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*Christ is Risen,
He is risen indeed!
This is the good news and the
Foundation of our faith.*

May Remembers
By Elaine Peacock



Well, the April showers have certainly brought forth the May flowers; they have been beautiful this year, don't you agree? When May arrives each year my thoughts immediately turn to Mother's Day and Memorial Day. These two holidays make May stand out. Whether you are lucky enough to still have your Mom or she has gone to be with God; I find memories flood my mind of all the fun times my Mom & I shared. I dig out the old photos and laugh and yes even shed a few tears. Memorial Day swells my heart with pride and gratitude as I watch the concert from Washington DC and take part in Riverdale's parade and service. Words never seem to be enough as we honor all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free.

So, for all you Moms out there – Happy Mother's Day!

To all our Veterans - Thank You for your service and sacrifice.

Round Table of Thanks

Our grateful thanks to:



Michael Earle for his dedication and devotion to the PRC Operations Committee

Lorna Carroll for being the Congregation at large person for the purpose of nominating new Deacons & Elders for 2019

Tina Iraggi Thompson for being the chair for the Free Community Pancake Breakfast

Pastor John Update:

Pastor John will be in Pompton in mid May in preparation for the family move. He will preach here on May 19 and 26 before heading back to pack up. He will be here permanently from Father's Day, June 16. We can't wait to welcome Pastor John and his family to our PRC family.



Roger Lockwood (16)



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Cas & Jean Stark	Madge Schlapfer	Music Fund

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.

Mission News

From Jared Cave:

Maggie's New Vision

“What do you want to do with your life?” was a question that would produce frustration for Maggie. If you are a college student you cannot avoid this question on a regular basis, and **many students, like Maggie, struggle to have a clear VISION for their future.** Maggie went to Jubilee this year hoping that God might help to answer this question for her.

Maggie was afraid to give any answer, because she did not want to commit to anything. She says “It’s as if once I say I might want to pursue a career in ministry, I will be locked into that career for life.” At Jubilee she went to a session where a CCO staff shared what it’s like to be a full time campus minister with the CCO. **It was in that session at Jubilee where Maggie began to have peace in following God’s call.**

Maggie will spend this summer at the “Ocean City Beach Project” (OCBP) run by the CCO. OCBP is a summer where students live in community with other Christ followers, while they receive teaching and discipleship from CCO staff and various guest speakers. Many CCO staff took their first step toward full time ministry at OCBP. **Wherever Maggie ends up she is beginning to trust in God’s VISION for her future.**

Thanks for supporting this ministry to CCAC students. Your generous giving is playing a role in helping Maggie follow Christ with her whole life.

From Robert Barrett:

Dear friends,

Thank you once again for your support of my trip to Puerto Rico. It was a whirlwind couple of weeks right before the trip when we learned we could not travel to Haiti but would reroute our team to Puerto Rico. While it turned out to be a trip very different from the one we were originally planning, it was an amazing opportunity to be able to serve in the small community of Villa Esperanza, Puerto Rico. The people we met are still struggling to rebuild their homes and many parts of their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria which struck the island close to a year and a half ago. Many are trapped in poverty, broken systems, and feel as though they have been forgotten about. Puerto Rico may not have been our original destination, but it was where we certainly were called to serve on this trip. We saw God do powerful things through our team and bring love and hope to people in much need.

I deeply appreciate all of your giving, encouragement, and prayers. Please continue to pray both for the people of Puerto Rico and for Haiti. It can be discouraging to see the suffering and pain that people are walking through in these parts of the world, but I am

always reminded through these trips about the power of hope and the Gospel - that sometimes it is the smallest actions, like building someone a front porch, that can have incredible impact.

In a couple of weeks, I will be headed out to Springfield, Missouri to attend Convoy of Hope's Field Team Leaders summit. This is the next step in my journey of being able to lead additional teams, throughout the year, with Convoy of Hope. I am looking forward to both the training and community parts of this experience. And while trips to Haiti continue to be on hold for the time being, I am expecting that I will have the opportunity to return to Puerto Rico with additional teams of college students over the summer and fall months.

Grateful for your love and support,

Robert

**Robert was expected to go to Haiti but due to circumstances beyond his control the mission was changed to Puerto Rico.

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.



Sunday School News

May 19th will be the last day of Sunday School for this year.



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 last day to deposit crayons is May 26. The Sunday School thanks everyone

Who supported this initiative.

The Heidelberg Catechism

Continuing after the fall of man...



12. Q. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favour?

A. God demands that his justice be satisfied. Therefore we must make full payment, either by ourselves or through another.

13. Q. Can we by ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.

14. Q. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed. Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from.

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.



Fellowship Activities

- May 19 Mexican Social
- June 9 Appetizer Social
- July 14 Ice Cream Social
- August 11 Pie Ala Mode Social
- September 15 Church Wide Picnic
- October 5 Westchester Theater Bus Trip to see "An American in Paris".
- October 13 Soup Social
- October 19 Autumnfest
- October 26 Casino Bus Trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA.
- November 10 Chili Social
- December 15 Cookie Social

June Newsletter submissions

Are due **May 23**

To khuysers@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Autumnfest Is Back!

Autumnfest 2019 will take place on October 19, 2019 from
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

- Vendors and Crafters
 - Bakery
- Children's Activities
 - Luncheon

Opportunities abound for getting involved!

More information will follow.

