

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH
NEWSLETTER MAY 2009

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Between Easter and Pentecost

Dear Pompton Family,

On the Tuesday after Easter I was at a breakfast gathering with several clergy friends. We all remarked how Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter seemed so meaningful again months from now. There was a genuine sense of Jesus Christ being honored, and the music and messages of Holy Week seemed to resonate with many people. Pompton Reformed had the new experience with the this year. It was one of those mornings you wish you could bottle up, and uncork cross for worshippers to adorn with flowers as they entered the sanctuary. From stark wood to a vibrant display, it was a grand sight. Following the joyful singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus," the cross was moved outside, so that anyone driving by would see this wonderful tribute to our Savior.

To all who helped make the celebration of the resurrection such a meaningful time, thank-you! There were folks worshipping here who have not been here for a long while, and even some who ventured through these doors for the first time. May they return! We all have a part in making sure that no one feels like a stranger for very long. The next major celebration of the church will be Pentecost (May 31). The current Confirmation class, who have been meeting on Sunday afternoons for the past few months, will be publicly received that morning. On Pentecost we will think on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church, and how the Spirit continues to shape our life today, as individuals and as community.

And finally, two exciting developments: CDs of each Sunday's service are now available mid week, and can be checked out in the church library. But just as grand, our service is now broadcast live at 10:00 AM Sundays. Anyone with internet access can visit www.vfaith.com or our own church web page. It's almost like being in the pew! May the months ahead be as meaningful and Christ-centered as the months behind us, as we continue striving to build a church where every person knows Jesus, and believes he or she can make a difference for Jesus' sake.

Your friend and pastor,
Tom Bartha



Dear PRC friends,

Just a note to thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers, cards, memorial gifts, and other acts of kindnesses following Bill's surgery and death. Our family has many fond memories of PRC. Some of those memories were shared at Bill's celebration of life service on March 14 by Scott and Jason (Michelle's were read by Jason). Bill also had special memories of PRC—the big one being his ordination service! Thanks for remembering us during this difficult time.

Marcia Donkersloot

Consistory Roundtable of Thanks

--PRC's vocal and bell choirs (and directors Janine, Diane and Patti) for such wonderful music during the Lent & Easter season. Special thanks to all the voices who joined in on "The Hallelujah Chorus."

--PRC's Worship Committee for the wonderful flower Cross that adorned our sanctuary on Easter. It was moved in front of our church following worship, so that people driving by on Hamburg Turnpike might see and remember...

--The Pictorial Directory Committee (Eva Terhune, Marcia Conningswood, Jill Laux and chair Jackie Bush) for all the work and organization involved. We're looking forward to using this wonderful tool for ministry.

--Debbie Rundecker for leading March's consistory retreat, with vital support from Kim Lampe, Lynda Amels, and Debbie Pierce.



National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 7, from 12:20 - 12:40 pm, all are welcome to gather in front of Pompton Lakes Municipal Building for a time of prayer for our nation. Each year, about 4-10 people show up for this event. How grand it would be to double or quadruple these numbers.



May Flowers

Take a minute and think what flowers remind us of in May.

A child stands with a single dandelion behind his or her back for Mom – Happy Mother’s Day.

The poppies that are sold each year by the American Legion and VFW – wear one proudly to remember our fallen soldiers, sailors, and airmen.

Flowers stand for remembrance when they are given with love to either someone who is still living or to honor the memory of some one special. See it really doesn’t matter if it is a dandelion or a rose it is the love that is behind the flower that really matters.

FROM THE BOOK - "THE SHACK"

By William P. Young

Submitted by Helen Gioia

Every time you forgive, the universe changes. Every time you reach out and touch a heart or a life, the world changes. With every kindness and service, seen or unseen, GOD'S purposes are accomplished and nothing will ever be the same again.



Given by

Ethel Henry

John & Roben Roon

John & Karen Andreacci

In Memory of

Ingrid Herink

Helen De Wilde Miller

Bill Donkersloot

Designation

Education

Chancel & Bell Choirs

Youth Ministry



Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Tuna Fish, Mac & Cheese, Jell-O/Pudding mix and Cereal.



Library News

By: Roben Roon

Hope you had a wonderful EASTER!!!

New books are coming! We also have CD's of our church services. You can take on to listen to and bring back in a week. If the Sunday service you want is not there, see me.



Roger Lockwood, Jr.
Jennifer Van Aken

Allison Evangelista
Joan Merecky

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Welcome to the Family Colin Allen Tobin, born to Kelly (Williams) and Chris Tobin. Proud grandparents are Warren and Madge Schlapfer.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR!!!

All you need is a $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of milk and clean up the kitchen. Please see the sign up sheet by the kitchen. Your help is greatly appreciated by the fellowship committee.



June newsletter deadline is May 15th. Please send submissions to Samoa214@yahoo.com with PRC in the subject line or leave them in the newsletter mailbox. Make sure all submissions are signed in case of questions.

Thanks, Liz Hanisch

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