

## † POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH LIFE †

**Chancel Flowers** are in loving memory of Walt Ploch, given by Dot Ploch; and in loving memory of Kenneth J. Mead; husband of Teresa Mead and father of Angie Norman, on the 10 year anniversary today of his passing, given by Teresa and Angie.

**Welcome to all** who gather in this place today. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor care located in the pew racks, along with the prayer cards. In all we do we strive to live into our vision of being *a community where all experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ*.

**One week from today at 4:00 pm...** "*Fear Ye Not*," our Vesper's worship, will start your Advent season in a most introspective and enjoyable way! This year we combine efforts with the Wyckoff Reformed Church and other area singers, anticipating a choir of nearly 50 voices. With the congregation we will sing carols, hear favorite Christmas passages, and receive communion by candlelight. Thanksgiving is only eleven days from now, and Advent begins on December 1. Plan ahead so you do not miss this magnificent time of worship: Advent Vespers, "*Fear Ye Not*," Sunday, December 1, 4:00 p.m. [here](#) in our sanctuary.

**Important things to know:** New doors have been ordered for our main entry, and will hopefully be in place in early December. Also, Tom and Mary Bartha leave tomorrow for Thanksgiving with family in Ohio and Michigan. They return Friday afternoon. The good Reverend Rundecker will be a worship leader for the Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service, and will also lead next Sunday's worship as we enter the season of Advent.

**Property Update:** After reviewing three separate bids, consistory has agreed upon a realtor. You will be updated at our Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting as we proceed with sale or long-term lease of the properties across Ringwood Avenue.

**It is hard to believe** that the season of Advent begins next Sunday. The sign up for individuals or families to serve as Advent Candle-Lighters at the start of each Sunday's worship is near the kitchen. Add your own story along the theme of HOPE (Dec. 1), PEACE (Dec. 8), JOY (Dec. 15), and LOVE (Dec. 22).

**Prayers** for the Task Force (now "Vision Team") are welcomed, as they consider ways to enhance the life and ministry of PRC. Members are: Mark Warner, Eva Terhune, Gregory Cockefair, Jill Laux, Gerry Mamalis, Michael Earle, Nancy Begin and co-chairs, Elena Van Schaack and Jack Tice.

**The Senior Christmas Luncheon** is on Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. hosted by the Fellowship Committee. A head count is needed for ordering food. Please let Jo-Ann Sisco or Jackie Bush know if you are coming. Bring a wrapped gift in the \$5 - \$10 range for our gift exchange.

**Quilt Distribution Review:** If you have a need for a prayer quilt for yourself or someone else please contact Nancy Begin. If the quilt is for someone else it is important that you ask if they are open to receiving one. If you have other questions please refer to the November newsletter or speak with Nancy Begin.

**Yankee Candle Sale in Support of Family Promise** - orders can still be placed online through the remainder of the year at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), group # **990001087**. Orders will be shipped to your home. Our church is committed to hosting families for 4 one-week sessions during 2014.

**Legacy Garden** - Struggling to find that perfect Christmas, Birthday or "just because" gift? Look no further than your favorite Endowment Committee. We are selling engraveable bricks that will be placed in the Legacy Garden located at the side entrance to PRC. Each brick costs \$100 and will contribute to the ongoing beautification project for PRC. There is a brochure located in your church pew which should answer any questions you might have. It also includes an order form. If you need further information, just ask any of the committee members: Cas Stark, Jack Tice, Sue Uhlendorf, Al Kuebler or Gail Freeland.

**Thanksgiving Dinners:** This year our focus is on providing a Thanksgiving meal to folks who use our food pantry. As the use of the pantry has become more focused on building relationships with those who use our pantry, we have come to know more of them by name and circumstances. These meals are being distributed today and tomorrow. Thank you for supplying the food that helps to make this a special time. *Your PRC Mission Team.*

**Like Us On Facebook!!!** Pompton Reformed Church is now updated on Facebook thanks to the hard work of Cristina Earle. Check us out at [www.facebook.com/PomptonReformedChurch](http://www.facebook.com/PomptonReformedChurch).

**Thank you all** for continuing to pray for my 11 year old cousin, Kaden. His leg (mid thigh) amputation is complete and he is now home resting, doing physical therapy and preparing to start up chemo again next week. We are awaiting biopsy results on lymph nodes removed so your continued prayers are greatly appreciated. I've received numerous requests from my Church family for continued updates and Kaden's address. Here it is. His address is: Kaden Serafin, 3 Craggy Rock, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

## † Last Week's Prayer Requests †

- Concern for son, David and his family;
- Prayers that a child will learn how to calm anxiety;
- A daughter, who had back surgery 5 years ago, is now having pain – she has a doctor appointment this Wednesday;
- Healing for a step-granddaughter who went to rehab this week with a drinking problem;
- Concern that friends in the Philippines are safe;
- Continued prayers for Jared Hollar for healing;
- Strength and healing for Kaden, as he starts chemo treatments Monday;
- Comfort for Joan in the passing of her husband, Jim;
- Healing and peace for Phil and Jason Steur at the unexpected passing of their wife/mother yesterday morning;
- Healing for 18 month old child with discovered communication and cognitive delays and also for this child's family;
- Strength and healing for Sterling (age 15; friend of Ximena Payer) as she starts chemotherapy for mouth cancer Monday;
- God's provision for Trinity Church in Newark – they have a cracked boiler and need God's help financially;
- Prayers for opportunities to connect with folks in our community at the Toys for Tots and Holiday Stroll;
- Thanksgiving that Teresa Mead received healing from pneumonia and came home from the hospital; prayers for continued strength and health;
- Thanksgiving from Teresa Mead for all the prayers and concerns – she is home now and feeling good;
- Joy for Brian Chickey's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow.

### Weekly Offering Update

*\*Amount needed to meet the budget for the week of 11/17/2013 - \$5,500*

*Actual amount received for the week - \$ 3,363.*

*Year to date budgeted amount - \$234,075.*

*Year to date actual amount - \$215,433*

*Difference between YTD budgeted amount and actual YTD amount -\$18,642*

\*Budgeted amount is based on the budget that was presented and approved in December of 2012. This budget is a guideline based on amounts pledged by each household, the prior year's spending, and projected spending for the coming year.

### **-Typhoon Relief-**

Super Typhoon Haiyan, which experts are saying may be the largest tropical storm ever to hit land, slammed into the Philippines, and as reports continue to come in it appears that damage and loss of life are extensive. It's believed that 10,000 people have died, and in some remote places that were hit people were still recovering from an earthquake last month. Emergency response in these areas will be challenging. The RCA CARE Network is preparing a response through its partners, World Vision and Food for the Hungry. RCA CARE Network is sending an initial \$3,000 to World Vision and an initial \$3,000 to Food for the Hungry. World Vision is planning to target 1.2 million people with food, non-food items, hygiene kits, emergency shelter, and child protection. The financial request from the World Vision National Office in the Philippines is \$6 million.

### **What you can do:**

- Please pray for the people whose lives have been torn apart by this typhoon--for people who have lost loved ones, suffered injury, or sustained damage to their homes or businesses. Pray too for the rescue workers, first responders, and early response coordinators.
- To support disaster response efforts, donate at [www.rca.org/haiyan](http://www.rca.org/haiyan) or send a check to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Department, 4500 60th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Checks should be designated "Haiyan."