

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, May 13, 2018 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT “Jesus Loves Me” 2 & 3 yr. olds & PreK, Greeters, Kindergarten Class
Dedicated to the memory of Hayden Becker, our friend and classmate

*OPENING HYMN #3 (blue hymnal) “**Holy! Holy! Holy!**” Lori Yost, Musician

*LITANY FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Leader: Gracious God, the Prophet Isaiah declared that You are the one who delivers us.

People: We remember that You are Mother and Father to all of us, all of us are Your children.

Leader: Transformative God, You bring forth new life in our midst.

People: We honor the mothers around us, and all who care and love children.

Leader: Compassionate God, You comfort us in our time of grieving and sorrow.

People: We remember our mothers and grandmothers who have passed on, for all those we miss on this day.

Leader: Teaching God, You have taught us to honor our mothers and fathers and have taught us the ways of love.

People: We remember those who have been like mothers to us, giving wisdom and guidance in our lives.

Leader: Creator God, we remember that we are all created in Your image

People: We honor and respect all women in our midst, mothers and aunts and sisters and friends.

Leader: We honor and remember these great women, loving God, who You have sent into our lives.

People: Holy God, guide us into ways of honoring and respecting women around our world, working towards justice and liberation, health and safety for all women and girls. In the name of Christ, who like a mother hen desires to gather us together, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM “More Than Enough” by Shawna Edwards

Children’s Choir, Brooke Burgin, Director

Soloists: Rose McBurney, Lilah Hudson, Joshua Burgin, Mia Tammaro

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

(All children & youth are invited to leave for their classes.)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY

SONG #359 (blue hymnal) “**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**” vs. 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING Hosea 11:1-4 & 8-9

MESSAGE Fully Alive – “Love Beyond Reason”

Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER FOR THE DAY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

HONORING & REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS

ANTHEM “I Have Felt the Hand of God” by Craig Courtney

*CLOSING HYMN #648 (blue hymnal) “**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**”

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

The altar flowers are in memory of Arline Friedrich given by Jan Friedrich & in memory of Patricia Hellyer given by Mike, Amy & Phoebe Patterson

Today and This Week

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE DRIVE THRU NATIVITY TOMORROW

EVENING: There will be a meeting on Monday May 14th, 7:00 pm in Keator Parlor to make plans for this year’s Drive-Thru. We welcome anyone who would be interested in helping us with this project. It takes a minimum of 35 people each week to make it a success, plus the people who set up and clean up. DTN dates are Dec. 2 & 9

NEW SHOW IN THE FRC-PP ART GALLERY FOR MAY FEATURES HUSBAND & WIFE PAUL & JANET SSKO:

Paul Sisko’s work, ranging in size from small to large, includes use of aluminum, bronze, steel and stainless in creation of sculpture for both indoor and outdoor enjoyment. Janet’s display features watercolor paintings. Come during May to see their impressive show and read their full bio in our Go Forth

Experience/Participate

REDEDICATION OF FRIENDLY MANSE – Sunday, May 20th at 11:30 AM

In celebration of the completion of the Historic Preservation work that was done on Pastor Kathleen’s home, we will rededicate the house. Refreshments will be served in the backyard after the dedication, with representatives from Morris County and Pequannock Township in attendance.

WEAR RED TO WORSHIP ON PENTECOST – MAY 20: The Day of Pentecost is when the church remembers that the Holy Spirit descended and empowered the church. It is symbolized in fire and the color red.

INVITATION FOR OUR MEMBERS AT CEDAR CREST - Join Us for a Pentecost Gathering – May 20 @ 3 PM Cedar Crest Interfaith Chapel

We invite our friends living at Cedar Crest to come to the Interfaith Chapel and join us for a time of sharing our lives, worship and communion. RSVP to the Vicky in the Church Office: (973) 835-1144 (x11) and wear RED in celebration of Pentecost!

DAYTIME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FRC VISION & PROJECTS MAY 22 @ 2 PM IN BLUE ROOM:

As we cast a vision for the future ministry, mission and campus/building use of FRC, we have invited the congregation to give its input. We will share a direction we believe God is calling us, get your input and give some ideas we are considering for campus improvement projects.

RESERVE TICKETS NOW FOR SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP “Jesus” Oct. 13

Women’s Ministry and Congregational Life are sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound production of *Jesus* on Oct.13, 2018. The cost is \$80 per person and includes the ticket, bus and lunch at Shady Maple. Register on our website or make checks payable to: “Women’s Ministries.” Contact: Pauline McKeown 973 839-7281 or gpmcke@yahoo.com with questions.

PROPERTY TEAM SEEKS PROJECT LEADERS: The Property Team has new leadership with Mark Halliday now serving as Chairperson and is evolving the best model to get some campus projects done. The Team will now have a small group of people who meet occasionally to discern projects and manage

the Team budget. But, we will also have a larger list of people who manage one project through to completion. If you have interest in either serving on the Property Team or in being a Project Leader, please contact Mark Halliday at (973) 592-1111 or marhal@optonline.net

SPRING FLING! COME PLANT YOUR OWN CONTAINER GARDEN

May 21, 7:00 PM in Friendship Hall: Women’s Ministries invites you to plant your own small container garden. Bring your own 10-12 inch container, everything else is supplied. If you don’t have a container you may purchase one at the event. Tickets will be \$10 (per pot) and must be purchased in advance. Purchase on our website, and on May 13 & 20 after both services in Friendship Hall. Questions call Pauline McKeown 973 839-7281.

DISCOVER FRC & PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR, CHANGE OF DATE - Sunday, June 24, 11:15 – 12:30 PM:

On the last Sunday every other month, we offer guests the opportunity to join Pastor Kathleen and other leaders for a short session we call “Discover FRC.” This time, we are adding pizza and holding it in Grace Chapel. Anyone interested in hearing more about FRC, its values, vision, ministry & mission are invited to come. RSVP to office vicky@frc-pp.org

LAST DATE THIS SEASON TO WALK THE LABYRINTH Sunday May 27 from 6 – 9 p.m.(last entry is at 8:30 pm):

Come experience the calm and clarity that can be found with a walk on the labyrinth. Enter a quiet, tranquil setting imbued with flickering candlelight and soothing sounds. Find peace, healing, self-awareness, direction. . . .Come. Feel. Be.

Support



JEANS & BELTS DRIVE FOR KENTUCKY MISSION

TRIP: Male, female, adult, teen and child sizes will be accepted to support Grace Covenant Ministries.

There will be a collection box in Friendship Hall from May 20-June 17. If you do not have any jeans or

belts to contribute, please consider a monetary donation and we will purchase items. Contact is Sue Breznak 973-633-0259

VISIT THE WALL OF SUPPORT: Come and see the “Wall of Support” in Friendship Hal to help support the 23 youth & adults traveling to Nicaragua in July. Donors may choose an amount between \$1 and \$200.



HELP PLACE FLAGS IN THE CEMETERY: Meet at 9 A.M. on May 19th to help place flags on veteran’s graves for Memorial Day.

Children’s Ministry

PENGUINS CLASS– Field trip, Saturday, June 9th (rain date 6/16). Return permission slip and \$16 by May 20th.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION – June 3rd: Thirteen of our Spark Kidz will celebrate the next step in their faith journey by participating in Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper for the first time on June 3rd. Join us at the 10 AM service and at coffee hour for this special occasion.

Youth Ministry

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – May 20th at 10:00am: We’ll be confirming Brendan Geissel, Elijah Crefeld, and Phillip Lamoureux. Youth, parents and volunteers should plan to attend this special service. Sunday classes for youth will not be held on this day so that participants can attend the Confirmation service.

New Here? We're Open

We are 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 Learning & Service

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 worshiping 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 Ministry

We have a thriving ministry with 6th to 12th graders here at First Reformed Church. There are trips, retreats, service projects, and fun outings scheduled throughout the year. We have a very dedicated team that has been working with the youth for many years. The middle school program is called IGNITE, and the high school program is called F.U.S.E. The youth meet on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in middle school and high school classes. They also meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for FUEL youth group. Wednesday evening is a midweek opportunity to see your friends, learn and have fun.

Babies & Kidz Ministry

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. Our Spark Kidz program for children age 2 years to 5th grade begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary, where children attend the first 15 minutes of the service with their family and then are dismissed for their individual classes. There they explore the Bible through exciting hands-on multi-sensory lessons. Parents can pick up their children in their classrooms upstairs in the Ministry Center following the conclusion of our 10 AM service.

Prayers & Concerns

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Lillian Grimbilas, Ken's mother, passed away last Sunday. Cards to Ken & Nancy at 249 Sunset Rd., PP, and Jacque & Steve VandeVrede at 69 Mountain Ave., PP and Whitney & Joe Zeppetelli at 1 Elm Rd., PP.

Laura Piccoli and her family in the loss of her brother. Cards to Laura at 37 West William St, Lincoln Park -07035 and to her daughter, Jessica Luogameno at 40 West William St Lincoln Park 07035.

CONCERNS:

Candace (Jane Young's sister) who has a long-term illness and is now recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

Cris Bowsher, (Chad's father.) Recovering from a stroke. Prayers for health and steady recovery.

Mia, infant born with an infection. Prayers for recovery & healthy life.

Neil Van Koppen, friend of Linda Rooney, blood infection & congestive heart failure. Prayers for healing.

Joe Mushala, Jane Young's friend, prayers for healing.

Vincent Fasano, recuperating at home after lengthy hospital stay; weak but slowly regaining strength. Prayers for continued 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**, **Kevin Duffy**, **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).

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