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September 2019  
Pastor's Message

Hey everyone!

Our family has had a great summer. We have spent countless nights playing in the yard and riding bikes, scooters, wagons, and everything else in the driveway. Recently, we have been coming up to the church parking lot after dinner so that Arie can ride his bike while the twins work on their balance bikes...it has been a blast. It has also been great to go to Lakeside Middle School and play on the soccer field after all the teams are done practicing for the day!

We were able to get away a couple of times this summer. Jill and I love camping and decided to give it a try with our twins for the first time. We went up to Sampson State Park on Seneca Lake in New York and got a campsite right next to Jill's parents (it's just about the halfway point between New Jersey and Burlington, Ontario where Jill's parents live). The kids had an absolute blast and we will probably do it again next year. Earlier this month, we made it up to Canada to join Jill's family at her brother's new cottage. We had a great time on the lake and hanging out with the in-laws!!

I am really excited about a few things this fall! September 8<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of our fall sermon series and Sunday School! This fall we are starting in Genesis 1 and looking at the major turning points of the Bible all the way through Revelation 21 and the end of the Bible. It's an amazing opportunity to both lay a foundation for things to come but also for so many people who have never really seen the big picture of the Bible.

Can't wait to celebrate Pompton Day with you all!

Grace + Peace,

Pastor John



All Are Welcome Here!

## September Song

By Elaine Peacock

September is knocking on our door with songs that only fit September. The school bells are ringing in a new school year, the weather is just a bit cooler and here and there are bits of color giving us a hint what is to come. It is still a perfect time for long walks and possibly an ice cream cone to go along with that walk. September for me means a vacation. This year two childhood friends and I are driving Highway 50 in Nevada which is billed as the loneliest highway in the USA, taking the Star Train to view night skies full of stars in the desert and checking out Great Basin National Park. This is also the month for my annual trip with my two Connecticut friends. This year's destination is Booth Bay Harbor, Maine. So lace up your walking shoes and listen for September's song and, oh yes, don't forget the ice cream.



### Consistory Round Table of Thanks

The Round Table of Thanks for September is all who worked so hard on the Town Wide Garage Sale on July 13th.

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**Are you willing to share your love of our Lord, Jesus Christ with the children and youth of PRC? Teachers and Helpers are needed for all age levels of our Sunday School beginning September 8. Curriculum is available. If you are interested in volunteering – please leave your name and contact information in the ED Team mailbox in the workroom. Thank you!!**



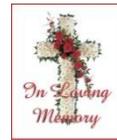
### Birthdays

Henry Lockwood (21)  
Caroline Winter  
Kim Winter Mako  
Jeremy Winter  
Kristen Warner  
Michael Warner



Memorials

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Melissa Ann Gouger	Eleanor Haling	Scholarship
Ora Ferralasco	Chuck & Helen Gioia	Capital Campaign
David Hague	Chuck & Helen Gioia	Capital Campaign
David Hague	Carolyn Stevens	Capital Campaign
David Hague	Nancy Shimmel	General Fund
Johanna Kacmar	Judy Foester	Undesignated
Geneva Maletsky	Helen & Chuck Gioia	Capital Campaign
Geneva Maletsky	Walt Struble	Undesignated
Rick Montanari	Shirley Montanari	Operations
Kay Bergin	Thomas & Virginia Porter	Undesignated
KayBergin	Nancy Shimmel	Music
Kay Bergin	Birch Hill Beach Association	Undesignated



In memory of Albert Peacock on Father's Day, from Elaine

**Garage Sale Update**



With 'THANKS' to ALL who

- donated items this year
- donated items previously for Autumnfest "This & That" room
- assisted during the day of the sale
- our set-up / cleanup crew
- supported us in prayer

God blessed us with a warm, sunny day. We raised \$1,288.75 towards Autumnfest 2019.

*Jackie Bush, JoAnn Sisco, Elaine Peacock, Cindi and Valerie Petrides*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

Another summer has flown by and our 2019-20 Sunday School year begins on a very busy September 8<sup>th</sup>. On this exciting opening day, all students can register at the Christian Education table located in the Friendship Area. Afterwards, all students with their family members will go into the sanctuary for the opening portion of the worship service and will then be dismissed by Pastor John to go to their respective classes.



Dear Members and Friends of PRC,

At their June meeting, our Consistory approved the formation of a New Ministries Team to explore potential changes to our buildings and grounds, to attract and retain visitors, integrate relevant ministries and give them the opportunity to grow alongside our current members.

Members of this team currently include: Pastor John Burden, Eva Terhune, Elena Van Schaack, Drew Altorfer, Mark Warner, Kristin Widdowson, Nancy Begin, Jack Tice and Michael Warner. This group serves Pompton Reformed and any recommendations put forth by the NMT will be subject to Consistory's approval. Our brothers and sisters serving on Consistory are plenty busy enough with the day-to-day management of the church and the aim of this New Ministries Team is to assist them as well as Pastor John in any way that we can. Our aim is to begin and work on several projects revolving around PRC's short-term and long-term goals in addition to the wonderful projects already being accomplished by our existing teams.

The primary focus of the NMT over the next few months will be to improve our social media presence and make improvements to our website. In addition, reinventing our "brand" as well as creating and implementing new signage throughout the facility will reduce confusion for our visitors and young families. Another short-term goal is to have a welcome center in place by September where visitors can receive information on the many activities and opportunities at Pompton Reformed and to provide the opportunity to get involved. This will provide contact information in order for us to stay in touch with our visitors.

As other long-range goals come into clearer focus, there will be plenty of opportunities for any and all who are interested in joining these projects and in using their God-given gifts and talents in one area or another. This is very much a work-in-progress with the overriding goal of introducing more of God's children in our communities to the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please keep this team, our Consistory, Pastor John, all teams and committees, staff members and our entire faith family in your prayers in this time of transition.

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**NMT**



## NEW IN SEPTEMBER



Beginning on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, our new welcome center will be in place inside the main entrance for the purpose of providing a warm welcome to those who will be visiting with us in the months and years ahead. In addition to information about the ministries of PRC and small gifts for first time visitors, there will be the opportunity for them to provide, if they desire, their contact information so that we can keep in touch. Additionally, the welcome center will contain cards for guests, members and friends to indicate their interest in participating in small groups, Bible studies, and/or local mission/service projects. Newly designed prayer cards will also be available at the center as well as in the pews of the sanctuary for all of us to submit our prayer requests. Thank you all for continuing to provide the warm, caring and welcoming environment for which PRC has long been well known.

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Matthew 11:28-30 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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### Dates to Remember!

- September 1- Pompton Day (raindate Sept.2)
- September 8- Pastor's Installation @ 2PM
- September 15- Church Picnic
- September 22- Rotary/Deacons trip to Yankee Stadium
- October 5- Nite Out- Trip to Westchester Broadway Theater
- October 13- Soup Social after service
- October 19- Autumnfest
- October 26- Sands Casino trip



## From the Congregation:

Dear PRC family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and thoughtful gestures during my recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. All is well!

Love,  
Nancy Shimmel



Dear Pompton Reformed Church,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making me one of the recipients of the Pompton Reformed Church Scholarship. I was honored to receive such a generous scholarship along with all your support and prayers.

I will be attending Bloomsburg University in the fall. I will be majoring in speech and language pathology along with a minor in art therapy. Additionally, I am excited to be a Bloomsburg University cheerleader. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I assure you that I will live up to your expectations and will study dedicatedly.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn Hollar

*A WISE MAN ONCE SAID submitted by Helen Gioia*

*A wise man once said –"Learn to write your hurts in sand and carve your Blessings in stone!"*

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### Deacons Mum Sale

Mums can be picked up on September 8 after the service.

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"For You

In You

Through you"

If you don't know what this is about, stop in on Sunday mornings at 10AM!

## Church Celebration

### PASTOR BURDEN INSTALLATION

Please plan to join us along with many guests from the Classis Of Passaic Valley for the official installation of Pastor John on Sunday afternoon, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. It has been a truly joyful summer as we welcome Pastor John, Jill, Arie, Ira and Roman to our faith family! This will be a moving and inspirational celebration that you will not want to miss. Also, please join everyone for a reception in Fellowship Hall after the installation service. Thank you.



### APPAREL FUNDRAISER



The New Ministries Team has designed and purchased some apparel (T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats, Travel Mugs) to sell to PRC members and friends as well as community members. The primary purpose of this effort is not to raise money. In fact, the small profit made on these sales will help to fund related efforts of the NMT, such as the small gifts for visitors and other costs. Our new church logo and, of course, church name are tastefully displayed on all items and therefore provides all the opportunity to display our pride in the wonderful Christian community that is PRC. Please consider purchasing some of these items and wearing them both at PRC events and in our communities to help to increase our visibility. Thank you.

## Autumnfest Update

October 19, 2019- fast approaching! Help needed -please see the Chairs to volunteer or questions.

Vendors & Crafters- Ronnie Shubert & Val Petrides

Dot Ploch Homemade Bakery- Eva Terhune, Tina Thompson & Gail Freeland

Farm Stand

Children's Activities-Lauren Venin

Luncheon- Jackie Bush and Fellowship

Also- Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

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*As summer comes to a close, we begin to gear up for another active and busy year!  
Here are some choir start up dates to keep in mind....*

- *Chancel Choir - Rehearsal Sept. 5, singing in church Sept. 8*
  - *Bell Choir - Rehearsal Sept. 10*
- All are welcome - new voices and new ringers please join us!*
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In July we were blessed to share in the ordination of our Sister-in-Christ and a daughter of our congregation, Anna Gordon. In this picture are our past and present Ministers of the Sacrament, Pastors Thomas Bartha and John Burden along with Pastors Debbie Pierce and Debbie Rundecker also "children" of our congregation. God's blessing on the work you are called to do, Pastor Anna!!



*Picture courtesy of Jonathan Gordon*



Our Congregation lost two long-time members during this summer. Geneva Maletsky and Kathryn (Kay) Bergin went home to be with the Lord recently. Geneva was very involved in the education of our children in Sunday School and Kay was a long time member of the Chancel Choir.

Both ladies will be missed at Pompton Reformed.

*Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Oct. Newsletter submissions** are due by 9/29 to [khuysers@msn.com](mailto:khuysers@msn.com) or the office mailbox.