

† **POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE** †

**Today:** Our Guest Speaker is Family Success Center leader **Wilson Santos**. He is a 25 year veteran in the field of Team Building, Leadership and Youth Development. Wilson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from York College City University of New York. He is respected as a developer of training events for those in the New Jersey Social Work field.

Wilson is on the leadership council of his local church, St. Joseph's, West Milford. He and his wife of 17 years, Vicky, through their local church have been involved in strengthening marriage through the presentation of weekend retreats for couples, holding family gatherings at their home in order to afford couples the opportunity to spend time with each other, and conducting many youth based activities. They are parents of two children, Ckyson and Cereniti.

**Family Success Center** - Our church has recently become a location for the Family Success Centers of New Jersey. Wilson Santos and Heather Saraceni are here on Mondays and Wednesdays to begin development of this outreach ministry. They will be offering free classes on Parenting, Marriage Enrichment, Financial Literacy, ESL, and other subjects. They have offices on the church's second floor. For more information you can phone them at 973-506-6575 or look on their website [www.highlandsFSC.org](http://www.highlandsFSC.org).

**Today we honor and remember** our Veterans and active military for their service to our country. Please see the insert, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for them.

**Chili Social** immediately follows worship this morning. This is one of our most popular events! Many members of our Church family bring in their favorite type of chili to share. Please join us - plenty for all!

**Pledge Information needed** - Thank you for the wonderful response thus far to our Annual Fund Pledge Campaign. It is always a joy to witness such enthusiastic giving! I have received several pledge cards without names on them. Names are needed for proper posting to the donors Contribution Statement which is provided each year for tax purposes. Anonymous donations cannot be tracked or acknowledged. If you think you may have left your name off of your pledge card in error, please contact me. I also need to clarify some information with the person who has envelope # 83, and the person that pledged \$140.00. - Lorna Carroll 973-835-0541.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - Orders are now being taken for Christmas poinsettias which will decorate our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias cost \$8.00 each. Make checks payable to *Pompton Reformed Church* and put "poinsettias" in the memo line. Orders are due by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. See order form included in your bulletin, or contact the church office @ 973-835-0541.

**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. Ask an usher for a children's worship service packet to give their hands something to do.

**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](http://www.pomptonreformed.org), for more information about what we offer that may be enriching for you. You can also "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PomptonReformed](http://www.facebook.com/PomptonReformed) for more news and more photos.

**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.

**Thanksgiving Sunday Preparation and Celebration - Nov. 19** - Two choirs will inspire us. The hymns, songs, and message will identify and celebrate many blessings for which we can be thankful. You'll be prepared for a more meaningful Thanksgiving Day.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** - You are invited to participate in a Community Thanksgiving Service Monday Nov. 20 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Pastors and other representatives of our church, Christ Church, and St. Mary's will be leaders. A united choir will sing. Refreshment and fellowship time will follow. You are invited to bring food items for needy people or a monetary gift for the offering. Each of our churches has a food program for needy families. And be prepared at the greeting time to state to persons in the pew near you something for which you are thankful.

**Construction Alert** - Sunday, Nov. 19, the regular Handicapped Parking area will be under construction, as we get a rebuilt drainage system. The handicap ramp will be available. Some handicapped parking will be near it. Watch for guiding signs that Sunday. We want to make sure you feel welcome!

**Now is a great time** to start thinking about that perfect family Christmas gift - a brick in memory/honor of loved ones. This creates a lasting tribute in the Legacy Garden - a lovely area enjoyed by all. Bricks are \$100 each and can be engraved with two lines of up to 14 characters per line. Order forms are available in the pews, as you exit the sanctuary, or at the church office.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of tuna fish, mayonnaise, gluten-free products, tooth paste, deodorant and clothes detergent. Thank you to all who so generously continue to give. And thank you to Stop & Shop for a generous donation too.

**Angel Tree 2017** – this year we will deliver Christmas gifts to 20 children who all live in Paterson, Clifton, Haskell, Wayne, Prospect Park, and Woodland Park. Our Christmas tree with Angel gift tags will be set up until all tags have been taken starting on **Sunday 11/26**. Gifts need to be purchased and returned to PRC not later than **Sunday 12/09**. Delivery will be on **Saturday 12/16**. We will meet at the church at 9AM for prayer, assignment of teams, instructions and any last minute questions. We will depart at 10AM for our assigned locations and hope to have you back to church by noon. **If you can help with this ministry please see the Angel Tree gift tags on our tree in Fellowship hall and/or sign up to assist with gift delivery. Thank You**

**Discovery Group** - Every Wednesday, 1:30-3 pm, refreshments-Life Opportunities Discussions and Discoveries, advice time for our Pastor on relevant sermon applications to future Bible Passages. Come and check it out any Wednesday.

**This Week at PRC  
(11/12 – 11/19/17)**

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Chili Social</b> – Fellowship Hall
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Highlands Family Success Ctr. ESL class - Rm. 108
	7:00 p.m.	Search Team – Rm. 103
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	A.A. – Rm. 103
	1:00 p.m.	Knitters – Rm. 108
	7:00 p.m.	Education Team – Rm. 108
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Life Opportunities Discovery Group – Rm. 108
	2:30 p.m.	NewBridge Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Headstart Planetarium – Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Center for Family Resources Policy Council Meeting – Rm. 108
	7:00 p.m.	Pompton Lakes Women’s Club – Rm. 108
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Friday	11:30 a.m.	Ramapo Mountain Doll Club – Rm. 103
	6:00 p.m.	Headstart’s Movie Night – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Saturday School – Rm.108
	10:00 a.m.	Skyland Doll Makers – Rm. 103
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Thanksgiving celebration

**† Prayer Requests from Last Sunday †**

- Healing for Carole Romaine after her surgery
- Prayers for Elsie Robertson in Chilton with leg pains
- Healing and strength for Lois, recovering from anemia and living with congestive heart failure
- Prayers for speedy recovery from surgery Tuesday
- Prayers for our niece having surgery this week
- Prayers for Ed Van Schaack and all participating in Skylands Walk to Emmaus Men’s Walk #47; also Women’s walk next weekend
- Prayers for Ollie Hague’s daughter-in-law, Victoria –a blood clot in her brain caused a stroke
- Joy to Mike & Deena Sinning, and Edward & Andrew on the birth of a new daughter/sister on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>; Welcome Adalind Rose
- Prayers for PRC’s Search Team and process, and for God’s plan for the future at PRC
- Congratulations to Thomas Hanisch and the Walkkill Valley High School cross-country team moving on to groups
- Joy that Carolyn Stevens continues to make progress on her knee recovery and her husband, Don, reports the spot on his lung is reducing; please pray for continued healing

Joan “Moms” Wildey, who lead our Youth Group in the 1970’s is recuperating at home after a recent illness. She would love to hear from old friends: Joan Wildey, Apt A210, 201 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South East, Puyallup, WA 98374