

## † POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

**Chancel Flowers** are in memory of mom, Madge Schlapfer-her birthday would have been Monday, April 15.

**April Healing Service:** Our healing service for this month will be moved from the third to the fourth Sunday due to Easter falling on the third Sunday this year. Thank you. *Worship Design Team*

**Sunday Usher Coordinator** - Barbara Chickey is stepping down as our usher coordinator. If you are interested in taking over, please contact Barbara or the church office for more information.

**We are now in the Lenten season** of prayer and reflection as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday. Throughout Lent as we've now done for several years, there is a cross at the front of our sanctuary that will be beautifully adorned with flowers on Easter. Until then, if there are any issues heavy on your heart, prayer requests, joys, concerns or burdens you would like to leave at the cross, feel free to do so. There are sheets of paper and push pins available at the cross. These will never be read by anyone and known only to you and our Lord. They will be gathered by our elders, burned and offered up to God in prayer on the Saturday before Easter. Thank You!

**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 12, 2019.

**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 19. 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.

**You will see your Classis Assessment envelope** in your envelope box. Our church is assessed \$87.00 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 \$10,092.00 annual assessment. The envelope is in your box every April and October.

**The Crayon Initiative** – Do you have old, broken or unwanted crayons? The Education Committee is teaming up with the Crayon Initiative to recycle old and unwanted crayons. The recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the US. Look for the Crayon Initiative box in the Fellowship area.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of Parmalat milk, canned fruit, tuna, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese & detergent. Thank you to all who so generously continue to give.

**Fellowship Committee** is requesting donations of apple juice.

### HOLY WEEK

In this our final Holy Week in pastoral transition before the Burden Family joins us in June, our brothers and sisters at First Reformed in Pompton Plains have graciously opened their doors and invited us to join them for their **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday** services as detailed below. Please note the need to register for the Thursday event. Thanks!

#### **Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship**

#### **April 18 at 7 PM in 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Friendship Hall to Sanctuary**

We've created a new experience for Maundy Thursday this year, using some of the elements from past years. Join us in 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Friendship Hall at 7 PM and enter into the Upper Room where we will have dinner together. Be among the guests as we experience Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Then journey to the Sanctuary and to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. This service is meant to move you into an emotional and spiritual place where you can truly value the meaning of the resurrection on Easter morning.

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A Lasagna Dinner will be served for \$10 for adults and teens, \$5 for children. Children 5 and under are free. You can sign up and pay online, through the office (973) 835-1144 (x11), or in Friendship Hall.  
<http://firstreformedchurch.com/event/1304229-2019-04-18-maundy-thursday-service/>

### **“And There Was Darkness”**

#### **Good Friday Worship Service - April 19 at 8 pm**

“And there was darkness” will be a unique service in which we will name some of the suffering in our culture today (discrimination, addiction, abuse) and hold it up against the 7 Last Words of Jesus on the cross. Congregations, clergy, lay leaders and choirs from FRC and Pompton Lakes will unite for worship. This promises to be a moving service that you won't want to miss.

#### **† Prayer Requests from April 7, 2017 †**

Prayers for:

- A granddaughter going through chemo.
- Continued prayers that a possible serious situation is resolved soon.
- Healing for Kay Bergin who fell yesterday and went to Chilton Hospital. She is all patched up and back home. Please uphold Kay as she heals.
- Friend, Tommy is having a surgical procedure on Tuesday. Prayers for a good outcome. Caroline Winter
- Prayers that my son may feel the Lord reaching out to him and respond.

#### **Today's Scripture**

Matthew 21:1-17 (NRSV)

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;<sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.<sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.<sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”<sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.<sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.”<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry<sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’”<sup>17</sup> He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.