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Growing in Christ with help along the way.

When I was growing up here in PL, my mom brought me to church almost every Sunday. My grandmother, who lived nearby, went to the Lutheran church at least twice a week, walking in all kinds of weather. These were my role models. I went to college locally, however, I got a part time job that had me work Sundays and I grew away from the church for a time. My question: who is that person that shows you The Way?

I had two experiences that immensely impacted the person I am today and my relationship with Christ. The first was when I was expecting my first child. I had a bad experience with hospitals when I was very little. So, there I was in the hospital, getting ready for a C-section to bring my child into the world. I was petrified of the surgery and the hospital. A hospital chaplain stopped in to say hello and spent time talking and praying with me. It really helped me through the terror of the moment and I rededicated myself to my spiritual journey.

But some things don't take the first time, much like a diet that wanes with time. Life was going well and there was no urgency. I brought my kids to church weekly and we sat in the balcony with my mom. All was good, but I wasn't very committed. Enter experience #2.

My son had a drug problem. It was bad. I felt very helpless and agitated. I needed to do something but did not know what to do. While wandering around my house I spied a copy of a Max Lucado book I had bought to give to my sister. I read it. It was all about the 23rd Psalm and giving your burdens to the Lord. I unloaded all my worries/fears and *need to control* and sat in that for a bit. Within days I was directed to a Naranon group. I didn't want to go but there was that nudge and I really needed something. And that group helped me grow stronger. I believe it was the community and giving over to God my struggles that let me see the way out of my personal bondage. God & Christ was the way! The group was not about fixing my son but about My journey.

Who or what circumstance helped you find your way to Christ? I would love to know. Drop me a line or see me at church.



September Means Fall is Coming

By Elaine Peacock



I noticed a couple of yellow leaves on my path on the way out this morning – visions of beautiful colors flooded my mind. I know, I know it is not time yet but September always gives us a bit of teasing just to see our reactions. After the hot summer we had this year I'm ready for crispy cool sweater weather and all the trappings that goes with fall. I know there are many among you reading this are thinking summer is the best; stop rushing it. Sorry no can do the time has come to put away your sandals and get out your walking shoes. This is your first opportunity to enjoy September before the serious changes of October and November really take over. These are the mild fall days wonderful for checking out farm stands, home made goodies, walks with friends and or family. No heavy jackets needed; just throw on your favorite sweater or sweatshirt and bring along some favorite snacks and you are all set for a fun afternoon.

I hope you all have a wonderful September and discover some new places to enjoy or some old favorites you have possibly overlooked. Get out and enjoy God's beautiful time of the year.

Happy September PRC.

Memorials

In Memory of Geneva Maletsky

From Todd and Ellen Tintle

Undesignated

Birthdays

Caroline Winter
Chrissy Warner Wilsey



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Consistory News

Consistory Nominations

It is once again the time of year to begin prayerfully considering potential candidates to serve on consistory in the office of deacon or elder. Kristin Widdowson has kindly agreed to serve this year as the congregation member at large on the nominations committee. Kristin will work along with our only off-going consistory member, Bruce Davis, and our Co-VP's of Consistory, Eva Terhune and Mark Warner. This committee will present a list of potential candidates to consistory once they receive all the nominations.

Any PRC member can put forth a nomination. The nominations should be presented to Kristin Widdowson along with a description of the nominee's spiritual gifts that equip them for these positions.

We are looking for two deacon positions and two elder positions which hopefully will get us back to a yearly rotation schedule.

Consistory members serve a three-year term, in this case from 2024-2026. Only church members can be considered. No one can nominate themselves. Please pray for those God has gifted to serve Him in these important offices. All nominations should be received by mid-September.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you,
Mark and Eva

PRC People

Greetings to friends at PRC from Eleanor Haling.



Marge Hubert would like to thank you all for all of the many good wishes and cards you gave to her on her very special birthday! You made her birthday very special with your kind words and friendship. She really appreciates all of you!

Dear PRC Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship award! I appreciate it so much and feel so much love for everyone within our church's community! I feel very blessed to receive such an award!

God bless,

Maddie Conklin



Outback Fundraiser

Hello Friends! Back by popular demand, the Fundraiser Team is proud to announce our second Outback Fundraiser will take place on October 23rd through the 26th in Wayne. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket. You can go for lunch or dinner. For each ticket sold, our Church will receive \$10.00. At our first Outback Fundraiser we sold 200 tickets, you had a choice of two days, and you had a choice of three entrees. This time we will be selling 300 tickets, you have a choice of four days and five entrees! Joann Mack and I will begin selling tickets this Sunday after Church. You can either give cash or make out a check to the Pompton Reformed Church. If you would like tickets but cannot come to church, you can email me at joanngiant@optimum.net to let me know. Once I receive your money, I will send you your tickets. This is a very popular fundraiser for all ages. We would suggest that you buy your tickets as soon as possible because they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact Joann Mack or Jo-Ann Sisco. This is a wonderful fundraiser because it promotes warm fellowship and delicious food! We hope to see you all there! Joann and Jo-Ann

The Menu Includes:

Appetizer

Every 2 tickets will have a choice of the Bloomin' Onion or one-half Aussie Cheese Fries

Choice of Entree:

Outback Center Cut 6 oz. Sirloin

Queensland Pasta with Grilled Chicken

Grilled Chicken on the Barbie with BBQ Sauce

Outback Cheeseburger with Pickles, Lettuce, Onions, Tomato, and Mustard

Chicken Tenders Platter with Honey Mustard

Salad

House Salad or Caesar Salad

Choice of Sides:

Mashed Potato, Baked Potato, Fries, Mixed Veggies, or Broccoli

Dessert

Cheesecake with choice of Chocolate, Caramel, or Raspberry Sauce

Non-Alcoholic Beverage

Gratuity is not included.

Please Tip accordingly.



AUTUMNFEST IS COMING OCTOBER 14th

Mark your calendars! One of Pompton Reformed Church's biggest and most successful fund-raisers is only a month away!

This is a church-wide event that draw's over 30 vendors and crafters; is host to the West Milford HERITAGE QUILTERS with their beautiful quilt display; will be bringing back by popular demand the "Autumnfest Boutique"; and our very successful Dot Ploch Bakery will hopefully have the largest amount of cakes, pies, cookies and breads to sell than we ever had before! And of course, we will be providing lunch--grilling hot dogs and hamburgers again! A fun time for the entire family is promised!

BUT---we can't do all of this without your help. We will need as many of you volunteers as possible. There are so many areas of help needed, not the least of which will be baking wonderful items for our bakery. A list will be posted to sign up for the bakery as well as other areas. We ask that you be flexible so we can assign you to work in areas of the most need. Thanks to all of you. Together we will make this the most successful Autumnfest ever!

The Fellowship Committee



The PRC Garage Sale will be held on Sept. 30 in conjunction with the Pompton Lakes Town-Wide Garage Sale day. PRC is offering spots on the lawn for rent. It's coming soon!

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser is ramping up! Tina Thompson gave a good outline of the needs for this successful event. There are many ways to help, but especially through prayer! Presale tickets are available from Oct. 1-14. Please let your friends and neighbors with little children know. It was a huge success last year! December 14 & 15- save the dates! Please sign up or contact Tina for information.

Ministry Outreach

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Bars of Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Apple Sauce, Peanut Butter, Tuna fish, Jelly or Jam. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Free Community Dinner- The next dinner will be held on September 28. All are welcome!

Pompton Day is Sept. 3 with a raindate of Sept. 4

