

News From the Pews

REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE

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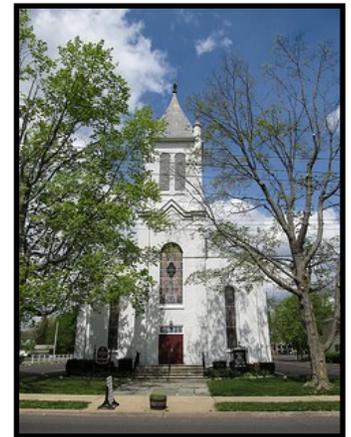
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2 “We must work with time and patience if we want to make bread. There is no point in making it if we do not accept this. This is true of loving also. Awareness ... acceptance ... patience. It takes everything we have to be able to live this way. It means that we finally take up what is 3 ours to do and let go of what is beyond our abilities. Life corrects us if we do not learn this. As Montaigne put it, “Greatness of soul consists not so much in soaring high and in pressing forward, as in knowing how to adapt and limit oneself.” –Gunilla Norris, *Becoming Bread*, p. 49 4

As a kid we think we can do anything. (That may be why I broke my arm climbing a fence around age 5.) In my youth I wanted to be a great swimmer, because I loved swimming, but I also wanted to learn gymnastics, because everyone was doing it much better than I was. Mom said, “choose.” (Ok she was much nicer about it than that, but the message was the same.) I chose swimming. In high school I wanted to swim and be in the plays. This time it was Coach Wilhelm who said, “choose!” (Actually, he was less nice about it.) I tried to work around conflicting schedules, but in the end, I had to choose. I chose swimming. In college I majored in religion and psychology. Life said, “choose.” I chose religion. I could go on. Now that I’m one year away from 60, I’m learning to appreciate being forced to choose. As Montaigne said, “Greatness of souls consists in . . . knowing how to adapt and limit oneself.” Choices for good or bad prepare us for that which “is ours to do.” Or to say it another way, it helps us live into our calling at the present moment.



In the gospel of John, those who encounter Jesus are forced to choose. Will they walk in the light, drink from the water of life, eat the bread of life? This call to choose sounds harsh to modern ears. We think, “why can’t people spend some time making their choice. Among Jesus followers there are those who walk away from him or betray him, and there are those who say with Peter, “You have the words of eternal life.” In many ways God chooses us. We choose a response. Choosing Jesus and following his path is to choose not to lead with anger, judgment, and vengeance. Choosing Jesus is to choose love of God and neighbor and, in so doing, living into “what is ours to do” as children of God, bearers of Christ’s light, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people. Letting go can free us to do what is needed. I hope you find freedom in this. I do.

Peace,
Pastor David

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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 Stop and Shop. Please call the church office 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.

Reformed Church Women

We gladly granted Lee Ann Newland a scholarship for her studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She is enrolled in the Masters of Arts in Pastoral care and counseling program. We wish her well in her studies and hope this new direction gives her great pleasure. This shows us how good things come from all the donated yard sale items!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

3 Melissa Polifka 24 The Uchno's
4 Amy Craven 29 Nicole Ringwald
5 Pat McCullough
9 Ann Serafin
21 Michael Polifka

OCTOBER

2 The Carrig's 13 Michael Murphy
4 Jack Redmond 17 Cathy Delhagen
5 Bill Barth 24 Jill Moore
9 The Seifert's 31 Jean Krohn
10 Rebecca Seifert



Property

The exterior of the church has been painted from top to bottom and it looks amazing! Thank you to Tom Moore and his staff for their diligent work and craftsmanship in repairing and painting the outside of the church buildings. Also thank you to Bob Klause for donating time and materials to fix and replace pieces of the steeple siding.

Please contact the office or Lorraine if you can assist with building cleaning, trash & recycling removal, lawn mowing, shrub trimming, leaf raking and one of my favorites, stick picking up on the grounds.

Thank you to those that have pitched so far, it is greatly appreciated.



Community Arts Center of Freehold

The Summer has indeed come and gone quickly. Following the success of the Arts camp held in June, we are working on expanding our programs into the fall. Plans are in development for a beginner trumpet class. Students will register through Open Door for a six-week introductory course. The Community Arts Center of Freehold seeks volunteers who have experience with grant writing and other fundraising expertise. To develop programs for the community, funds are needed for rent, supplies, teachers, and performances. Feel free to reach out to John Lambert at JLambert@gramercybrass.org if you have the skills and time to devote to this new and exciting endeavor.

Recipes

Easy Mexican Street Corn (Elote)-submitted by Lauren Redmond

3 Tbs. butter	1/3 cup of Cotijo cheese
2 cloves minced garlic	1/3 cup heavy cream
4 cups fresh corn kernels (6 large ears)	1/2 Tsp. salt
1 Tbs. lime juice	1/4 Tsp. black pepper
2 Tsp. Trader Joe's Elote Seasoning	1/2 cup chopped cilantro



In a large skillet over medium high heat, melt butter. When butter is foamy add the garlic and corn and stir to coat in butter. Cook for 2 minutes while stirring frequently. Add lime juice and Elote seasoning to the corn and continue to cook for 2 more minutes. Stir in Cotijo cheese until it melts. Then add heavy cream, salt, and pepper. Continue to stir so the corn doesn't stick to the pan. Cook corn until almost all of the cream has been absorbed, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in cilantro and serve immediately. Tip: I also use frozen microwavable corn too if I don't have fresh.

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Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
No Sunday School Today
- 12 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 14 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 19 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 26 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School

OCTOBER

- 3 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 10 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 12 Tuesday Consistory Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
- 17 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 24 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School
- 31 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School