



2017

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Pastor's
Message

**"May your love overflow for each other and for others
outside your usual friendship circle.
"May the Lord Jesus clear the way for deep joy in conversation.
"May God strengthen your heart so that you may be a holy presence..
.and sense his holy presence."
I Thessalonians 3:11-13**

That passage inspires ideas to make the most of the coming holiday season.

Now is the time to plan.

What thank you statements do you want to make to people this month?

**What affirming words do you want to write in Christmas cards about the
Christ-like ways you treasure in friends?**

How might God be enjoying them?

**What are your hopes for those you love? How do you want to encourage
them?**

How are you thankful that Christ has been a partner in your life?

**In prayer with Christ as your partner,, talk over the possibilities of your
power to inspire. The opportunities within this enriching season are
amazing.**

Pastor Mel

Thankful

Changing November Skies

By Elaine Peacock

My next favorite month after October is November. I know most people think winter is closing in- but me- I love the changing November skies. Depending on the temperature you can have beautiful blue skies that can quickly change to clouds that will bring a bit of rain or some snow flurries; then just as quickly the skies change back to a beautiful blue sky. November reinforces sweater weather and the fall leaves that are still left on the trees; seem to dance in the breeze. So when November comes to call welcome her. Also remember to say thanks to our veterans and may you find something to be thankful for on 11/23/17.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Allison Lockwood 18
Megan Lockwood 16

A Note From Irene Van Hattem –

The following note was received on October 22nd:

Dear Pompton Reformed Members,

I want to thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers you gave me on Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

It was a wonderful surprise to be acknowledged! The flowers were so beautiful and we enjoyed them for a long time. We also enjoyed the gift certificate to the La Grotta restaurant! The timing was perfect since both Matthew and my brother were visiting, so we had a delightful family dinner there!

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness!!

Cordially,

Irene Van Hattem

Dear Friends of Pompton Reformed -

Thank you very much for your concern, prayers, and well wishes you have shown me these past 10 months; following my fall in January. It has been so nice to be remembered and I truly appreciate these gracious acts of kindness. The love and support of PRC has made my injury a much easier one to bear.

Fondly,

Donna De Block

Coming Worship Services



November 12 Discovering the potential God sees in you.

Family Success Center leader Wilson Santos will describe how within you God has placed great ability to build a wonderful future for yourself, your family, and your friends.

Wilson A. Santos is a 25 year veteran in the field of Team Building, Leadership and Youth Development. Wilson holds a Bachelors 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. 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.

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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Servi



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.

Advent Vespers will happen at PRC on Sunday afternoon, December 3.

Upcoming Events

Dine and Donate- MaCK's American Bar and Grill
Nov,7-9, Lunch, Dinner or TakeOut
Mention PRC and MaCK's will donate 15% of your bill to PRC

Sunday, November 12th

Mr. Wilson Santos, Director of the Highlands Family Success Center which now operates a satellite facility within PRC, will be bringing the message from the pulpit to our faith family that morning. Wilson is a Social Worker by profession and has an infectious passion for helping other people, which of course is what the Gospel is all about! Please plan to join us in worship that day and be sure to say hello to Wilson afterwards. For anyone looking for meaningful and rewarding volunteer service opportunities, there are numerous opportunities within this ministry and Wilson would love to hear from you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 10TH

Please plan on attending our annual congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday, December 10th immediately following our worship service. This has been and continues to be a time of challenging transition for our church family and there are many important things to discuss. Our plan is to try a somewhat different format this year in which various teams will be celebrating accomplishments as well as sharing dreams and visions for 2018 and beyond. We have accomplished a great deal together in the nineteen months since Pastor Tom retired, and although we still prayerfully await God's call to our next Senior Pastor, there remains much to be done, which is why your presence at this meeting is essential. The booklet that in recent years has been available at the meeting will be available beginning November 26th which will allow everyone two weeks to digest the contents. If there are specific questions, we request that they be submitted in advance of the meeting so that we can provide thoughtful responses. Our hope is that we will be able to reduce or eliminate the need to open the floor to questions at the meeting. Please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to join us because your voice needs to be heard!! Thanks!!



AUTUMNFEST was a huge success! If you ask Jo-Ann Sisco, it was all the volunteers working together to make it the great event it was.....and she would be right! However, we all know that Jo-Ann is the driving force behind Autumnfest and the one that makes it a success year after year. Right now, she is probably already counting down the weeks and days until next year's event!

Thank YOU, Jo-Ann, for taking on this task with aplomb and grace.



Advent is almost upon us- the time of waiting is near.....



ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

For the many among us who will be doing some on line shopping over the next few weeks, please remember to consider using Amazon Smile for your purchases. Pompton Reformed Church is listed there and a percentage of all your purchases will return to PRC for our roof fund and other vital ministries. See below.....

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A GREAT WAY TO GIVE BACK TO POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH WHILE YOU ARE DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

What is AmazonSmile?

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How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You can use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation of 0.5%. Pompton Reformed is already listed as one of the charities you just need to click on it.



Giving of your IRA toward your 2018 Capital Campaign pledge or Annual Fund.

Pompton Reformed Church will accept such a designated gift in 2017 and apply it as you wish. Some people consider giving stocks or bonds or insurance policies or bequests or portions of tax refunds or 401Ks, for example. Pompton Reformed Church is prepared to receive such contributions. If you wish further information, please contact Lorna Carroll 973-835-0541 or Jack Tice 201-784-0959.

Giving a gift to the Capital Campaign to honor someone at Thanksgiving or Christmas.

What a difference a compliment makes in encouraging and bringing out the best in someone!

You may honor someone with a donation to the Capital Campaign. You might like to honor someone at Thanksgiving or Christmas with such a gift.

Please tell us what makes this person special and why you want to commend this person and give us their address so we can send a letter to salute them on the holiday date you designate. It will describe why you have selected them. And it will inform them of a special Pentecost celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2018 to honor them too. During that event we will note again the traits that make them special people of light in the eyes of others like you.

And through it all you will be encouraging the development of many people because of your investment to renew the life and many volunteer ministries of Pompton Reformed Church.

Ways to serve your Lord at church....

Sing in the choir
Usher
Liturgist
Coffee host
Ring a bell
Pray for others
Join a committee
Chat with a stranger
Help out a Sunday School teacher
Bring food for the food pantry
Tell a story of your faith
Be a greeter
Sing with joy

Ways to serve your Lord
away from church....

Invite someone to join you on Sunday
Bring food to a sick neighbor
Send cards to people on the prayer chain
Call someone that you just met at church
Offer to drive an older member
Tell your faith stories
Read your Bible and devotions
Pray, pray, pray

Service Opportunities



Angel Tree 2017 – this year we will be delivering 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!



Food Pantry- The food pantry welcomes your donations. A list of needed items is in the bulletin each week as the needs change. Many thanks to **Stop and Shop** for their recent donation to the food pantry.

Fellowship Opportunities

November 12- Chili Social

November 18- Sight and Sound Christmas Show

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NOVEMBER 26 TO KHUYERS@MSN.COM OR THE
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