



### Music Program Opportunity

Your Worship Committee has been busy this summer working on a problem that affects us all as we attend worship services and other events in our sanctuary and are inspired by the music we hear there. Let me explain.

It is basic to any fine music program that the participants be talented and prepared. Equally important is the quality of the instruments which accompany them. It came to the Committee's attention in late Spring that the piano in our sanctuary was far from satisfactory and beginning to impact the quality of the music that could be presented. In fact, upon inspection by an expert piano technician, it was found to be in need of thousands of dollars in repairs. Even that expense would not solve all of its problems and it would continue to be a source of ongoing trouble. Expensive trouble!

The Committee considered a number of alternatives and after full and careful consideration determined that the only approach that made any long-term sense was to purchase a new piano. We asked our music director, June Marano-Murray, to help us locate the instrument she thought would be suitable. Working with the same expert and knowledgeable technician, a piano was located which will fully meet our needs and be an important part of our music program for many years to come.

This fine instrument has been reserved for us and now we all need to support this important effort by participating generously in the fund raising for it which will begin in mid-September. We hope to have the

cost fully covered by the end of October and to have it in our sanctuary in early November - in time for all the Christmas musical events.

This is an exciting project for our church. One that we will all take great pride in as the new piano is heard supporting our excellent soloists and choirs. It will result in musical events that would not be possible otherwise. Having a fine quality piano in our sanctuary along with one of the finest organs in Bergen County will truly enhance our already outstanding music program.

Tom Leach, Chair  
Worship Committee

### The Spiritual Nature of Money

In his remarks prior to the offering at a men's retreat, a Colorado pastor said, "We never take collections at these events. We do, however, receive an offering."

He was stating an important truth about Christian stewardship. Receiving an offering is quite different from fund raising. Offerings are a spiritual matter in which we give ourselves to God's causes. Fund raising, on the other hand, is a financial matter in which we give our money to pay the bills for a good cause.

That is an important distinction. In our worship service each Sunday. We are not just taking a collection to pay the bills; that would be fund raising. No, we are receiving an offering. When we give an offering, we give more than money.

That is the major reason that churches ask people to give money as part of the worship service each Sunday—because our giving of money helps us to give a far more important gift: ourselves.

### News and Notes

....Congratulations to Regina Leiding who recently graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

....We were happy that four young people from our church attended the summer session at Warwick Conference Center. They are Erin and Stephen Geerlof and Maggie and Hillary Mulder.

### FROM THE ORGAN BENCH!

by June Marano-Murray

January 1, 2006 was the beginning of a surprising and innovative new year for me. Originally hired by The Second Reformed Church as a month substitute, I never expected to be offered a full-time choir director/organist position. But now that my position is official, I have been busy making future choir plans.

The summer services in the lounge are featuring our soloists and volunteers accompanied on piano. (time for me to review my former piano repertoire!) Volunteers Barbara Newland, Leslie Malanga, and Art DeBlasio are helping me to reorganize the file cabinets that house the vast collection of music that belongs to Second Reformed. The choir joined me at my house for a wonderful choir barbecue party that I hope will be the first of many. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The first September choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday evening September 6, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6 pm. Rehearsal will follow at 8:00 pm in the choir room. Our first singing Sunday will be September 17, with a 9:00 am rehearsal in the sanctuary.

We will be looking forward to our annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 pm. I will be looking for additional singers to help with this concert. All voices are welcome, but currently we are in need of sopranos and altos. Rehearsals for this concert will be on Wednesday nights as part of the regular choir rehearsal. On Saturday, December 2 at a time to be announced, there will be a dress rehearsal.

If you can assist the choir for the Christmas concert or the Christmas Eve service, please contact me as soon as possible. I expect to begin rehearsals in mid-late October.

I hope many of you will consider joining the choir for our services and upcoming special events. We would all enjoy seeing new faces and hearing new voices! I anticipate and look forward to an exciting, productive year with all of you.



### The Long Awaited Directories Have Arrived!!!

They are available each Sunday or during the regular office hours. If you had your picture taken and are included in the Directory, a copy will be available for you. If you would like to have a copy and you did not participate in it, see Lou Tiboldo, chair or stop at the office. The price is \$5.00.

We are proud of the production and know they will be a great help over the year as we try to contact each other.

Changes – believe it or not there are changes already. Please note that the Cynthia and Kent Losche and Koren Agnello have moved to Connecticut, Harriet and George Arnold have moved to Hackensack. The Crusius family has moved to Hackensack, Fran Manteiga to Pompton Plains. Lewis Willey's phone number is incorrect. The correct one is 773-3710. If you move or change your address or telephone number and wish to have it published, please alert the office. Also, if you wish the addresses of those changes, please call the church office for the new change. We will print new ones only if given permission.

### LABOR DAY BBQ!!!

Once again this year, the youth will be hosting a Labor Day Outreach BBQ for the homeless from 12 noon to 3 pm. Help is needed to set up, serve, monitor the church property and clean up.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. A sign up sheet can be found on the Action Table.

# THE TOWER NEWS

## THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



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Lou Tiboldo (r.) presenting a copy of the directory to Dot and Ted Northrop. Ted is the Vice President of Consistory.

### Day Of Remembrance and Prayer

Monday, September 11. Our Sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a full day of personal reflection time and prayer for the community, members and friends. Special music will be playing for meditation. We honor all who were lost on that sad day five years ago.

### Nursery Care Each Sunday

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Fatima Baxter as our regular nursery attendant each week. Fatima has been on our staff for several years and takes excellent care of our little ones under 3 years of age during the worship service.

### CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

We have classes for all ages beginning with ages 3 and up.

All students will meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 am for the opening of the church service and a very special children's message given by Pastor Wilcox.

Students, have you picked up your copy of Pockets Magazine? They are on the Christian Education Table in the lounge.

Church School teachers and staff will be commissioned.

Janet Keshishian is the church school superintendent and welcomes all students and their friends to attend on a regular basis.



## PASTORS PEN

This is almost like a New Year's message. September starts the "church's program year." Here we go again with: choir, church school, bell choir, worshipping in the sanctuary, getting ready for Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and all the expected, regular activities, programs...and so forth. It is rather like a "new" year.

There are the other regular things that we do, too, like budgets, making sure the snow plowing contract is in place and trying to get the angel window cleaned and re-protected. (We have been trying for three years, but the folks who do that kind of thing are in high demand.) It's all regular stuff...that has to be done.

However, we also have new activities and opportunities before us in our new church year. Would you believe a Spanish Class for mission outreach. Would you believe a new piano for the sanctuary? Would you believe "to be announced" activities to help us introduce ourselves to our friends and neighbors...because "all my neighbors and friends go to church or are not interested" just ain't so! Any and all church growth experts will defend that statement. We have new directions for our new year. It's never the same old thing. Even the Bible has a NEW Testament.

Expectantly,



Dennis B. Wilcox  
Pastor

### We Welcome the Rev. Mark Ennis to the Area

Rev. Ennis was an intern pastor at our church several years ago. He and his wife, Pam graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Since he was ordained Mark has served the Reformed Church in Hoboken and until recently the Third Reformed Church in Albany. Mark and Pam, who is also an ordained pastor, have two grown daughters attending college.

#### An Invitation to all

Rev. Ennis will be installed as the Pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church in Bergenfield on Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 pm.

Members of our congregation are invited to attend the service.

### Attention Golfers!

The Reformed Church Home's 15th Annual Golf Outing is: Monday, September 18, 2006  
Colts Neck Golf Club  
Rt. 34 & Flock Rd., Colts Neck  
Fee \$170 (\$160 for seniors)

### Afternoon Fellowship Begins September 12 at Noon

Beverly Brophy, president, invites all women to come and enjoy the fellowship with each other. A picnic luncheon is planned. Bring a salad to share, preferably not pasta. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the time together and planning for this new season.

### Have You A Buddy?

At the Consistory Retreat, it was suggested that members of our church living alone might like to have someone that will call him/her every day at a convenient time just to make sure they are all right.

If you are interested in having a "Buddy", please call the church office at 201-343-7550 or Ray Evangelista at 201-530-1553. The Fellowship Committee will then organize this list and let you know who will be calling you.

If you wish to volunteer to help out on this project, be sure to let the Fellowship committee know.

### Come to the Ziti Dinner! A Special Program Will Follow

Friday, September 22 at 6:00 PM.  
Tickets are \$6.00 for adults.  
\$4.00 for children 12 years old and under.

The evening is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, who will be preparing the meal.

#### Guest Speaker:

David Bole, Esquire  
Winne, Dooley & Bole

#### Topic:

Living Wills and Power of Attorney

#### Time:

7:30 pm

David Bole is an attorney and member of our congregation. In fact, he grew up in our church, having been a member of the church school, youth group, and was he confirmed here. His law practice is located in Paramus.

Do you have a Living Will?

Does some one have Power of Attorney for you? These are two very important documents for everyone regardless of age.

Plan to invite your friends for the dinner AND program. Tickets will be on sale for the ZITI supper in the lounge or you can call the church office and make a reservation.

### Did You Find Your Picture In The Collage?

One of the gifts we received from the Directory folks is the large picture now hanging in the lounge. It is a picture of the church superimposed on the pictures of all who appear in the directory. Stop and take a look and see if you can find yourself and your family. It is quite a picture.

### The Family Shelter Will Run From Oct 14-18th

#### Hosts Are Urgently Needed

The Family Shelter at St. Cecilia's hosts 5-6 families with children ranging from very young to teenagers.

These are temporary quarters, and the families are in a program to help them obtain their own housing.

A sign up sheet can be found on the Action Table.



### Art Supplies for First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans

The Afternoon Fellowship and YOUth Missions groups teamed up to help the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans Child Development Program (CDP) collect ART SUPPLIES. The CDP is rated highly in New Orleans and will be a necessary resource to those returning to the city. Your response was wonderful and greatly appreciated. Thank-you to the ladies of the Afternoon Fellowship for initiating this program and to the YOUth Missions and congregational support that made it such a success.

### A Special Evening With Dr. Margaret Brand

The Vellore Christian Medical College Board (USA), Inc. will hold a special event at the Second Reformed Church on Friday, September 29 at 6:30 pm.

Dr. Brand will share memories of her Vellore days and will speak to the future of health ministries in India and around the world. The evening will include an Indian dinner and entertainment. Costs are \$25 per single person, \$40 per couple, \$50 per family.

Early reservations are recommended. You can RSVP on line at [usaboard@vellorecmc.org](mailto:usaboard@vellorecmc.org). You can also call in your reservations by phoning 1-800-875-6370 or 212-870-2640.

### Our Church Family

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Margie Locker who passed away on July 2 at the Holland Home where she was a resident.

Margie was 99 years and 6 months old and had hoped to reach 100. She united with our church on February 13, 1977.

Also to Nancy Madson Swezey who passed away on July 5. Nancy grew up in our church and joined by confirmation on March 25, 1956.

Also to the family of Matthew C. Hassett who died on August 1 and to the family of Anthony Conti who died on August 10.

This summer Linda and Sandy Orselli visited the church and told of the death of Linda's Father, Harry Thompson in Florida in March. He and his late wife, Viola united with our church on June 3, 1990.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Kathleen Heydon who passed away at the Reformed Church Home during the month of August. Kitty united with our church on March 13, 1940. A memorial service to honor her will be held in our church in late fall at the convenience of the family.

During September we will be welcoming new members. Watch for the date in the bulletin.



### Looking Ahead to October RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 20 AND OCTOBER 21

We are collecting articles for the Fall Rummage Sale. Please plan to clean your closets during September. You may bring your articles to the church during the week from 9:00 am. to 2:30 pm Monday through Friday.

We ask that anything you bring be in GOOD condition so it is ready for sale.

Mark your calendar with the dates and plan to come and help. Many hands make light work. This is not only a service to the community, but also a way to help fund our benevolence budget.

### C.S.I. Hackensack

We would like to compliment the children of the 3rd and 4th grade church school classes on their Children's Sermon "C.S.I. Hackensack" during the Children's Day service.

Melissa Mulder, their teacher, wrote the script and the students truly carried the message to the congregation.

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