

† POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

We welcome as guest minister today, Rev. Dr. Michael Johnson. He has been an RCA minister for 18 years, serving until recently at Living Word Reformed Church in North Haledon, NJ, first as an Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults and then as Senior Pastor.

Later this year he and three other pastors will be developing a new mission leadership community near Edinburgh, Scotland in affiliation with RCA Global Mission.

Michael and his wife Carrie have three teenage children: Abigail (19, a student at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland), Aidan (17, a Junior in high school) and Lydia (13, in 7th grade).

Scholarship Application Packets: Today is the deadline for the return of all Scholarship Application materials.

A fun night out and delicious restaurant meal with church friends – **Tuesday, May 15th**, 6:30 p.m. at Lina's Restaurant in Bloomingdale. Call Jo-Ann Sisco for information and reservations. 973-896-8687.

Looking Ahead:

Pentecost, next Sunday, May 20

A Salute We will be saluting people who were nominated by you as reflecting the spirit of Christ by their way of living.

The sermon, given by Anna Gordon, will celebrate the power that comes when you notice the gifts of the Holy Spirit in people. And Anna will be describing the influential power you have as you state your Christian experiences and scripture passages that help you.

A discussion time Following the service, you will have an opportunity to grab a cup of coffee and a snack and stay for a discussion about the sermon theme. Anna Gordon is inviting you to this time to explore that theme more abundantly in dialogue with others of all ages.

A giving opportunity for the Scholarship Fund There is an envelope in your envelope packet for this purpose. Throughout the year memorial gifts and donations to the Scholarship Fund are being received, which express our 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.

Inquirer's Class - An opportunity to discover more of our Christian identity while exploring how we can make the most of our relationship with Pompton Reformed Church. We will meet again Sunday, May 20 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 have any questions please contact Nancy Begin at 973-632-2696 or at nbjoyful1@gmail.com.

Beefsteak Fundraiser June 2nd

This delicious beefsteak dinner catered by famous Nightingale's includes all you can eat beef tenderloin on French bread (French fries, salad, pickles, olives, ice cream sundaes, cookies, coffee, tea and soda. (bring your own wine or beer).

Our featured entertainment that evening will be professional comedian David Ferrell as well as music with DJ provided by Tommie Iraggi's Supersonic DJs. This event will be from 6 to 10 PM and should be a fun evening for all. Ticket price is \$50 per person and tickets are now available. Any PRC member who would like to attend, but needs a ride from our church to Preakness RC, this will be arranged for you. Our dear friends at the Preakness Reformed Church have kindly offered us the use of their church hall for this major fundraising event to benefit our Capital Campaign, and more specifically, our boiler replacement project, which gets under way this summer.

Raffle Tickets to support this replacement are also on sale, and the three winners will be announced that night.

Guest Youth Choir Sunday, June 3 7 pm

The 80 member God's Light Youth Choir from First United Methodist Church in Smyrna, Georgia will be presenting as a 50-minute musical worship service of varied styles of music from traditional to praise and worship, along with scripture and mini-skits. It is designed to appeal to all ages and stages. They bring with them a supporting cast of 6 college students and 20 adults.

The offering for the evening would be dedicated toward offsetting the cost of Pompton Reformed's boiler replacements.

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.

Plans for summer camp – Scholarships for Camp Warwick are available!

The Community Garden will be planted later this month. Produce harvested benefits our food pantry. We are in need of volunteers to water the garden. Watering can be done morning or late afternoon and does not need to be done when the building is open. If you are willing to help in this ministry by volunteering one or more days a week please contact Nancy Shimmel at 973-839-6712 or nshimmel2002@yahoo.com. The garden is on our front porch, the hose and watering cans are provided, and substitutes are available for weeks you would not be able to participate. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!

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.

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.

† Prayer Requests from Last Sunday †

Prayers for:

- Paulette Kranik – in Mountainside Hospital
- Leslee Ferray – recovering from leg surgery
- Mark Wilson and Deb Wilson, our supported missionaries in Cambodia, both recovering from surgery this past week: he from rotator cuff and she from knee
- Joy to see Elsie Robertson here in worship today; can't wait to welcome her back to choir
- Margie, Debbie and Sandy – all of the Explorer Post 136
- Prayers for clarity and courage
- Thanks to my church family for all your prayers for my daughter-in-law, Erika Bush; surgery went well and she will start radiation in another week. (Blessings, Jackie)
- Prayers for the Lane family in the passing of Kim Lane this week; a difficult time for the family
- Healing and hope for a family in crisis
- Continued prayers of healing for a friend's mother in rehab after breaking her leg

**This Week at PRC
(5/13-5/20/18)**

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Search Team
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Tuesday AA meeting – Rm. 103
	1:30 p.m.	Knitters – Rm. 108
	6:30 p.m.	Adult dinner at Lina's Restaurant, Bloomingdale
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Senior meeting with Pastor Mel – Rm. 108
	2:30 p.m.	NewBridge meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	CFR Policy Council – Rm. 108
	7:00 p.m.	Pompton Lakes Women's Club – Rm. 108
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:30 a.m.	Ramapo Mountain Doll Club – Rm. 103
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Skyland Doll Makers Club – Rm. 103
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pentecost Celebration (including Recognition of Christ-like spirit in people around us.)

Looking ahead:

Memorial Day Sunday recognitions of those who have restored peace where war has erupted. May 27
Beefsteak Dinner Boiler Fundraiser – Saturday, June 2nd