

**THE REFORMED  
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# News From the Pews

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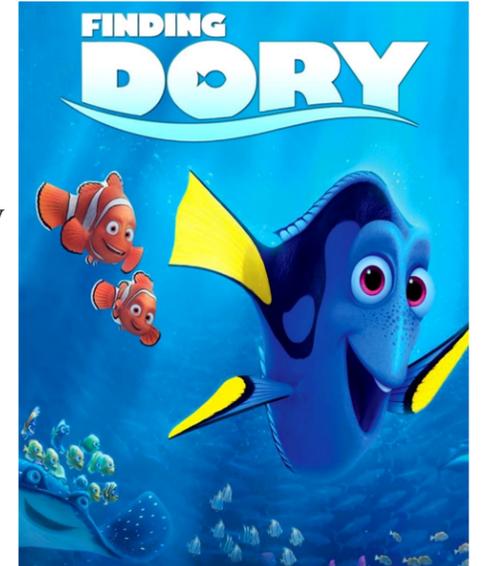
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We had a nice turn out from Sunshine Schoolhouse for our last movie night on April 12. Thank you to all who helped make it a special night. We munched on pizza and snacks while watching the "unforgettable" heartwarming and funny aquatic adventure, *Finding Dory*. Those who made the colorful fish craft also brought home a great souvenir to remember the fun night. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring this event! The Sunday School would also like to thank you for participating in our Lenten Calendar Mission Project for Heifer International. We hope the calendar helped you reflect on the many blessings you have been given and how you can use your blessings to help others.



## Dates to Remember

### May

5 Sunday Worship, 10 AM, Communion  
12 Sunday Worship, 10 AM,  
Happy Mother's Day  
14 Tuesday Consistory, 6:30 PM  
19 Sunday Worship, 10 AM, Sunshine Sunday  
Sunshine Church Choir  
26 Sunday Worship, 10 AM  
27 Monday Memorial Day Parade

### June

2 Sunday Worship 10 AM, Communion  
9 Sunday Worship 10 AM  
11 Tuesday Consistory 6:30 PM  
16 Sunday Easter Worship, 10 AM  
Happy Father's Day  
23 Sunday Worship 10 AM,  
Sunday School Celebration



As you already may know, Heifer International helps families break the cycle of poverty by providing them with livestock and training in small scale farming. Some animals provide wool, others milk and others eggs, which can be used by the family or sold. In addition, the core of their model is to Pass on the Gift, which means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. In this amazing way an animal donation can provide a family a hand up (not a handout) and increase their access to food, schooling, medicine and a sustainable livelihood and at the same time help to build a stronger, healthier community.

Due to the timing of Easter and Easter break, however, not all the donations have been received from our Lenten Project and the children have not yet voted on how they would like to help lift the Heifer families out of poverty.

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### Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Pastor David

### Service Listing

	Reader	Ushers	Coffee Hour Hosts
<b>May 5</b>	S. Sanicola	J. Seifert & T. Bateman	D. Ringwald & S. Sanicola
<b>12</b>	L. Yoncak	J. Murphy & B. Barth	L. Yoncak & J. Perez
<b>19</b>	M. Jacobus	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	M. Jacobus & D. Ringwald
<b>26</b>	B. Barth	B. Barth & T. Bateman	J. Murphy & J. Krohn
<b>June 2</b>	A. Craven	J. Seifert & T. Bateman	A. Craven & H. McKenzie
<b>9</b>	S. Sanicola	J. Murphy & B. Barth	S. Sanicola & D. Ringwald
<b>16</b>	L. Yoncak	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	L. Yoncak & J. Perez
<b>23</b>	M. Jacobus	B. Barth & T. Bateman	M. Jacobus & G. Uchno
<b>30</b>	B. Barth	J. Seifert & T. Bateman	R. Seifert & B. Lyon
<b>July 7</b>	L. Yoncak	J. Murphy & B. Barth	J. Murphy & J. Krohn
<b>14</b>	M. Jacobus	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	M. Jacobus & D. Ringwald
<b>21</b>	B. Barth	B. Barth & T. Bateman	L. Yoncak & G. Uchno
<b>28</b>	L. Yoncak	J. Seifert & T. Bateman	R. Seifert & B. Lyon

### Property

Volunteers have been busy keeping the church buildings and grounds clean and functional. We have a few larger projects that cannot be done for free coming up. The church front doors are rusting on the inside and need to be replaced. Pieces of siding came off the steeple and they are quite high up and need to be repaired, and a stained glass window needs to be fixed nearby. There is painting to be done at the parsonage and the church. We would appreciate any donations of time or money donated to the property committee. If you would like to donate funds please use the yellow offering envelopes or write Building Fund on a plain envelope. If you would like to help with any of these projects please let Lorraine Yoncak know at 732-462-9703.



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### May

- 1 Paul Yoncak
- 3 John Statesir
- 6 Casey Moore
- 7 John Carrig
- 7 Connie Carrig
- 16 Eric Tiedemann
- 17 Candi Weinberg
- 18 Edward McKenzie
- 24 Michael & Melissa Polifka
- 24 Aidan Seifert
- 26 Thea Perez

#### June

- 3 Shirley Ulm
- 3 Brian & Christina Furie
- 10 Donna Jacobus
- 13 Glenn Jacobus
- 14 Nate Furie
- 14 Lori Starsinic
- 15 Bill & Ada Freeman
- 16 Addison Seifert
- 26 Joshua Weinberg



## Reformed Church of Freehold

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Treasurer- Joe Perez

### CONSISTORY 2018

Lorraine Yoncak- V.P., alt. Classis Delegate  
Bill Barth-Classis Delegate

Jill Moore-Human & Financial Resources  
Wilfred Ojo & Lorraine Yoncak-Buildings & Grounds  
Michael Polifka & Lee Ann Newland - Worship & Music

Madeline Jacobus- Fellowship  
John Carrig- Missions & Benevolences  
Gabrielle Uchno- Education

## 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 on the bulletin board in the lobby. The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to: "Reformed Church of Freehold" and mark it "flowers".

### Secretary's Hours

Our secretary is here from 8:15 am -11:15 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., 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.

## Reformed Church Women

The Lenten Luncheon we hosted on March 20th was enjoyed by approximately 110 people. Thank you to all of the 16 women that prepared soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts. Also a Thank You to those that worked setting up and cleaning up after. Many hands make light work and this proved true for a successful Lenten event.

We voted to support the Sunday School Youth Lenten Heifer Project by donating \$500.00 towards their collection. We hope they will enjoy picking out which animals for Heifer Project to send to families that need them.

We will be hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday June 1st with a rain date of June 8, 2019. If you wish to bring small items now they can be placed in Room 6 downstairs. Please wait until closer to June 1 to bring in larger items. Thank you to all that donate such nice items to our sale.

## Missions & Benevolences

Our Mission of the Month for May will be HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing. "It takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home."



Our Mission of the Month for June is CAMP WARWICK: At camp you will learn that our Christian faith is not just something we say; it requires action. God teaches us how to live out our daily lives with the Word of God. We can all become people of action by going "ALL IN", so we have a desire to serve the Lord faithfully day in and day out. It is our hope for campers to walk away from Camp Warwick desiring to serve Him faithfully with their lives.



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So I am afraid this means questions such as "How much money did we raise?" and "Which animals got the most votes from the children?" will have to be answered in the next newsletter. But we know the suspense will be worth the wait! Also I am excited to announce that a local donor has graciously offered to match the donations of the church and the Reformed Church Women have also blessed the mission with a generous donation. Sunshine Schoolhouse is also participating in the project. Heifer International will then double the total the church has raised. Wow and thank you to all!



Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar. May 19 is Sunshine Schoolhouse Sunday. On June 16 the children will lead the service and we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a luncheon and last but not least Father's Day! We hope to see you there!

### Music Sunday's: Max'd Out Trio

On the third Sunday of each month, additional music will be featured as a way to enhance our worship. This month we are pleased to have the Max'd Out! Trio. Max'd Out! is a trio that does not conform itself to any particular musical style or genre. The overriding concept of what they do is that it is just good music, and it is good music based around the concepts of improvisation from any and all forms.



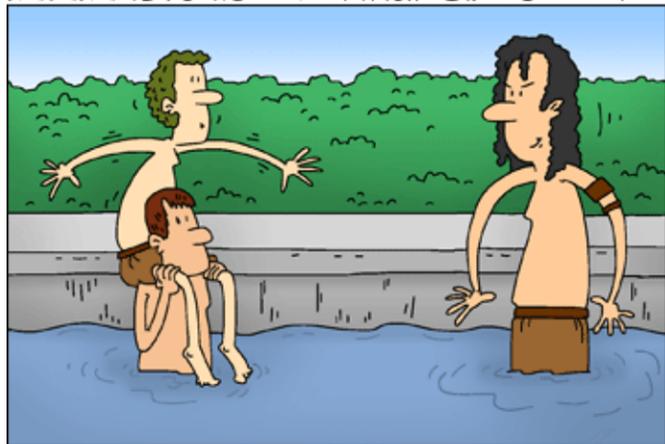
The members of Max'd Out!, Anders Bostrom on flutes and wind controller, John Priori on Piano and Keyboards, Max Morden on trumpets, guitar and vocals, find their inspiration in a variety of music from classical through Broadway.

Their concerts are filled with engaging and beautiful original songs as well as music from hymn tunes to Emerson Lake and Palmer. The unique fusing of materials is one that will keep you interested from beginning to end.



### Church Funnies

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THE OFFERING FOR MOTHERS WHO'S SONS TOTALLY FORGOT

### Sunshine Schoolhouse May/June

We are looking forward to completing the school year with many memorable activities for the children and parents to enjoy! Mrs. Fox's Three Year Old Students will be performing a short musical program in the Church for their parents and friends. The Three Year Old Spring Sing will be on Thursday, May 16 (9:30AM) and Friday, May 17 (9:30AM and 1:15PM). The programs will be held in the Church Sanctuary on the above dates. Please join us for a joyful experience of fun-filled songs and smiling faces! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

The children, parents and staff members will be joining the congregation of the Reformed Church of Freehold on Sunday, May 19, 2019 for the Sunshine Church Service to celebrate our many years together! We will also be honoring Susan Fox, our exceptional 3 Year Old teacher for her 22 Years of Service to the children of Sunshine Schoolhouse. Mrs. Fox is retiring at the close of this school year. She will be greatly missed and everyone is encouraged to attend.

On Monday, May 27, 2019, Memorial Day, the staff and families of Sunshine Schoolhouse will be participating along with the Reformed Church families in the Freehold Borough Memorial Day Parade. We will be marching behind the Church's float with wagons and strollers. Mini-frisbees with our school's name and telephone number will be distributed to the children along the parade route.

The Four Year Old and Pre-Kindergarten Students will be participating in Promotion and Graduation ceremonies on the following dates: Tues. June 4, Wed. June 5, Thurs. June 6 and Fri. June 7. The ceremonies will be held in the Church Sanctuary and everyone is invited to join us! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please check in the school office for specific programs and start times.

Our final day of school will be Friday, June 14, 2019. On Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18, 2019, the staff members will be cleaning the classrooms and reorganizing their materials. Susan and Lois will be working throughout the summer, preparing for the 2019 - 2020 School Year. A variety of classes are still available for the upcoming school year. If you have a friend or neighbor who would like to receive information about our programs for September, please have them give us a call at (732) 409-2636. We greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you again to the congregation for sharing your Church home with the families of Sunshine Schoolhouse. We are blessed by your generosity and support! Best wishes for a relaxing and peaceful summer.

Yours In Christ,  
Susan Frank, Lois Furlong,  
and the Staff of Sunshine Schoolhouse

