

**GREETERS AT PARKING  
LOT ENTRANCE  
on Sundays in May & June**

May 6—Ann and Bill Wilson  
 May 13—Jeff, Karla and Talia  
 Badre  
 20—Alice Naprstek  
 27—Donna, Tom, Erika, Joe and  
 Nick Fackelman  
 June 3—Susan and Walter Troike  
 June 10—Children's Day  
 June 17—Bill Rupp  
 June 24—Allyson and Jonathan  
 Watson

**The Deacon's Request**

The Deacons are looking to create a list they hope to never have to use. In case of emergency, they would like to know which members of the congregation have medical and/or EMS skills. Please contact John Gottschall, Chair of Deacons at 551.265.5911 or JERSEYBLUES@AOL.COM

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We were happy to baptize Lily Evangeline Beyer, infant daughter of Jennifer and Tim Beyer on Sunday, March 25.

It was also our joy to welcome Jennifer and Tim Beyer into our church family on Sunday, March 25. Jennifer is the daughter of Nancy and Donald Younger.

Best wishes to Jennifer Sarah Crusius and Robert Chess Abernathy Stetson upon their marriage at our church on Easter Saturday. Jennifer is the daughter of Ken & Theresa Crusius.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Sylvan Goddard who passed away in California. A memorial service will be held in our church on Saturday, April 28. Sylvan and Ed moved to California several years ago, but have kept an active connection with our church.

**Afternoon Fellowship Meets  
Tuesday, May 8, at Noon**

Bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served.

The program will be given by Sue Davidson and Audrey Michel about our beautiful stained glass windows.

**Evening Service Guild will meet on Tuesday May 8** at Rudy's restaurant at 6:00 p.m.



*We were pleased to welcome into membership Jennifer and Tim Beyer and to baptize Lily Evangeline Beyer. They were received into membership on March 25th. Lily is the granddaughter of Nancy and Don Younger.*



*Easter 2007 is celebrated at our church.*



*A SPRING MUSICAL  
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007  
AT  
4:00 P.M.  
FEATURING  
FRED DAVIES AND  
GEORGE WESNER  
Organists at  
Radio Music Hall  
and  
DANIEL HASKINS,  
percussionist and  
member  
The American Ballet  
Theater Orchestra,  
principal percussionist  
for Mary Poppins  
on Broadway*

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.**

**SUGGESTED DONATION  
\$10.00**

Reception follows and child care will be provided. Any questions call Tom Leach or Allyson Watson.

**THANKS TO THE  
SHELTER VOLUNTEERS**

Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Shelter Program during February and March. Those who attended were very appreciative of our hospitality.

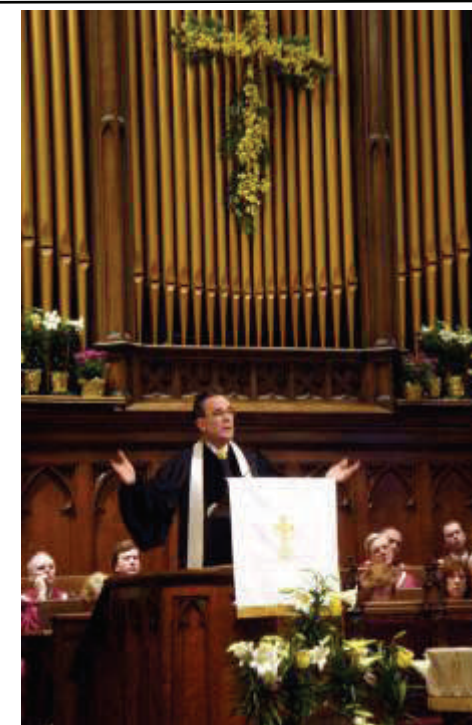
**THE TOWER NEWS  
THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH**



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**EASTER TRULY  
CELEBRATED  
CHRIST IS RISEN!!!!**

The music of the choir, the brass instrumentalists and timpani along with the beautiful flower decorations and the Pastor's Message "EASTER—WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!!" and with a full congregation made it a special day in the life of our congregation! Special thanks to all who participated from the choir, to those who decorated the sanctuary, to those who gave the flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones, to the musicians, to June Marano-Murray our organist choir director and anyone who helped and to those who attended to honor our Lord! Christ is Risen Indeed!!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Rev. Wilcox upon being elected the vice president of the Classis of the Greater Palisades. He will be a delegate to this year's General Synod meeting at Central College in Pella, Iowa.

**PINTS FOR KIDS  
BLOOD DRIVE  
MAY 5, 2007**

**COME OUT AND  
SAVE A LIFE**

**Tell Your Friends about  
this opportunity!  
Where????**

**Our Church Lounge,  
10:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Mission Committee. Did you know, according to a report given by the America Blood Center hundreds of thousands suffer from various forms of leukemia, sickle cell, need transplants and are born prematurely. Three thousand new cases of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma are diagnosed in children under 15 each year. Your blood can give these kids another chance to run, skip and play because of your generosity as a blood donor.

**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.

## PASTOR'S PEN

I just wrote thank-you notes to over 50 people. Yes, over fifty. I sent them to lots of folks in our congregation who worked to make our Lenten and Easter worship services much better than they would have/could have been without them. None of them were paid to do it. All of them volunteered. All of them did it because they wanted to and chose to help. That made for a grand Lent and Easter.

I am now writing one more note to lots more people. To all the folks to attended our Lenten and Easter activities. THANK YOU! I had the best seat in the house. I could see, hear, listen, and feel the services from a unique perspective. I wish everyone could join me "up in front" to watch a worship service...but not all at once. To know what I mean, ask anyone who has been a worship leader. They know what perspective I'm talking about. Better yet, volunteer to be a worship leader. It's a wonderful experience. Lent and Easter were glorious...thanks to you.

Gratefully,



Pastor Wilcox



### PLANT SALE

The Fellowship Committee is sorry to report that there will be no plant sale for Mother's Day weekend this year. The supplier no longer plans to plant for that sale and the committee has not been able to find another supplier for this year's sale. We are sorry and hope to be able to find a supplier for future plant sales. We appreciate your cooperation.

### Volunteer Voices

The Mission Committee would like to start a column in the Tower News in which our numerous volunteers can voice the experiences they have had helping to do God's work through missions. It can be a story or just a few lines. If you have any thoughts please call Bonnie Dickinson at 551-265-2946.



### 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.**

### .....YOUth Missions News and Notes

The YOUth Missions would like to thank all who helped support their Spring Project Habitat for Humanity Bake Sale. The bake sale raised \$338.81. The Board of Deacons also granted a benevolence of \$250.00. This gives the group a total of \$588.81 to use towards the project's supplies.

The group is planning a Tool Workshop with the Property Committee next month and will be ready for their part of the new build taking place in Englewood this summer. Some will be able to work on the house and others will work to create crafts that will be sold at craft shows.

All profits of these craft-shows go toward building supplies for the house. We are excited to be a part of such a wonderful organization. It is because of the support you have given us over the years that enables us to reach far beyond our own backyard and into the lives of those in need in our community. Thank you.

### YOUth Missions

hearts to experience relationships  
heads to explore truth  
hands to pursue action

### News and Notes

**Have you noticed the box for toiletries on the action table?** The Missions Committee has placed a box in the lounge asking for travel size tooth brushes, tooth paste and men's deodorant for their Outreach Program. You may leave your articles at any time.

....The Confirmation Class is meeting with the Pastor each Sunday following the worship service. The students are required to attend the worship service before their class.

Confirmation Sunday is May 6. Plan to come and support this special day in the life of our young people.

.....Two members of our congregation attended the Women's Retreat at Long Beach Island in April. They were Micheline Ackerman and Audrey Michel. Women from all over the Synod attended.

### DON'T FORGET! 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

### Our Great Auction!!!! Our Superb Auctioneer!!! Friday, April 27

Special thanks to all who so graciously gave the beautiful items for auction. Also to the committee who gave many hours to set up the Auction and prepare the refreshments for all.

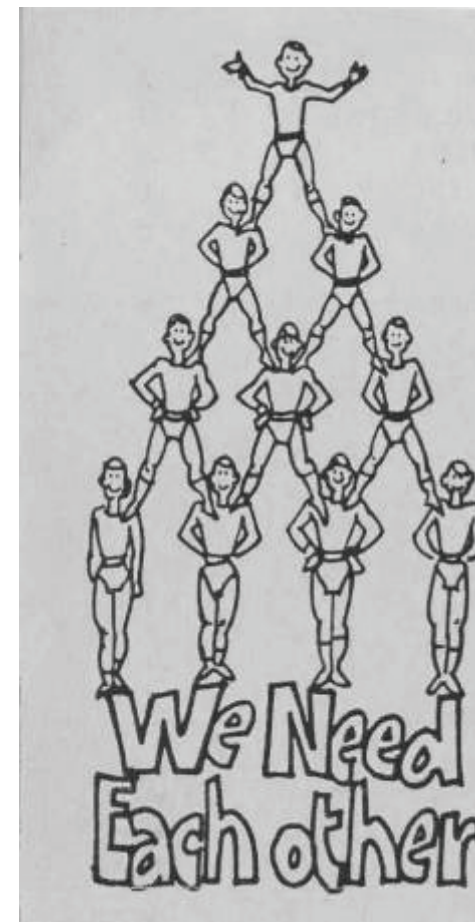
Carol Miller, Chair

### Noon Day Lenten Services Were Truly Appreciated!

The services were quite well attended by members and friends from other churches. In fact, a special thank you note was received from the regular attendees of the Clinton Ave. Reformed Church, for the delicious desserts that Beverly Brophy and Arleen Friel served each week "We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and culinary skills and we look forward to next year."

We had a good representation from area churches including some members of the Catholic faith. Our speakers were inspiring as usual. We had to cancel for the first time because of weather and missed hearing from the Rev. Eltje J. Brunemeyer.

The Rev. Dr Edwin Mulder reminded us that this was the 36th consecutive year we have been doing this for the community and all are welcome. Special thank you to Betty Gottschall who was our pianist and Audrey Michel as Coordinator and to the speakers and the worship committee for their encouragement.



### News of Warwick Summer Camps Sessions for Young People

There is a new Family Camp beginning in June, A Saddle Up Camp, a Wilderness Camp, Camp Sunrise, and Day Camps.

If you have ever thought about sending your children to Warwick, they have open house dates for you to attend with guided tours of the facilities! Call Warwick for the dates. 845-986-1164 and make an investment in your child's life.

For Older Adults—There is Leisure Study on May 13-18 for Watercolor painting.

### RCA Women's Conference "Alive in Christ" in Chicago July 19-22

All women of the church are welcome to this special event. To receive a registration brochure, call the Alive Message Center at (800) 564-1582. This event happens every three years.

### Visitors From All Over The World

The counter on our church Web site has a feature whereby a sampling of recent visitors to our site can be identified by their viewing location. Here are the locations from which the viewers in the sample were viewing:

**Zurich, Switzerland – East Orange, NJ – Pittsford, NY – Rahway, NJ – Petaling Jaya, Wilayah Persekutuan, Malaysia – Lincoln Park, NJ – Houston, Texas – Berkeley, CA – Clifton, NJ – Kearny, NJ – Buffalo, NY – Pittsburgh, PA**

On March 19, 2007 the counter reported that we have registered **27,628 page visits** since the counter was installed in August 2003. The **average length of a visit was 2m 35s** and during that time, **2.2 pages were looked at, on average, per visit.**

Although our viewer in Switzerland probably will not be in our church on Sunday, he or she certainly is aware of our congregation, its activities and our beautiful house of worship.

What a wonderful way to allow our light to shine and our faith be known over the entire world! Our Webmaster, Bob Michel, mentions that he never imagined that we would have such a widespread exposure by this means, and could you imagine the joy that St. Paul would have experienced with this miraculous tool?

Thanks Bob for your diligent work on behalf of our Website.

### Ecumenical Bible Study And Discussion Spring 2007

An ecumenical bible study and discussion titled, The Word in the World, What the Bible says about us... is being held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Teaneck for six Wednesdays, from April 18 through May 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

Leading the discussions for April will be, April 18, Being Loved by God. Lead by The Reverend Randall C. K. Day, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Teaneck.

April 25, topic to be announced, lead by Rabbi Lawrence Zierler, Jewish Center of Teaneck.