

News From the Pews

REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE

Inside this issue:

<i>What's New?</i>	1
<i>Pastor's Pen, Worship & Music</i>	2
<i>What's New?</i>	3
<i>What's New?</i>	4
<i>Favorite Recipes</i>	5
<i>Church Info, Odds & Ends, Birthdays & Anniversaries</i>	6
<i>Education, Property</i>	7
<i>Dates to Remember</i>	8

What's New?

Irma Krohn- What have I done this summer – well I have a motto “I am so busy doing nothing I don’t have time!” Well, it has been busy here on the farm for Jean & Richard along with Granddaughter Amanda keeping the grass mowed. But I do enjoy seeing the green grass. Our resident Mama deer had twins again this year but its always a worry because for some reason they seem to have to cross the road. It is a challenge to outsmart the raccoons and their nightly garbage raids! We see our great grandson, Nicolas at least one day a week. He enriches our lives and keeps us entertained when he is here. There was no celebration for our birthdays this year. Hans on the 3rd of August and mine the 4th maybe next year we will do 2 parties! I can’t wait until COVID 19 is gone and we will be back to normal. I’m missing everyone. Calls and support from Family and Friends are more important than ever and I am so blessed and thankful them. Special thanks to, Pastor David, Madeline and many others.



The Uchno Family - With our pool club being closed and some very hot days, our day trips often involved a search for a place to swim that was crowd free. Two of our favorite spots were Popamora Point in the Highlands and Lake Oswego in the Pine Barrens. We have also spent quite a bit of time wandering and exploring our local parks. One of our newest finds is the beautiful Sayen House and Gardens in Hamilton Square.

The Sanicola Family - We had a great time in Michigan with our family and did lots of things like roasting marshmallows.



Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

After reading through some of your summer adventures, I realized I haven't told you what I've been up to. The first thing I did was learn how to do online worship, which has hopefully progressed since the first week of quarantine. We've recently changed things up with the offering of in person worship.

I've tried biking in my tv room and on the roads. I have a trainer device that I use to prop up my bike's rear wheel and exercise indoors. As the weather grew warmer, I took to the Henry Hudson Trail and Throckmorton Road. I even explored the paths of the Monmouth County Battlefield. As the weather grew even warmer, I biked less and floated (and swam a few laps) in a friend's swimming pool.

From August 24-31 I will be visiting family in Illinois outside Chicago. It's been a year since I have seen my family. Usually my sister, Diane, and I celebrate birthdays together (8/1 and 8/16 birth days). That didn't happen this year. Maybe we'll share a cake again while I'm visiting. My Dad will be having hip replacement surgery while I am home, prayers are appreciated. I plan to isolate when I return to make sure I didn't catch anything on the trip.

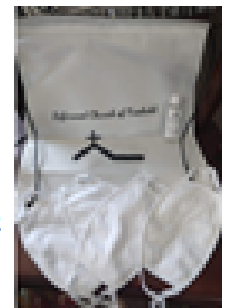
It has been good to see some faces in worship again. I value our connection and community, even at a distance. I look forward to the time when we can share stories in person again.

Peace,
Pastor David



Worship and Music

This Spring and Summer has been an interesting time for the Reformed Church of Freehold. In person worship has resumed thanks to the members of the reopening committee and their commitment to keeping everyone who enters the building safe and healthy. A number of safety items have been purchased through Action Team funds from Thrivent. These items include hand sanitizer machines, wall mounted soap dispensers, non contact door openers for the bathrooms (it's a good way to work on your quad muscles), disinfectant, and cleaning supplies for both the sanctuary and the surface areas around the building. Additionally, welcome back kits were prepared for members that include masks and hand sanitizer.



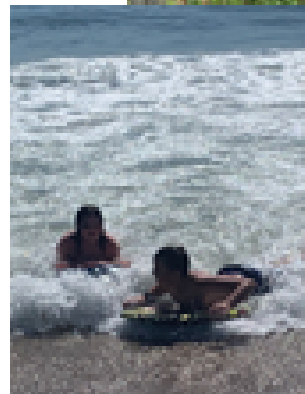
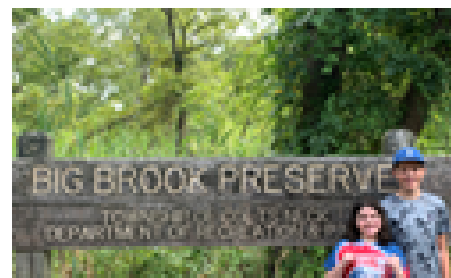
Dr. John Garvin is joining us as organist through mid September. John will be providing service music to enhance the worship services. As we know, there is much debate around the idea of singing in worship. The reopening committee will continue discussions about the safety of bringing back our beloved hymns to our worship services as we move into the fall, but at this time the committee with support of Consistory has removed hymnals from the sanctuary and removed congregational singing from our services. While this is a difficult decision, please know it was made with the best interest of our church family at heart.

On November 15, Gramercy Brass and Friends will be presenting the second concert in our Events@FreeholdReformed series. This concert will benefit Town Clock CDC, and their mission of providing safe, affordable permanent housing and services for victims of domestic violence. More information will be forthcoming about this event.

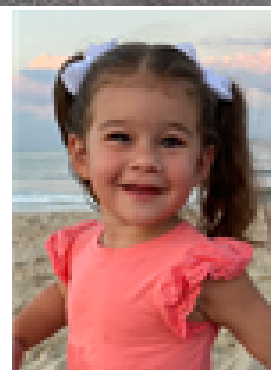
What's New?

The Redmond Family – We survived Tropical Storm Isaias with no major damage. We just had some huge tree limbs to remove after the storm. Unfortunately, the wind blew over the power line pole to our house and we had no power for 4 days. We are now the proud owners of a portable generator!

Jack has been playing a lot of baseball with his team and Jules is becoming quite good at video games. We took a trip to the beach and went to Big Brook Preserve to do some fossil hunting. We spent the day wading through the creek looking for millions of year old sea creatures in Marlboro. We were able to find some prehistoric clam shells, squid, sharks teeth, and even a bone of some sort but we have no idea how old it could be. For all we know it could be from a squirrel.



The Fox's- The Foxes are enjoying lots of Scrabble & family visits, especially time spent with Olivia & Theodore! Susan is busy organizing a drive up bridal shower for daughter Elizabeth whose shower & wedding were postponed due to Covid. Missing friends at Freehold Reformed & at CNRC, but enjoying the online services.



The Seifert Family- We had a week of fun at a cabin on a lake near Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. We had lots of fun swimming, fishing, hiking and boating. Aidan learned how to kayak (by himself) and is quite good at it. Addison led everyone on our hike up Mount Major which had great views overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee.



John Lambert & Lee Ann Newland- During the month July, Lee Ann is usually in the beautiful mountains of Northern Vermont as part of the music coaching faculty of the Vermont Music and Arts Chamber Music Festival (VMAC). This summer, because the festival was canceled, we stayed home organizing the "Virtual Edition" of our 16th Annual Gramercy Brass Band Camp which took place from Aug 3-9.

One hundred fifteen registered participants (mostly young school band students) joined us from all over the NY/NJ area, and as far away as California, Canada and the UK. Because of the time difference, our recorded daily zoom conferences are being made available to our friends in Australia and Tasmania. Our first ever "Virtual Edition" certainly drew a vast audience, and we learned many things about "how to," and "how not to" operate in the virtual world.

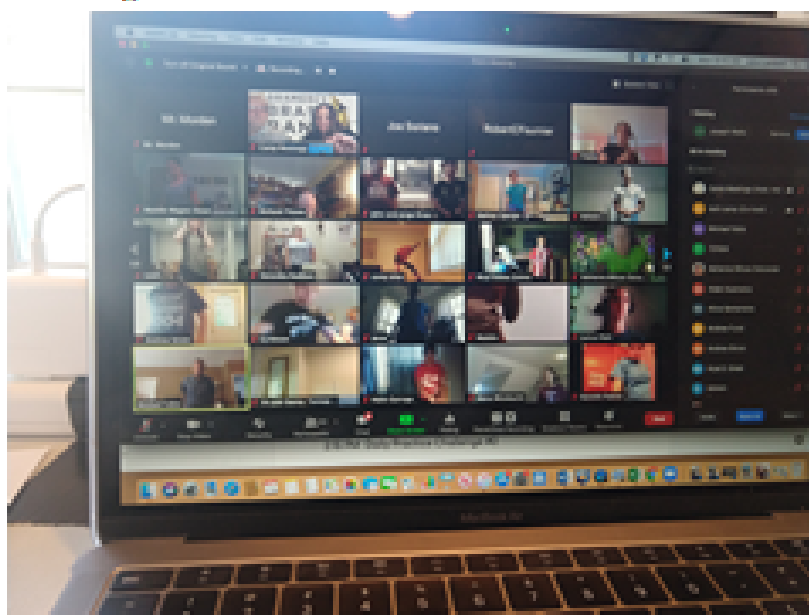
Each day was filled with instrumental warm up sessions, rehearsal classes, and guest artist visits. On Tuesday, during a session with a performer Zooming in from Vienna, Austria, we were hit with a massive storm that knocked out power for 24 hours. Try running a virtual music institute with no power!!! The Good Lord provided, and we were able to continue with a little help from our friends.

Its difficult to put your finger on one highlight of the week as there were so many. However, Gramercy Brass Band Camp 2020 saluted the 100th Birthday of American Music Icon, Dave Brubeck with a guest appearance from Dave's son, composer and trombonist, Christopher Brubeck. Chris offered story after story about his famous dad and reminisced about the musical family he grew up in. Gramercy Brass Orchestra of NY (presenter of Gramercy Brass Band Camp) recorded a CD of all Brubeck music in 2007. We closed our sessions by listening to selections of this recorded music, narrated by Chris Brubeck.

In the coming weeks, Gramercy Brass Band Camp will release three pieces of music which were recorded during the course of the week. "At the River," in tribute to Aaron Copland's 120th birthday, and the ever popular "Take 5" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk," both Dave Brubeck compositions. AM New York published a nice story. here's the link: <https://www.amny.com/music/gramercy-brass-orchestra-to-host-annual-summer-camp-online-for-free-in-august/>



Clinician, Jon Sass



Tuba player from Vienna giving a Masterclass at Gramercy Brass Band Camp

Favorite Recipes

Tomato Zucchini Casserole-Submitted by Amy Craven

1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese

1/3 cup parmesan cheese

1/2 teaspoon oregano

1/2 teaspoon basil

2 cloves of garlic, minced

Salt and pepper to taste

2 medium zucchinis, thinly sliced

5 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

1/4 cup butter

2 tablespoons chopped onion

3/4 cup breadcrumbs

1. Preheat Oven to 375 degrees; butter a 9x9 inch baking dish

2. Mix the following in a bowl: Cheese Mixture: 1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese; 1/3 parmesan cheese; 1/2 tsp. oregano; 1/2 tsp. basil; 2 cloves garlic, minced; pinch of salt & pepper.

3. Thinly slice 2 medium zucchini and 5 plum tomatoes.

4. Arrange 1/2 the zucchini slices in the bottom of the baking dish; sprinkle with 1/4 of the cheese mixture; layer 1/2 the sliced tomatoes; sprinkle with 1/4 of the cheese mixture and repeat until finished.

5. Bread crumb topping: Melt 1/4 cup butter in a small skillet; add 2 tablespoons of finely chopped onion; cook until onions are soft; stir in 3/4 cup breadcrumbs. Sprinkle on top.

6. Bake for 45 minutes covered loosely with foil; remove foil and bake another 15 minutes until top is browned.



Mulled Apple Cider-Submitted by Helen McKenzie



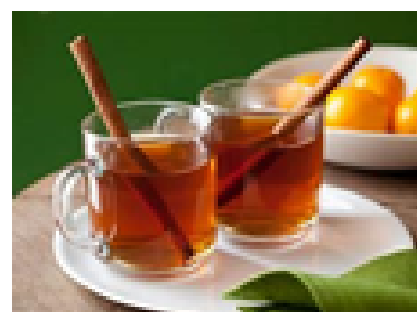
2 quarts apple juice or sweet Cider

1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

1 cinnamon stick

1 teaspoon whole allspice

1 Teaspoon whole cloves



Mix apple juice (or cider) and sugar in a large saucepan; add spices. Heat mixture slowly over low heat to simmering. Cover saucepan and simmer for 20 minutes; strain and serve hot with a cinnamon stick in each mug. Store in a glass container, covered and refrigerated.

Pumpkin Whip Dip-Submitted by Lauren Redmond

1 package (3.4 ounces) instant butterscotch pudding mix

1-1/2 cups cold milk

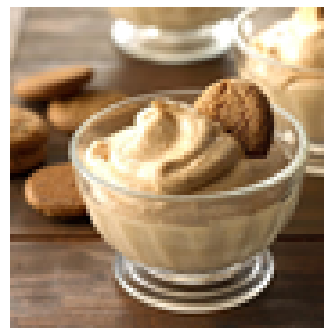
1 cup canned pumpkin

1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

1-1/2 cups whipped topping

Gingersnaps, optional

In a large bowl, beat pudding and milk until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Blend in pumpkin and pie spice. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into dessert dishes. Chill. Garnish with gingersnaps if desired.



Reformed Church of Freehold

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 5

67 W. Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 462-1717

Pastor—David Groeneveld
dkgroeneveld@comcast.net

Organist/Choir Director—Bill Starsinic

Secretary—Lauren Redmond
office@freeholdreformed.org

Treasurer—Joe Perez

CONSISTORY 2020

Lorraine Yoncak – V.P., alt. Classis Delegate

Bill Barth—Classis Delegate

Helen McKenzie—Hospitality & Congregational Care

Lorraine Yoncak—Buildings & Grounds

Lee Ann Newland—Worship & Music

Wilfred Ojo—Human & Financial Resources

Bill Barth—Missions & Benevolences

Barb Lyon—Fellowship

Gabrielle Uchno—Education

Michael Polifka—Worship & Music

Odds and Ends

Food Certificates

An easy way to support the church is by buying food gift certificates and it won't cost you a dime! The church earns 5% on every dollar you spend. It's a win-win. We have cards for ShopRite and Stop and Shop. See Susan Vilagi after church or stop in the office.

Flowers

If you would like to have flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one or event, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the lobby. The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to "Reformed Church of Freehold" and write "flowers" in the memo.

Secretary's Hours

Our secretary is here from 8:15 am -11:15 am Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Hours are subject to change as needed. As always, please feel free to contact Lauren at the office ahead of time to arrange to come in.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Melissa Polifka
- 4 Amy Craven
- 5 Pat McCullough
- 6 Sheri Mallow
- 9 Ann Serafin
- 21 Michael Polifka
- 23 Autumn Perez
- 24 The Uchno's
- 29 Nicole Ringwald
- 31 Carol Bateman

OCTOBER

- 2 The Carrig's
- 4 Jack Redmond
- 5 Bill Barth
- 9 The Seifert's
- 10 Rebecca Seifert
- 13 Michael Murphy
- 17 Catherine Delhagen
- 22 Hans & Irma Krohn
- 24 Jill Moore
- 25 Ada Freeman
- 31 Jean Krohn



Education

Sunday School will remain exclusively on Zoom. However, now that we are able to gather for worship in person again, Zoom Sunday School has been moved to 1 pm.

We were very grateful to be able to keep up our weekly Zoom meet ups over the summer. A big thank you to Pastor David and our summer volunteers for making this possible. For the first six weeks we enjoyed a Vacation Bible School program called "Great and Small" Guide to the Most Okayest Summer Ever" by the SALT Project. Our youth deepened their faith and connection to God through lessons, songs and thoughtful conversations. They were also encouraged to open their eyes to the beauty that surrounds them daily and the simple pleasures that only the summer season offers. Most relevant and useful when trying to figure out what summer fun means during the Coronavirus pandemic and Tropical Storm Isaias!

This fall, we would like to give our families time to adjust to this very different academic school year. For this reason, we will continue Zoom Storytime until September 13th. We will have Sept 20th off and then we will kick off our regular Sunday School year via a special Zoom on Sept 27th. In October we will return to the Sparkhouse curriculum. Our younger class will meet on the first and third Sundays of the month and our older class will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. For months with five Sundays, both classes will meet together that week. We look forward to seeing everyone!

We would also like to resume our School Kits for the Needy Project, which was put on hold during Lent due to the Coronavirus. Church World Service is asking for very specific items for their kits. If you would like to help, please contact Lauren at the main office for more information. Donations are due back by September 27th. You will find our donation box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for helping children in need have a successful school year.

Last but certainly not least, in this time of virtual meetups we would also like to extend a big thank you to Lorraine and Rich Yoncak for bringing canoes and kayaks out to Lake Topanemus twice this summer and giving us a wonderful reason to have two fun socially distant in person meet ups! It was great to enjoy the outdoors and see those who could make it!



Property



We are beginning some maintenance on the Church Building. We will soon have a new side door installed. The painting of exterior windows, doors, railings, trim and foundation is also contracted. We expect that work to be done late summer thru early fall. We hope to get new front doors before winter also.

We have also been doing property maintenance, plumbing repairs, and installed wall mounted hand sanitizers, soap dispensers and towel dispensers.

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

67 W. Main Street

Freehold NJ 07728

Phone: 732-462-1717

Email:

office@freeholdreformed.org

Website:

www.freeholdreformed.org

DEMONSTRATING GOD'S
RECONCILING LOVE

Dates to Remember

September		October	
6 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Story Time 1 PM, Zoom	4 Sunday	Communion Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Zoom 1 PM, Younger Class
7 Monday	Happy Labor Day!	11 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Zoom 1 PM, Older Class
8 Tuesday	Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM Zoom Meeting	12 Monday	Columbus Day
13 Sunday	Communion Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Story Time 1 PM, Zoom	13 Tuesday	Consistory, 6:30 PM Zoom Meeting
20 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM No Sunday School Zoom	18 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Zoom 1 PM, Younger Class
27 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Rally, 1 PM, Zoom	25 Sunday	Worship, 10 AM Sunday School Zoom 1 PM, Older Class