

News From the Pews

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REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE

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Fellowship

Thank you to the many helping hands that came together to get our garden off to a great start and our faithful waterers who have kept it going! It appears that a little critter has been making it difficult though by decapitating many of our bean and cucumber seedlings before they even had a chance. More cucumbers and beans seeds were planted to replace the ones lost. A big thanks to Sharon for donating some more mature cucumber plants from her garden. We are celebrating that our tomato plants are growing well and are very excited that some watermelon seeds have sprouted. It is also fun to hear how the children of CALM Academy have found delight in watching the garden grow. Anyone is welcome to stop by the garden and take home some chamomile, basil, or strawberries since these are not something we can donate to Open Door and they are in plentiful supply. This will be first come first serve. Also, if you are interested in helping out by watering, please let Gabrielle Uchno know.

Fellowship Hour will be hosted next on July 16. Join us outside for cookies and lemonade. We would like to try hosting a coffee hour every other week and are looking for volunteers. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lobby. Thank you in advance for helping us to gather for fellowship more often.

We also are planning an activity for our youth and anyone else who would like to join on Saturday, August 19. Tubing on the Delaware! Most likely, we will be using a company close to Frenchtown called Big Bear Gear River Tubing. Stay tuned for more information!



Senior Trip



The seniors had a lovely day traveling, touring and eating out on Wednesday, June 14th. We traveled to Highlands, NJ for a guided tour of the Twin Lights Historical Site. We learned about the security the twin lights provided for the ships traveling to/from Sandy Hook, Ellis Island and New York city, the lens used, as well as rescue missions. Afterward we went to lunch at a nearby restaurant. The Lord kept us safe and well throughout the day. All had a good time!

Pastor's Pen



Bill Freeman and his family have remembered Ada Freeman with a memorial gift of new doors to greet us as we enter the sanctuary from Main Street. Thank you for the addition of this great asset to our church.

Ada Schanck Freeman lived in Freehold for most of her adult life and was a lifelong member of The Reformed Church of Freehold. Actively involved in the church throughout her life, she is remembered fondly for her spirit, energy, and commitment. Ada is missed by her husband William, sons, F. Gilday, Kevin B., Glenn A., and the entire extended family.

These doors are built to last with a strong aluminum frame that incorporates the lovely stained glass transom above the door and aluminum composite doors that will withstand all kinds of weather. For Michael Alberts, the contractor on the job, installing the doors was a labor of love. Michael enjoys adding to the beauty and preservation of historic buildings and houses of worship. A word of thanks to Tom Moore for adding a coat of paint to the window frame, prepping it for many more years above our new welcoming doors.

These doors provide a new and fresh welcome to those entering our historic place of worship. It is the people who make a congregation a church and the welcome we extend is another great asset. Don't forget to be a part of our church's welcome by offering everyone warm smiles, a welcoming handshake, and an encouraging word.

Thank you to everyone who gave memorial gifts in memory of Ada.

Peace,
Pastor David

Community Arts Center of Freehold

Our own Andrew Rosenkilde, pianist, and friends will present an evening of Jazz supporting the Community Arts Center of Freehold youth programs on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7 PM in our Sanctuary. Tickets are available for \$20 and can be purchased at the door or by leaving your name at the church office. Please reach out to Lee Ann Newland or John Lambert with any questions. A light reception will follow the program.

Education

Summer Sunday School will have an associated craft for each Sunday. Teachers can select which craft they wish to do and write down which one they selected on the list in the Sunday School room. If they need help gathering materials for the craft, they are to ask me for help prior to the Sunday. Extra crafting materials are available in the room behind the Sunday School room. The craft/lesson plans will continue until Labor Day weekend. A few dates are still available if people wish to sign up to help.

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Odds and Ends

Communion Offering

On the first Sunday of the month we collect items for **Open Door** which can be left in the church Narthex. Monetary gifts are accepted at any time and can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark “Open Door” on your envelope.

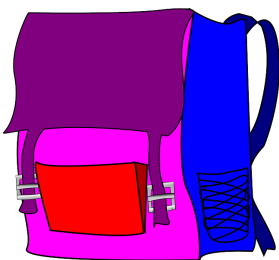
Flowers

If you would like to have flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one or event, please contact the church office. The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to: “Reformed Church of Freehold” and write “flowers” in the memo.

Secretary’s Hours

Our secretary work’s mostly from home in the summer. She will continue to check and answer emails during the week. In case of emergency Lauren’s cell number is 732-766-5147.

Open Door



The Mission Committee has graciously accommodated a Freehold Area Open Door request to sponsor backpacks for local students during August. Backpacks will be collected at the church on Sundays beginning in July and ending on August 20, 2023, for distribution at Open Door. If you cannot get to the store to purchase a backpack but would like to help, your mission envelope or money earmarked "Backpacks" can be left at the church or in the offering plate on Sundays, and we will purchase backpacks to donate.

Thank you in advance for your help with this project! Please see John Lambert, FAOD liaison, if you have any questions.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY: 1 Tom Bateman, 4 Michael Murphy, 12 Sue Schmazel, 13 Kevin Goetz, 23 Ashley Biddle
27 The Newland/Lamberts, 28 Joel Uchno, 31 Carol Bateman

AUGUST: 1 Richard Biddle, 1 David Groeneveld, 3 Hans Krohn, 13 Melissa Dey
20 Joyce Ojo, 22 Kyle Dey, 23 Sarah Sanicola, 25 Bill Biddle



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Dates to Remember

JULY

2 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
4 Tuesday Happy 4th of July!
9 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
16 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Fellowship Hour
23 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
30 Sunday Worship, 10 AM

AUGUST

6 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
8 Tuesday Evening of Jazz, 7 PM
10 Thursday Consistory Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
13 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
19 Saturday Delaware River Tubing
20 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Fellowship
27 Sunday Worship, 10 AM