

News From the Pews

REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD
 DEMONSTRATING GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE

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Pastor's Pen

The new year is a time to review the previous year and look toward the future. I did some review work in preparation for the Freehold Borough Candle Light Tour, but instead of going back one year, this review went back 179 years. The plan was to present an updated version of our 175th anniversary slide show at the walking tour. Despite a back up system, technology failed me the night of the tour. Our guests did see some of the show, and Nolan Higgins and Kevin Coyne shared stories of the Vredenburgh family from the Reformed Church of Freehold.

The current slides I added to the presentation included some of the following: school supply collection, food drive for Casa Freehold, vegetable plants for Open Door, charity concerts, music camp, outdoor Sunday School events, and even a Zoom Christmas pageant. Throughout the 175 years I see themes of witnessing to Christ's love through community service, arts, and caring for each other. Looking forward we will continue to build on these strengths. One specific plan is to build on our care for one another. The consistory wants to offer a chance for regular check in calls between members. If you would appreciate a regular check-in call, or are willing to make some calls, please let the church office know. A call plan will then be developed. Let us continue to care for one another as we look toward our future together.

Peace,
 Pastor David

Reformed Church Home Angel Tree

Every December the Reformed Church of Freehold sets out an Angel Tree with gift tags, each representing a gift to be bought for one of the residents of the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge. This year we contacted the Home and they said they were actually in need of particular unwrapped items for those living in the Isolation and Rehabilitation Units. Through a Thrivent Action Team and your generous donations we were able to deliver one large blanket, six men's shower kits, ten portable radios, four sweatshirts, six women's sweaters, and many assorted toiletries. We also gave the home a large assortment of crafts that we had downstairs. The staff at the Reformed Church Home were blown away by all of the items and want to send their sincere thanks to all of you for remembering their residents this year.



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Bill Barth– Missions & Benevolences
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Sharon Sanicola–Education
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Odds and Ends

Communion Offering

On the first Sunday of the month we collect items for **Open Door**.

These items 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 check or envelope.

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 in the office from 8:15 AM –11:45 AM on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. 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.

Property

On November 21, 15 members of our church stayed after service for a leaf party. We had five blowers, six barrels and two tarps to fill, and a dozen rakes. With everyone pitching in we had the grounds cleaned up of leaves by 12:30. Thank you all for helping, it made a huge job a time of fellowship and fun. Also it is time to thank the many helpers that have volunteered to clean bathrooms, vacuum, dust and other small cleaning jobs to keep our church building looking nice. If you have an hour or two to help us with the cleaning there is a list posted in the lobby and we would be glad to arrange a time and task for you. Any amount of assistance is greatly appreciated.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JANUARY

1 The Ojo’s	15 Jennifer Morano
4 Madeline Jacobus	15 Alex Sanicola
4 Gabrielle Uchno	19 Kristen Murphy
7 Matthew Uchno	20 The Starsinic’s
11 Audrey Statesir	21 Julia Uchno
14 Richard Morano	25 Ashley Tiedemann

FEBRUARY

4 John Seifert
11 Sidney Ulm
21 Wilfred Ojo
23 Ryan Moreno
27 Bethany Sanicola



Education

Thank you everyone who participated in the children's pageant. I had so much fun putting on pageant day and everything went so well for our children. In the children's advent project, we exceeded our goal and topped the thermometer. The children will be picking exactly what we will be getting beyond the expected two sewing machines and training on the second Sunday of January.



Reformed Church Women

On November 13, we had a very nice Outdoor Holly Berry, Yard & Soup Sale. All three parts of the sale were successful. Thanks to Lauren's coordinating and several women's soup making we sold 50 quarts of delicious soup. Thanks to the crafting group of Helen, Amy and Sue the Holly Berry portion had many nice Christmas items that were beautiful. Thanks to all that donated we sold most all of the yard sale items. Of course this would not have been possible without each of those that came and worked to set this all up, work on sales and then get it all cleaned up before the weather drastically changed! We made over \$1500.00 that day and are now in the process of deciding where to donate that money. One more **Big Thank You** to all those that supported this event by making purchases.

Recipes

Chicken Pot Pie- submitted by Lauren Redmond

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| 1 rotisserie chicken, diced | 1 small onion, finely chopped |
| 2 deep dish pie crusts | 3 stalks of celery, diced |
| 2 packs of crescent rolls | 3 potatoes, cut into bite size cubes |
| 2 cans of chicken gravy | 1 cup of diced carrots |
| 1 TBS of olive oil | 1 & 1/2 cups steamed broccoli |



Bring the pie crust to room temperature and add the diced chicken to each crust. Sauté the onions and celery in a tablespoon of olive oil and add to the pies. In a stock pot boil the potatoes and carrots for 12 minutes or until they are soft. Drain and add to the pies. Steam broccoli in a pan or use microwavable broccoli and add to the pies. Pour chicken gravy over each pie. Roll out the crescent rolls and pinch the seams. Slice in one inch strips and make a lattice pattern over each pie. Brush with egg whites if you like. Bake at 375 for 25-30 minutes.

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Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- 1 Saturday New Year's Day
- 2 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 9 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 11 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 16 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
**MLK Service "A Conversation
About Social Justice", 4 PM
@ Co-Cathedral of St. Robert's**
- 23 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 30 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School

FEBRUARY

- 6 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 8 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 13 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 14 Monday Happy Valentine's Day 
- 20 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 27 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School