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Something Tells Me...

Dear Pompton Family,

"Something tells me I'm into something good" was a line from a song out of the 1960's by Herman's Hermits. (Something tells me that more than a few of you are humming it to yourself right now!) In any case, Pastor Debbie and I sat together recently to plan the preaching/teaching calendar through summer months. We're gently tackling a new summer venture, and something tells me it has all the potential to make summer of 2013 a memorable time with God's Word.

Our summer message series will be "Fruit of the Spirit," with a message each Sunday of July and August centering around love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (or generosity), faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-26, our centering text, lists these as the fruit the Holy Spirit intends to produce in every believer. In other words, it is not a pick and choose list. Every trait, as lived out by Jesus Christ, is imbedded in our spiritual DNA. This preaching/teaching series will hopefully make the soil of our heart fertile for the fruit to flourish!

But here is the summer twist: Every Sunday morning of July and August, we will offer a study session prior to worship, to discuss each fruit...the week after it is the sermon focus. So, with "love" being the fruit of June 30, on the following Sunday (July 7), we will discuss how love plays out in our life. Stories and sharing. Message focus on the 7th will be joy, which we shall discuss the following Sunday...and on through Labor Day. Bulletin inserts will map it out.

Summer is a time when church programming takes a big-time slow down. Here is a new opportunity for learning. Whether you are able to make all nine, or only a couple, all are welcome!

July is still a ways off, and good things are in store prior to that as well: conclusion of the Revelation message series, Pentecost, Bible presentations to third graders, Christian Education Team recognition, bell and Chancel choir appreciation, mission updates, as well as Lord's Supper and healing service, and on May 19, a special sharing from our elders on an event the day before Easter. You won't want to miss it! Something tells me we're into something good!

For Jesus' sake,

Pastor Tom Bartha

FROM
THE
PASTOR 

May Ponderings from Pastor Debbie

PASTOR: "Praise the Lord!"

CONGREGATION: "Hallelujah!"

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone and Kindle Bibles to 1 Cor.13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e

"Now, let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and chat with God."

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

PASTOR: "As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready. You can log on to the church WI-FI using the password 'Lord909887'.

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker.

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements...

- This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900 hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.
- You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers.
- God bless you and have nice day. ☺

When I saw this satire of the future of the church at first I laughed out loud but, then I thought how sad a statement it could be on our culture and how different it is from how scripture describes the Kingdom of God. In almost all of the incidences of Jesus healing someone there is the understanding that Jesus either looked at or touched the person. There is John 11, where he saw the woman weeping and Mark 10, where Jesus looked at the man and loved him as two examples of many where there was healing or direction.

Social media and all of these new ways to communicate are not evil; frankly, I think it's a pretty cool way to communicate information. It has the potential to do much good in this world but, I don't think it will ever replace what it means to be the people of God called to be together. In recent weeks, I have experienced three significant and separate situations which could have been resolved without hurt and pain if we had followed the direction of scripture to be together as it says in Matthew 18.

Throughout scripture we are called to be unified in our love for God, for each other as the body of Christ and for those who do not know the love of God. It is a call to be hands on, face to face, and present to each other in real, not virtual ways.

My ponderings this month have been and will continue to be how I, as an individual, and how we, as a congregation, are doing this.

On the Journey
Pastor Debbie





Fellowship Happenings for 2013



May flowers and Mother's day...all great events, check out some others below! Flip your calendar and mark it for the following events. More events and activities will be included with even more details as time moves on! We look forward to a fun and fulfilling 2013!

May 21 - Adult Dinner (see info below) **Money due on May 14.**

May 22 - Autumnfest Committee Meeting, 6 pm. (Pizza provided.)

June 23 - Strawberry Festival immediately following Service.

July 21 - Ice Cream and Pie immediately following Service.

August 18 - Ice Cream Social immediately following Service.

September 15 - Church Picnic

October 5 - Bus Trip to *Sight and Sound* to see "Noah."

October 19 - There's 179 days until Autumnfest!

December 11 - Senior Luncheon.

December 22 - Cookie Social- immediately following the Service.



Annual Adult Dinner

The Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring the Eighth Annual Church Adult Dinner on May 21st at Stefano's Restaurant, on Rt. 23 S, in Pompton Plains, next to the Goodwill Store, at 6:30 pm. This is a different place than in previous years. The cost is \$30 per person. The menu includes: Garden Salad, Cold Antipasto, Penne with Vodka Sauce, Chicken, Fish or Eggplant entree, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. This is a BYOB restaurant. You will find the Menu and Sign-Up Sheet on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Make out the check to 'Cash' or Jo-Ann Sisco. The money and head count is due by May 14. This is a wonderful way to enjoy delicious food and great fellowship with your Church Family. We are hoping to see you all there!



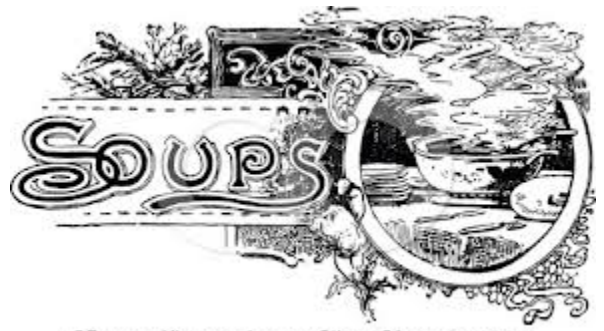
Autumnfest '13 Updates

- Please start collecting items for the Holiday Shop. The items can include ALL holidays such as Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day and Easter, as well as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Please remember to bring back a souvenir from your favorite vacation spot.
- If you and a few friends want to make up a basket to be given away, tell Jo-Ann Sisco the theme.
- If you have any new ideas for Autumnfest please let Jo-Ann know.
- We will be having our first Autumnfest Meeting on **May 28 at 6 pm**. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Jo-Ann know.
- Vendors or Crafters, get your contract in quickly. The inside spaces go very fast! The vendor form is on the last page of the newsletter.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and prayers! May God Bless You All!

~Your Fellowship Committee

Enjoy some of the soup recipes
that were featured
at our recent Soup Luncheon.



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CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

Submitted by George Buckman

2 cans Cream of Celery Soup
1 c. milk (or beer)
1 pound shredded cheddar cheese

1 tsp. Worcestershire
1/4 tsp. Paprika

Put all in crock pot. Cover and cook on low for four to six hours (high for two hours), stirring occasionally.

Tomato Vegetable Soup

(Slow Cooker)

Submitted by Lynn Scarmazzo

Makes 8 Servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes * Cooking Time: 4-10 hours
Ideal slow cooker size: 3 1/2-qt.

2 cloves garlic, pressed and chopped
8- or 16-oz. pkg. frozen pepper & onions
3 Tbsp. Italian seasoning mix, or basil, oregano, etc.
32-oz. pkg. frozen mixed vegetables, or leftover vegetables from your refrigerator, chopped
46-oz. can vegetable, or V-8 juice, or Bloody Mary mix, or beef broth

Place pressed garlic cloves into bottom of slow cooker. Add peppers & onions. Sprinkle seasonings over top. Add vegetables. Then pour juice over all ingredients. Cover & cook on High 4 hours, or on low 8-10 hours.

Tips:

1. Being flexible is the key to this recipe. You can add whatever you have on hand.
2. Add water if you like a thinner consistency.
3. You may add leftover meat-and/or cooked pasta or rice or barley, to bowls when serving.
4. Add leftover or canned lentils or beans to each bowl before adding the soup.

You can beautify the sanctuary on most Sundays by purchasing Chancel Flowers for a \$36 donation in memory or in honor of loved ones. Many dates are still open. Contact the church office to schedule your date. 973 835-0541.



Membership/Inquirer's Class

Membership/Inquirer's Class is to begin for all who are interested in making profession or reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, and affirming your membership with Pompton Reformed. Notify the pastors of your interest.



Dear PRC Family,

Thank-you so much for all your prayers and thoughtfulness with words of concern, cards phone calls and meals during the seven weeks of my illness and recuperation. I was finally diagnosed with Polymyalgic Rheumatics. Without your intercessory prayers to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ things might still be unknown. Thank you for your love and support.

In Christ's love,
Barbara Pierce

In your offering envelope box, there is an envelope marked "Classis Assessment." Our church pays \$80 per member, or over \$20,000, to the Classis for new church starts, mission support, denomination staff salaries, etc. If you are able to cover all, or a portion of this \$80, it is immensely appreciated!

Offering Envelopes



NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SUNDAYS

We need a video series for ages 3 through kindergarten, and also two leaders for May 25th. See Joanie Warner.



Leaving the Barriers Behind *Highlight – Parkinson's Disease*

By Roben Roon



Parkinson's disease is a disorder of the brain which leads to shaking, difficulty walking, extreme muscle stiffness and coordination difficulties. It is one of the most common nervous system disorders and is a progressive disease for which there is no known cause or cure. Treatment includes medications, physical therapy and in some cases deep brain stimulation which involves installing an electrical device in the brain. Some people who have lived or are currently living with Parkinson's disease include Michael J. Fox, Muhammad Ali, Johnny Cash, George Wallace, Billy Graham, Charles Schultz, and PRC family John Roon and John Nelson.

I know Parkinson's well since my husband, John, and I lived with the disease for over 20 years. I watched as this disorder changed my husband physically and emotionally and changed me too. Many of the things we enjoyed doing together like walking the dogs and going for long drives became increasingly difficult. Parkinson's became the barrier to living the life we had become accustomed to and a barrier to the future we had planned. Some of the definitions of barriers include: something that separates or holds apart or something that impedes movement. This was certainly true for us.

Disabilities, temporary or permanent, often make those who are living with them feel separated and unable to move into the future we had planned. It was through a Parkinson's support group we began to feel some hope for the future. Even the language we used changed. John moved from being a "Parkinson's victim" to being a man living with Parkinson's.

I learned important things too. I learned that as a caregiver Parkinson's was my disease too. It changed me as well. And like many caregivers I felt separated, alone, and frightened of the future. Daily activities which used to be done without a thought like showers, laundry, even trips to the store, now became challenges to my mental and physical strength.

I learned in the Parkinson's support group to reach out for help. Like many caregivers I didn't reach out until a crisis happened. It was then that a little bit of hope began to trickle back into my life. John's health did not improve but I was not alone anymore. My attitude became more positive. Though I couldn't change the circumstances, I could choose how I would react.

Whether you are living with Parkinson's or some other permanent or temporary disability, it is important to remember to ask for help when you need it. Keep a positive attitude and never give up hope.

COMMUNION ON THE MOON

by Eric Metaxas
(submitted by Karen Huysers)



Forty-two years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine. (See <http://www.ericmetaxas.com/writing/essays/buzz-aldrin-guideposts-article-full-text/>)

And a few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself. I asked him about it and he confirmed the story to me, and I wrote about it in my book, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)."

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The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly.

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

For Your Perusal:

Look around Fellowship Hall for copies of "Bridging the Gulf," Al Amana Centre's Quarterly Newsletter. The newsletter is working to promote positive Christian-Muslim relations. The Al Amana Centre is a Christian Organization tasked with seeking deeper peace and understanding between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East.



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STUMPY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA 2013

Report from Bruce and Laurie Hawley

~Week 1~

Once again, we are serving where 2011 Hurricane Irene did damage. Last year, it was in upstate NY in the little village of Prattsville along the creek that rose 20 feet. This time it is along the coast of NC where Irene stalled out in the Pamlico Sound for 25 hours with its 97 mile per hour winds, pushing water in a tidal surge onto the coast from the Outer Banks. Stumpy Point is an old fishing village on the coast and homes that were not built (lately) on stilts got several feet of water in them. Roofs took a hit as well with the incessant winds. Our partner here is UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This long-term recovery organization is the only one helping out in the coastal counties.

Stumpy Point is a community of 250 people who live on either side of the road that runs 2 1/2 miles and dead ends. It is between Stumpy Point Bay and a canal. The canal is used by fishermen to go out in the bay and even into the 'big water,' the Atlantic. There are the original families that go way back to when the fishing was plentiful. Then there are the newcomers, who have been here 10, 20 or 30 years. Many folk have come down here to retire. John is one. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a builder by trade. John has built five or six houses in Stumpy Point including the parsonage in 2003 with the help of many in the village. The church's pastor lives over on the Outer Banks and commutes. The parsonage is empty. So we are blessed to be able to stay in it for our time here. The Community Center is across the street and they opened it up to mission teams to stay in. It's a great set up with kitchen, bathrooms and a shower trailer right outside.

Our work is building a new house for RD Price. RD is retired, the former fire chief in town and a widower of seven years. He and his son, Curtis and family, lost their homes to Irene. Since the storm, RD has been helping everyone else and we have heard some people say, "I'm so glad you're helping RD, he's helped so many." The Quakers came two weeks ago and framed the house before we got here. Our team last week were three men from Spencer, WV, from a Methodist Church, and Harold and Jo De Jong from northwest Iowa who have been on several mission trips with us before. All skilled. All wonderful people. What a great week we had in fellowship and work. The plate was put on, the deck out the front, the sheeting on the sides, windows framed, a couple of walls moved, and even two rafters put up the last thing Friday afternoon! Sounds like I know what I am talking about, huh? Don't be fooled! But this little team did great.

This is a first in disaster recovery for us - building a new house. It has always been tearing down what needs to come out before fixing up again and rebuilding. This is quite exciting. We will keep you posted.

The community is so welcoming and warm. Everybody knows why the strangers are here. They wave, they stop by the house and chat. They invited us to the community breakfast held at the church next door on Saturday mornings. John and Jeneene invited us to come see their home that he built. The community had a big breakfast after the Easter sunrise service where we met and chatted with so many folk. At church, we feel like family. It is just once again such a reminder that it is awesome to be in a faith community where there are no strangers, only brothers and sisters in Christ.

~Week 2~

In 2003, John, a member of Shiloh Methodist church and others in the church and community built the parsonage next door to the church. It's a wonderful home which Bruce and I are blessed to stay in while here. This past week, we have again seen the community come together. This time, it is not only the community of Stumpy Point but the community of faith, witnessed in the team from Iowa who either drove 20 hours or flew into Raleigh.

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At the men's breakfast yesterday, which is held every Saturday morning at 8:30 am for anyone in the community, Bruce heard many words of encouragement and hope from the men about how pleased they are to see the progress on RD's house. And progress there was this past week as the roof joists went up one by one, in an hour and twenty minutes! Then the sheeting with all its cuts and angles was put up on the hip roof. We all knew that Thursday was the day to do the roof and I had looked the night before at the weather. It was to be sunny all day and winds of 18 mph. On Friday, the storm that had hit northwest Iowa so badly and that Harold and Jo had driven into going home Wednesday night, was to come our way with heavy rains.

Curtis is RD's son, and he took over as fire chief from his dad recently after RD had two heart attacks. He said he would bring his roofing nailer down and get at the roof with us Thursday morning. While the skills of Pastor Brian and Rocky and able help of Sandy were put to good use inside framing in doorways and all the corners that need 2 x 4's for sheet rock to lay well, the rest of us got up on the roof and laid tar paper and shingles. Seemed to me that riding a hurricane out on a roof would be a very bad idea especially if this was what 18 mph wind was like. Well, that night we looked online and discovered that we actually had sustained winds of 26 mph and gusts of 45! No wonder it was so hard to hold onto the shingles and keep the tar paper down as we rolled it out! But by 6pm, the peak was done and we all stood together, bracing each other and smiled.

The community showed up this week. Beverly brought over a sweet-tasting treat. John showed up with a tray full of delicious homemade crab cakes - yum! Penny came with three containers of popcorn for the air poppers in the center so we could have it with the movie, "The Robe," she brought over to us. RD, invited to lunch, came. We were all so pleased about that and loved listening to his stories and tales. RD has one level - a steady, calm, unrattleable (sic) voice with very little inflection. He has seen the world, through his 30 years in the US Navy, and not much makes his voice rise, but he is a man of faith and also of action. He helped many of his neighbors in many ways after the hurricane. But his house had to be torn down and he has patiently waited in a little trailer, where many other family members lived together after the storm and now it is his time. I heard him tell his neighbor this week when she asked about his house, "well, go on up the ladder and look around!" She said, "No RD, you just tell me what you will have up there on those stilts." He said, "Well, that's my kitchen over there on the right and that window is where I'll sit and eat and just watch out over the bay. And there on the left is my living room by the sliding door where I can sit and watch." That was it, simple and plain. He said to us that he sure doesn't need a big closet, "Look, this is what I wear, and when they wear out, I'll go get new coveralls." A simple man with a big heart for his family, his community and his country.

On another day, Curtis came in for lunch too and we were all surprised and pleased as he sat down and shared and became part of the team after spending a morning on the roof with us. Before that time, he had been around each day but watching and making sure things were going as he thought they should. It was a neat change to see happen.

One other blessing came our way this week. Diane needed a hand. She had her house raised after the storm, up a good 12 feet. She had worked on it but fallen off a step stool and broken several ribs. It was taking her forever to get it done so when some of us showed up on a rainy Friday and got the house primed and mostly painted, she was overjoyed.

Things are changing, thanks to big hearts and helping hands. Thank you Christ's Family Church in Davenport, Iowa, and to Harold and Jo De Jong who stayed and helped get those rafters in place, for serving with a heart like Jesus. And our thanks to those in Stumpy Point who are showering us with kindness and their love. And thanks to God for letting us serve those who just need a helping hand.



Memorial Gifts

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In Memory of

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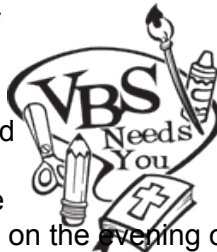


There's one week left to turn in your scholarship application! Scholarship application packets are available to high school seniors and college students who are worshipping members of PRC, or a dependent of a PRC member. Packets are located in the Scholarship Box on the gray workroom safe and may be picked up through April 21. The deadline to return the application is May 12.



to Coordinate Vacation Bible School

No experience necessary, just a love of disciples and a love of laughter and package: lifetime of memories packed in your time and talent are being used to build alongside Pastor Debbie and many other this year. Vacation Bible School will be



program on the evening of the 19th.

sharing the Gospel with the youngest giggles. Benefits included! Benefits a short five days and the knowledge that the Kingdom of God. You will be working dedicated individuals to bring VBS to PRC July 15th through the 19th with a closing

Contact Pastor Debbie for details.



MAY: Melanoma Awareness Month

What is skin cancer?

With more than 2 million cases diagnosed every year in the United States alone, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the world. Skin cancer is the uncontrolled growth of abnormal skin cells. Normally, DNA helps regulate how skin cells grow. If that DNA is damaged, it can trigger mutations that can lead to cancerous tumors. Left untreated, these cancerous cells can spread and damage surrounding skin tissue. In the case of melanoma, it can even spread to vital organs and become life threatening.

Some facts about skin cancer

Skin cancer is often considered of minimal importance. Being informed is the best defense against it. More than 1 million skin cancers are diagnosed in the US every year 1 out of every 5 Americans will develop some type of skin cancer over their lifetime. Skin cancer can affect people of any race, sex or age. there are several kinds of skin cancer – basal cell, squamous cell and melanoma. Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is the second most common cancer in women age 20 to 29.

What is different about melanoma?

Melanoma is a malignancy of the melanocytes (the cells that give skin its color). Melanoma accounts for less than 5% of skin cancer cases, but the majority of skin cancer-related deaths. It is estimated that 76,000 new cases of invasive melanoma will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2013, with 9,480 resulting in death. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer because it can rapidly spread to the lymphatic system and internal organs. Approximately one person dies from melanoma every hour.

With early detection and proper treatment, the cure rate for melanoma is almost 98%. Once it spreads, the drop in cure rate is significant. People with more than 50 moles, atypical moles, or a family history of melanoma are at an increased risk of developing melanoma.

The sun and skin cancer

Most often, skin cancer is found on skin exposed to the sun. This is because the ultraviolet radiation from the sun and tanning beds causes damage to the DNA. Skin cancer typically occurs where sun damage has been accumulated over time. When sun exposure results in sunburn, the skin cells have already sustained damage and become inflamed. Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

So what's a person to do?

Skin cancer is very preventable and if caught early, one of the most curable. Always take precautions to protect yourself daily (hats on that bald head, sun screen). Check monthly to see if there are any changes in your skin or warning signs of skin cancer. Have a spouse or trusted friend check your back. The American Cancer Society recommends a skin cancer-related checkup and counseling about skin exposure as part of any periodic health examination for men and women beginning at age 20.

See a dermatologist if you notice any of the following:

- new growths or moles
- existing growths that start changing or growing
- growth or lesion that itches or bleed
- new lesions that are not healing

The “sunny” months are just around the corner. To take good care of this body which is God’s temple, be aware of the dangers the sun creates, and use sun screen whenever you will be exposed to the sun – even a little bit.



Consistory Roundtable of Thanks!

(from April's Consistory)

--**Stacy Przyblinski** and all the others who assisted with Easter Baskets of Joy, making such a wonderful difference for so many households affected by Storm Sandy.

--**Michael Warner and Lucas Spann**, who spent hours cleaning and sprucing up the Youth Room downstairs.

--The faithful ushers who serve each week, with co-ordination from **Cas Stark**. (By the way, if you wish to be included on the usher list, say a word to Cas, or make note of it on the Time and Talents Survey.)



Why God Made Mothers

By Elaine Peacock

I dedicate this piece to my mom, Kay Peacock, who went to be with God in 2012.

There is a saying, "Since God couldn't be everywhere, he made Mothers." We all know that God can be everywhere but he made mothers anyway. I think God felt we needed someone we could see every day: touch, hug and love; a physical love that we as humans need. We know that God loves us, but let's be honest, God can't physically kiss a scraped knee, cool a fevered brow or cheer for us as we make a home run to win the game. Think back to when you were a child and how proud you were when your mom baked cupcakes for you to take to class or when she volunteered to be class mother for all your events. So when Mother's Day arrives this year, give your mom an extra hug. And for those of us whose moms are not in hugging range; whether it be they live far away or they are only reachable by prayer, let us think of the happy memories that we share and hold dear and be content in the knowledge that God knew just what he was doing when he made all those special women we call Mother.



Spanish as a Second Language

Want to learn some conversational Spanish? A class is being offered here at PRC in June by Paul Chuquimarca, member of the Oasis Con Cristo, our sister church which worships here on Saturday nights. Paul is a PLHS senior and is providing this as a community service and as a requirement for a scholarship. More details to follow. Let Pastor Debbie know if you are interested.

**Are you
interested
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Are you interested in forming a Task Force to explore the possibilities for video and retractable screen for use in our sanctuary? We now have TWO. Notify Pastor Debbie of your interest.



MISSION & OUTREACH PRAYER CALENDAR MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Family Promise Planning Meeting Fund Raising	2 Bessie Green Community Individuals coming for counseling	3 Mark & Deb Wilson In Cambodia Bible School students – To be faithful to their call	4 Community Pancake Breakfast That we make the greatest use of this opportunity to show the love & grace of Jesus Christ
5 Words of Hope More staff for the ministry in South Asia	6 Jared Cave End of semester transitions	7 Christian Health Care Center Out Patient Mental Health Services	8 Mission & Outreach Team Meeting Discernment & Planning for a potential mission trip this summer	9 Hope College Students transitioning to summer work or beginning career	10 Saturday School Students identifying their gifts	11 Quilting Ministry Supplies to meet the needs of a growing ministry
12 Kist-Okazakis In Japan Women's Ministries Disaster Response Committee	13 Warwick Center Campers & Staff of Camp Sunrise	14 Bruce & Laurie Hawley Opportunities to share the love of Christ while rebuilding communities	15 Community Garden Joy in the planting & love shared in relationships with the children & staff of Head Start	16 Family Promise Staff hiring process	17 Andrea Linder Mephibosheth in Ghana Helping students find caring employers	18 New Brunswick Theological Seminary Discernment for seminary students to where God is calling them
19 Urban Promise Urban Promise Academy – Christian High School	20 Holland Christian Home Residents struggling with medical & emotional difficulties	21 AA Meeting Families of group members	22 Angel Food Development of outreach tools	23 Food Pantry Wisdom as a pantry use procedure is developed	24 Mosaic Ministry Relationship building with folks in the community	25 Western Theological Seminary Focus for the area of ministry that God is leading each student
26 Doug Leonard In Oman Ongoing joint seminary classes with Christian & Muslim students	27 Couto Family - Gospel Mission of South America Opening doors of public schools to bring their children for day trips	28 Reformed Church Home Medical Staff	29 Northwestern College Summer Faculty	30 Central College End of semester transitions	31 Reformed Church World Service Growing projects in Haiti	



Apple Juice
donations are needed for after
worship service. Please drop them
off in the kitchen.
Thanks!



1st Wed., May 1:	6:30 pm Operations Committee
	7:30 pm Worship Committee
2nd Sat., May 11:	Quilting Ministry
2nd Sun., May 12:	11:30 am Youth Team
2nd Mon., May 13:	7 pm Finance Committee
2nd Wed., May 8:	7:30 pm Missions Team
3rd Mon., May 20:	7:15 pm Christian Education Committee
3rd Wed., May 15:	7:00 pm Consistory
4th Wed., May 22:	7:30 pm Fellowship Committee
Every Tuesday:	1:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters



~Bell Choir meets on Tues. evenings and/or Sundays. See Janine for details~



Pasta sauce, canned fruit, mac & cheese, Parmalat milk, canned veggies (corn, carrots, peas and beans), Jell-o, pudding and baked beans. Low-fat, low-sodium products are always accepted.

Thank you for supporting this important mission needed by so many!

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Deadline for *Newsletter Articles* is the last Sunday of the month. Please send submissions to prcletter@gmail.com or feel free to drop it in the mail slot in the church office!

The deadline for May's
newsletter is
Sunday, April 28, 2013.



AUTUMNFEST/CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by
Pompton Reformed Church
59 Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442
October 19, 2013
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thank you for expressing an interest in being a crafter/vendor at Autumnfest 2013. The 3rd Saturday in October will be here soon...plans are being finalized for our Autumnfest/Craft Fair. Please read the guidelines below and submit your contract and payment as soon as possible. Space is limited so sign up early!

- Registration will begin upon our receipt of the completed application and payment of fees. Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications must be received by **Saturday, September 14.**
- **Fee is \$20.00 for a 6' by 8' space** in Fellowship Hall. **You must bring your own table.**
- Payment - checks or money orders made out to: Pompton Reformed Church
- Cancellations will be accepted until Friday, October 4th.
- No refunds will be given after October 4th and/or in the event of rain. There is NO raindate.
- Indoor spaces and electricity are limited. Outdoor spaces on the lawn—you will be responsible to provide your own tent/pop-up covering and table. Space will be unrestricted and no electricity is available.
- **Crafters/Vendors must provide their own tables. There will be no provisions made to have tables available to any Vendor/Crafter the day of the Autumnfest!** Two chairs will be provided per table.
- Please do not infringe on your neighbor's space. Every effort will be made to accommodate every vendor's need.
- There will be limited electricity; please note need for this on application.
- No loud machinery, music or loudspeakers allowed.
- Crafters/Vendors must be available at their tables at all times.
- The church will not be responsible for any thefts or damage to your property.
- You must be responsible for collecting your own taxes.
- Set-up will begin at 8:00 AM. Crafters/Vendors agree to stay until the closing time of 4:00 pm unless you sell out. "Coffee and" for vendors will be available during setup.
- Lunch and beverages will be available for purchase or you may bring your own.
- There will be no admission charge to the public.
- Autumnfest will be publicized in all local newspapers, Channel 77, flyers in schools and around town, WGHT as well as signage on Library sign and Church property.

Cut Along Line and Return as Noted:



Return to: Jo-Ann Sisco PRC Autumnfest Craft Committee Coordinator, 23 Durham Street Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Detailed Description of Craft/Vendor Mdse _____

Electricity Yes or No (circle one) Indoor _____ Outdoor on Lawn _____

Crafter/Vendor Signature: _____