



Approximately 40 people came to pray and meditate on the 9/11 Fifth Anniversary. The Fellowship Committee arranged for appropriate quiet music and staffed the sanctuary as well as provided meaningful bulletins with prayers, Psalms and meditations.

Directory News

There are still some directories that have not been picked up at the church. Consider coming in on a weekday between 9:00 and 2:30 p.m. to pick up your copy.



Some of the members of the YOUth Mission at a recent planning luncheon at the church with their youth advisor, Erika. Please take a look at their bulletin board in the long hallway for their activities and recent events.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

New Times - No evening. Carol Miller and the Fellowship Committee are in charge. Invite your friends to come and shop. The bargains are the GREATEST. **Plases come and help set up and clean up afterwards.**

NEW CHURCH WEB SITE ADDRESS

Ever since *The Record* discontinued hosting our church web site a number of years ago, we have been hosted by our denomination, The Reformed Church of America. Early this summer, the RCA advised us that they were outsourcing their server and could no longer accommodate our independent access to the new server.

After careful consideration, it was decided that it was time to find a new host that would continue to provide independent access and not make us dependent on another part. Through the efforts of Gary Hickey, we have obtained our own domain name, secondreformed.org. Our files have been posted to the new site and we have been maintaining duplicate postings with the new host while still maintaining the old site until the RCA makes the switch.

Our new address is www.secondreformed.org. Please note the change and paste to your favorites folder.

Approximately 25,000 page visits have been logged since we first installed the counter a little over three years ago. Our stained glass windows page, one of the first pages to be posted, is still the most frequently viewed page, according to a recent sampling.

Check out our church calendar for last minute changes. If you missed a copy of *The Tower News* you can download it from our web site. Please take a look at our site which represents the work of many people and committees.

Bob Michel , Webmaster



"BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH MONTH"

The month of October has been designated "Bring a Friend to Church" month by the Membership Committee. Each member of the congregation is encouraged to share our worship service with a friend, co-worker, neighbor, classmate and new families to the area who may be searching for a new church.

Actually we hope that all members are always on the alert to new neighbors in their area and we hope you will invite them to worship with you any Sunday.

Afternoon Fellowship Tuesday, October 10 12:00 noon

Bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served.

Cindy Blinn, Youth Coordinator, Youth Council of Teaneck will be the speaker. Come early and enjoy the fellowship.

Missions Sunday Volunteer Luncheon A day of Celebration and Appreciation

Missions Sunday will take place on October 22 in the church lounge. All Mission Outreach volunteers will be honored after the worship service with a luncheon. A sign up sheet can be found on the Action Table.

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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Pastor Wilcox, Dr. Paul Keshishian, Deborah and William Geerlof, and their children, Stephen and Erin and Mary Badre.

The Geerlof family live in Maywood. Bill is an electrical engineer and Deb is a church secretary at a Paramus church. Their children are active in YOUth Mission, Church School and Handbells.

Dr. Paul Keshishian is an Osteopathic physician with an office in Rochelle Park. He is married to Janet. They have three grown daughters, Laura, Rachel, and Sarah and live in Rivervale.

Mary Badre lives in Cliffside Park. She works in the Paterson School system.

Evening Service Guild

Evening Service Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at Rudy's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in sharing supper together.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
OCTOBER 28.
SET YOUR CLOCK
BACK ONE HOUR!!!!**

PASTOR'S PEN

Beginnings are important. "Well begun is half done," the old saying goes. So how do Sunday mornings begin? For me, my Sunday morning begins with the elders. Whoever is available on Sunday morning meets with me and the other elders in my study for prayer. Regular church business is off limits. No last minute, "Can you announce this or that because so and so forgot to get it in the bulletin." No, Don't forget to make sure....." It's "what are you preaching about today?" to help them help me communicate better as far as evaluating the sermon. It's checking on the needs of the congregation as far as pastoral and care group care is concerned. And then it's time for prayer for the worship service, for the special needs we know about and for the week that is facing the church.

Then something symbolic, historic, and very Reformed happens. One elder is designated to escort me into the sanctuary. Preachers preach by permission of the elders. All preachers are sanctioned by the elders of each congregation. Guest preachers, installed preachers, all preachers preach only with the "blessing" of the elders. Elders can "close the pulpit" to a preacher. If it's the installed preacher of the congregation, who is installed by the classis, they better have a mighty good reason, but it is their responsibility to see that the Word of God is preached properly. To signify that the preacher preaches with their blessing, they escort the preacher of the day into the sanctuary thereby signaling the congregation of their permission and blessing. That is a very Reformed tradition. I'm blessed by it, and so are we at the Second REFORMED Church of Hackensack. What a great way to begin a Sunday morning!

Your REFORMED pastor,



Dennis B. Wilcox
Pastor



OUTREACH SPANISH CLASS

The Mission Committee is sponsoring this class in vocabulary and phrases needed to communicate with the Spanish speaking guests of our mission projects. The class began on October 1 and will continue for several weeks. It is being taught by Art De Blasio, retired school teacher and member of our church and choir. All materials needed will be provided by the Missions Committee.

Ziti Dinner a success!

All who attended the Ziti dinner, not only enjoyed a delicious meal, but also the most informative talk given by David Bole, Esquire concerning the needs for a Power of Attorney, Health Advanced Directive (Living Will), Wills and Estate Planning.

COOKIES FOR STUDENTS!!!

It hardly seems it is already time to think about cookies for college kids to provide energy for exams.

On November 13th the members of the Fellowship Committee will be packing up boxes to ship to the students.

ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL

If you are attending college and live at home OR are living on campus anywhere in the USA, please be sure the church has your mailing address. This applies to service men of our congregation also.

Send or e-mail the addresses as soon as possible.

HYMNODY SEMINAR



Have you wondered how some of your favorite hymns came into being? On Monday nights, October 23 and 30, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a Christian Education sponsored seminar on "Hymnody" (the study of the singing of hymns). This will be lead by one of our former "interim" organists, John Bullough. John has served on the faculty of The Harford Theological Seminary for 6 years and Fairleigh Dickinson University for 29 years. The first session will start with Jewish/Latin Hymnody through the 18th Century and the second session from the 19th century to the present. All are welcome. It will be a special opportunity to learn about hymns.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our congratulations to Jennifer Linnea Ayers and Stephen Yin Ng who were married in our church on September 2. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Jackie Metropoulis.

Also to Cynthia Tiboldo and Justin O'Flaherty who were married on September 9. Cynthia is the daughter of Elie and Lou Tiboldo. Also to Marie Becker and George Chevront who were married on September 30.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Evelyn Porter (Mrs. Theron), who passed away on August 5th. Evelyn and her family were long time active members when they lived in Bergen County. Evelyn passed way at her home in Brick, NJ

Also to the family of Coralyn Wood, who passed away recently in Florida. **A memorial service will be held for Corie at our church on Friday, October 27 at 11:00 a.m..**



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH! by June Marano-Murray

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and invite your friends to attend.

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.

Change of Address

If you have moved or your phone number has changed since the directory was published, AND you wish to have your new address or phone number published, we will include it in the Tower News, but you must indicate your wishes. Obviously we would like to keep the Directory up to date as best we can.

Both Sides of the Coin

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Luke 20:25).

The chief priests and scribes tried to trap Jesus. After a fulsome compliment, they asked Him, "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" They thought they had impaled Him on the sharp horns of a dilemma. If He spoke out against paying taxes to Rome, He would be in trouble with the Roman authorities. If He affirmed paying taxes, He would raise the indignation of the strong anti-Rome movement among the Jews.

At first glance, Jesus' answer seems like He sidestepped the issue. Not so when we understand the full impact of what He meant...The implication is that Caesar and his realm belonged to God as much as any religious possession or responsibility. Actually, Jesus' answer exposes the false division between the sacred and the secular. He claimed all of life as sacred. Everything we have and are belongs to God. He cannot be excluded from any realm of life. We are responsible for everything we say, do, spend, and save. The secret of dynamic discipleship is using all things, all of life, as a sacred trust from the Lord.

This passage is an excellent basis for a fresh approach to claiming the Lord's ownership of all of life. . . . it changes everything when we render to God what is God's. . . . Then stewardship is a privilege. [*Silent Strength*, Lloyd John Ogilvie]

Enjoy Fall at The Warwick Center Open House!

Monday, October 16 & Tuesday, October 17—Guest Speaker, Ellen Ratmeyer, Coordinator of Consistory Training and Ministry Services of the Reformed Church in America THEME; "In Search of Sacred Places."

Most of what we learn and hear today urges us to hustle, chase and cram. God calls us to a better way....to "come away and rest."

Song Leader, The Rev. Daniel Ogden, Pastor of the Reformed Church of Oradell.

Apples and baked goods will be sold after lunch. The Auxiliary Gift Table will be in the Recreation Room. Please bring your finest items priced to be sold.

Program and lunch fee is \$12.00. Phone: 845—986—1164 for reservations.

LOOKING AHEAD-- SAVE THE TIME AND DATE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Family Shelter Time! October 14 - 18

Volunteer hosts and cooks are always needed. We appreciate all who have signed up. The family shelter is at St. Cecelia's in Englewood. This facility has housed, nourished and provided support services for 376 families who are not served by or eligible for any other sheltering programs for homeless families in Bergen County. Lack of affordable housing continues to be the primary reason that our families must endure the indignity of homelessness. These five days are a very important part of the Second Reformed Church outreach to the community. Volunteering at this time are as Hosts: Dot and Ted Northrop, Jeff Ostroth, Frank Voigt, Michael Malanga and Frank Ackerman. Cooks are YOUth Missions, Diane and Andreas de Klerk, Kathy McCarthy, Evelyn Huber, Elie and Lou Tiboldo, Leslie and Michael Malanga, Kathy Wiley and Marcia Battles. Our thanks to all on behalf of the Missions Committee.

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