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 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 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

LEAVING WITH OUR BLESSING

This morning in the second service, we will pray God's blessing on **Emil and Debbie Pinto**, as they move this week to Florida.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

Dylan Irwin, recovering with head trauma from an accident. Cards to 154 Mountain Ave, PP

Debbie Priestner who had a kidney transplant this past week. 17 Hartung Ave. Riverdale 07457.

Joe Breznak, upcoming back surgery on Sept. 11. Cards 4 Benjamin Place, Pequannock 07440

Liam Quinn, prayers for guidance

Bud Muller, healing from broken bones & is in rehab. Cards to 8 Atwood Avenue, PP

Barbara Engelbart, is in rehab with health concerns. Cards to 64 Hopper Ave., PP

George Miller, has been moved to rehab. Cards to 49 Third St., Pequannock 07440

CHRONICALLY ILL: 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, Walter Pivetz, George Greig, Agnes Overbaugh (Tom Edgley's sister), Jim (the Bundz's neighbor.



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WELCOME TOWORSHIP

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, September 10, 2017 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

INTROIT "The Maker" Lila Finigan, Nicholas Finigan, Lilah Hudson, Samuel Hudson, Jack Mc Burney, Rose Mc Burney, Autumn Rosen, Aiden Rosen, Cade Sippel, vocalists

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN & KIDS PROCESSION #225 (blue hymnal) "Come, Christians, Join to Sing!" Traci Bopp, Organist/Pianist

BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS & KIDS

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

READING Hebrews 3:1-4 NRSV

CHORAL ANTHEM "The House We Build for the Lord"

Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director by Jay Althouse & Sally Albrecht

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

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

HYMN #429(blue hymnal) "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs.1

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:13-17 (NRSV)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Different: Engage" Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

FAMILY BLESSING Emil & Debbie Pinto

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

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN #3 (blue hymnal) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*BENEDICTION





KICK-OFF KIDS & YOUTH FAMILIES DESSERT IN GRACE CHAPEL AFTER 10 AM: Today after the 10 a.m. service, children, youth and parents are invited over to Grace Chapel to meet the leaders that work with your kids. Parents can pick up the calendar of events being offered this year and enjoy a little dessert and coffee.

RENOVATED NURSERY OPEN HOUSE & REDEDICATION TODAY: Come and see how new flooring, paint, ceiling tiles, lighting, and furnishings have come together to create a beautiful new space. Thanks to the following for their work on this: Kerri Palen & Janet Chardavoyne who registered and collected items, the men's group who traveled together to Guatemala who installed the new ceiling, to Dave Sippel who did most the renovation work himself, saving us thousands of dollars, and to Jerry Little for guidance and skilled carpentry.

Adult Enrichment

DISCOVER FRC - Sun., Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Church House Ministry Center Blue Room: Over the summer, we have had a lot of guests check out our worship. While you get a glimpse of what the church is about by attending, here is an opportunity to find out more – our staff, values, programs, campus and vision. Sign up in Friendship Hall or on our website under, "About Us." If you need childcare, contact the office 973-835-1144 x11.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH - Wed., Sept. 27 – Oct 11 from 7 – 8:30 PM Explore the Christian Faith. Week 1) The person of Jesus; Week 2) The credibility of the Bible; and Week 3) Building blocks of personal faith.. Sign up in Friendship Hall or on our website under "Adult Ministry."

Mission Events

JOIN US ON OUR GUATEMALAN MISSION TRIP: A co-ed group will be traveling October 19-25, 2017 to work with Randall and Jackie Darby in their ministry. While not confirmed, we will most likely be working on a village project outside of Guatemala City. Flight reservations are being made, so let us know ASAP if you are interested. Limited to 12 persons. Contact Bonnie Holmes at blholmes@optonline.net ASAP.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WED., OCT 4TH AT 6 PM PROGRAM: The Health and Wellness Team invites you to join us on October 4th for dinner and guest speaker. Dr. Sacco is a board certified surgeon affiliated with Morristown, Overlook and Chilton Medical Centers. She will discuss and update us on breast health. Dinner & program will be held in Grace Chapel at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 and tickets will be available after each service starting September 17th.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES VICTORIAN TEA ON SUN., SEPT 24 @ NOON IN GRACE

CHAPEL: All women of the church along with friends and relatives are invited to a Victorian Tea to be held Sunday, September 24th in Grace Chapel. In addition to having tea sandwiches, tea and dessert, there will be a program "From Corsets to Calling Cards". It will be an interactive program about dress and decorum in Victorian America and feature storyteller/actress Laurie Gaulke. Cost is \$3.00. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

JOIN US FOR FRC CHURCH DINNER & TRICKY TRAY AT THE BARNYARD **CARRIAGE HOUSE!** You are invited to attend the Church Dinner and Tricky Tray,

Oct 13th 6:30 - 10:30 pm. Tickets are available in the church office and in the back of each worship space after both services. Tickets (\$75 each) can be purchased by using a credit card. We hope you can attend as we continue to encourage people to become connected in the congregation. A number of people from outside of the church will be attending and are interested in learning more about FRC, its members and activities

HURRICANE HARVEY & IRMA RELIEF EFFORTS (see insert) - FRC is collecting funds to be distributed to Hurricane victims. Make your check out to "First Reformed Church" and note: "Hurricanes."

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER & BUILD DATE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with families in need. Our Mission Team has scheduled a Habitat build date on October 7. Please contact Pauline McKeown for sign up or further information 973-839-7281 gpmcke@yahoo.com

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE FOR MARKET STREET MISSION October 1 – October 15 The Mission Team will once again sponsor a winter coat drive for Market Street Mission of Morristown, a ministry supported by our congregation. Coats should be hung on the racks in Friendship Hall starting October 1. Following the Market Street mission drive any other 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. They can be placed with the coats for distribution in Morristown or Newark.

CROP WALK IS OCTOBER 22ND - Meet 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. Look forward to walking with you!

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to serve approximately once every 6 weeks in our newly renovated nursery. You would be working with our paid nursery staff. If you can help at our 8:30 or 10 AM service, please contact Janet at chardavoyne5@gmail.com for more details.

NICARAQUA MISSION TRIP STOCKHOLDER'S DINNER - Sun., Sept. 17 @ 6 p.m. Friendship Hall: Thank you to the congregation for supporting the high school summer mission trip to Nicaragua. Special thanks to Stockholders who purchased "shares" to fund the trip. Stockholders are invited to attend a special dinner where team members will share stories and photos from the trip. RSVP to Dave Sippel at frcdave@optonline.net



Support

Spark Kidz

ART GALLERY FEATURES SIZZLING SUMMER SPARK KIDZ & NURSERY KIDZ

Our September gallery features artwork based on things kids see in the summer that remind them of God and His wonderful creations. Be sure to stop by to see all their colorful artistic interpretations.

Middle School & High School