

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every other month, with the next one Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

**John Jennings**, Sharon Little's dad, is having hip replacement surgery on Oct. 20

**Bette Valle**, Rich's mom, prayers for healing from surgery and good test results. Cards to 25 Greenview Dr. Pequannock, 07440

**Joe Breznak**, hospitalized and needs prayers for recovery of kidney function. Cards 4 Benjamin Place, Pequannock 07440

**Donald**, prayers for wisdom, love & tolerance

### CHRONICALLY ILL:

**Carol Ratz**, **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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# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, October 15, 2017 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING MUSIC

INTROIT "Morning Hymn" by Michael Helman

Handbell Choir, Director, John Hellyer

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God!**

God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God!**

God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.

**Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us. AMEN.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #793 (blue bk) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Traci Bopp, Organist/Pianist

## READING

CHORAL ANTHEM "Look at the World" by John Rutter

Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director

BAPTISMS Luna Celeste Sarria, daughter of Danny Sarria & Jillian Blanco

Jaxon Mateo Sarria, son of Danny Sarria & Jillian Blanco

Christopher Richard Lotito, son of Christopher & Eve Lotito

Addison Everdeen De Couto, daughter of Micah & Donelle De Couto

\*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

SONG #79 (green bk) "Lord, Let Me Heart Be Good Soil"

READING James 1:2-4

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Grow: Pivotal Circumstances"

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

(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 #630 (blue bk) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

## Today and This Week @ FRC

**NURSERY REDEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE TODAY AT 11:15 A.M.:** Come see how the new flooring, paint, ceiling tiles, lighting and furnishings have come together to create this beautiful new space.

**YOUTH GROUP – ULTIMATE FRISBEE** – Today from 3pm to 5pm at the field behind the Boy's and Girl's Club. Bring a water bottle and athletic shoes.

**"LOVE GIFT" 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." We also have a basket in Friendship Hall to collect...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. God sent! We are grateful.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS THURS. 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.

## Thank You

**THANK YOU TO THE AUTUMN DINNER COMMITTEE:** We had a fantastic time Friday night at the FRC Autumn Dinner and Tricky Tray. The committee poured themselves into making that happen. What can we say other than, "We are grateful!"

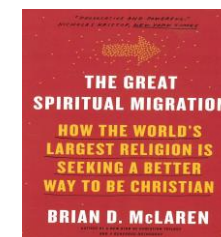
**THANK YOU TO GENE MCKEOWN WHO IS STEPPING DOWN AS PROPERTY**

**CHAIRMAN** – We don't thank our volunteer leaders enough and want to make sure we do that better. So, thank you to Gene McKeown who has led the Property Team for the past five years. Gene led the completion of whole bunch of repairs & maintenance projects, the restoration of our three historical buildings, working with Morris County Township, and the connection of three town/church sewer hookups. Gene has agreed to lead the organization and execution for some major projects following a potential Capital Campaign in 2018. Thank Gene if you see him today!

## Adult Enrichment Opportunities

**REV. ANDY RIENSTRA TO TEACH - "THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION" BEGINS**

**THIS 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

**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](http://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](mailto:bundzie@optonline.net) or 973-476-2600 (phone or text)

**CROP WALK IS OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:Bundzie@optonline.net) or 973-476-2600.

## Participate – Events

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PROGRAM COMING UP:** On Tues., Nov. 14 at 7 P.M. in Friendship Hall, come spend your evening with us to learn firsthand how young children are being trafficked and how ordinary people can help. Free program but you must sign up for admission [cpfh1703.eventbrite.com](http://cpfh1703.eventbrite.com)

**REDEDICATION OF THE GILES MANDEVILLE HOUSE ON OCTOBER 29 AT 11:15**

**A.M.:** Join us as we celebrate the completion of the construction on the Friendly Manse. The Manse was built in 1788 and the exterior has been restored by funds from a grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Board and The First Reformed Church.



**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](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com). Gather at 12:45 p.m. in the rear Friendship Hall parking lot. Contact Steve & Liz Lyon [shambuti@aol.com](mailto:shambuti@aol.com) or 973-686-0433.

**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.

**CRAFTERS WANTED FOR OUR FALL CRAFT FAIR:** Now is the time to reserve your table (\$35) for our fair on November 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Applications are in the office and on our website.

## Spark Kidz

**WORLD VISION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 29:** Our Spark Kidz classes will be celebrating the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **Middle & High School Youth - Fall Retreat at Spruce Lake Camp** – November 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. High ropes course, field games, campfire and carpet ball!! Theme? ROOTED
- **Laser Tag Lock-In** – November 17<sup>th</sup>. Laser One in Wantage. 10pm Friday to 7am Saturday. Bring a friend. \$45.00.
- **Nicaragua Mission Trip** – July 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider paying your \$100 deposit online.