

# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
9 a.m. Outdoors & 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

*Traci Bopp, Musician*

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG #3 (songbook) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE (responsive)

One: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You bring about justice and true peace among people.

**All: God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace.**

**Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

One: God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*SONG #4 (songbook) "In Christ Alone"

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you.**

BAPTISMS (9 a.m. only)

*Jordan Lee VandeVrede, son of Steven & Jacqueline*

*Rosie Grace Brucchieri, daughter of Angelo & Ria*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" by John Newton

*Soloist: Sophie Caicedo*

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-14

MESSAGE "Soul Food Sunday: The Spiritual Practice of Forgiveness"

*Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG #9 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*INVITATION TO CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

\*BENEDICTION This worship time is ended.  
**Let the service begin.**



*The flowers at the 9 a.m. service are offered in memory of Leon, given by Jo and in memory of Beatrice Coffey given by Pat Horner & family. The altar flowers in the sanctuary are offered in memory of Tina Okma given by Roy, Jane & family*

## Things to Know

**SURVEYING YOUR PERSPECTIVE FOR OUR FUTURE:** During the month of July, the congregation will be invited to complete a survey to discern perspectives in three areas: CONNECTION (How well are we connecting with one another, and How well do people feel connected to the church and its vision?), WORSHIP (What can we do to enhance the worship experience?), and GENEROSITY DEVELOPMENT (How well do we encourage a lifestyle of generosity?). We are also assessing the level of support for various projects that the church may undertake as part of the Capital Campaign in early winter. Please complete the survey when you receive it. It will be available by both email and by hard copy (for those who don't have email access).

**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/>

## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> grade co-teacher** or a **5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher**. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Janet Chardavoyne at 973-835-1144 x21 or [janet@frc-pp.org](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>** – Hunger Games. Epic outdoor NERF and Water Battle!
- **July 25<sup>th</sup>** – A Series of Unfortunate Events. Murder Mystery Night!

## Prayers & Concerns

### JOYS:

**Melissa & Matt Moguillanes** welcomed Daniel (Danny) Frederick on June 30, 2018. All are doing great. Cards to 6 Reeve Ave, Bloomingdale, 07403

### WITH APPRECIATION:

With joyous hearts we see Joe healing each day! We are so very grateful for your prayers, cards and meals. *In Christian love, Joe and Jane Testa*

### FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

**Betty Post** passed away on July 5. Services were held during the week. Cards to her family at 346 Sunset Rd., PP

**Catherina (Tina) Okma**, Roy's mother, passed away on July 10 at the age of 85. A service will be held today here in our sanctuary at 1 p.m. followed by a repast in Grace Chapel. Cards to Roy & Jane 16 Doremus Lane, Wayne, 07470

### CONCERNS:

Prayers for **Sal Garofalo**, Linda Larkin's father, in hospice care.

**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

**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

### 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade resumes in September. Vacation Bible School for kids age 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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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