

Pompton Reformed Church Announcements March 24, 2024

The Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command" and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you". We also commemorate our Lord's last supper with his disciples prior to his crucifixion on this evening. Our beautiful sanctuary will be open to anyone seeking a time of quiet prayer and contemplation between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to attend a communion service on Maundy Thursday are welcome to attend either at Preakness Reformed at 7:30 pm or a dinner and immersive service at First Reformed in Pompton Plains from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Similarly, our sanctuary will also be open on Good Friday from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm.

We will be hosting a community Good Friday service with our brothers and sisters from Preakness Reformed and First Reformed in Pompton Plains in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

Beefsteak Fundraiser - Tickets continue to be available for our beefsteak dinner on Saturday evening, April 20th from 6-10 pm at the Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall (97 Hamburg Tpke in Bloomingdale). Tickets are \$65 per person and are available following worship services, through the church office, or by reaching out to Mark at (973) 349-6539 or mark.warner2@me.com. The event will include all you can eat beef tenderloin on French bread, salad, pasta, potatoes, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Tap beer is included and a cash bar available with a DJ, music and entertainment. There will also be Tricky Tray baskets as well as a 50/50. All proceeds will go to benefit the ministries of PRC. All the food prep is handled by the fire department, and they have an excellent reputation regarding the food quality. We're requesting donations of any new items that could be used as part of tricky tray baskets that evening. The event theme is Springtime, so items connected to that theme would be much appreciated. Gather a group of family, friends and neighbors and plan to join us for what will be a fun evening to support what we know well as a very good cause. Please note: we must submit our final numbers to the hall 10 days before the event, so please purchase your tickets by April 10th. Thank you.

You will see your Classis Assessment envelope in your envelope box (April & October) or listed on the Vanco online giving page. This year our church is assessed \$106.00 for every active member, with funds used to support new church starts, struggling churches, programs and missions and denominational staff. Whatever amount you are able to provide greatly assists our church in this \$9,950.00 annual assessment. Thank you.

Next bible study - Tuesday, March 26th from 11am - 12 noon in Room 108

You don't have to purchase anything! You can bring a bible if you want or use a printed copy of the passage which will be provided each week.

Thank you for your continued support of the free community dinner - The next dinner will be held on March 28, 2024. All are welcome!

Fuel Youth Group - Our FUEL youth ministry meetings for middle school and high school youth occur on Wednesday evenings. Students should check in at Friendship Hall at First Reformed in Pompton Plains. The evening will feature games, snacks, activities, and a memorable Bible lesson. 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM every Wednesday. Use of a facial covering is voluntary.

Prayer Quilt Ministry – We meet the second Saturday of every month from 9:30am to 11:30am. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, and the ministry has been a blessing to many. We welcome newcomers. No specific skills are needed. There is something for everyone to participate in the creation of the prayer quilt. If you can iron, tie a knot or use a sewing machine there is a place for you. Coffee and refreshments are available. Please contact Nancy Begin at nbjoyful1@gmail.com with any questions.

Communications Team – Jo-Ann Sisco has formed a team of people to mail out cards to those that may be sick, in a nursing home, not able to leave their house or just needing a card to put a smile on their face. There will be postage and cards available for use. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Jo-Ann at 973-896-8687.

Lunch Bunch meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from 12:00 until 3:00 pm. This is a stress-free time together. We have lunch and then enjoy games and puzzles or anything that you would like to bring. We are also planning on having speakers in future months.

Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Shampoo, Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Tuna fish, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Pasta Sauce, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Beans, Pudding, Boxed Mac and Cheese. Thank you!

2024 CONSISTORY

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If you are in need of prayer, spiritual support, have concerns about your faith journey or wish to discuss any other issue, we faithfully encourage you to reach out to your Elder representative.