

***Flood Disaster Updates and Requests  
For Middleburgh, Prattsville and Schoharie Reformed***

Thanks to everyone who have expressed concern, are helping and wish to help. Below you will find updates on these three churches and needs specific to each of the three communities deeply affected by the flood.

**Middleburgh:** Cleanup has gone well, same with the village. **Volunteers are not needed at this time.** It is hoped that the professional service cleaning the church will finish the end of week.

**Middleburgh Future Need:** The church housed the **food pantry and it has to be totally restocked.** When they are ready to receive goods we will publicize the need for collection sites and pantry items.

**Prattsville:** Parsonage: The first main floor has been cleared out, plaster off the walls. The carpet and pews in the sanctuary are out. Work on the walls has begun. **Volunteers are needed for demolition and more mud removal in the parsonage and church.** If it's a big team, some members may go to individual houses.

**If you have asthma or an immune disorder, the mold will be an issue. Please wait to volunteer until later.**

Plan to arrive after 9:00 am, team members no one younger than 15 years. When you get to the parking area, National Guard will advise you to either go to the church or take a shuttle. Be sure to say you are working with the Dutch Church.

**Please Bring:** Square shovels, buckets, disposable gloves, work gloves, boots, and face mask. No cleaning supplies are needed.

**You do not need** to bring a lunch and water is optional. **If you want a snack, consider bringing a few extra to leave at the church.**

**Directions to Prattsville:** From the highway take Rte. 23 through Windham. At West Settlement Rd. in Ashland, take a right to Rte. 10, which will eventually lead you to the parking area.

**Prattsville is still looking for plastic bins and totes to store things, bring a few with you if you can.**

**Contact Nancy McNiven** to set up a work group visit. Albany Synod office  
1-518-374-4573, cell phone, 1-518-867-2700 or nmcniven@albansynod.org

**Schoharie Reformed Church:** Work continues in the church and in the community.

**Volunteers needed.** Assignments start at 9 am and continue through the day. Workers will be asked to sign a document indicating you are in the community for work relief.

**Bring:** 5 gallon pail (if you have it), tools to “tear things apart”-hammers, crowbars etc. square shovels, mops, brooms, disposable gloves, dusk/face masks, boots (rubber and work), lunch and water. Please carpool when possible. **Especially requested: hand sanitizers, handy wipes, and work gloves.**

**Your contact is Sarah Goodrich-470-0014**

**SCHOHARIE URGENTLY NEEDS CLEAR PLASTIC BINS AND TOTES. IF NOT CLEAR PLASTIC BINS, INCLUDE MARKERS AND TAPE TO LABEL. FIRST SCHENECTADY WILL BE A DROP-OFF SITE. DROP BETWEEN 9AM AND 3PM.**

**NO COLLECTION FOR CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, LINENS OR FURNITURE AT ANY OF THESE SITES. THERE IS NO PLACE TO STORE.**

**As flood waters rise again today, keep all affected areas in your prayers and thoughts. This is the latest update as we know it. Our office will continue to bring you updates when we have corroborated and correct information.**

**Nancy McNiven**

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