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As we move into the Autumn season and the temperatures begin to cool, we hope you will return from your summer vacation mode and are ready for a full and active church life, beginning with Sunday services.....

September Sermon Themes

September 11 - Violence as a response to frustration is a destructive solution happening in our world. The Gospel has solutions that are working in parts of the world, and can be beneficial in our present relationships. How can we react and act in beneficial ways?

September 18 – Education and wisdom are Bible themes. Opportunities for developing leadership qualities are more fully seen when we take time to pray. Let's enjoy life more with insights Christ wants for us.

September 25 – Grandparents are intergenerational mentors. Many other people enjoy being intergenerational mentors too. The Bible celebrates mentor power. We will too.

October 2 – Around the World Christians are discovering satisfying ways to make a difference for good. We'll examine some international dialogue that can enrich us.

Pastor Mel shared the following with us:

Healthy benefits of a Sunday morning at church (from a recent sermon)

"Out of 212 studies, three-fourths showed a positive effect of religious commitment on health," reports Dr. Dale Matthews, MD of Georgetown University. Dr. Harold G. Koenig of Duke University Medical Center reports that "people who attend church are both physically healthier and less depressed."

- Men who attend church have much lower blood-pressure levels than those who don't.
- Among elderly women recovering from hip fractures, those with strong religious beliefs suffered less from depression and thus were more likely to walk sooner.
- When research was reviewed, religious commitment was found to be beneficial to physical health in more than 80% of the cases.

Source: Dr. David Larson, psychiatrist,
National Institute of Mental Health, Washington, DC.

More stability

Those who are actively practicing their faith are more than twice as likely to stay married as the nonreligious:

- at 5 years: 7% divorced vs 17% of seldom attenders
- at 15 years: 14% vs 37%

National Survey of Family Growth; National Institute of Child Development.

Church lifestyle rates highest in happiness.

- 93% of those people living an “authentic, noticeably different Christian life--more giving and forgiving, spending significant time helping people burdened with physical and emotional needs”--rated life “very happy”, reported George Gallop, Jr.
- Over 90% of those pursuing solely their own happiness were rated by others as unhappy. (Bernard Rimland study)

Sunday Service begins at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall (for the time being).

All are welcome, please come and invite a friend to join you!

September Sounds

By Elaine Peacock



Every time I hear the first commercials for “back to school” sales I think back to that jingle from my school days. “School bells ring and children sing its’ back to Robert Hall again.” I know all you boomers out there know what I am talking about. Going back to school for me meant a new binder with all those clean lined white paper with tab dividers for all my subjects. The anticipation of just wondering what I would write on those pages in the months ahead was so exciting actually sort of what I do every month for the PRC Newsletter.

So as the summer comes to a close get in that last dip in the pool, that last walk on the boardwalk, and all the other things you loved doing this summer and get ready to change gears from summer to fall. September gives us our last taste of summer and the first taste of what is coming in the season ahead. I’m looking forward to all September has to offer, are you?



Round Table of Thanks for July & August

- ★ Thank you so much to all who assisted Operations for overseeing the removal of a mountain of dirt that was in our parking lot.
- ★ A very big thank you to Sam and Anna Earle for helping dad and grandpa build chair racks for our new chairs. This was a huge savings for the church so we are doubly thankful.
- ★ Thank you to Elyse Kascik for all her hard work and enthusiasm relating to Family Promise and to all the volunteers who came forward to help. We are so grateful to all of you!
- ★ Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for all they do during this time of transition, also for being so accommodating during coffee hour. We appreciate all you do.
- ★ Thank you to Bruce Foote for upgrading the wiring of the video/TV system and to Ralph Hook who helped with the installation. Thank you both for all your hard work.

Birthdays
 Chrissy Warner
 Caroline Winter
 Michael Warner



In Memory of.....

Given By	In Memory Of	Designation
Eleanor Finke	Jean Van Broekhoven	Undesignated
Lois Duffy	Wilma Smith	Roof Repair
Lorna, Michele, & Doris	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Kevin & Lorna Carroll	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Elaine Peacock	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Kay Bergin	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Terry & Eva Terhune	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Ellen Lockwood	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Susan & Bruce Davis	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Walt & Jeannette Struble	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Bob & Marge Hubert	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
John & Nancy Nelson	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Corinne Tyndall	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
David & Janet Hackbarth	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Ronald & Joy Jackson	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Martha Hatch	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Joe & Joan Ruyzam	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Claire Wolpert	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Richard & Annette Horbacz	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Albert & Leona Agnes	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Linda Vigorita	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Susan McEvoy	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Dwight & Linda Decker	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Art & Marge Kaffka	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Warren & Nancy Zitzner	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Helen & Chuck Gioia	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Judy Piviotto	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Ingeborg Schwab	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Mel Van Hattem	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Margaret Sisco	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Nancy Shimmel	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair
Sandy, Dorothy, & Amanda Mancini	Betty Sisco	Roof Repair

Eleanor Haling sends greetings to all her friends at PRC





Dear Church Family,

I would like to personally thank you all for the prayers, love, and support you gave to my Mom and now that you are giving to me. My Mom really felt the love of our Church Family with the prayers, visits, and cards she received. She really appreciated it when Pastor Mel visited her as well as other members of our Church Family. She really truly felt Blessed by all of you. And then after her passing you all have wrapped your arms around me and showed me that I am not alone. Although I am terribly lonely you all have made it easier for me. Your prayers, food, words of kindness, cards, donations, phone calls, emails, attending the Wake and the Funeral has helped me to get through this very difficult time. I want to thank Pastor Mel, Elaine, Terry, Scott, and Patti for making the Funeral so wonderful! I want to thank Jackie for Greeting, and Jack and Bruce for taping the funeral and taking care of the sound system. I also want to thank Michele and Lorna for working on the Bulletins. My family and friends are still talking about how wonderful and beautiful everything was! When I walked into Fellowship Hall I was overwhelmed with the amount of people who came out on a very hot day to honor my Mom. It made me feel so wonderful that so many people thought so much of her! With the holidays coming up I could still use your prayers as this will be a very difficult time for me. But with wonderful friends like you and taking one day at a time I know I will get through this. You are all a Blessing from God! Thank You all very much from the Sisco Family.

With love, Jo-Ann Sisco



Dear church family,

I wanted to thank you all for the scholarship and your support. This gift will help as I enter my senior year of college.

Thank you again,
Alanna Sachse



Dear Pompton Reformed Scholarship Committee and Family,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the scholarship program at PRC. Thank you all for your generous support as I continue my education. I am majoring in nursing and plan to graduate this upcoming May, 2017. By awarding me this scholarship, I am able to focus on my studies and will do my best to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Thank you all for your continuing support and prayers through this journey.

Sincerely, Shana Van Shaack



Fellowship Dates

September 18- Church Picnic
September 24- Shredding Fundraiser for Roof Construction
October 1- Sight and Sound
October 15- Autumnfest
December 18- Cookie Social

Church Picnic - We will have our Church Picnic on September 18. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Rolls will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. There will be a sign up sheet for our Church Family to sign up for any side dish you would like to donate. There will be activities for the kids. Anyone who would like to help out please let any Fellowship Member know.

**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY
AT 10:00 AM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**WE WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY
WHO LOVES US
AND**

THEN GO TO OUR CLASSROOMS WITH OUR TEACHERS

If you are able please bring a canned good or non-perishable food for our food pantry.

**** As Sunday School begins, the worshipping congregation will participate in a blessing given to the dedicated staff of teachers and assistants. Added this year will also be a blessing of the children.**

Seniors meetings- Wednesday at 1:30 pm **start again Sept. 21**

Besides healthy refreshments, we've had some refreshing discoveries about the life stories we have to tell about our faith journey. Pastor Mel has discussion tools which will work for our conversations with grandchildren as well. At the seniors meetings the enjoyable stories come to life. Some get written out. Check the hallway bulletin board.

We will be meeting again on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 21. Then we will be exploring how Saddleback Church people enjoyed discovering their potential for fulfillment at this life stage. Visit with us any Wednesday at 1:30.

College students, young adults and their parents

Dialogue by email and in person during August produced a long list of hopes about how the church could be supportive to young adult development and challenges. In response we have a booklet describing resources already available at PRC. Ask for one. It can also be emailed. And more response is in production. Pastor Mel

Fundraising Opportunities

>>Deacon's 8 Inch Mum Sale

Orders taken until Sept. 4! Pick up Mums on Sept. 11!



Four varieties of colors; bronze, red, purple, yellow- all \$7 each. See a deacon after services or call the church office.

>>Shredding Fundraiser- The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Shredding Fundraiser for the Roof Construction. The date is September 24 from 10am-1pm at the church. The first white kitchen bag that fits in a 17X22 box will cost \$20.00. Bags after that will cost \$5.00. Please spread this info to your family and friends. Please also put this on your Facebook page also. Please remember this is for the Church Roof.

>>Wendy's Fundraising Night - The Wendy's Restaurant in Pompton Lakes has kindly chipped in to help with our roof replacement project. 15% of all sales between 5:00 and 8:00 pm will be donated back to PRC from Wednesday nights, September 14th, October 12th and November 16th. We will remind you as these dates get closer. Please plan to visit Wendy's on those dates and bring your appetites. Thanks!!

>>Family Promise of Passaic County will be hosting a **Clothing Drive** at PRC on Sunday 9/11 from 9-2pm. All proceeds will be donated to our Congregations Roof Repair fund. Please share the flyer at the back of this newsletter with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. We would greatly appreciate any posting of the flyer or info on any social media you support. Any questions can go to Elyse at emkascik@gmail.com.



Autumnfest Update



Autumnfest 2016 will be here before you know it and will take place on October 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. This only gives us 41 days to prepare! All inside vendor spaces are filled. Outdoor spaces are still available and cost \$20.00. All Autumnfest proceeds will benefit the roof construction project. Sign-up contracts are available on the church website.

We will be making phone calls after Labor Day asking for donations of homemade baked goods for our "Dot Ploch Bake Table". Because of the generous donations we have been blessed to receive over the years, this bake table has been one of our biggest fundraisers! Please volunteer to help us out. Your donations are very much appreciated! Breads and pies are very popular items and sell quickly this time of year. We also need brownies, cakes, cupcakes and cookies. THIS YEAR WE DO NOT HAVE TO PUT INGREDIENTS ON THE BAKED GOODS. If you have any questions, or would like to help the Bakery with a donation or on the day of Autumnfest, please contact Bakery Chair people, Lorna Carroll or Nancy Shimmel through the church directory or church office (973) 835-0541.

We will once again have our Accessory Shop. This shop did fantastic last year! We made over \$500.00 thanks to all of your donations! While doing your fall cleaning please consider donating gently used and clean pocketbooks, wallets, change purses, belts, scarves, and costume jewelry. You can bring them in at any time and give them to chairperson, Doreen Apgar. If you have any questions or would like to work in the Accessory Shop please see Doreen.

We are always looking for help in Children's Games and Crafts. The games and crafts are already set and they are very easy to manage. We have games, crafts, and face painting. If you are interested in helping please see Fran Bierwas.

The Deacons will be in charge of the Farm Stand. We will be asking for donations of bottled water and cans of soda for the Luncheon.

Volunteers are needed! There are plenty of areas where you can help. We need set-up help Thursday night - October 13th for the Accessory Shop and to decorate Fellowship Hall. We will need help all day on the day of Autumnfest. Even if you can give us one hour for relief or to take the Vendors their lunches this would be greatly appreciated! If you have any ideas on how we can expand Autumnfest or how you can help please talk to any Fellowship Member.

We really can use your prayers that the Community can see God's presence in our smiles and the way we show kindness and love to others in the Community! Thank You all in advance for your generosity of time and donations. God Bless

Dates to Remember

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS
"BACKPACK SUNDAY"
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
BRING YOUR SCHOOL BACKPACK
TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND
RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING



FOR THE SCHOOL WEEKS AHEAD!

**Students, their parents and grandparents will receive helpful gifts. Students are invited to come with their backpacks. Gifts include items to help with school endeavors, scripture passages relevant to enriching student learning experiences, and parent resources.

After worship and Sunday School, during the 11:00 am refreshment time, parents can examine a growing parent enrichment library. Any person can borrow library items free.

Honoring Grandparent And other Intergenerational Mentors

at Pompton Reformed Church, Sunday, September 25 10:00 am

Be affirmed for your important role.

You are invited to a worship service thanking God for the positive influence of grandparents and other intergenerational mentors. A celebrative refreshment time follows at 11 am

Receive a packet of helpful resources for grand-parenting and mentoring—
free to all grandparents, mentors and their friends.

Examine the growing Parent and Grandparent Resources in our free loan library.

Chancel Choir News

Choir will resume on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for new voices! Come out and have some musical fun! Questions?
See Patti Kitchell.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



You're invited to join us this September for a six-week study to explore our spiritual gifts.

Understanding who God made us to be will help us discover what He's called us to do. In order to help us better understand who God made us to be, we'll utilize an acrostic made popular by Pastor Rick Warren, of Saddleback Church in Southern California. The acrostic is the word S.H.A.P.E. As we begin unpacking our God-given "S.H.A.P.E.", it is our earnest prayer that we will understand more fully what it means for us to serve God and His Kingdom – so that our passion can meet God's purpose!

Please know it is not the intention of this study to force anyone into a particular area of service based on the results of this assessment. The primary purpose is rather to help us discover what life directions we may choose to explore. These sessions will be held Sunday after worship (11:30 am to 1:00 pm) or the following Monday evening (7:00 to 8:30 pm) or the following Wednesday afternoon at Pastor Mel's gathering from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. The dates will be:

Session 1: 9/18, 19 or 21
Session 2: 9/25, 26 or 28
Session 3: 10/2, 3 or 5
Session 4: 10/9, 10 or 12
Session 5: 10/16, 17 or 19
Session 6: 10/23, 24 or 26



Hope you'll consider giving this a try. If interested, please sign up following worship or contact either Pastor Mel or Mark Warner and indicate which day/time works best for you.

ABOUT S.H.A.P.E. - Five Ways God Has Shaped You:

S – Spiritual Gifts - What has God supernaturally gifted me to do?
H – Heart - What do I have passion for and love to do?
A – Abilities - What natural talents and skills do I have?
P – Personality - Where does my personality best suit me to serve?
E – Experiences - What spiritual experiences have I had? What painful experiences have I had? What educational experiences have I had? What ministry experiences have I had?

"Your ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when you are using your gifts and abilities in the area of your heart's desire in a way that best expresses your personality and experience." – Rick Warren

What Bible Verse has helped you?

See responses on the hallway bulletin board. When can we add yours?

See Pastor Mel.



The PRC Senior Pastor Search Team continues to meet every other Monday and is progressing nicely toward its task. All Team members contribute openly - creating a stimulating and collaborative atmosphere.

We continue to use The Pastoral Search Handbook as our guide and are on track based on the projected calendar. In addition to a variety of related activities, we have achieved the following major projects since our first meeting in March:

1. Our Church Profile was completed and approved by Consistory. It has been submitted to the RCA. Additionally, the profile has been sent to the Presbyterian Church for consideration by their clergy.
2. The PRC Senior Pastor job-posting document was finalized and submitted to the RCA. The posting is currently displayed on their website.
3. Considerable time and effort has been devoted to identifying the most desirable attributes in the character/experience desired in our new senior pastor.
4. Currently, a Search Sub-Committee is working on a "Church Packet" to be distributed to all candidates who have passed the team screening process. This compilation will include a comprehensive description of PRC.
5. To date, we have received and are reviewing profiles from thirteen candidates.

Please continue to pray for the Senior Pastor Search Team as we work through this process on behalf of our church family.

PRC People



George Montanari, son of PRC, has started his 14th year serving as pastor of Middlebush Reformed Church in Somerset, NJ. He also serves as a fire police officer and chaplain of the Middlebush Volunteer Fire Department. The department recognized George with the First Chief Elmer T. Smith Memorial Award, its highest honor to be awarded annually to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the department. Congratulations, George!!

October newsletter submissions are due by Sept. 26.

Please email to khuyzers@msn.com or leave in the office mailbox.

Thank you for the beautiful landscaping!

