half day conference for faith leaders. To register or for more information, contact Karen.Ziegler@albanycounty.com...The **First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany**, 405 Washington Ave., Albany 12203, is hosting "Pieces of Peace" from 6-9pm on **11/1**. The program includes peace readings by members of various peace groups.

### **Looking Ahead to November...and Beyond**

Please mark your calendars now for these upcoming events:

**Nov. 2:** Church Women United World Community Day

**Nov. 11:** CACC Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace, 3pm

**Nov. 14:** Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration, 7pm

**Dec. 1:** World AIDS Day

**2013**

**Jan. 8:** Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism gathering

**Jan. 15:** MLK Interfaith Memorial Service

**Feb. 2:** Bowl-a-thon to benefit CACC Homeless Shelter

**March 1:** World Day of Prayer

**May 3:** Church Women United May Friendship Day

**May 5:** CROP Hunger Walks

### **Capital Region Theological Center**

CRTC provides ecumenical theological education, support for clergy, training for ministry, and resourcing services for congregations.

Call 462-2470 or visit [www.capitalrtc.org](http://www.capitalrtc.org) to register for courses or to obtain more information. Group discounts and scholarships available for some courses. Lunch included for full day events.

Upcoming: “*Misused & Abused: Re-Claiming and Proclaiming Revelation*”, Dr. Richard Carlson, **Oct. 18-19**, 9am-4pm @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenville. Cost: \$175. Register by 10/2. “*We Are Not Our Own: John Calvin Speaks to Us Today*”, Fr. Dennis Tamburello, **Oct. 30**, 9am-4pm @ Siena College. Cost: \$75 by 10/3, \$90 thereafter. Register by 10/15. “*Thinking Outside the Box: Becoming Communities of Vibrant Engagement*”, Rev. Dr. Richard Chrisman, **Nov. 3**, 9am-4pm @ Skidmore College. Cost: \$85 before 10/5, \$95 thereafter. Register by 10/18. Simulcast from Trinity Wall Street in NYC of Joan Chittister on “*Equipping Ourselves for Social Change*”, **Nov. 9**, 7-8:30pm, and **Nov. 10**, 9am-4pm @ Niskayuna Reformed Church. Cost: \$90 by 10/12, \$105 thereafter. Register by 10/24.

### **Emergency Overflow Shelter**

The Homeless Shelter sponsored by the Council of Churches and hosted by First Lutheran Church has been a beehive of activity over the summer. The office, lounge, and sleeping quarters have all been painted, floors have been cleaned, and plans are well underway to open for the season in November. Pamela Bullock returns as Program Manager and will be recruiting and training staff and volunteers this month. Thanks to the students from Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry at the University at Albany for their help with cleaning and set up. The Shelter has applied for several grants, but will need your ongoing financial support to be able to operate for the full season. Perhaps your congregation would consider organizing a special event to benefit the Shelter. Be creative!

Look for a **Wish List** of needed supplies on the last page of this newsletter.

## CACC 34th Annual Musical Celebration-Nov. 4

I/We wish to contribute to the 34th Annual Ecumenical Musical Celebration:

\_\_\_\_ As a Saint (\$250 and over)

\_\_\_\_ As a Benefactor (\$200-249)

\_\_\_\_ As a Sponsor (\$100-199)

\_\_\_\_ As a Friend (\$34-99)

Please print your name and congregation (optional) as you wish them to appear in the program:

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Given in memory or in honor (circle one) of:

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Please make check out to "CACC" and send to 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203 before 10/23.

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### SHELTER WISH LIST

**Cleaning products:** Pine Sol, bleach, laundry detergent, dish detergent, dryer sheets

**Paper products:** paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, facial tissue, heavy duty 20 gal. trash bags, food service gloves; heavy duty paper hot cups, bowls, plates; sturdy plastic eating utensils

**Clothing:** new socks, underwear (sizes 36,38,40); T-shirts (L, XL, 2X)

**Toiletries:** small sized toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, hand sanitizer, lip balm, hand lotion

**Food:** cereal, Kool-Aid mix, canned apple or orange juice, snacks (cookies, popcorn, etc.), sugar, coffee, powdered creamer

**Volunteers** to help with meals, make beds, do laundry, sign in guests, etc.

Call the Shelter phone @426-1227 after Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Financial gifts** are always welcome. Please make checks out to "CACC Shelter Acct." and mail to CACC, 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203.

#### October, 2012

- 1 CRTC Fall Event
- \*5 CWU Fall Forum
- 7 World Communion Sunday
- 8 Columbus Day (office closed)
- 9 Com. on Committees mtg., Noon;  
Shelter Committee, 4pm
- 10 Senior Issues Lifetime Achievement  
Awards Ceremony, 10am @ Beth Emeth
- 11 BOARD of DIRECTORS, Noon  
**CACC Fall Banquet @ Albany  
Country Club, 6pm**
- 15 Communications Com. focus group,  
Noon
- 17 CREO Board, Noon

#### October (cont.)

- \*18 Harvest Evening Celebration  
to benefit The Food Pantries
- \*22 Sidney & Beatrice Albert  
Interfaith program @ St. Rose
- 24 Action & Program Com., 4pm
- 31 Reformation Day

#### November, 2012

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 CWU World Community Day
- \*4 CACC Musical Celebration,  
**3pm @ First Lutheran Church;**

[\*denotes more information to be found elsewhere in this issue]