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I was struck by the beauty of our Earth in Spring.

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Christ, our lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light.

Christ, our lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,

Christ, our lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For yourself, best gift divine,
To the world so freely given,
Agent of God's grand design:
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

In the spring of 1863, Foliott S. Pierpoint (b. Bath, Somerset, England, 1835; d. Newport, Monmouthshire, England, 1917) sat on a hilltop outside his native city of Bath, England, admiring the country view and the winding Avon River. Inspired by the view to think about God's gifts in creation and in the church, Pierpoint wrote this text. From Hymnary.org

May Holidays

By Elaine Peacock

Now that the days of Lent, Holy week that ended at the cross and the beautiful Easter Sunday with greetings “He has Risen”, “He has Risen indeed” echoed through PRC and promises that we would continue to follow the paths of Jesus as we entered April and our promise we would become better disciples as we entered May.

The holidays of May we honor all Moms. I was told once that even if you don’t have children you are still a Mom to all that you meet. After thinking about it – I’m considered a “church Mommy” – actually I like the sound of that.

On May 18th is Armed Forces Day – remember to give our troops a hug or at least a smile or a salute.

Lastly, Memorial Day where we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The parades, music and words of Thank you for your service mean so much – so give hugs and share a tear or two with our brave men and women. Thank you!

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

In Memory of

| <u>Given by</u> | <u>In Memory Of</u> | <u>Designated for</u> |
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| Ellen Lockwood | Albert Heimall | Community Dinner |
| Eleanor Haling | Melissa Ann Gouger | Undesignated |



Scholarship Opportunity- Deadline Approaches

Attention Parents of College Age Students!

Scholarship Application Packets Available: High school seniors and college students may obtain packets for the PRC scholarship application from the Church office. Student must be a worshipping member of PRC, or a dependent of a PRC member. The deadline for return of all application materials is **May 12, 2024**.

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, 2024. 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.*

Next free community dinner is scheduled for May 23. All are welcome!

Free



Beefsteak Fundraiser

On behalf of our fundraising team, many, many thanks to everyone who supported our recent beefsteak fundraising dinner with your presence or your prayers. We ended up with about 150 folks who enjoyed a fun evening for a good cause very close to our hearts. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise a little over \$7,000 to support the ministries of Pompton Reformed.

Thank you to those PRC individual and groups who contributed tricky tray baskets or items for baskets and other donations. The firemen in Bloomingdale have an excellent reputation for the quality of their food and they did not disappoint – it was delicious!

We also enjoyed the support of many local businesses from Pompton Lakes and surrounding communities with donations for the nearly 50 tricky tray baskets we had that evening. The listing of these businesses is below. Please keep them in mind and support them as you are able as you go about your daily lives in our community. Be sure to thank them personally for our church family.

Our hope is to do similar events on a more regular basis in the future, so stay tuned. Up next are more opportunities for a good meal for \$20 (almost unheard of these days) at Outback in Wayne from May 20-23 and a second go-round of Bunco on June 8th. Consider giving it a try if you didn't the first time. It's a lot of fun.

Ali's Pet's Paw Salon, Riverdale

Axton's Restaurant, Pompton Lakes

Black Bull Restaurant, Riverdale

Blooms of Wayne, Wayne

Bob's Barber Shop, Bloomingdale

Boniello's, Riverdale

Camptown Coins & Collectibles, Pompton Lakes

Cherished Bridals, Pompton Lakes

Da Shop, Pompton Lakes

David Ezra Salon, Wayne
Defying Gravitea, Pequannock
Diamonds By Dawn, Riverdale
Double Ai, Wayne
Eastern State Penitentiary, Pennsylvania
Eden Salon, Pompton Lakes
Elite Personal Training & Fitness, Pompton Lakes
Frank's Pizza Pompton Lakes
Glen wild Garden Center, Bloomingdale
Hand & Stone Massage, Pompton Lakes
Holiday Bowl. Oakland
Home Depot, Riverdale
Home Field Advantage, Pompton Lakes
House of Thai, Kinnelon
Ice Cream Station, Pompton Lakes
Jazzercise, Bloomingdale
Jersey Jackals, Paterson
Kressaty's Pharmacy, Haskell
Lakeside Diner, Ringwood
Lantern, The, Haskell
Lenape Diner, Oakland
Mack's Restaurant, Pompton Lakes
Maggie's Town Tavern, Wayne
Magpie Bakery, Bloomingdale
Mike's Feed Farm, Riverdale
Monica's Restaurant, Pompton Lakes
Moxie, Wayne
Papermill Playhouse, Millburn
Pizza One, Haskell
Planet Fitness, Pompton Lakes
Pompton Lakes Bakery, Pompton Lakes
Pompton Queen, Pompton Plains
Portobellos, Oakland
Pretty in Ink Cosmetic Artistry, Pompton Lakes
R&M Hardware, Pompton Lakes
Red Bulls, Harrison
Rita & Ray's Salon, Pompton Lakes
Riverdale Luncheonette, Riverdale
Salon SL, Pompton Lakes
Sam's Bar & Grill, Ringwood
Simon Styles Salon, Pompton Lakes
Stageworks Theatre, Pompton Lakes
Stop & Shop, Wayne
Target, Riverdale
Tastefully Simple, Pompton Lakes
Villa Verde, Wayne
Wayne Hills Diner, Wayne
Zayna's Kid Cuts, Pompton Lakes

Mission Opportunity

PRC is participating in *Bread of Life*, making and distributing sandwiches and snacks in Newark on May 3. Volunteers are always welcome to help with sandwich preparation here in the church or traveling with the group to Newark to help distribute the lunches. Sabine Kroeger is the contact for this mission if you would like to help.



June Newsletter submissions are due on or before May 26 to khuysers@msn.com or the office mailbox.