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2021

## Serving the Community

John 21: 14-17

**14** This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

**15** After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."

"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

**16** Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

**17** A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

Thursday, Sept. 24, PRC, along with community sponsor, Columbia Bank, hosted the first monthly Free Community Dinner. Despite ghastly weather- rain, wind, possible flooding- a small band of volunteers from PRC and Columbia gathered to serve the community. And serve they did! Fifty or so folks came out to enjoy a church cooked dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Another 70 or so received take away dinners. Even our Pompton Lakes police were served. Jesus called on Peter to feed his lambs and care for his sheep and this of course has many meanings. Taken literally, PRC fed and cared for the community in the first of many more community dinners.

*Save the date for our next free community dinner- October 28!*

Let your neighbors know and join if you can. All are welcome!

And let our community sponsors know that you appreciate their involvement in our town and with our church.



## October Thrills & Chills

By Elaine Peacock

As many of you know I love everything about the autumn season and October is probably my favorite month of all three. When October arrives more of the leaves are turned, there is a chill in the air and haunted events are everywhere. I love taking walks and admiring all the great fall and Halloween decorations; walks are more fun when you enjoy someone's hard work and great imagination. Of course I'm wearing my favorite sweater; maybe munching on a pumpkin doughnut or muffin and most of all seeing God's handiwork in all the beautiful colors as far as the eye can see. You don't have to go far to see all these beautiful colors just step out your front door and look around you at all the reds, yellows, and browns. So now is the time to take that walk, feel the chill in the air, and all the special surprises October has to offer. I'm borrowing a quote I saw recently "Happy Fall You All."



### Birthdays

Michael Warner  
Jeremy Winter  
Kim Winter Mako



### Memorials

<u>From</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Eleanor Haling	Loved Ones	Undesignated



From Corinne Tyndall **in honor of** her daughter Lari-Jo Mugavero's birthday.

### Mask Policy:

Masks will be required for everyone at all indoor events or meetings where children under 12 are expected to be in attendance. If the meeting or event doesn't have children in attendance, then masks are required for people who are unvaccinated and recommended for people who are vaccinated.



## Serving the Community- Part 2

Knowing that our very generous PRC community is looking for ways to serve and make a difference in our area, PRC has partnered with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey to help those affected in NJ with the terrible assault of Hurricane Ida. An opportunity for you to contribute financially to this support is by going onto <https://give.cfbnj.org/pomptonreformed2021> and donating. Through CFBNJ, **every \$1 you donate can help provide 3 nutritious meals to our neighbors in need.** And there are a variety of ways you can help, not only with food. So, take a look at the website and see if there is a specific cause that impacts your serving heart! Thank you so much in advance for always being so willing to help our neighbors!

### ***Autumnfest, 2021***



Autumnfest/Craft Fair for 2021 will take place Saturday, October 16 and will be a scaled down version of what we have had in the past. It still promises to be a fun day for all and will take place from 10am to 3:00pm, rain or shine.

There will be many vendors with various crafts and products—all outside. Also Fall items such as pumpkins and cider will be available to purchase, thanks to PRC Deacons. A truck selling pizza will be on site as well as hot dogs provided by the Fellowship Committee. Our usual 50/50 raffle will take place. Our main purpose this year is to let the community know that Pompton Reformed Church is back! Our doors are open and all are welcome!

Flowers! Flowers!

October 3 is the date to pick up your preordered Mums. I expect Pompton Lakes and surrounding towns will be looking very Autumn-ish when the mums arrive!



Since we are fully back in the Sanctuary now, we would like to reinstate the practice of fresh flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone special. Please call the church office if you would like to provide flowers for any particular Sunday and for the cost.



Food Pantry is operating again and can use all nonperishable foods to restock.

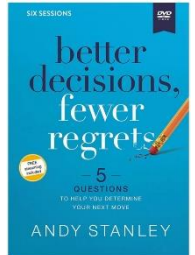
## Pompton People

Nancy Nelson is in the Christian Health Care Center. Nancy sends her regards and would love to hear from you. If you would like to send a note or a card to Nancy here is her address:

Nancy Nelson  
Christian Health Care Center  
Longview Section  
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Wyckoff, NJ 07481

### Upcoming!

- **New Bible Study** from Andy Stanley (son of famous pastor Charles Stanley) entitled ***Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions To Help You Determine Your Next Move***. The study is a 6-session study that will be held in-person, socially distanced, in October at PRC. The exact start dates have not yet been determined. So tell us if you are interested by signing up on the sheet on Sunday or email Elena at [evs12@optimum.net](mailto:evs12@optimum.net) and we'll keep you posted with full details! It will be held either on Sundays after service or on Monday evenings at 7pm.
- Also, the ED Team (Education and Discipleship Team) is looking at formally organizing a Small Group Ministry in early 2022. If you are interested in being part of a small group, please let Elena know at [evs12@optimum.net](mailto:evs12@optimum.net).



## Christians are like Pumpkins

God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all of the dirt off, some of which you may have gotten from other pumpkins. Then He cuts the top off and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes seeds of doubt, hate, greed, unforgiveness, etc. Then He carves a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

Are you letting your light shine?

Be a jack-o-lantern for Jesus!

Valerie Petrides



Congratulations to Tina and DJ Thompson and Lilliana on her recent baptism.



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submissions are due by

Oct. 31

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