

## † POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

**Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of Barbara Buckman's birthday. Happy Birthday, Grandma - love from Gregory, Kaitlyn, Ryan, and Jared.

***Are you willing to share your love of Jesus Christ with the children and youth of PRC?***  
**Teachers and Helpers are needed for all age levels of our Sunday School beginning September 2018. Curriculum is available. If you are interested in volunteering – please leave your name and contact information in the ED Team mailbox in the workroom.**

**We welcome** back to our pulpit Rev. Darryl Redmond, pastor of Faith Chapel, Paterson.

### ***New Member***

Today we are publicly receiving Wesley Paul Witherington as a member of Pompton Reformed Church. He has completed the Inquirer's Class studies about our church and affiliation with the Reformed Church in America, and the dialogues about Christian heritage and hopes.

Wes grew up in the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, NJ., became a member, and served in numerous ways there.

He has been a blessing to our congregation already, helping at Mission/Outreach events, helping with pew moving during the reconstruction of our sanctuary, teaching Sunday School students of 1st through 5th grade, and participating in fund raising.

Wes is a director for a software company servicing state government needs in NJ and Maryland. Locally he is a coach in youth sports—football, baseball and soccer. He also loves golf.

Wes's wife Alice has a Christian heritage, supports Wes in this commitment, and has helped in the Sunday School class here too. Wes and Alice have a son Wesley David Witherington, age 6, who enjoys participating in our church life too. They live in Pompton Lakes a block away at 21 Garden Road.

Also present today are members of Wes's extended family including his mother Gail Marie Stewart and his sister Laura

### ***Sunday morning happenings for the summer***

Nursery to age 3: Christin Warner or Abigail Wyckoff will be here each Sunday.

Age 3 through entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Congregational members will be providing Vacation Bible School type activities, stories and studies each Sunday morning. Youth will be dismissed from worship at Church Life announcement time.

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Lucas Spaan will continue to lead their Sunday morning dialogues.

### ***Monday evening Specials:*** Adult/ Child Program about Inclusive Ways to Worship

This will be a program for all generations. We will explore different ways to experience Bible texts that describe inclusive ways to worship, using all of our senses. This will allow children, parents and other adults to interact together about different ways we experience God as a church community. This will be highly interactive/ dynamic, not just an intellectual exercise. See leaflet for more.

Monday August 6. Led by Anna Gordon, Pastor Mel, and others.

6 pm for fellowship and some recreation options

6:30 – 8 pm Intergenerational Spiritual Discovery Event

**Consistory Nominations** It is once again the time of year to begin prayerfully considering potential candidates to serve on consistory in the office of deacon or elder. Lorna Carroll has kindly agreed to serve this year as the congregation member at large on the nominations committee. Lorna will work along with our five off-going consistory members (George Buckman, Barbara Chickey, Eva Terhune, Nancy Begin, Mark Warner) to present a list of potential candidates to consistory. Any PRC member is able to put forth a nomination. These should be presented to Lorna, who will bring them to the larger group. This year we have two deacon and three elder vacancies. Consistory members serve a three-year term, in this case from 2019-2021. Only church members can be considered. Please pray for those God has gifted to serve him in these important offices. All nominations should be received by mid-September. Thank you.

**The food pantry** is in desperate need of Parmelot, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, soap, and body wash. Thank you for your continued support.

**Legacy Garden** – Remember/Honor a veteran with an engraved brick. Bricks are \$100 each and can be engraved with two lines to include name and branch of service. Order forms are can be obtained from the church office. For more information contact Cas Stark (973) 835-2953.

**Consistory, Elders, and Deacons** will meet August 8, 2018

**Outreach Opportunity: Star of Hope Project Backpack.** Each backpack costs \$30. Consider making a financial donation toward helping Star of Hope provide backpacks with 30 educational supplies and an age-appropriate Bible. Checks may be mailed to Star of Hope Ministries, 34 Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07505. To donate online : [www.sohm.org/backpack](http://www.sohm.org/backpack). Their goal is 1500 backpacks which must be ordered by August 15. **No donation is too small.** Funds in excess of this initiative will be used to support ministries to families throughout the year. Individual supplies are not accepted for this project.

**Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium on** September 23 run by the Rotary Club of Pompton Lakes. Price is \$65 which includes ticket and transportation. Only 24 seats left, first come first served. For reservations call 973-830-0326 or 973-831-6826. Proceeds to be donated to Pompton Reformed Church.

**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. His email is: [mvanhattem@pomptonreformed.org](mailto:mvanhattem@pomptonreformed.org).

### † Prayer Requests from July 29, 2018 †

Prayers for:

- David going to court on Tuesday.
- Grace and healing for long-time family friends in crisis. C. Winter
- James facing uncertainty about medical tests
- Margie Vitalie-continued steps toward full healing
- Paulette Kranik-continued progress toward full recovery
- Carol Romaine for the healing of her hip
- Brenda Wood-healing for a medical problem
- Thank you, God
- Prayers of Joy-Happy 1st anniversary for the marriage of my granddaughter Kristen & her husband Dan Hults one year ago today, July 29<sup>th</sup> by our own Pastor Mel. They live in South Carolina. Ollie Hague

### This week at PRC(7/29-8/5)

Sunday	9:45 am	Summer Sunday School
Monday	6:00 pm	Intergenerational event fellowship
	6:30 pm	Spiritual Discovery event begins
	7:00 pm	Search Team (Room 108)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Fellowship area)
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Senior Discovery Group (Room 108)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Registration (Fellowship hall)
	7:00 pm	Consistory (Room 108)
Saturday	9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
Sunday	9:45 am	Summer Sunday School (Room 108)