

## Pompton Reformed Church Announcements

December 1, 2024

**Merry and Bright Candlelight Christmas Concert** is on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00pm. Our friends from Stageworks Theatre here in Pompton Lakes are returning for a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from our website. <a href="https://www.pomptonreformed.org">www.pomptonreformed.org</a>

**OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE ORDERED THIS WEEK.** If you would like envelopes or if you do not want them anymore, please contact Lorna or Gail in the office.

**Christmas Poinsettias** – Orders are now being taken for the Christmas poinsettias which will decorate our sanctuary. Once again, we are using Glenwild Gardens and Nursery for our plants. The cost is \$11.00 each. Make checks payable to Pompton Reformed Church and put "poinsettias" in the memo line. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 11th. See order form in this bulletin or contact the church office @ 973-835-0541.

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains is having their Live Drive-Thru Nativity on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. The First Reformed Church is located at 529 Newark Pompton Tpke in Pompton Plains.

Our Library - "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Phil 4:8) We're inundated with all kinds of media - movies, TV, commercials, social media that often fall short of this encouragement from Philippians 4:8. Our library offers a great alternative. Almost all of the books (fiction and non-fiction) are written by believers. There are not many places nearby where one can find so many titles that can encourage and entertain us while growing in our faith. Feel free to borrow a book for yourself, a friend, family member or child!

**SAVE THE DATE** – Super Bowl Subs on February 9<sup>th</sup> and Fish and Chips on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Music Director Search Update -** The position description has been updated and is being posted on a few different job boards and groups. The search team includes: Pastor John, Pat Gordon, Lynn Scarmazzo, Eva Terhune, Elena VanSchaack, and Drew Altorfer. We are up and running!

**New Pompton Reformed Church YouTube Channel!** If you have ever wanted to rewatch Pastor John's sermons, Ray Denti, a new friend at PRC, has created our very own YouTube Channel. This is the link that will take you there. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@pomptonreformedchurch">www.youtube.com/@pomptonreformedchurch</a>

**Vanco Online Giving** – It is a good time for all who use Vanco, our online giving option, to verify or update your pledge amount and make sure it agrees with your pledge amount. Also, for every donation made Vanco charges a small amount per donation, that charge is deducted from your donation. There is an option when you go on Vanco to pay the charge yourself by just clicking on the button that says would you like to pay the charge. By doing so, the charge is absorbed by you and will not be deducted from your donation. Again, the charge is very minimal.

It is always good to make a note to yourself to check the online Vanco app to make sure everything is correct. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Finance Committee.

**Thank you for your continued support of the free community dinner** - The next dinner will be held on December 19, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you!