

Leading worship today is our own Anna Gordon, Western Theological Seminary student and intern at Trinity Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Next Sunday: Elder Cheryl Daniel will be our guest preacher. She has graced our pulpit with her presence, most recently in May of last year after Pastor Tom's retirement. Cheryl serves in ministry alongside Pastor Redmond at Faith Chapel as well as at the Christian Health Care Center.

For Newcomers--Children Are Always Joyfully Welcome -- Children are invited to participate in the worship service. In addition, the nursery for age 0 -3 is staffed by a trained adult starting at 9:50 am.

For Parents-- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you must suppress it here. Sit toward the front so they can see what is happening. Help your child find the printed parts. Children learn by copying you in singing and praying. Blessing Bags with items to give hands something to do while they listen to the message are at the back of the church. If your child needs to leave, do so, but please return.

Guests-- Guests are invited to fill out the welcome card so we can send you a thank you for coming, and keep you posted on what may benefit you. Plan to stay for refreshments, ask questions, and help us learn how we might be supportive to you in your ministries, hopes and concerns..

Connect Online-- Visit our website, www.pomptonreformed.org, for more information about what we offer that may be enriching for you. You can also "like" us on facebook for more news and more photos.

Deacon's Mum Sale-The Deacons will be selling mums beginning on Sunday, August 13th through Sunday, September 3rd. The cost of the mums is \$7.00 and they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, September 10th. Thank you for your support.

Consistory Nominations - It is once again the time of year to begin prayerfully considering potential candidates to serve on consistory in the office of deacon or elder. Lynn Schlapfer-Scarmazzo has kindly agreed to serve this year as the congregation member at large on the nominations committee. Lynn will work along with our three off-going consistory members (Joe Apgar, Fran Bierwas and Charlie Quant) to present a list of potential candidates to consistory. Any PRC member is able to put forth a nomination. These should be presented to Lynn, who will bring them to the larger group. This year we have two deacon vacancies and one elder. Consistory members serve a three-year term, in this case from 2018-2020. This is a pivotal time in the history of PRC as we prepare to welcome a new pastor and face on-going challenges. Please pray for those God has gifted to serve him in these important offices. All nominations should be received by mid-September. Thank you.

Wise Planning for a Fulfilling Summer - At refreshment time, you will see displays of take-home resources to enrich your summer accomplishments.

Pastoral Care - You can reach Pastor Mel 24/7 on his cell phone 201-881-9431. He is aware of the many congregational care and development resource people volunteering to enrich our church family also. He is usually at church Tuesday – Thursday, setting times to meet with individuals as well as groups. Monday and Friday he is usually at home preparing for Sunday worship, sermons, and in-depth planning.

Discovery Group - Every Wednesday, 1:30-3:00 pm, with refreshments. Life Opportunities Discussions and Discoveries, advice time to our Pastor on relevant sermon applications. Re: future Bible Passages

Two Sunday School Teachers Needed – The ED Team is in need of a Kindergarten/1st grade teacher and a 2nd/3rd grade teacher for the upcoming Sunday School Year – 2017/2018. We also welcome anyone who may be willing to substitute. Please contact the church office at 973-835-0541 and/or leave a note in the ED Team mailbox in the workroom if you feel called to serve in this vital church ministry. Thanks!

Sunday, August 27 is the deadline for submissions for the September church newsletter. Submit to Karen Huysers @ Khuysers@msn.com.

Service Opportunities - Pastor Mel and the Christian Education Team are seeking persons with a heart for developing with us:

- Parent Enrichment Ministries
- Young Adults Ministries
- Parents of Young Adults – Resource enrichments- We can describe a diversity of ways you might be a blessing
- Posting church items on PRC Facebook page.

Volunteer to be a Storyteller - Your only qualification is a desire to impact the lives of children. You need not be a biblical expert. We can provide you with a Bible story to read. You plan to tell them about a personal spiritual experience—a Bible verse you like and why, a church experience that you loved and how it was helpful, a church person you admired and why, a prayer you like, or a personal experience for which you are thankful to God. You can make a lasting difference in a child's faith life.

You will see your Classis Assessment envelope in your envelope box. Our church is assessed \$86.00 for every active member, with funds used to support new church starts, struggling churches, programs and missions and denominational staff. Whatever amount you are able to provide greatly assists our church in this \$15,394 annual assessment. The envelope is in your box every April and October, so if you were not able to contribute earlier this year, thank you for considering it now.

Capital Campaign Update - At this time we stand as follows:

Three year pledge amount from cards -	\$ 75,540.00	Total Pledge for 1 st year -	\$ 27,080.00
Non-pledge donations -	\$ 6,131.75	Total Pledge \$\$\$ Received this Year	\$ 14,531.
Capital Campaign Total to Date -	\$ 81,671.75		

The Food Pantry is pleased to note that due to your generosity, we are currently well stocked. 🍌 Our only needs at this time are Parmalat Milk and laundry detergent. Blessings to all.

The Holland Christian Home final night of annual free concert series, “**Summer Nights at the Gazebo.**” Join us at 7pm on Tuesday, August 15 for a fun filled evening featuring the “Ridgewood Cavaliers of Harmony” barbershop chorus. Concert is held at the Holland Christian Home Gazebo, 151 Graham Ave., North Haledon. (In case of rain, concert will be moved inside to the Home’s Chapel.) For more information call 973-427-4087.

The Holland Christian Home Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate the **121st Anniversary** of the Holland Christian Home. A dinner will be held **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm** at the Tides Estate located at 1245 Belmont Ave. in North Haledon. The evening’s guest speaker will be Rev. Andy Rienstra, retired RCA/CRC pastor. For tickets, please contact the Foundation office at 973-427-4087 ext. 651 as soon as possible.

Christian Health Care Adult Day Services of Wayne and Wyckoff have quality day programs which offer a loving safe atmosphere for area seniors and a welcome respite for their caregivers. More information can be found by calling Aimee Restifo, LCSW, at (201) 897-5151

Volunteer Opportunity/Donations Sought – Looking for volunteers to help at CHC Adult Day Services of Wayne, 2000 Siena Village any time from 9 am - 3 p.m, Monday – Friday. For more info please call Teela Ferriola (201) 897-5153 or e-mail at tferriola@chccnj.org

This Week at PRC

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Knitters
Wednesday	1:30 p.m	Life Opportunities Discovery Group
Sundays	9:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School

Looking Ahead:

Sunday School begins September 10, including a blessing of the children.
 September 17: Backpack Sunday, Community Picnic, Bring your friends.
 September 24 Mentors and Grandparents will be honored.

† Prayer Requests from Last Sunday †

- Prayers for Traci, (friend of Drew Altorfer) battling cancer
- Prayers for the Hart family
- Prayers for Kathie Manmon, battling cancer
- Prayers for my friend and my family and Bobi’s family
- Prayers of joy that Thomas Hanisch is home from Germany
- Healing prayers for Skyler Hanish – he hurt his back on 7/9 and is still not 100% healed
- Healing prayers for Eva Terhune who is going in for surgery tomorrow at Valley Hospital
- Prayers for the Lord to be with a son this week as a legal matter is settled
- Travel mercies for my daughter Kristen and Lauren on vacation in Florida together (from Bill Wyckoff)