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In Memory of Irma Krohn



Madeline Jacobus: I was friends with Irma for 65 years. Back in 1969 we bought a Nimrod Camper and our kids played together for years. We used to call her the "family nurse". Once Roger was stung by a bee and Irma took care of him and gave him bee shots for years after that. She was always there for everybody and I considered her a true blue friend. She will be greatly missed.

Lorraine Yoncak: With Irma's passing the RCW has lost one of its founding mothers. She invested many years bringing us all together and setting an example of serving God thru helping our

community, providing fellowship and exploring women's worship opportunities. She had a focus for each season and with March approaching what comes to mind now is her Green Dinner for St Patrick's Day. For those that have never attended one, yes, every food item was to be green except the corned beef! I can taste the green ambrosia, the Key Lime Pie, green beans, cabbage rolls, pickle varieties, and green punch still. Of course the home was decorated with green, the games reflected green themes and the devotion time was on a green theme. Irma was a role model to many so her good deeds will continue on this earth long after her passing. May God Bless her legacy.

Helen McKenzie: Irma was such a special woman and an inspiration to all of us with her wisdom, energy, friendship and love, and was truly devoted to her family. She was a vital member of our Church, giving and contributing to our growth and success. Irma devoted so much to the life and fellowship of the congregation, leading and supporting programs, Missions and learning, the Women's group, choir and Consistory, as well as involvement with education of our children; someone who exemplified the true meaning of a Christian.

Susan Fox: Though small in stature, Irma was a big presence. Her can-do spirit opened the door for Sunshine Schoolhouse and, I would assume, helped get lots of projects accomplished at FRC over the years. She had a welcoming heart and many a kind word. Oh how she enjoyed the children of Sunshine & their artwork! She also had the courage of her convictions & wasn't afraid to respectfully disagree. Irma was a dynamo & I feel blessed to have known her. May she Rest In Peace; she will be missed.

Janet Murphy: We will all miss Irma very much and are very saddened by her passing. A memory I would like to share is that we would go to the Krohn farm the Friday after thanksgiving and pick out our Christmas tree and then go back and cut it down with the help of Irma and Hans. We did this for several years and can look back with fond memories.

Michael & Melissa Polifka: Irma was like a grandma to Melissa and me. It was really a great comfort, and she had a lasting impact on us.

In Memory of Irma Krohn continued

Amy Craven: Some of my fondest memories of Irma "Oma" Krohn are when we worked together in the kitchen making lunch at the Holly Berry Boutique. She was an awesome cook and baker and fun to be around. My go-to recipes in the Church cookbook are almost always hers...her crockpot chili recipe is delicious...I've included it below. I will miss her and treasure the time we spent together.

2 lb. hamburger meat, two - 24 oz. jars marinara sauce, one- 20 oz. can chopped tomatoes, one - 19 oz. can red kidney beans, 1 sm. onion chopped, chili powder, season salt, pepper. Brown hamburger meat with onion, season with chili powder, season salt and pepper. Put in crock pot, add tomatoes, marinara sauce and kidney beans. Add more chili powder to taste. Cook on medium for 6-8 hours.

Candi Weinberg: Irma always called me her "wunderkind" and although I didn't think I was worthy of such a title, she did and I loved it! She would always be an ear whenever needed. Her themed parties were very memorable including the annual women's Christmas dinner and the singing of "The 12 Days of Christmas" which was always the highlight of the evening. Irma was never afraid to learn something new and as she would say, "I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks". But the one thing I remember most is that she referred to me as her AD (adopted daughter). I will miss our texts and phone conversations.

Melissa Dey: I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Irma's entire family. Through church, and being one of my Grandmothers oldest friends, I had known Irma my entire life. She was THE most caring and compassionate person I have ever known. She will be deeply missed.

Gabrielle Uchno: In the whole scheme of things, I am pretty new to the Reformed Church, but you only had to meet Irma once to know she was special. Luckily I got to meet her many times at church, but not nearly enough. There was so much to admire about Irma. Her faithfulness and dedication to the church, her genuine caring and welcoming nature and upbeat personality. I feel very blessed to have been touched by it all. She had everyone's best interest at heart. I appreciate all the times she thoughtfully asked how I was doing and spoke with me about the ways she continued to strengthen her faith, the joy her family brought her, her life experiences, and bits of insight and advice on all things. Our conversations always gave me food for thought. But most of all I will remember her kind heart and how she showed me she cared. These are the gifts she gave to me. Thank you Irma. You will truly be missed. May you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Krohn family.

Bill Starsinic:

IRMA

Standing at the doors

She says:

"Come on in,
you'll like it here.

Her cheery voice
Extended hands...

"Come on in
I'll show you around,
You'll like it here."



Lauren Redmond: Irma was one of the very first people I met when I started working here. She was so warm and welcoming and immediately put me at ease. I think I'll remember her smile most of all. Even when times were tough she always had a smile on her face. Irma would call me sometimes with stories of her childhood and of all her siblings and I always looked forward to those calls. Irma knew I was a HUGE fan of her coconut cake. I always asked for it and she'd say she get it to me one day. She never got the chance, but luckily Helen submitted it for the newsletter. Every time I make it (which will be often, lol) I will think of Irma and her wonderful smile.

Recipes

White on White on White Cake- Submitted by Helen McKenzie on behalf of Irma Krohn

- 1 White Cake Mix
- 1 Can Cream of Coconut
- 1 medium container (8 oz.) of cool whip, softened
- 1 package of shredded sweetened coconut

Use a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan; bake cake according to the package instructions. While the cake is still warm, puncture the top of the cake with a fork and slowly pour the cream of coconut over the cake; allow to cool. Spread the softened Cool Whip over the cooled cake and sprinkle the coconut on top of the Cool Whip. Cover and refrigerate; can be made 1 or 2 days in advance.

Broccoli Rice Casserole-Submitted by Lauren Redmond

- 6 cups of fresh broccoli cut into bite size pieces
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- 3 TBS. butter
- 3/4 cup diced onion
- 3 TBS. flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 tsp. each garlic & black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard powder
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- Salt to taste
- 3 TBS. cream cheese
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 2 qt. baking dish. Place broccoli in boiling water for 2-3 minutes. You want it slightly crisp as it cooks more in the oven. Cook onion and butter on medium low heat until softened and translucent. Stir in flour, garlic powder, and pepper. Cook an additional 2 minutes. Gradually pour in milk while whisking over medium heat until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and add dry mustard, paprika, cream cheese, and the cheddar cheese. Stir until melted. Stir together rice, broccoli, and cheese sauce and place in the casserole dish. Top with panko breadcrumbs and lightly spray the top with PAM. Bake for 35 minutes or until bubbly and browned.

Chicken Teriyaki Pineapple Bowls- Submitted by Lauren Redmond

- 1 small pineapple
- 1/3 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 3 TBS. packed brown sugar
- 1 TBS> pineapple juice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. minced fresh ginger
- 1 tsp. sesame oil
- 1 TBS. vegetable oil
- 3/4 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 tsp. water
- 2 cups cooked white rice, for serving
- Sesame seeds, for garnish (optional)

Make bowls. Slice pineapples in half, leaving the stem intact. Slice the fruit around the perimeters, angling your knife towards the middle, then make a few cuts across. Scoop out the chunks with a spoon and reserve about 1 tablespoon of pineapple juice for sauce. Chop pineapple into smaller pieces to garnish. In a small bowl, whisk together soy sauce, brown sugar, pineapple juice, garlic, ginger, and sesame oil. Season chicken with salt. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat vegetable oil. Add chicken in an even layer and cook until golden, about 3 minutes. Flip and cook until golden on second side, about 3 minutes more. Pour sauce over chicken and bring to a simmer. Whisk together the cornstarch and water, then stir into sauce. Simmer until sauce is thickened and chicken is cooked through, about 8-10 minutes more. Divide rice and chicken between pineapple bowls and garnish with chopped pineapple, sesame seeds and green onions.



Worship and Music

There are lots of exciting things coming from the Music committee this Spring. In partnership with the Reformed Church of Freehold and The Freehold Area Open Door Food Pantry, Gramercy Brass is working on creating The Community Arts Center of Freehold. This new venture is working on creating free music programs for local students, exciting new community concerts, and developing ways to involve the Reformed Church of Freehold within the local community. The program has received a donation of a baby grand piano and is working on grant money to provide some rental income to the church. Stay tuned for updates as we prepare to launch a free one-week summer camp to introduce the programs.



Property

The interior of the buildings are being kept up and cleaned. Some of the classrooms are being transformed from preschool rooms to Sunday School and Music rooms. Thank you to Jack and Julianne Redmond, and John Lambert for cleaning the insides of the windows and removing preschool wall décor.

We are trying to keep the sidewalks free of snow and ice, the gutters flowing on warm days and we'll deal with snow plowing damage to lawns in the Spring.

There are many areas of the building that could use a vacuum or dusting if you would like to pitch in let Lorraine Yoncak or the office know so we can grant you access. Thank you for any help you are willing to offer.

In Memory of Ada Freeman

Madeline Jacobus: Ada will be sorely missed. She had been a member of the Reformed Church of Freehold for many years. For the Roast Beef Dinner she would sell over 40 tickets for each dinner. She also made many blankets and shawls for the Reformed Church Home. She was a special friend to many and we will miss her.

Lauren Redmond: Every month like clockwork Ada would come in and buy her Special Fundraising Stop and Shop cards. She'd always ask how my family and I were doing. I mentioned to my son Jack (13) that she passed away and he said "Oh that's the sweet lady at the big table at the Roast Beef Dinner, that's so sad". I couldn't agree with him more. She will be greatly missed.

Gabrielle Uchno: My sincere condolences to Ada Freeman's family.

Lorraine Yoncak: Ada always impressed me with her attitude of gratitude and love of community. She was an example of how to work hard, respect others and remember to offer help to those who need it. She offered sound advice and shared good ideas to those around her. Maybe some day we

PAGE 4 can install an elevator at church and mark it in her memory, she wanted no one to miss an event because of the stairs down to the fellowship hall and had suggested a few years ago to install an elevator. I feel blessed to have known her.



Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

It's difficult when we can't observe the rituals of saying good-bye. Covid has interrupted and delayed our traditions of sending off. Therefore, we are taking time to remember both Irma Krohn and Ada Freeman in this newsletter.

Irma's kind and welcoming spirit was her hallmark. This spirit could be seen in many ways, such as gathering a table at a roast beef dinner, inviting everyone under the sun to the farm for a pumpkin party, greeting old and new friends at church, and welcoming a stranded traveler into her home. I personally cherished Irma's encouraging words, commenting on a thought that stuck with her from a sermon, assuring me she valued online worship, or supporting the church's ministry of hospitality.

While Ada and Irma were very different, Ada also had a kind and welcoming spirit. Ada's smile and bright eyes would let you know she was glad to see you. A monthly visit to the office was anticipated, serving her at a roast beef dinner brightened the evening. Family and old friends were cherished, but her kind smile was available to all.

Ada and Irma were well-practiced in hospitality. The value of a hospitable spirit and welcoming heart was reinforced for me on my recent trip to the Al Amana Centre in Oman. Local rituals of hospitality there prepared people of different faiths and cultures to hear each other and to hear a word from God. Through hospitality we make room for God, grow in faith, and enlarge our family. In the gospel of Matthew Jesus tells us the test of faith is "when I was hungry did you give me food, when I was thirsty did you give me something to drink, when I was a stranger did you welcome me?" The hospitable practices of a welcoming heart honor God. It is good to remember Ada and Irma, saints of God, who taught us how to make room for God as we love our neighbors.

Peace,
Pastor David

Reformed Church Women

To warm you up this March the RCW is having a soup sale. The soups are homemade by church members and are available for pick up at the church or if you need it delivered we will try to accommodate local deliveries.



We have pints for \$5 and quarts for \$9. The varieties we are starting with are Italian Wedding, Pasta Fagioli, Chicken Gnocchi, Beef Barley and Tomato. If we get enough requests for Split Pea, or Baked Potato we will make them also.

Please place your orders by signing up in the church lobby, by phone 732-462-1717, or email office@freeholdreformed.org, by Sunday March 14. The pick up dates will be Friday, March 19 from 10 AM to Noon, or after church Sunday, March 21. Please make checks payable to the Reformed Church Women.

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Gabrielle Uchno–Education
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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. Please call the church office to schedule a time to purchase gift cards.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH

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| 2 Louise Beams | 22 Rich Yoncak |
| 5 Andrea Tiedemann | 23 Sharon Sanicola |
| 7 Janet Murphy | 29 Carol Jean Biddle |
| 9 Lynne Morano | 29 Lee Ann Newland |
| 10 Lois Furlong | |
| 12 Lauren Redmond | |
| 12 Christina Furie | |
| 21 Brian Ringwald | |
| 21 Michael Polifka | |



APRIL

1 Susan Frank
1 Donna Ringwald
8 Rebecca Barth
14 Gerrie Biddle
17 Beth Schupsky
20 Joann Antal
24 Jean & Richard Krohn
28 Lynne & Rich Morano
30 Jill & Tom Moore

Midweek Devotions

The Reformed Church of Freehold will be hosting midweek devotions on our church Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/235031276521942/>. The devotions will continue throughout the month on Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Services

The Freehold Clergy Association is sponsoring virtual **Ecumenical Services for Lent**. They will take place on Wednesdays in March and conclude on Good Friday, April 2. For more information contact Jen Perry at: jperry@strobert.cc or 732-462-7429, ext. 141.

March 3: Preacher: Msgr. Sam Siriani, Hosted by: First Methodist

March 10: Preacher: TBD, Hosted by: Bethel AME Church

March 17: Preacher: Ruth Scott, Hosted by: St. Robert's Bellarmine (In-person option)

March 24: Preacher: TBD, Hosted by: TBD

April 2, Good Friday: Preacher: TBD, Hosted by: TBD

Sunday Scholl Lenten Project

Service, giving, and making a difference have been important pieces of the nurturing of our youth as faith filled followers of Jesus. We were able to continue the drive for school supplies despite COVID, and over 50 kits were given to CWS to be distributed wherever needed in our world. During Advent our youth wrote notes to seniors, and families participated in collecting gifts for The Reformed Church Home. Hopefully your families enjoyed making a difference in people's lives.



Let's continue to make a difference with a Lenten project helping Christians in Indonesia. While Indonesia is a largely Muslim country, Indonesia has a Christian population, and many of them are Reformed due to a Indonesia having once been a Dutch colony. There is even an Indonesian Reformed congregation in our Classis, in Metuchen. Their pastor, Francesca Rumokoy, recently told us about a flood



in the Christian City of Manado. It is called The Christian City as there is a much higher percentage of Protestant Christians living there than anywhere else in the country. "Torrential rains fell in northeastern Indonesia for four days beginning January 14, causing floods that have devastated houses, claimed lives, and destroyed livelihood." Approximately 2,000 people have been displaced. Pastor Francesca has invited us to *Sow Good Deeds* for Manado, Indonesia. We will participate by collecting money and offering prayers for Manado during Lent.

You could incorporate donations and prayers for Manado as part of our Lenten Bean project. Youth could earn beans by making donations and offering prayers for Manado. Donations can be offered on Easter Sunday, following Lent. Make sure donations are marked for Indonesia.

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Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 3 Wednesday Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Service
- 7 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1 PM Younger Class
- 9 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 10 Wednesday Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Service
FCA Children of God, 7 PM
- 14 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1PM Older Class
- 17 Wednesday Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Service
- 21 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1 PM Younger Class
- 24 Wednesday Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Service
- 28 Sunday Palm Sunday
Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1 PM Older Class
- 31 Wednesday Freehold Clergy Association Lenten Service

APRIL

- 1 Thursday Maundy Thursday
- 2 Friday Good Friday, Freehold Clergy Association
Lenten Service
- 4 Sunday Easter Sunday
Communion Worship, 10 AM
Easter Egg Hunt after Worship Service
Sunday School Zoom ,1 PM Younger Class
- 6 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 11 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1 PM Older Class
- 18 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Zoom ,1 PM Younger Class
- 25 Sunday Worship,10 AM
Sunday School Zoom, 1 PM Older Class