

† POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

Welcome Visitors!

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 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 at www.facebook.com/PomptonReformed for more news and more photos.

The Community Pancake Breakfast will be held this 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! We invite you to volunteer service with us too. 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.**

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 29 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.

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.

Your Classis Assessment envelope - Our church is assessed \$84.50 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 \$10,140.00 annual assessment. The envelope is in your box every April and October. Thank you for considering this direct support.

Please see the newsletter about upcoming Boiler Project fundraising activities.

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.

Dear Friends of the Pomopton Reformed Faith Family,

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 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:

- Ryan (Bill Wyckoff's friend), healing for his broken left elbow
- Linda Swanson and her family as they lay to rest her grandmother who died at age 99
- Continued prayers of comfort for Angelica
- Prayers for guidance and acceptance for my son
- Thanksgiving for the new special friend in my life (Debbie W.)
- Thanks to all who sent sympathy cards for the passing of my brother, John Moody; it helps to know so many care (Ollie Hague)
- God's Blessings for Irene & Pastor Mel on their 50th wedding anniversary
- Prayers for Roy who will be going to Care One, hopefully tomorrow; please also keep Maria in your prayers too (Angie Norman)
- Pray for my Aunt Nancy (Megan)
- Continued prayers for Skyler's former coach, Jim Rollo as he recovers from knee surgery
- Prayers for my brother-in-law who is suffering from severe anxiety and depression
- Prayers for my son – may he find your purpose
- Continued prayers for Wayne Gurr (Erika Herz)
- God please let me hear your voice and help me feel your presence; I feel lost.
- Prayers for Margie Vitale and my friend Debb and all my family

**This Week at PRC
(4/15 – 4/22/18)**

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Search Team – Rm. 108
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Tuesday AA meeting – Rm. 103
	1:30 p.m.	Knitters
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Senior meeting with Pastor Mel – Rm. 108
	2:30 p.m.	New Bridge meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee – Rm. 108
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	All Day	Pancake Breakfast Set-up
	11:30 a.m.	Ramapo Mountain Doll Club – Rm. 103
Saturday	9:00am – Noon	Community Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday: Mr. Robert Barrett will report on his recent service representing you in Haiti. Also Sunday School students will describe what it means to them to be active participants in developing our church.