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Matthew 4:19

<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

English Standard Version

# Good News!!

Pastor John Burden, after preaching on a recent Sunday here at PRC, has accepted our call to be our new pastor!!! Pastor John comes to us from Holland Michigan. He and his family; wife, Jillian, and children, Arie, 8 years old, and twins, Ira and Roman (2) will arrive sometime in June.



Welcome Pastor John and family!!

## Easter Parade

By Elaine Peacock



Easter is just around the corner and I think back to those special Easters when I was a little girl. Coloring eggs was a must and they were usually done a few days before Easter. The Easter Bunny always hid my basket and half the fun was trying to find it. We would leave carrots for the bunny and Easter morning we would always find a mess of chewed on carrots and hardboiled egg shells on the kitchen table. It seems the bunny preferred colored hardboiled eggs to carrots – who knew? Sunday school meant a new dress, gloves, a hat and of course a topper (that is a short coat for all of you that didn't grow up in the 50's). Dinner was ham, scalloped potatoes, other treats and nut roll, my mom's mother's recipe. It was a very special treat since my mom only made nut roll for Christmas and Easter. We would watch the Easter Parade on TV; just to see all the outrageous homemade hats people made and they would walk around Rockefeller Center hoping to be interviewed so everyone back home would see them. May your favorite Easter memories fill your hearts with Easter joy and blessings.

Happy Easter everyone!

# Lent

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!

## 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 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 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. 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 in Our Sanctuary**

“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.

PRC People

Birthdays

Jeff Romaine  
Carole Romaine  
Susan Davis  
Janet Hackbarth  
Stuart Carroll



Memorials

Given By

In Memory Of

Designation

Cas & Jean Stark	Barbara Buckman	Capital Campaign
George Buckman	Barbara Buckman	Manse Repairs
Chuck & Helen Gioia	Madge Schlapfer	Building Fund
Marge Hubert	Madge Schlapfer	Undesignated
Carolyn Stevens	Madge Schlapfer	Undesignated
Jack Tice	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Lorna & Kevin Carroll	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Ann & James Grady	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Rose & Nino Batelli	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Deanna & Ed Blair	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Esther & Bernie Kaplan	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Julie & Bill Rothenburg	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Phyllis Carbone	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Edna Casapulla	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Arlene Warshaw	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Rhonda Fishler	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Leslie Frommer	Sophia Mamalis Baker	Capital Campaign
Rose Farrell	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Richard & Yvonne Foster	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Albert & Lynn Heimall	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Jean Conway	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Jeff & Carole Romaine	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Marge Hubert	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Mary Ann McIllwrath	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Diane Ebert	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund

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Christine Draghi	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Carolyn Stevens	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Gail Hettenback	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Kevin & Lorna Carroll	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Douglass Romaine	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Bonnie McCue	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Robert & Robin Seifert	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Mark & Sharon Sonne	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
William & Barbara Conklin	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund
Janice Samuelson-Tisik	Ora Ferralasco	Building Fund

Eleanor Haling sends a Spring hello to her friends at PRC.



A great BIG thank you to Pastor Nathan, Pastor Debbie, Pastor Kirsty, Anna Gordon and the many others who offered wonderful messages during our time of waiting.

*Dear PRC Sunday School Children,*

*Thank you for your lovely Valentine! It was a nice surprise. I appreciate your thinking of me.*



*Helen Wisbauer*

Dear Ariana, Jailyn, Karina, Skyler, Samuel, Erik, Jenna, Dominic, Annol, (Sunday School Children)

Thank you so much for the lovely Valentine Card you made us. You are very kind. Enjoy and learn how much God loves you while in Sunday School and that God will always love you. I taught Sunday School for many years and that was a special time for me. The children were very special just like you are. Blessings to all of you.

Dorothy and Jim Doland

My Grandson Kevin - Major League Baseball Player  
by Helen Gioia



My grandson Kevin graduated from Pompton Lakes High School; all four years on the Honor Roll and a fantastic baseball player. He went on to St. John's University in Queens, N. Y. and continued playing baseball while majoring in homeland security with a minor in psychology. He was on the President's Society all four years.

His first year at St. John's was tough. Kevin's Dad had a heart attack followed by open heart surgery and a stroke which left his Dad paralyzed. Kevin wanted to drop out of college and go to work to help his family. He was told to stay at St. John's and continue. His Dad had years of therapy and was able to walk again, but he was disabled and unable to work. Kevin made his parents proud graduating with honor from St. John's in May 2018.

He was offered a job with the U. S. Customs and Border Protection Agency and was just waiting on his health assessment test to come back. The day he came home from St. John's after graduating he was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles major league baseball team! Kevin is a very humble and kind young man and he takes nothing for granted. He was so very surprised and so happy! It was a lifelong dream of Kevin's to be a baseball player. He has loved baseball since he was a toddler. His favorite baseball players are Derek Jeter and Mario Rivera. Kevin played Little League baseball from age five years to his teens. He is a fantastic left handed pitcher and he is thankful to God for all the blessings God has given to him.

By the way, Kevin was baptized at Pompton Reformed Church when he was an infant. And, he went to Sunday School at PRC. Mary Bartha was his Sunday School teacher. He is still humble and kind and is always so good to everyone. And I am so very proud of my grandson, Kevin Magee - Major League Baseball Player for the Baltimore Orioles.



Our Community Pancake Breakfast served 258 guests! Thanks to all who made this outreach a success!

Many PRC members and friends who have been around for a while will fondly remember **Shelby Henriquez**. Shelby and Sylvia were very active members back in the 90s and early 2000s before relocating to Pennsylvania. Shelby served as an elder and as VP of Consistory for a time. Our friend Shelby was called home to be with his Savior some months ago after a long and courageous fight with multiple myeloma. Sylvia and family have planned a memorial service to honor the memory of this wonderful disciple on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in our sanctuary. Any and all who remember the Henriquez' are welcome to attend. There will be some light refreshments in fellowship hall following the service.

## Scholarship Information

**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.

### Crayon Initiative

The Crayon Initiative collects used and unwanted crayons donated from restaurants,

school and homes across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing environmental waste.

The recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the US, brightening the lives of young patients during their stay.



Do you have old, broken or unwanted crayons.....look for the box in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE.....  
POMPTON LAKES TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

Once again, we will be participating in the town-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 13th.

We are looking for donations of gently used items to sell. Please consider us as you start your "Spring" cleaning.

Due to space, we are not accepting donations right now. Look for future announcements as to when and where you can drop off your donations.

Any questions, please see Val or Cindi Petrides, Jo-Ann Sisco, Jackie Bush or Elaine Peacock.

## Autumnfest Is Back!

Autumnfest 2019 will take place on October 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. I want to thank Ronnie Schubert and Val Petrides for Co-Chairing Vendors and Crafters as well as Eva Terhune and Tina Thompson for Co-Chairing the Bakery. Thank you to Lauren Venin for Co-Chairing Children's Activities. Lauren could use another Co-Chair. So please let me know if you are able to help her. I also want to thank Fellowship for once again preparing the luncheon. There will be many opportunities to help as the event gets closer. Jo-Anne Sisco



Deacons Fish and (Chicken and) Chips Dinner, April 14!

Get your tickets after worship or call the church office. \$15 Adults and \$10 Children. Time is running out!

FOLLOW- Tuesday night Bible Study, 8 weeks, starting 3/27---See Elaina Van Schaack for info.

Grateful

Grateful for the scars, grateful for the tears,  
Grateful for the mercy that brought me through the years.

You were always with me Lord, this at last I see.  
In spite of every circumstance, You were watching over me.

So Lord all I can do is thank You, to be grateful for Your coming rest.

For as this life continues I know that I've been blessed.

And Lord, please forgive my countenance, my frustrations, my judgmental tone.

For all the gifts I have received, from You and You alone.

Most of all Lord, I am grateful for the healing, that none like me deserve.

And the thankfulness I feel is the reason that I serve.

As the days grow ever shorter, and that final sunset nears,

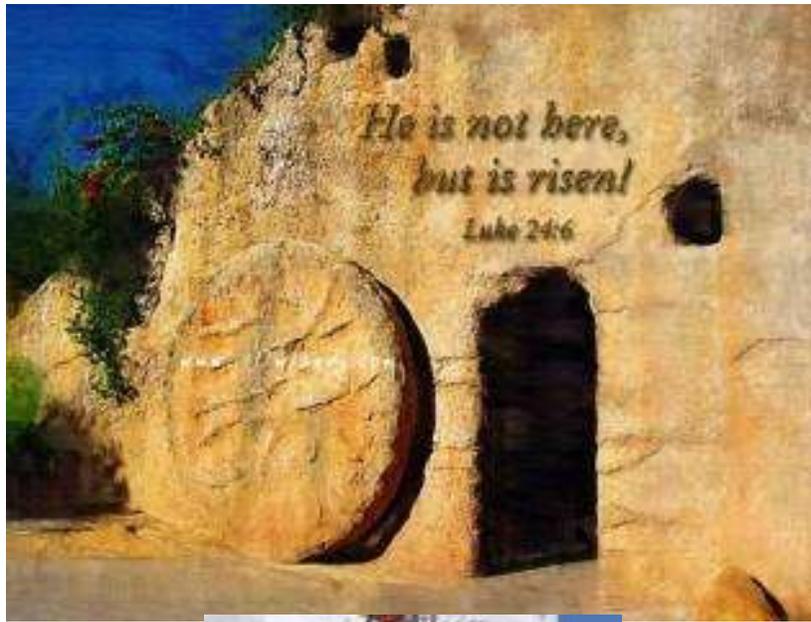
Yes Lord, I am Grateful for Your grace that conquered all my fears.

J.W. Casey

Easter Service

April 21, 2019

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May newsletter submissions are due

4/28/19

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