

Coming in April!

Another Great Auction!

Many people have been asking when the Fellowship Committee would be hosting another auction. **Mark your calendar for Friday, April 27!!**

Preview time will be from **7:00 until 7:30 p.m.** The Auction will start **promptly at 7:30 p.m.** This is an evening of fun and fellowship, plus you might take home something special that you successfully placed a bid on and it is now yours.

At This Time, we are asking you to look around your house to see what you can donate for this event. It can be an antique, painting, a quilt, good furniture and any other special item you may think people will place a bid on. Invite your friends not only to attend, but also if they have anything they would be willing to contribute

You may bring your items for auction to the church office from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

News and Notes

Included in this mailing is an opportunity to order flowers in honor or in memory for our Easter Sunday service. Please return your orders by **March 25.**

The names will be included in our Easter bulletin. Plants may be picked up after the Easter service.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

EACH FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. The most needed grocery items are canned meat, canned fish, 100% Fruit Juice, cold and hot cereals, spaghetti sauce, paper goods, cleaning supplies, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. They also accept super-market \$10.00 gift certificates. Thank you for your help each first Sunday of the month.

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Matthew 27:50—51

GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS



Cubmaster, Jean-Pierre Mascetti of Pack 5, and teacher, Melissa Mulder with three of our young church school members on Sunday, March 4th after being presented with the Boy Scouts God and Country Award.

Congratulations to the boys and special thanks to Melissa Mulder and Pastor Wilcox.

An Honor for Christopher Cornwell, Stephen Geerlof and James Talbert!

These young students of our church school have voluntarily chosen to enroll in the God and Country program under the supervision of their Church School teacher, Melissa Mulder. Pastor Wilcox also participated. In committing themselves to this program, they have chosen to go beyond the regular expectations of church school experiences to become involved in an intentional and personal study program. It is a program which requires a commitment of time and energy to study and to act out the faith.

They were acknowledged by the congregation and Pastor Wilcox at the worship service on March 4.

An Invitation: Come to the Monday evening Craft Group at 7:30 p.m.

Members and friends are welcome. Bring your own handwork and enjoy the fellowship. Any questions call Carol Miller.

SHELTER UPDATE TIME

Have you signed up to host or cook for the shelter in March?

The dates at our church are on Fridays.

All volunteers and all who are interested in learning more are encouraged to speak with a member of the Mission Committee or call the church office. Sign-up sheet can be found on the Action Table.

Share your time—you will be glad you did!

Our Youth Travel for School Responsibilities

YOUth Missions member Emma Gottschall reported on her trip as a delegate to the Presidential classroom in Washington, DC.

Hillary Mulder traveled overseas to Italy on winter break with the Latin/Italian Club of her school, the Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale. We are proud of our YOUth members and their accomplishments. Ask the young people to tell you more of their experiences. They will be happy to share them with you.



Confirmation Class Begins on Sunday, March 18, 11:15 a.m.

If you feel you are eligible to make this important step, speak to Mrs. Keshishian about joining the Pastor's Class. It will be held in the Library beginning on Sunday March 18 and continuing until April 29.

The young people and their parents will meet with the Board of Elders on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:45 p.m. Confirmation Sunday is May 6. For further information, speak to Pastor Wilcox.

Good Friday Services

Good Friday April 6 from noon to 3 p.m. at The Second Reformed Church, 436 Union St. All are welcome! Invite your neighbors to share in these meaningful worship times. More in our next issue.

GREETERS AT PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

March 4—Diane, Andreas and Maya deKlerk

11—Mark, Melissa, Hillary and Maggie Mulder

18—Micheline and Rev. Frank Ackerman

25—Barbara and Jeff Ostroth
Palm Sunday, April 1—Joan and Fred Ellis

Easter Sunday, April 8—Harriet and George Arnold



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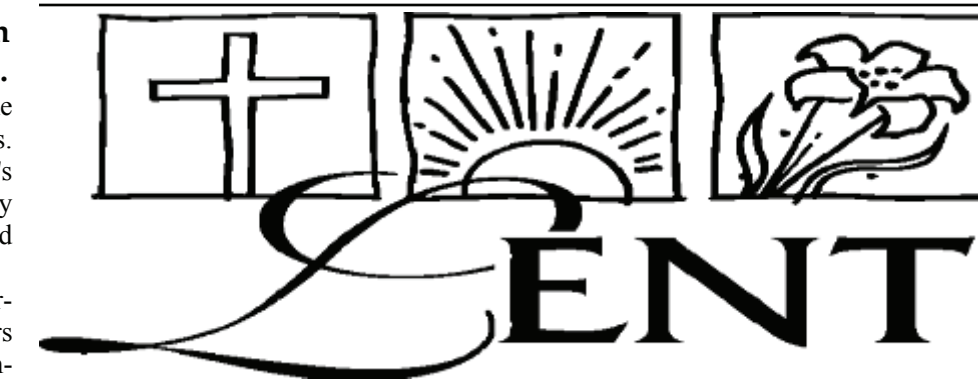
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Have You attended our Wednesday Noon-Day Brown Bag Lunch?

We have outstanding guest preachers

If you know of anyone who is free on Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m., please encourage them to come. All faiths are welcome as this is truly an outreach to the community.

Guest speakers during March are:

March 14—The Rev. Jon N. Norton, Executive Minister of the New York Synod.

March 21—The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Mulder, retired General Secretary of the Reformed Church of America. Dr. Mulder will be coming from Michigan where he now resides.

March 28—The Rev. Dr. Arthur Caliandro of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. We are fortunate that Dr. Caliandro is again able to include us in his busy schedule. We are delighted his health is better.

Come and join us. Hear great speakers. Don't miss it. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea is provided. Beverly Brophy bakes goodies to share with all and we appreciate her thoughtfulness. Arleen Friel is her helper in serving our guests.

Evening Lenten Services sponsored by the Hackensack Clergy Association Each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

March 14— at Third Reformed Church, 67 South Prospect Avenue. Preacher the Rev. Brian Laffler

March 21—at Trinity Baptist Church, 218 Passaic St.—Preacher will be Rev. Patrick Donohue

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PASTOR'S PEN

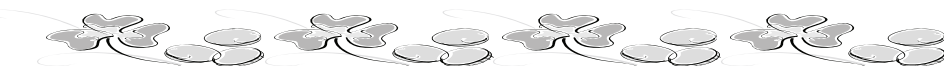
Imagine going to the Grand Canyon without a camera. You could enjoy it, but you could not enjoy it as much, again, without any personal photographs. Imagine going out to eat and refusing to look at the menu. "Just bring me something" might result in being served liver and brussels sprouts (my idea of a lousy meal). Imagine selecting a best selling mystery-action novel and reading the last chapter first. The outcome of the story remains the same, but the experience of the story can't happen the way it is supposed to happen. Imagine buying a house without looking at the yard, the neighborhood, and any of the rooms except the family room—where you intend to spend most of your time. Foolishness! Imagine going to the hospital for surgery and never having anybody check your identification. You might come home minus a perfectly good appendix and the same old faulty gall bladder.

Now imagine Easter morning at church, without Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. You might get the point of Easter, sort of...but not as well as having participated in all the Lenten activities that help to make Easter all it is intended to be.

See you in church...before, during, and after Easter,

Dennis B. Wilcox

Dennis B Wilcox,
Pastor



YOUTH MISSIONS NEWS AND NOTES FOR ALL TO ENJOY

We Are Proud of the work of the Youth Missions!

Saturday, March 24 will be their brown bag lunch day. The YOUTH arrive early and make the lunches and arrange the clothing on tables with speed and efficiency.

From the Organ Bench AN INVITATION TO MUSIC LOVERS

You are invited to an Organ Recital at our church on Monday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.—no tickets necessary.

The AAGO (American Guild of Organists) will be sponsoring a performance of the Organ works of Dietrich Buxtehude. This year is the 300th anniversary of the death of this north German Master Organist.

Several well known local AAGO organists will be performing. Invite your friends to this special event in our church.

June Marano-Murray

An Affirmation of Self

I am me and nobody else. Everybody has a face, but nobody looks exactly as I do, not even my twin.

Eyes, ears, and noses are common, but my senses track sights, sounds and odors to uniquely personal images, vibrations, and tastes.

A brain is a brain is a brain, but my mind computes memories, thoughts, and goals, and no other mind can compute an identical program.

Nearly everybody has hands, but nobody's fingerprints or handwriting matches mine.

If you've seen one, you have not seen them all, because each of us is different and I'm uniquely me. God's intentions were the best for all.

I am loved.

I am me and nobody else...and that's good!

author unknown



CROSSROAD XXII

APRIL 20 – 21

The Annual Women's retreat will be held on Long Beach Island at the Harvey Cedars Conference Center. All women of the church are welcome. See Audrey Michel for more details as to cost. The Rev. Judy Grandia Marvel, Minister of Word and Sacrament in Arizona will lead the retreat.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the friends of Jean E. Newman who passed away on February 21. Jean became a member of the Teaneck Community Church in 1937.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Sylvan Goddard who passed away in California. Sylvan joined the Teaneck church in 1925. A memorial service will be held here in April.



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a big success!

The Fellowship Committee thanks all who attended and all who worked to make the Pancake Supper special! This year the committee purchased some of the needed utensils for making pancakes etc. with some of the profits. We always had to rent the equipment needed. The Fellowship Committee truly enjoys this special gift of time and talent. Your support helps so much.

Any left over food was taken to the Kansas Street Shelter for the Homeless and very much appreciated.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."



Members of the Fellowship Committee getting ready to serve guests on Shrove Tuesday at the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper.

Introducing the Members of the Mission Committee

Bonnie Dickinson—Co-Chair
Padma Dhalwani—Co-Chair
Amy Gottschalk Evangelista —
from the YOUTH Missions
Erica West—YOUTH Missions rep
Lisa Simcic
Dot Northrop
Bill Rupp
Karen Rabadan
Charlie Schneider
Lewis Willey
Leslie and Michael Malanga
Frank Ackerman.

Goals for this year are:
Feeding the Homeless
Staffing the Shelter
Food Pantry
Card Showers for Shut—ins
Close connections with the YOUTH Missions projects.

Afternoon Fellowship Meets Tuesday, March 13, at noon

Bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served.

The program will be presented by Arleen Friel. She will talk on her trip to Ireland in keeping with St. Patrick's Day theme.

Evening Service Guild

Evening Service Guild will meet on Tuesday March 13 at Rudy's restaurant at 6:00 p.m.



Children of our church on a recent Sunday, during the Children's sermon with Pastor Wilcox, were studying a special Children's Bulletin for Lent that is teaching them about the season of Lent in the church.



Scout Sunday was a special day with the awarding of the God and Country award to three young members of our congregation.