

**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper  
February 20  
5:30—7:00 p.m.**

**Tickets are available  
each Sunday. \$5.00  
for adults and \$2.00  
for children 12  
and under.**

**THE HISTORY OF  
SHROVETIDE**

Shrovetide is the old English name given to the three days prior to Lent: Shrove Sunday, Shrove Monday and Shrove Tuesday. The word 'shrove' comes from the old English word 'shrive' which had to do with making confession and receiving absolution before the beginning of the Lenten season. As time went on, however, Shrovetide came to be associated with feasting before the fasting of Lent. In 1837 French students introduced a Shrove Tuesday celebration to New Orleans, which was known in France as 'Mardi Gras' or 'Fat Tuesday'. In other parts of the world, particularly in the Caribbean and Latin America the season is known as 'Carnivale', which literally means 'farewell to meat'. At Second Reformed Church we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with our Pancake Supper. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults. Invite your friends. See other article in this issue.

**PIANO DEDICATION**

The dedication of our new piano was held on Sunday, January 28. June Marano-Murray and her daughter, Melissa Murray performed Fuga (Bach's Fantasia and Fuga in G Minor) arranged by F.X. Gieichauf. Thanks to all who so generously contributed to the Piano Fund and making the dedication possible. It will greatly enhance our music program. Elder Thomas Leach was chair of the piano project.

**LENT BEGINS ON  
FEBRUARY 21 KNOWN  
AS ASH WEDNESDAY!**

We will be having our Noon Day Luncheon Speakers and time for fellowship with other Christians in the area. 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. Our special guest speaker for Ash Wednesday is the Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Mulder who is on the staff of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. A full listing will be available very soon. Great speakers, don't miss it. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea is provided.

**AN INVITATION TO  
MUSIC LOVERS**

You are invited to an Organ Recital at our church on Sunday, 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. Gloria Norton will be one of the performers.

June Marano-Murray

**News and Notes**

.....Our Outreach Spanish class has come to a close. Special thanks to Art DeBlasio who shared his gift of teaching with us. It was fun and an educational experience.

**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 supermarket \$10.00 gift certificates. Thank you for your help each first Sunday of the month.

**GREETERS AT PARKING  
LOT ENTRANCE**

February 5—Luis Castro  
12- Charles Schneider  
19—Bill Fechtmann  
26—Vilma & Sumant

Dhalwani

March 4—Diane, Andreas and  
Maya deKlerk

11—Mark, Melissa,  
Hillary and Maggie Mulder.

**IT'S SHELTER TIME**

Have you signed up to host or cook for the shelter on Wednesdays in February at our church..

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. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Action Table for February and March.

Share your time—you will be glad you did!

**Do You Have  
Rummage???**

At this time, the Fellowship Committee has decided not to have a Rummage Sale this spring. HOWEVER if you have some rummage you would like to get rid of, Amy and Ray Evangelista of our consistory are collecting rummage that will be used by the Christian Motorcycle Association as part of their sale to raise money for their mission efforts.

The sale will be held in April, so please contact them at 201-655-3047 before April 1 to make arrangements to have your items picked up. Please Note rummage is NOT to be brought to the church.

If you are interested in learning more about this organization you may do so by visiting them on the web at [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org).

**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flower chart for 2007 is in the hall. If you are interested in signing up to have flowers placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one please sign up on the chart. Each arrangement is \$20.00.



**THE TOWER NEWS**  
**THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH**



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**New Consistory Members  
For 2007 Installed**

On January 14, Pastor Wilcox ordained and installed the following new members to the Consistory.

Deacons Phyllis Hall, Amy Evangelista, and Jo-Ann Snyder. Elders are Bonnie Dickinson, Jeff Ostroth and Betty Gottschall.

**Introducing our Deacons**

Phyllis Hall has previously served on Consistory as an elder and a deacon. She lives in Bogota and is employed as an Administrative Assistant at ProActive, Inc. in Oakland. She also serves as Layout and Design Editor of the Tower News.

Amy Gottschalk-Evangelista is a new comer to Consistory. Amy is employed as an MRI Technician at Teaneck Radiology. Amy and Ray were married in early November of 2006. She has served on the Missions Committee and in other volunteer capacities.

Jo-Ann Snyder is also a new comer to a Consistory. Jo-Ann is and has been a long time member of the Evening Service Group of the church and volunteers in many other capacities. She is employed by a transportation company in Maywood.

**Introducing our Elders**

Bonnie Dickinson has served on Consistory, however this is her first term as an Elder. Bonnie lives in Paramus and is the mother of two grown daughters. She is employed by United Parcel Service.

Jeff Ostroth also has previously served on Consistory. He lives in Teaneck with his wife, Barbara. They are



*Our new Consistory members were installed on January 14th. Pictured with Pastor Wilcox are, from left to right, Betty Gottschall, Bonnie Dickinson, Amy Evangelista, Jo-Ann Snyder, Phyllis Hall, and Jeff Ostroth. Congratulations to all of our new consistory members.*

the parents of four college age children. Jeff is self employed in the advertising industry.

Betty Gottschall lives in Maywood. Betty has served in many governing positions at the Congregational Church of Hackensack which is no longer in existence. She is the mother of Deacon John Gottschall and grandmother of Emma and Kelley. We appreciate her musical talents at the

Noon Day Lenten Series.

We wish to thank the outgoing members of the Consistory for their talent and devotion to their elected office. They are Deacons Lisa Simcic, Lou Tiboldo and Nancy Younger and Elders Fred Ellis, Tom Leach and Carol Miller.

We will highlight the committee members and chairman in the next issue.

## PASTOR'S PEN

2007 is here and it came in a hurry. With little snow (at last at the time of writing this) it hardly seems like it can be January/February already. Or so it seems until I think about it. Christmas, New Consistory, talk of Confirmation Class, Lenten speakers for our Wednesday Noonday program, and even thinking of Spring fishing all combine to let me know that time marches on...so "seize the day" as they say.

Jesus said something like that. "sufficient unto the day is the evil there of" is how I remember it from the King James Version of the Bible. It sounds negative at first, but he was talking about dealing with the only day we really ever have, today. "One day at a time" is the same idea. Carol's dad said, "Don't wish your life away." In other words, mine to be exact, we all need to pay attention to the day, the people, the opportunities, the tasks, the duties, and the pleasures that belong to us...today.

Tomorrow is never here. It is only there, and there is not here. So why bother with what isn't here and never will be? Faithfulness is not living in the future thinking about what God WILL do. Faithfulness is doing what we believe God wants us to do...today, now, right here. So, welcome to today, and watch out; it won't be here for very long.

Your for daily faithfulness,



Dennis B Wilcox,  
Pastor

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sincere congratulations to Jessica Ann Berry and Jeffrey Curtis Villarreal who were married in our church on Friday, December 8.

We transferred with our blessings, Marie E. Lewis to the First Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ in Suffield, Connecticut.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Henrietta Post Whyte who passed away on December 6. Henrietta was a long time member.

We also were notified of the death of Claribel Trembath, widow of the late Rev. Carman Trembath, former pastor of the Teaneck Community Church. Claribel resided in Spring Lake, Michigan. Also to the family of Werner Gottschalk who passed away on January 9. Mr. Gottschalk united with our church by the merger with the Teaneck Community Church.

Our sympathy also to the family of Adeline (Addie) Mac Phee who passed away on January 24. Addie united with our church on October 26, 1986.

Congratulations to Diane Voigt-Aglione who recently graduated from Bergen Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing.

### Afternoon Fellowship Meets Tuesday, February 13 at noon.

Bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served. Members are asked to bring a valentine to be signed and sent to those who are not able to attend.

### Evening Service Guild

Evening Service Guild will meet on Tuesday February 13 at Rudy's restaurant at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### Special Note To The Ladies Of The Church

In these busy times, have you thought of taking an hour or two to attend one of the ladies groups of the church. The Afternoon Group invites all to come and bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert are served. An interesting program is provided along with great fellowship.

The Evening Group also would welcome new faces at their supper meeting at Rudy's. Give it some thought!

OR come to the Craft group that meets on Monday evenings at the church. This group usually work on their own projects and yet share their knowledge and fellowship together.

### Executive Committee Of The 2007 Consistory

President—Rev. Dennis B. Wilcox  
Vice President—Ted Northrop  
Clerk of the Elders—Helen Hirtler  
Clerk of Consistory—Marie Grumbrecht

Chairman of the Deacons—John Gottschall

Elder at Large—Robert Michel  
Deacon at Large—Kathy

McCarthy

Recorder—Sue Davidson

At the Consistory meeting on January 9, the Committee Chairpersons were decided, and the members of the congregation were drafted to committees.

If you are invited to serve on a committee, please consider it carefully and affirming.

### Coming in April!

The Fellowship Committee is planning an AUCTION. Save April 27. The Committee will be looking for donations of items that would be worthy of auctioning. Call Carol Miller or Helen Hirtler with the items you wish to donate. More in the next issue.

### THE TOWER NEWS

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Submissions for the Tower News should be in to the Tower News box no later than the 12th of every month.

### Missions Committee Report On The Outreach

#### Christmas Eve Dinner

Our Christmas Eve outreach to the homeless just keeps on growing. Over 200 were served a home cooked Christmas dinner with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, assorted veggies and desserts.

There is so much joy felt when you see our volunteers sit among our guests and share a meal and engage in conversation. The holidays are a sad time for many people. This inclusion fills an important need and keeps the hearts of our guests filled long after the meals are done. Paul Burns from Salt of the Earth tells us that after many years of working these kinds of events he is always amazed at our volunteer turnout from the congregation and our organization.

The YOUth Missions kids did a great job organizing the clothes donations and distributing the Christmas hats. Thanks also to our church members, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus of Rochelle Park and friends of the church who gave their time to set-up, provide food, cook, serve, fellowship and clean-up, thank you. This outreach is possible because of YOU. And a special thanks to Bill Rupp and Karen Rabadan. Their hard work and organizational skills made this Christmas eve day run so smoothly.

Jarrett Stevens, a Christian writer, describes the shepherds at the Nativity scene as people who lived on the outskirts of society; holding one of the lowest jobs around. "These are not the type of people you typically invite into the delivery room. But Jesus is no ordinary savior. Right at the very beginning of his life, he let us know he didn't just want to be with people. He wanted to be with the people that most people would have nothing to do with."

All of you are truly wonderful examples of what it is to be a Christian. If Jesus were physically in Hackensack, NJ this past Christmas Eve he would have been doing exactly what you were doing, being with those who are without.

Thank you from the Mission Committee.



Members of the YOUth Mission group getting ready to distribute clothing at their November Brown Bag Saturday meeting. They come to the church early organize the clothes and prepare brown bag lunches for guests in need.

### YOUth Missions News and Notes for all to enjoy

We Are Proud of the work of the Youth Missions!.

A recap of their recent activities...beginning with the Brown Bag Saturday in November. The kids met at the church earlier than usual to organize the clothes closet and pull out as much warm clothing they could find. They made the brown bag lunches and arranged the clothing on tables with speed and efficiency that was impressive. On this day their experience was different from the other Saturday's. Many homeless who came were in bad shape, without judgment our YOUth Missions kids reached out to each and every one of our guests with respect and kindness.

On the next day the Missions had a birthday party for Donna Abraham complete with cake and candles and of course lots of presents. Donna Abraham has MS and is confined to her home. Donna has always been active with the youth when she was able.

The group attended a viewing of The Nativity Story and discussed it over lunch at Fuddruckers in Paramus.

January plans included a meeting with a representative from Youth United, Habitat for Humanity to begin working on their spring project. All YOUth missions parents were encouraged to attend as well as members of the Property committee, who will be conducting a tool workshop for the group in the coming months.

### Miss Emma Goes to Washington

YOUth Missions member Emma Gottschall has been chosen to represent her school in the Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC for one week this February. This all expense paid trip will send her to the Senate and the Supreme Court. Emma was awarded this scholarship when she was asked to make an impromptu speech on a social concern. Emma chose to speak on homelessness, and used her experiences working in the YOUth Missions outreach to the homeless and how it has impacted her life.

### Miscellaneous Ramblings

The Hat Drive for the homeless was a success. Thank you to all who donated new hats which were given out at the Christmas Eve dinner.

.....The Susan Moyle Christmas Card Sale raised over \$400.00 which will provide a campership for a child in need to Camp Acorn

### CROSSROAD XXII April 20 and 21

#### On Long Beach Island

This 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 and accommodations.

