



**Pompton Reformed Church**  
**Announcements**  
**December 22, 2024**

**Consistory Nominations** - At our congregational meeting on December 15th, Pompton Reformed introduced our Deacon and Elder nominees for 2025 – 2027. The nominee for an open slot for Elder is Terry Terhune. Terry has previously served on consistory as an elder and will be installed into this office during our worship service on 1/5/25. Nominated for the open deacon slot is Kristin Widdowson. Kristin has served as a deacon in the past and will also be installed on 1/5/25. Thanks to these two disciples for agreeing to serve in these capacities.

**Winter Piano Recital** presented by Ringwood School of Music. Please join us on December 28 at 3:00 pm for a winter piano recital performed by Elisabeth, Michael & Matthias Nosal. It will be held in our sanctuary and admission is free.

**Organ Update** - As you all know the motor blower on the organ is being repaired at this moment and hopefully, we will have our organ back before Christmas. The cost of the organ repair is \$15,306.00 and with the tuning the total cost will be \$17,097.00. We are so blessed by you and your generosity that to date we have received over \$6000.00 to go towards the repair. If you are so moved to donate, please indicate on your donation that it is specifically for the organ repair. You can also donate on Vanco, our on-line giving site which can be accessed right through our website. A special "tile" has been created specifically for the organ repair. If you have any questions, please see anyone on Finance or Consistory. Thank you all for your generosity!

**Our next Bread of Life** distribution in Newark will be on **January 5**. Please contact Sabine if you would like to be one of the people going to help distribute the lunches. As always, we will need help making sandwiches beginning about 15 minutes after the start of coffee hour. Donations of Granola bars (NO NUTS), bottled water, and individual size shelf stable milk would be appreciated. Please label donations "Bread of Life." Thank you.

**BUNCO RETURNS**..... Mark your calendars....Saturday, February 15th, 2025, 2:00pm. If you haven't tried BUNCO, now is the time to come out for a fun, easy afternoon. Any questions please contact me at 973-557-8424. The donation box for prizes will be by the office after Christmas, so if you have new items you would like to donate it would be appreciated. Hope to see you at BUNCO! Joann Mack

**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>.

**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. [www.youtube.com/@pomptonreformedchurch](http://www.youtube.com/@pomptonreformedchurch)

**Thank you for your continued support of the free community dinner** - The next dinner will be held on January 23, 2025. 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!

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**Sermon Text: John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:7-12; 16-19**

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

**1 John 4**

*<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

*<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.*