

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Jim Knol to the pulpit today. Pastor Knol, who is Director of Chaplaincy at Christian Health Care Center, is always a welcome addition to our worship.

During Lent you may attach prayer requests to the cross at the front of the sanctuary. On the Saturday of Holy Week, our Elders will pray over them as they are removed and burned. This provides the ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

Easter Flowers – orders are being taken for daffodils, tulips and hyacinths to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are provided in your bulletin, or you can contact the church office for one. **Deadline for orders is Wednesday, March 14th.**

Chancel Flowers - If you would like to schedule flowers for any Sunday, in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, or perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, contact the church office – 973-835-0541. Standard cost is \$40.

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.

On March 24th, PRC will be hosting a **Free Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale fundraiser** at Raymour & Flanigan on Rt 23 in Kinneleon. We are looking for baked or bought good donations to make this a great fundraiser. If you are able to make or purchase a baked good, donations can be dropped off at the Church the week of March 19th till Saturday March 24th at 9am. I'm also looking for a couple volunteers to help me price and separate the baked goods Friday evening from 7-8pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Elyse at emkascik@gmail.com.

Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service - March 30th 8pm, First Reformed Church Sanctuary, Newark-Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock - "And there was darkness" will be a unique service in which we will name some of the suffering in our culture today (school shootings, discrimination, addiction, abuse) and hold it up against the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. Congregations, clergy, lay leaders and choirs from FRC, Pompton Lakes, Pequannock, and Wanaque Reformed Churches will unite for worship. This promises to be a moving service that you won't want to miss.

The Community Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 21st. We are very excited about this event and look forward to serving our wonderful community! Please invite your friends and family; all are welcome! Over the next few weeks we will be looking for donations and volunteers! Please see Tina Iraggi in Fellowship Hall after Worship if you would like to donate or volunteer! All donations will be due Sunday, March 25th. For more information, please email Tina at tinairaggi@gmail.com.

Scholarship Application Packets Available: High school seniors and college students may obtain packets for the PRC scholarship application from the Church office. Student must be a worshipping member of PRC, or a dependent of a PRC member. The deadline for return of all application materials is May 13, 2018.

Help Support Our Scholarship Fund: Extending our past practice of supporting the scholarships of PRC students through a direct contribution, a special envelope has been provided in your envelope packet for this purpose. We will be receiving this special offering on Sunday, May 20. Special gifts and Memorials dedicated to the Scholarship Fund are another important means of supporting our youth. These gifts are welcome throughout the year. Memorial gifts and donations to the Scholarship Fund are an excellent way to express your belief that religion and education must work together in providing the basic knowledge for our youth to be successful and lead purposeful lives. If you are grateful for what education has provided for you or a member of our church family, what better way to say thank you than to invest in the youth of our church.

2018 Sight & Sound Trip – Saturday, October 6th – the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring our 8th trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see the brand new production of "Jesus". A few remaining seats are available. The cost is \$135.00 per person (adults and teens) and \$85.00 for children under age 13. Dinner follows the show. Everything is included in the cost. See Rick or Barbara Pierce or sign-up on sheet on kitchen wall. Money is needed ASAP to secure best seating.

Inquirer's Classes - An opportunity to discover more of our Christian identity while exploring how we can make the most of our relationship with Pompton Reformed Church. A set of five classes will begin on April 8 to share, ask questions and gain a better understanding of church membership.

Topics include:

- time for sharing our individual spiritual faith journeys
- understanding what it means to be a Reformed Church; what do we believe?
- deepening awareness of our individual Spiritual Gifts and opportunities to use them
- exploring the hopes Pompton Reformed Church has for its members

There is no obligation to become a church member, but these gatherings will open the door to see what membership might mean for you. If you are already a member, there are many things for you discover

or perhaps rediscover as well. If you are interested in participating or have any questions please contact Nancy Begin at 973-632-2696 or at nbjoyful1@gmail.com.

2018 Classis Assessment dues is \$84.50 per member a total cost of \$10,140.00.

Christian Health Care Center (CHCC) in Wyckoff will hold its **First Annual Simply Spring Event** at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes. The theme is "Jeans and Jewels" featuring jeans and jewels attire, an auction, prizes for best dressed in jeans and jewels, and a fun photo booth. This is an opportunity for a fun night out to support CHCC! For more information, contact Darcy Bickert, Assistant Director, Christian Health Care Center Foundation, at (201) 848-5796 or dbickert@chccnj.org.

The Pompton Lakes Health Department will be offering several health screenings in March and April. See bulletin board by food pantry for details.

Crossroads - A women's spiritual retreat in April is attended by about 100 women from RCA churches like ours. Last week's PRC Guest Speaker Claudette Reid is organizing this year's event for Friday eve and Saturday, April 13, 14 at Harvey Cedars Center in Long Beach Island, NJ. Workshops are: Engaging Youth, Empowering Women's Stories, Honoring Different Abilities, and Immigration Issues. For more information check rsmat.squarespace.com.

Ladies, get your tickets! Saturday, April 14 at 9 AM will be the Annual Ladies' Breakfast at The Brownstone in Paterson. The Holland Christian Home Foundation presents inspirational speaker Carolyn Vander Wall. Bid at the Silent Auction, while enjoying a time of inspiration, good food and good company. Tickets: \$50. For table or individual ticket reservations, please call 973-427-4087. *We are currently accepting donations for our silent auction.*

Dear Friends of the Pompton Reformed Faith Family, As
As Elders, we have been trying to come up with ways to enhance our active prayer list which is printed in the bulletin and also read out loud during our healing service. We are trying to come up with a way to enhance the process in which names are added, removed or kept on for an extended period of time. If
If you wish to be added or wish to have your name removed from the active prayer list please let one of the Elders or Pastor Mel know. The Elders are listed on the back of the bulletin along with their phone numbers. The Elders may be in touch with you periodically to see if you may have a new request or if your request should come off the prayer list. We certainly don't want to miss anyone but would like to keep the list as updated as possible. Thank You! Board of Elders-2018

† Prayer Requests from Last Sunday †

Prayers for:

- Continued prayers for guidance and support in a time of decision making
- Safety for my daughter and grandsons; there was a murder on her street this past week
- Our sons may find happiness and health
- Jonathan (Nancy Begin's brother) who has had a difficult week following his last chemo; may he feel God near and the love of family and friends
- Healing of our hearts and restoration of families; may God bless us all. Amen.
- Thanksgiving for the coming of spring and new buds coming up out of the ground already
- Beryl Stall, Pastor Mel's sister, in recovery
- Faith Webb, having surgery on March 5th
- Paulette Kranik's daughter

This Week at PRC **(3/11/18 – 3/18/18)**

Monday	9:30 a.m.	HFSC ESL/Parenting Class – Rm. 108
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee – Rm. 108
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous – Rm. 103
	1:30 p.m.	Knitters – Rm. 108
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	HFSC ESL/Parenting Class – Room 108
	9:30 a.m.	CFR Toddle Time - Nursery
	1:30 p.m.	Seniors Meeting with Pastor Mel – Rm. 108
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach Team – Rm. 108
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	CFR Policy Council – Rm. 108
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:30 a.m.	Ramapo Mountain Doll Club – Rm. 103
	3:30 p.m.	Headstart Movie Night – Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Saturday School – Rm. 108
	10:00 a.m.	Skyland Doll Makers – Rm. 103
Next Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Healing Prayer Service