

† POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

Between you and God: Throughout this Lenten season, if you have any sin or confession or anything you wish to offer to Jesus, there are slips of paper by the Cross. Pin your prayer to the Cross. These will not be read, but prayed over during Lent. On the day before Easter--holy Saturday--they will be prayed over one final time by our elders, and burned as a reminder to us that Jesus takes away the sins of the world.

During Lent, we are in need of acolytes of all ages, to bring forward the light of Christ at the start of worship. We have openings for liturgists on many Sundays. Plus...we are forming greeting teams, to become more intentional about welcoming all who enter PRC on Sunday mornings. Further info is coming soon from our Worship Committee.

Next Senior Meeting is on Wed., March 12th at 12:30 pm. Please bring your lunch. Coffee & tea are provided.

Save the date....Wednesday, March 12th is Wendy's Night, 19 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes between 4 pm and 8 pm. No flyer necessary. All who enter between 4-8 will automatically have a percentage of their bill given to PRC. All proceeds will be used to help offset the upcoming youth mission trip in July. Please come out and support our youth. Thanks!!!!

Next Sunday will be a brief meeting in Room 108 following worship to discuss our recent Family Promise week. We successfully hosted 3 families (4 adults and 9 children), and coordinator Elyse Kascik welcomes feedback as to what went well, and what improvements we can make. If unable to stay, please share feedback with Elyse at emkascik@gmail.com. Our next hosting week is May 25 - June 1.

Community Breakfast – Saturday, March 22, 2014; 9am – 12pm – PRC's annual Free Community Breakfast is approaching quickly. Your assistance is needed to make this a successful event. Volunteers are needed: prior to the event on Friday, March 21 for cleaning and set-up; and on Saturday, March 22 starting at 7am, until clean-up complete, approximately 1pm. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen, or e-mail cmhearle@gmail.com. Thank you, Michael & Cristina Earle.

Transportation request. Kay Bergen's daughter has been moved to a care facility an hour away, raising difficulties for Kay, who has visited most Sundays for years. Now, it involves a trip less frequently to Greenbrook, NJ. Kay hopes to go on March 23rd, and has financial assistance she desires to give for anyone willing to drive, allowing an hour's visit, then return. Contact Kay at 973.835-7317.

Fish and Chips Dinner sponsored by PRC Deacons is set for Sunday, April 6 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tastefully British will be catering this event with fresh fish or chicken and chips, with coleslaw, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Advance tickets: \$16.00 per adult/\$9.00 for children under twelve. Get your tickets now and save! Adult tickets at the door will be \$18.00. Take-out orders also available. You can purchase tickets at the church Monday mornings between 10:00 a.m. and noon; Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings after worship.

Legacy Garden news: We will have a full updating during next Sunday's worship. Please bring any questions to Endowment Committee members: Gail Freeland, Cas Stark, Jack Tice, Sue Uhlendorf, or Al Kuebler. Brochures are in pew racks and on tables.

Scholarship Application packets are now available in the church office. Completed application packets need to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee on or before *May 11, 2014*.

Please support the Scholarship Fund - An additional offering will be collected on Sunday, May 18th. Please note - in your offering envelope box, there is an envelope specifically marked for Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our students as they pursue an education post high school 2014.

Care and Kindness: Brochures on tables, as well as PRC's newsletter has news of the May 2-3 Care and Kindness Conference to be held at First Reformed Church in Pompton Plains. This two-day event offers over 25 workshops, with themes such as: the healing power of forgiveness; dealing with regret, end-of-life decision making, dealing with family mental illness, and more. For six or more from one church attending, the cost is \$50. Pastor Bartha is on the planning committee, and has further details.

In your offering envelope box, you will find a Classis Assessment envelope. This \$82.50 per member denominational fee covers new church starts, mission support, assistance to struggling churches, denominational staff and programming, and much more. If you are able to cover all or a portion of this assessment, it goes a long way in assisting our budget. Thank-you!

Our church newsletter is in need of a new editor or co-editor, as Beth Burke's responsibilities in other areas are increasing. Contact Beth at prcletter@gmail.com for further details.

Does anyone know the owner of a pick-up truck cover that is stored downstairs? Or **Have you seen** a silver police department lapel pin? If so, please notify the church office.

† Last Week's Prayer Requests †

- Strength for Camila Payer through these last couple of weeks of Marine boot camp
- Prayers all will go well for Logan scheduled for his MRI tomorrow
- Continued healing for Joan Braunlin as chemo begins again this week; patience as we go through this journey
- Prayers for a successful pregnancy for a friend's daughter
- Guidance and strength for a granddaughter

Weekly Offering Update – 2014

**Amount needed to meet the budget for the week of 3/02/2014 - \$6,500.*

Actual amount received for the week - \$ 7,441.

Year to date budgeted amount - \$46,450.

Year to date actual amount - \$46,031.

Difference between YTD budgeted amount and actual YTD amount – (\$ 420.)

*Amount is based on the budget that was approved in December 2013. This budget is a guideline based on amounts pledged by each household, prior year's spending, and projected spending for the year.

Lenten Worship at Pompton Reformed

Message Series -- "Give It Up!"

In addition to the music of Chancel and/or bell choirs, a member will speak each Sunday of a time when she or he experienced Christ's presence in an especially meaningful way.

March 16	<u>Second Sunday in Lent</u> John 3:1-17 -- Giving Up Resistance Healing Service God Moment – Elaine Peacock
March 23	<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> John 4:5-42 -- Giving Up Superiority Seminarian Debbie Pierce leading worship God Moment – Anna Gordon & Allie Evangelista
March 30	<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> John 9:1-12, 35-41-- Giving Up Putting Limits upon God God Moment – Mark Warner
April 6	<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> John 11:1-16, 38-45 -- Giving Up Our Lives Sacrament of the Lord's Supper God Moment – Gerry Mamalis

A full Holy Week calendar will be included in April's newsletter and bulletins, and on our web page.

April 13	Palm Sunday God Moment – Ken Waibel
April 17	Maundy Thursday worship 7:30 pm Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
April 18	Good Friday worship 8:00 pm -- Pompton hosts this year's gathering of area churches and choirs for this very sacred time.
April 20	Easter -- Celebration of the Resurrection!

This Week at PRC

Today	4:00 p.m.	Youth Discovery/Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Prayers in the Sanctuary (anyone welcome)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Knitters
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	Seniors' Luncheon
	4:00–8:00 p.m.	Wendy's Night (see announcement)
	7:30 p.m.	Prayers in the Sanctuary (anyone welcome)
	7:30 p.m.	Missions/Outreach Team
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal