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NOT ALLOWED IN CHURCH--HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

The synagogue leaders would not allow Jesus to come back to the Nazareth synagogue. He had reported that God was calling him to fulfill a specific Scripture passage (Isaiah 61). In our more flexible summer hours, keep aware, for similar options of God's call may come to you...outside the church building.

Here are suggestions about keeping alert to summer opportunities to be a blessing, and be blest.

Greeting a person somewhere when it is not expected.
Having some of your tithe funds ready to help someone with an unexpected need.
Complimenting a parent who is committed to being a parent, challenging tho it might be.
Listening to someone with awareness that God sees them as precious.
Teaching a young person something that has benefitted you.
Allocating extra time while traveling so you can offer help to someone who may be stranded.
Helping someone realize that they are in ministry—seeing them doing something Christ-like.
Believing that God has a purpose for a person and identifying a strength about them.

Below is the passage Jesus read.
Noted above is part of what I saw when I read it.
What comes to mind as you read it?

"The Lord's Spirit has come to me,
because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.
The Lord has sent me to announce release to captives,
to give sight to the blind,
to free those who are suffering,
and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'" (Isaiah 61:1,2; Luke 4:18,19)

A young couple arrived at church half an hour late, smiling. During refreshments they said, "It has been a wonderful rewarding Sunday. We saw a person with a stalled car. Weekdays we would speed by to work. Today we decided God wanted us to act on those Scriptures that tell us to live out our faith. It was rewarding. We felt like we were acting out that Scripture that was so special to Jesus."

Enjoy living out your faith this summer. And bring a report to us at church. We want to learn more about what inspires.

Pastor Mel

Come Join Us!

Vital Summer Sunday Morning Happenings

Nursery for those under 3

VBS adventures for age 3 through grade 5.

We will be welcoming children from 9:45 – 11:15 am starting July 15.

Youth Dialogue Group - Grades 6 -12

Inspiring relevant worship experience for adults

Parent summer planning & activity packet to take home

Refreshments for all at 11:15

Summer is Here!

By Elaine Peacock



Summer has arrived the pace slows down and our thoughts turn to vacation plans, days and holidays. First up is everyone's favorite July 4th! Who doesn't swell with pride at all that red, white and blue being displayed, patriotic songs being sung and those beautiful fireworks lighting up the sky. When I was a kid we would go to the Jersey Shore the week of July 4th, we always had sparklers, a bon fire and we could see the Coney Island fireworks across the bay. The rest of July stretches into August and for me that would mean a trip to my Grandparents' farm in western Pennsylvania. We always got an early start since it took at least 8 hours to get there. I was always so happy to see my Grandparents and uncles; I would get to feed the chickens, help gather the eggs, pick and eat peaches and apricots off their trees, take long walks in the fields with the family dog and sit on the big porch swing in the evening. I hope all of you can create some summer memories of your own. Have a wonderful summer!



ROUNDTABLE OF THANKS

*HUGE THANK YOU TO SUE UHLENDORF FOR TEMPORARILY FILLING IN FOR MICHELE MAC DONALD UNTIL HER POSITION IS PERMANENTLY FILLED....THANK YOU SUE!

*THANK YOU TO CHARLIE QUANT, CAROLEE QUANT, COLLIN (THE QUANT'S GRANDSON) AL KUEBLER AND GAIL FREELAND FOR PLANTING ALL THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS BY THE LEGACY GARDEN AND AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT; THEY ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF PRC.



Birthday

Henry Lockwood

Memorials

| From | In Memory Of | Designation |
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| Katheleen Altobello | Clara Vidale | Boiler |
| Al & Sue Kuebler | Barbara Buckman | Boiler |
| In memory of Albert Peacock on Father's Day, from Elaine Peacock | | |

in loving memory

Intergenerational Spiritual Discovery Events on Monday evenings

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.

Mondays July 16,23, 30, August 6. Led by Anna Gordon, Pastor Mel, and others.

Recreation, snacks and fellowship begins at 6 pm.

Program happens about 7 – 8:15 pm

Take home items for Crafts and Activities—for parents and grandparents too.



WHAT A MULTI-CULTURAL DENOMINATION WE ARE BECOMING!

In June the Reformed Church General Synod elected for the very first time ever, three international people. A Japan-American was elected president and a Canadian was elected vice president. Eddy Aleman became General Secretary—the first top leader from below the equator—born in Nicaragua, at 16 a war refugee to Canada, who became a minister and started a new RCA congregation in the USA. See more about General Synod at rca.org.

Special Dates To Remember

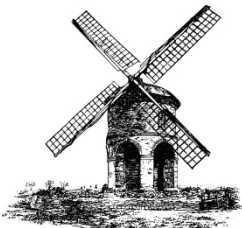


July 15: Ice Cream Social
September 16: Church-Wide Picnic
October 6: Sight-and-Sound Trip
October 20: Autumnfest
November 11: Chili or Soup Social
December 16: Cookie Social

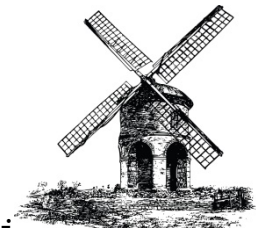


Attention: Yankees/Baseball Fans!

September 23rd the Deacons and the Rotary Club will be sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium. The Capital Campaign will receive the money from this fund raiser. Please see Vince Iraggi or other Deacons for information and tickets.



AUTUMNFEST
Oct. 20 10A-4P



Looking for someone to assist JoAnne- feeling the urge?

- Vendor spaces still available
 - Donations of baked goods and canned soda/bottled water will be needed
 - Holiday/Accessory shop- clean out your gently used & working holiday items and/or accessories. Bring to room 103 in September.
 - Children's area volunteers needed for games and arts & crafts
 - Volunteers for setup, break down and in between
- Any questions? See Jo-Anne Sisco

Scholarships 2018

On Behalf of the Scholarship Committee and the entire congregation, scholarships were presented to the following members as they pursue a higher education:

ANNA GORDON
THOMAS HANISCH
JACKSON HAYES



While we hope these scholarships will help ease the financial burden of obtaining a higher education – it is also important that each of the recipients know that we offer an even greater gift – that gift is the blessing, prayers and support from the entire congregation as they pursue their individual educational goals.

In Christ's Service,
The Scholarship Committee

Enjoy the summer weather!
Newsletter submissions for the September
Issue is due August 26, 2018.
Please email submissions to
khuyers@msn.com

Big News!!

To the Congregation of the Pompton Reformed Church,

It is with great joy that we are able to share with you that our church building has been reopened effective Tuesday, July 3, sooner than we had hoped. Those of you who visited another congregation on Sunday July 1st, please share the bulletins and other insights with the Worship Team. **We look forward to returning to worship in our air conditioned sanctuary this Sunday, July 8th.**

As we move into the next phase of the project please remember that the church will be an active work area, particularly downstairs and outside the rear doors by the nursery. A large truck will likely be parked there for some time. Also, there will continue to be no hot water to the ladies' restroom, children's restroom, main kitchen and the entire Heemstra wing. Additionally the stove in the kitchen will not have gas restored to it for some time.

Anyone with questions please email operations@pomptonreformed.org.

The Operations Team

