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After a busy Advent and Christmas season, Pastor Mel is relieved from his monthly newsletter duties



Reflections on 2016

2016 has been quite a year in the life of PRC. As I drove to Christmas Eve services I wondered how Christmas would come to Fellowship Hall. I saw the darkened stained glass windows that always look so beautiful and welcoming on Christmas Eve night and I pondered.....

We started 2016 much as 2015 ended. Pastor Tom and Mary were leading the flock and all was right in our world but.....

We knew Tom and Mary  
would be leaving us in April and the  
search team was beginning their quest to  
find the right match for us for the coming future.

Easter arrived with beautiful fanfare worthy of our Lord and Savior  
And our Sanctuary was found to be unsafe, beginning a whirlwind of action to  
Right our ship and ready us for the next 200 years of service.

Tom and Mary Bartha moved on to their new calling and Pastor Mel stepped in  
as our interim minister. God is Good and does provide all that we need!

Summer passes, services continue in fellowship hall with minimal disruption.

The search committee continues its job and makes good progress.

The sanctuary is being repaired and one day in November, we are allowed to see the progress.

And what a shock it is to see the sanctuary stripped bare, scaffolding rising to the ceiling and  
Stained glass windows covered up with plywood. All these things implied by what was going on  
Outside but really hit home seeing it in person. Large beams girded with new wood strengthening  
Our structure and allowing all the other work to be done.

Thanksgiving, food boxes, food pantry,

Advent, lighting of candles

And peace, hope,

Joy, Love,

Christmas Pageant

JESUS with us.

Through all of this I see the ribbon of people who love Christ and this church keeping things going, The Search Committee, the Operations committee, the Worship Committee, the Education Committee, the Fellowship Committee, the Mission/Outreach Team, the Endowment Committee and the Consistory.

Thank you to all of you for the parts you play in Pompton Reformed Church!

## New Year New Opportunities



By Elaine Peacock

Well 2017 has arrived with bursts of fireworks, confetti and blowing horns, if only we could keep the excitement of those first minutes of the New Year for the next 365 days, but unfortunately everyday life happens. We all start the New Year with great expectations and promises to ourselves and others of changes we plan to make and then the old habits creep back into our life. I think God would like us to work on improving one thing in our life the one thing that holds us back from becoming the person God wants us to be. If everyone could work on being a bit kinder to others, showing more smiles than frowns to the world, and looking for opportunities that present us with a chance to make a difference by the time 2018 rolls around we will feel that 2017 was a good year. I wish a Happy, Healthy New Year to one and all.



### **Roundtable of Thanks:**

Janine Maletsky and all who organized the Christmas Pageant, especially all the children. The pageant was wonderful and enjoyed by all. Thank you!!

To all the volunteers who gave of their time for Toys for Tots and for being a voice in the community. Thank you for all the joy you bring to others.

## **YUMMY FUNDRAISING !!**

### Super Bowl LI - Hoagie Sale

Once again, the Deacons will be selling Hoagies / Salads for Super Bowl Sunday. This year's Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 5th. What better way to celebrate than with a hoagie or salad made by the PRC Deacons. Orders can be placed beginning January 8th. The cost for each is \$7.00.

Coming Soon - Fish & Chips Dinner!!

The Fish & Chips Dinner, catered by Tastefully British, is right around the corner. [Ticket sales will begin in mid-February, with the dinner to follow in March.](#) Look for more details in February's Newsletter.

Birthdays

Moira Anne Willard  
Wilma McKechnie  
Annabelle Rose Willard



Memorials

<u>From</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Cas & Jean Stark	Joseph Black	Legacy 2000
Cas & Jean Stark	Marie Heiberger	Legacy 2000
David & Janet Hackbarth	June Dougherty	Roof Fund
Penny & Larry Ball	Betty Sisco	Roof Fund
Ellen & John Memmelaar	Our Parents	Roof Rund

**Committees and their Meeting days/times**

Education team- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7PM  
Endowment Committee- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each quarter  
Finance Committee- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 7PM  
Operations Committee- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 7PM  
Worship Design Team- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 7PM  
Search Team- Mondays @ 7PM  
Fellowship Committee- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 7PM  
Missions/Outreach Team- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

**Good News**

Congratulations to Debbie Pierce on her upcoming ordination and installation as Associate Pastor of Ponds Reformed Church in Oakland on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 4 pm.

At the Congregational Meeting on December 11 we elected to the Office of Deacon Elizabeth Hanish and Vince Irraggi, and to the Office of Elder Barbara Pierce and Elaine Peacock. They will be installed  
On January 8.



**Opportunities to Serve**

- A Manse workday is being planned. Please sign up and indicate your day of availability.
- Liturgists and coffee hosts are needed. Please sign up by the kitchen.



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are due by Jan. 30, 2017  
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Or place in the office mailbox.

