

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, July 8, 2018

9 a.m. Outdoors & 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Lori Yost, Musician</i>
WELCOME	
LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION	
OPENING PRAYER	
CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(responsive)</i>	
Gather round, people of God, and listen for a word from the Source of life: We are here, but there is restlessness and insecurity among us. Our God knows our discomfort and will give healing. We are here, but there is a longing among us for a better world and a greater fulfillment. Our God is aware and promises to be present as we move on our journey. May God be praised in our lives and in our worship this day. Lift us your hearts, lift up your minds, lift up your spirits – and let God be praised.	
*SONG #7 <i>(songbook)</i> “When Morning Guilds the Skies”	
*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION <i>(unison)</i>	
Generous God You have given us creative talents and a wonderful world in which to use them. You have shown us how to reach out in love and mercy for the impoverished and disadvantaged yet we have been more interested in what is to our advantage. You have shown us compassion and how to care for others, yet we wiggle out of ethical questions when our profits are at stake. Merciful God, forgive our misuse and under-use of your gifts. Continue to teach us the reality of grace so that we may hear you say "Well done, faithful servant, enter into my joy." You are making a difference in the world I have entrusted to you! Amen.	
*SONG #8 <i>(songbook)</i> “Lord I Need You”	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. And, also with you.	
SPECIAL MUSIC “How Beautiful” by Twila Paris	<i>Soloist: Kim Lampe</i>
SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37	
MESSAGE “Soul Food Sunday: Making a Difference”	<i>Rev. Dr. Andy Rienstra, Pastor Emmeritus</i>
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER	
*CLOSING SONG #22 “God of Grace and God of Glory”	
*INVITATION TO CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION	
*BENEDICTION This worship time is ended. Let the service begin.	



*The altar flowers today are offered:
In memory of Marilyn Larkin, given by Becky Larkin Dickinson & Family
In memory of Beatrice Coffey, given by Pat Horner & Family
In memory of Arline Friedrich, given by Jan Friedrich*

Things to Know

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR JULY WILL SUPPORT MARKET STREET MISSION: The Market Street Mission in Morristown reaches out to the poor and needy in Morris County. MSM assists individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and poverty through a life centered on Christ. Your generous support allows Market Street Mission to serve meals, provide shelter, hold chapel services daily, distribute backpacks to needy school children and distribute winter coats at their annual Coat Giveaway.

NEW SHOW IN FRC-PP ART GALLERY FOR THE SUMMER FEATURES MARLYS HUSS: *Artist's Statement:* “When I paint, I am brought back to the moment of discovery. An avid photographer, my inspiration comes from people and places I meet through travel.” See the full bio in the summer GoForth

MOSES SHOW MADE INTO A MOVIE: Sight and Sound Theater made their Moses show into a movie and it will be in area theaters on Sept 13 & 15. If interested tickets can be ordered through this link <https://mosesevent.com/>

Support

PRAY FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TEAM IN BELIZE: 11 youth and 6 adults will be traveling to Belize from July 7 to the 14th. Please pray for the team as they represent our church and share God’s love with the people of Belize. The adults are Dave Sippel, Mike Patterson, Scott Hall, Michele Crefeld, Christina Breznak, and Hayley Bundz. The youth are Gillian Schiffer, Phoebe Patterson, Julianna Mann, Elijah Crefeld, Jeffrey Stupski, Jess Stupski, Karlee Borduin, Garrett Borduin, Grant Sippel, Erin Hall and Derek McGrogan. Our mission organization will be updating a daily trip journal. Go to <https://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org/mission-trip-journals?tripid=14588>

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR BESSIE GREEN: They are in need of small, individual sized toiletries such as those found in hotel rooms. Also requested are the smallest sized tooth paste and mouthwash containers. There is also great need for underwear for both genders with sizes XL, XXL & XXXL. Reusable light weight bags would also be helpful. Please drop off these items into the designated bin in friendship hall. If you have questions contact Sue Leonard 973 768 5590 or Pauline McKeown 973-839-7281.



Summer Season Schedule



WORSHIP 9 A.M. OUTDOORS - FRIENDLY MANSE BACKYARD: Chairs will be available or you are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of rain, this service will be in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP 10:15 A.M. INDOORS - SANCTUARY: If you would prefer indoors, worship at 10:15 a.m. in the air conditioned Sanctuary. Both services will be 45 minutes

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: The office will close at noon on Fridays for the summer. Monday through Thursday the office is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children’s Ministry

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Our children’s ministry team is always looking for additional smiling faces and helping hands to serve in various capacities. Current opportunities include serving in the nursery approximately one Sunday a month as well as joining Spark Kidz as a **1st grade co-teacher** or a **5th grade teacher**. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Janet Chardavoyne at 973-835-1144x21 or janet@frc-pp.org.

VBS DONATIONS: Check out the VBS boogie board to see what items are still needed. Pick a tag and return the item with the tag by 7/29.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Additional crew mates, especially those age 16 & up, are needed to accommodate all our VBS sailors. Sign up online or contact Janet.

Youth Ministry

FUEL for JULY: Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Meet at Dave’s house for a cookout unless otherwise instructed below:

- **July 11th** – Game Night. (Meet at the Church)
- **July 18th** – Hunger Games. Epic outdoor NERF and Water Battle!
- **July 25th** – A Series of Unfortunate Events. Murder Mystery Night!

Prayers & Concerns

CONCERNS:

Dennis Lento, Jr., preparing for heart surgery on July 18. Cards to 353 Boulevard, PP
Lucia Haring, the daughter in law of Marjorie Haring, a longtime member, had surgery this past week. Prayers for recovery and restored health

Ted Lutjen, moved to the Villa rehab in Lincoln Park. Cards to 312 Sunset Rd., PP
Betty Post, hospitalized. Cards to 346 Sunset Road, PP

Baby Carina, 1 year old, had bone marrow transplant and is in need of prayers
Linda Porpora, a volunteer in our food pantry, is preparing for back surgery. Prayers for her recovery

Elizabeth, has stage 4 cancer and the family is preparing for hospice. Also her husband, **Stanley** suffered a stroke and has long-lasting health issues. Prayers for their daughters **Sylvia & Agnes**, who are caring for both Elizabeth and Stanley.

LONGTERM ILLNESS:

Brian Spring, Connie, Jamie, Bob, friend of Joann Warner, **Andres Echevarria, Litthya Burgin** (Seth’s wife), **Hannah Cerullo** (Lew Shafer’s cousin’s daughter), **Jennie Byram, Katelyn Mann, Eugene Fletcher, Carol Ratz, Kathy** (Sue Leonard’s friend), **Candace** (Jane Young’s sister), **Michael Barch, Gavin Brady, Blair Ludemann, Cheryl, Lawrence Trumpore, Jim** (the Bundz’s neighbor).

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Welcome this Summer Season to First Reformed Church! We are a community of faith trying to help people live and love like Jesus in their communities. If you are new to us, we'd love to help along the journey. No matter who you are or how you are, we hope you know you can belong here. Our vision is to be the church in the heart of this town with OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS & OPEN HANDS. If that is the type of church you are looking for, you can take a first step by filling out a connection card, which is located on the table by the entrance to our worship space at 8:30 a.m. service or in the pew at 10 a.m. service. Also, check out our website at www.firstreformedchurch.com

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that **discipleship** is a lifelong journey. There is never a time in our lives when we can be satisfied with our growth or our certainty. Certainty is about being right. Faith is about being guided by what's right and training yourself to do it. FRC's worshipping community welcomes faith with all the doubts, the questions and the mystery. Our hope is to provide space and opportunities for exploration and inquiry, questioning and listening, dialogue and discernment. There is also nothing like participating in hands-on service to deepen your faith and put it in action. Throughout the year, we offer many opportunities for missional service.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Summer is a great time to dive into the Youth Ministry at FRC. Our new 6th graders are welcome to attend all our summer activities. FUEL youth group meets on Wednesday nights. FUEL is a great time to have fun with friends and learn more about faith and life. The group meets from 6:30 – 8:30 PM on Wednesday nights. Youth are also encouraged to attend a Sunday morning worship service. Contact Dave Sippel if you have any questions: dave@frc-pp.org

BABIES & KIDZ MINISTRIES

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available at both services. The nursery is located on the main floor of the Ministry Center near the church office. During the summer months, activity packets are available for children at both worship services. Our Spark Kidz program for kids age 2 – 5th grade resumes in September. Vacation Bible School for kids age 5 – 6th grade is held the first full week of August.

*Welcome to **FRC!**
Our **VISION IDENTITY** is:*

OPEN DOORS

*We are inclusive –
everyone is welcome.*

OPEN HEARTS

*We are life-long learners, always
growing as disciples of Christ.*

OPEN HANDS

*We worship a generous God and
practice generosity in
response.*

Welcome

THANKS FOR COMING



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