

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

No matter who you are, you can find a place here. We are a generationally and socioeconomically diverse community. Some of us grew up in church and some have never been to church before. Some of us have loved church from the day we were born and some of us turned away from organizational religion, but are giving it another try. It's all here on one campus where we are learning to live and love like Jesus. And there's always room for one more. Consider joining us for one of our Discover FRC sessions after worship on the 4th Sunday every other month, with the next one Sept. 24th. There, you can learn more about our church, community and its mission. Glad you're here today. Let us know how we can serve you.

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

Come and join the growing youth ministry at FRC! Middle school and high school youth have lots of fun activities and programs available throughout the school year and summer. We offer fun outings, overnight retreats, service projects, mission trips, Bible studies, small groups, Confirmation, and more! Sunday morning classes are offered at 10:15 am. FUEL youth group meets on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Contact Dave Sippel, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, if you have any questions @ frcdave@optonline.net. Visit the website for more information.

BABIES & KIDZ MINISTRY

Our Spark Kidz program for children age 2 years to 5th grade begins at 10 AM 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 will explore the Bible through exciting hands-on multi-sensory lessons. Cooking with Jesus (grades K-2) and Disciple Me (grades 3-5) are offered at 7PM on the first Wednesday of the month. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available at both services in our newly renovated nursery.

Prayers & Concerns

WITH APPRECIATION:

"A sincere thank you to all those who sent cards, called, sent flowers and food during my hospital and rehab stay. It is a blessing to belong to such a great group of friends where concern and love for each other is shown. In loving thoughts, Fred (Bud) Muller"

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

For everyone affected by the shootings in **Las Vegas** last Sunday

Joe Mackawgy, passed away on Oct. 1 and a service was held Friday. Cards to his son & daughter Joey & Hayley at 8417 Sanctuary Boulevard, Riverdale, 07457

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Parents of Maggie Brenes, live in Puerto Rico. Maggie heard they are safe, but has not been able to communicate with them
Carol Ratz, diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer
The families in Mexico, prayers for food and shelter
Barb Engelbart, has returned home. Visitors welcome.
Susan Keys, Sharon Hollick's daughter, recovering from 2 surgeries
Joe Breznak, hospitalized and needs prayers for recovery of kidney function. Cards 4 Benjamin Place, Pequannock 07440

CHRONICALLY ILL:

Barbara Engelbart, **Kathy** (Sue Leonard's friend), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Michael Dionne** (Pat Lento's daughter in law's father), **Sue Purdue** (friend of Sue Hellyer & Pat Lento), **Jennifer Becker**, **Michael Barch**, **Gavin Brady**, **Blair Ludemann**, **Cheryl**, **Theresa Trumpore**, **Agnes Overbaugh** (Tom Edgley's sister), **Jim** (the Bundz's neighbor).

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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Sunday, October 8, 2017 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

We are created by God **in the image of God.**

All people are created by God **in the image of God.**

In our glorious differences, **we reflect the Holy face of God.**

All who gather in Christian worship—across country and world—**are brought near to God through Jesus.**

We are not Jew or Greek, **low class or high class,**
male or female, **gay or straight,**
black or white, **citizen or immigrant.**

We are one in Christ Jesus. We are made in God's image.

So let us love each other and worship our God with joy.

*OPENING HYMN #8 *(green bk)* "Gather Us In" *Lori Yost, Organist/Pianist*

READING Psalm 63:1-11

VOCAL DUET "I'm With You" *by Nichole Nordemann & Amy Grant*

Michele Crefeld & Amy Patterson, duet

DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY Acolyte Installation

*PASSING PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN #713 *(blue hymnal)* "Seek Ye First"

READING 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 & 1 Timothy 4:7

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Grow: Private Disciplines"

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

(Place donations along with completed Connection Cards in the offertory plate as it is passed or scan code to make a donation electronically)



*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN #426 *(blue book)* "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION

Today and This Week @ FRC

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY - FRC CHURCH DINNER IS NEXT FRIDAY AT THE BARNYARD CARRIAGE HOUSE, OCT 13 @ 6:30 PM! See insert in bulletin. Don't wait! You can also buy tickets on our website or in the church office

"LOVE GIFT"& SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR FOR OUR FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR, ELAINE BEDNAREK: Elaine has accepted another position and will be leaving our staff on Oct. 13. We will be collecting a love gift for her through October 15. You can place your gift in with the offering and label it in the memo line "Elaine". Mail or put offering in an envelope - Attn: Dolores Wagoner You can also donate thru the church website.

WELCOME TO FRC STAFF OUR NEW FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR, JANICE MIELARCZYK: Janice will begin work this week, training with Elaine Bednarek. She brings to FRC experience as an auditor for Price-Waterhouse and has a BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Janice is married, lives less than a mile from FRC, and has two children, one in High School and one who has graduated. She is a member of Good Counsel Catholic Church, serves as a Trustee for the church, and has led capital campaigns for OLG. Janice is also a distinguished Leader and National Spokesperson for Weight Watchers and will continue some of that work. God sent! We are grateful.

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR OCTOBER DESIGNATED TO CROP: (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty): CROP raises money to provide resources to empower people to overcome poverty. Additionally, a portion of the money raised is donated to local food pantries including the Pequannock Food Pantry.

NEW SHOW IN FRC-PP ART GALLERY FEATURES TERESA SIPPEL: Stop in this month and view the sketches by Teresa.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities

"THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION" BEGINS WED. OCT. 18-NOV. 8, 7-8:30

PM: Senior Pastor Emeritus Rev. Andy Rienstra will lead this discussion class on the book, "The Great Spiritual Migration" by author Brian McLaren, about a shift in the Christian faith. Sign up in Friendship Hall or on our website under "Adult Ministry." Books are not needed, but helpful. Books \$12 and Study Guide \$10. Both are available in Friendship Hall.

Mission Opportunities

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED FOR AFGHANISTAN ASYLEE FAMILY – We asked and you donated items. Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for the Afghani family seeking asylum who arrived Wednesday.

WITH APPRECIATION FOR OUR HURRICANE DONATIONS: "Our Texas community sends heartfelt thanks for your help in sending supplies to the people affected by Harvey. It brought much needed relief, support and supplies to many in need. It was very compassionate and kind of you and we are so appreciative and touched by your outpouring of love during a most difficult time. What a wonderful community you have in Pequannock!" Linda Rankin

ORDER SCRIP GIFT CARDS AND SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION: Now is a great time to order for the holidays. Orders will be accepted Sunday thru Sunday 10/29 for distribution on 11/5. Another opportunity will be offered 12/17. Order forms and a list of available cards are on the kiosk in Friendship Hall. The list of available cards is also on glscrip.com. Orders can be given to Eileen Bundz after the 8:30 service or left in the Youth Mission box in office. Any questions, please contact Eileen at bundzie@optonline.net or 973-476-2600 (phone or text)

SUPPORT THE GUATEMALA TRIP: The members of the Guatemala Mission Team are collecting Glow Sticks, Glow Balls and Glow Wands. The Glow products will be used as part of a Bible lesson given to over 200 children. They are available at Dollar Tree and many other stores. There is a box available in Friendship Hall to leave your donations. The collection will continue until Sunday October 15th. Thanks you for your support and prayers.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE FOR MARKET STREET MISSION THRU OCTOBER 15:

The Mission Team is sponsoring a winter coat drive for Market Street Mission of Morristown. Coats can be hung on the racks in Friendship Hall. Afterward, additional coats will be sent to Bessie Green at North Reformed in Newark.

TO ALL THOSE WHO KNIT OR CROCHET: We will continue to collect hats scarves and lap blankets. Place with the coats for distribution in Morristown or Newark.

CROP WALK IS OCTOBER 22ND REGISTER TODAY! The walk begins at Saint Joseph's Church in Lincoln Park at 1:15 p.m. Raise some money for CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) by walking 3 miles (1 mile route is also available). A portion of the monies raised from this walk support the Pequannock Food Pantry. Register for the FRC Pompton Plains team or sponsor a walker at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnparknj> or contact Eileen Bundz at Bundzie@optonline.net or 973-476-2600.

Participate - Events

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION (DIA DE LOS MUERTOS) OCTOBER 29 (RAIN DATE NOV. 5) AT 1 P.M. Join us to celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Bring a photo of your loved one to as we walk to the back of the cemetery where we will read names, write messages, which we will be offered up. Invite family and friends. Fill out the form or register online at www.firstreformedchurch.com. Gather at 12:45 p.m. in the rear Friendship Hall parking lot. Contact Steve & Liz Lyon shambuti@aol.com or 973-686-0433.

BLESSING OF THE PETS OCT. 19, 6:30 PM GRACE CHAPEL: Many people love their pets as though they were family members who give unconditional love. Bring your pets (non-biting) for a blessing.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS ON FRC'S VISION FOR OUR CHURCH: Mon., Oct. 30 @ 7:30 PM in FH AND/OR Sun., Nov. 19 @ 11:45 AM in Friendship Hall.

Spark Kidz

SPARK KIDZ BUDDIES: Buddies are needed to assist a few of our specially abled elementary aged Spark Kidz during our Sunday morning class time. Special education experience a plus, but not required. *Contact Janet at chardavoyne5@gmail.com if you feel called to this ministry.*

WORLD VISION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 29: Our Spark Kidz classes will be celebrating the 14th birthday of Aracelly, our World Vision sponsored child from Bolivia. Children are encouraged to bring a special birthday offering for Aracelly as well as other small items we can mail to her such as socks, hair ties & stickers.

Middle School & High School

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS – Reservations are available online.

- **Ultimate Frisbee –** Sunday, October 15th. 3pm to 5pm at the Boy's and Girl's Club. Bring a water bottle and athletic shoes.
- **Fall Retreat at Spruce Lake Camp –** November 10th to 12th. High ropes course, field games, campfire and carpet ball!!! Theme? ROOTED
- **Laser Tag Lock-In –** November 17th. Laser One in Wantage. 10pm Friday to 7am Saturday. Bring a friend. \$45.00.