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“In the future, children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them the history of how God helped.” (Joshua 4:4-7)

You have rebuilt the sanctuary into a beautiful worship center. Now within those walls many generations are celebrating God’s presence in their lives. You have heard some of the impressive “God moments”. You may have witnessed our salutes to some of the steadfast saints, who through word and deed have carried out Christ-like initiatives.

In September we saluted Sunday School teachers, parents, grandparents and other mentors. Each of them has ways of reporting the history of “How God has helped.” Each of them received resources to enrich them in their communications inter-generationally.

Through your support of Pompton Reformed Church, you are building a sounder future for your community, and many other communities. Through your church, people become more aware of the value of character and the power of living for Godly purposes.

I am privileged to see how much your faithful support means to people. I hear about how past leaders have given youth awareness of their Godly destiny, and how now in their adult years those young people are carrying out inspiring initiatives. I’m able to converse with some of the many ministers and missionaries you have inspired to respond to God through that form of Christian service. I see volunteers finding space here to be effective as leaders for Saturday School, Scouting activities, Alcoholics Anonymous, Knitters service group, and Quilters prayer and care ministry. I see what the Center for Family Resources is doing to improve family life in our communities through Headstart Child Care. And now a new added dimension meets here, The Family Success Center, enriching parents of our communities.

Soon the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Think now about how the presence of Christ in your life has helped. You will be more ready to make inspiring conversation happen. You will be giving memorable gifts that last a lifetime.

Pastor Mel



October Chills and Thrills

By Elaine Peacock

As most of you know my favorite time of the year is autumn and October with its colored leaves, crisp fall weather and Halloween events is my absolute favorite month. Haunted hay rides, lighted pumpkins in windows, autumn fairs, haunted houses, spooky stories, trick & treat and candy corn are just a few of my favorite activities. I love crisp, cool, sweater weather days and taking walks shuffling through the leaves. The skies always seem bluer when they are against all those red, yellow and orange leaves. So put on your favorite sweater, your walking shoes choose a fun activity and go out and find some October chills and thrills and don't forget to bring along some candy corn it makes anything you do just a bit sweeter!



Roundtable of Thanks

A hearty thank you to all who made possible our summer venture with Sunday Vacation Bible School

A big thank you to all who helped make our community picnic such a success, it was enjoyed by all

*A big thank you to Fran and the Deacons for getting everything ready for our Annual Pledge Drive and to Lorna for all her invaluable help
Thank you all!!*

Celebrations

Birthdays

In Memory Of Kathryn Peacock on her birthday, 10/24, from Elaine

And Remembrances

<u>Glven By</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Paulette Kranik From the Estate of Mary Louse Bossard	Claude Kranik	Undesignated
	James & Florence Bossard and Betty Ann Whritenour	Bells

Education News

We are Thankful for our Present Christian Education staff

Nursery staff: Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner ***Children and Worship*** (age 3 – Kindergarten) Joanie Warner and Cindi Petrides ***Grades 1-5*** Wesley Witherington, Crystal Ghiraldi, Gail Marie Stewart ***Grades 6 -12*** Bruce Davis, Mark Warner

Assisting with curriculum development: Linda Hufschmid & Maryann Waibel

Parent ministry: Linda Hufschmid, Helen Gioia, Crystal Ghiraldi

Adult Ed: Elena Van Schaack

Music Coordinator - Janine Maletsky

Substitutes - Drew Altofer, Kim Hollar, Vince Iraggi, Elena VanSchaack, Gail Marie Stewart, Tom & Marianne Wall

Team support: Val Petrides, Wayne Haussler

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Linda Hufschmid
Ollie Hague
Anita Phillips
Jared Hollar
Wayne Haussler
Samantha "Sammi" Kroeger
Skyler Hanisch

Nursery caregivers Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner,
the encouragement by Anna Gordon and Lorna Carroll.

And the support by parents and grandparents.



Volunteer to be a Storyteller on one Sunday - 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.

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and they were bringing them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



children to him in order that the disciples spoke sternly to this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
Mark 10:13-16



From Our
Deacons

Annual Pledge Drive – During the month of September the Deacons will be preparing for the Annual Pledge Drive. All monies from your Annual Pledge will be used to keep Pompton Reformed Church up and running! These monies are used for Communion Sunday, staff salaries, the up keep of our building, assisting missionaries, office supplies, as well as providing the essentials for our coffee hour, church picnic, movie night, Toys for Tots and much, much, **more!** The Pledge Drive Kickoff will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

Annual Pledge Drive Kickoff / Appetizer Social – Sunday, October 1, 2017

The Deacons, in conjunction with the Fellowship Committee, will be hosting an Appetizer Social on Sunday, October 1st. Come and enjoy great company, food and drinks. Afterwards, you will be able to pick-up your Annual Pledge Drive packets. Pledges are due by the end of November.

Appetizer Social – Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The Deacons along with the Fellowship Committee will be hosting an Appetizer Social on Sunday, October 1st. ALL are invited to either make a homemade or store bought cold appetizer. Or, if you so desire, you may donate small bottles of water or six-pack cans of soda.

Autumnfest – Saturday, October 21, 2017

The Deacons are currently working on their Farmstand for Autumnfest. Once again, cronuts and other sweet delicacies will be available for sale as well as fruits and vegetables.

Fellowship Dates to Remember

October 21- Autumnfest

October 29- Chili Social

November 18- Sight and Sound Social

December 17- Cookie Social

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

Autumnfest Countdown! October 21st!

Still needed: baked goods for the Dot Ploch Bake table

- Cans of regular and diet coke
- Thursday night (Oct. 19) setup with pizza and meltaways
- Saturday breakdown and clean up
- Volunteers in many areas

Please speak to Jo-ann Sisco if you are able to help.

Upcoming Pulpit Visitors

Oct. 1 Jared Cave- from the Coalition For Christian Outreach (CCO). Jared is better known in PRC circles as the husband of Sarah Bartha and father of Piper.

Oct. 15 Debbie Pierce- daughter of PRC and youth minister at Ponds Reformed Church

Oct. 22 Reverend Nathan Busker- Pastor of Ponds Reformed Church and advisor to our Pastoral Search Team

Oct. 29 Joe Pellegrino- The founder and Former Executive Director of Legacy Minded Men, a ministry to raise up Godly men.



Adult Education Opportunity

If you had a chance to see the wonderful movie “The Case for Christ” that was recently shown in our sanctuary, you may like to participate in a discussion group on Monday nights beginning Oct. 2 and running through Oct. 23. Even if you did not see the movie, this will prove to be an enlightening and interesting discussion group led by Sabina Kroeger.

Children’s Movie - Oct. 6- fun for the family!

Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang will delight young and old alike



November Newsletter

Submissions due Oct.29

To khuysers@msn.com or the

Office Mailbox