

**THE REFORMED
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DEMONSTRATING GOD'S
RECONCILING LOVE

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
- 2 Monday Happy Labor Day
- 8 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
- 10 Tuesday Consistory, 6:30 PM
- 15 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Sunday School Returns
Children's Choir Rehearsal
Music Sunday- *John Lambert & LeeAnn Newland*
- 19 Thursday *RCW, 6:30 PM*
- 22 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Vision Meeting, 11:30
Children's Choir Rehearsal
Classis, 3 PM-Ocean Community Church, Manahawkin
- 29 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal

OCTOBER

- 6 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
No Choir Rehearsal
- 8 Tuesday Consistory, 6:30 PM
- 13 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 20 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 AM
Vision Meeting, 11:30-1:30?
Music Sunday-*Children's Choir*
CROP Walk, 1:30 PM
- 27 Sunday Worship, 10 AM

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Education

The Sunday School hosted two nature outings this summer. Thank you to all who came out to have a little adventure with friends! The first outing took place at Lake Topanemus in July. We are very thankful for the generosity of Lorraine and Rich Yoncak who brought 4 canoes, a kayak and life vests for all so we could all head out on the lake. What fun it was to paddle and see things from a different perspective. Besides taking in the beauty of a lovely summer day, those with sharp eyes were able to spot turtles, a frog, an egret and a blue heron too!



In August we had our second outing at Holmdel Park. We headed into the woods for a nature walk and admired the different trees and flowers and ended at the pond where a frog delighted Ms. Lee Ann and the children when it allowed them to stay for a long visit. There is still so much left to explore and discover, but that's for another time! Until we meet again in the great outdoors!



Our summer program of crafts and videos will soon be coming to a close. **Regular Sunday School will resume on September 15th.** We look forward to seeing everyone! The sign up sheet for our two classes is posted in the lobby. Please let Gabrielle Uchno know, if you are interested in helping out, 732-233-2129.



Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Writing a pastor's pen every other month usually prompts me to think about how much has happened over the past two months and how quickly these past two months have flown by. As we transition from summer days to school days, from vacation plans to the various commitments of a new academic year, it is easy to become anxious about what has not happened and what needs to happen.

In moments like this it is good to remember the wisdom of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 6:34, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own." Take time to notice grace in a smile, the joy of a leap into cooling water, the simplicity of a dog in the sun, a cat at rest, the assurance of morning routines, and the regularity of the setting of the sun.

Living in the moment is a practice encouraged by many faith traditions. This is a spiritual tool we can practice throughout the day, allowing us to embrace our connections to others. In a world that often divides, valuing the moment can be a tool to celebrate the connections we have with our neighbors.

To paraphrase Henri Nouwen, with as we live in the moment we are "no longer pulled apart by the most divergent stimuli of the surrounding world but [are] able to perceive and [encounter] the world from a quiet inner center." Maybe this way we will begin to receive the kingdom of God in our daily living.

Peace,
Pastor David



Service Listing

	Reader	Ushers	Coffee Hour Hosts
SEPTEMBER			
1	B. Barth	J. Murphy & B. Barth	J. Murphy & J. Krohn
8	S. Sanicola	B. Barth & T. Bateman	S. Sanicola & D. Ringwald
15	L. Yoncak	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	L. Yoncak & G. Uchno
22	B. Barth	J. Murphy & J. Seifert	R. Seifert & B. Lyon
29	M. Jacobus	T. Bateman & B. Barth	M. Jacobus & J. Perez
October			
6	A. Craven	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	A. Craven & H. McKenzie
13	B. Barth	B. Barth & J. Murphy	G. Uchno & M. Jacobus
20	S. Sanicola	T. Bateman & B. Barth	S. Sanicola & D. Ringwald
27	L. Yoncak	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	L. Yoncak & J. Perez
November			
3	M. Jacobus	T. Bateman & B. Barth	M. Jacobus & G. Uchno
10	B. Barth	J. Seifert & B. Barth	R. Seifert & B. Lyon
17	A. Craven	M. Polifka & M. Polifka	A. Craven & H. McKenzie
24	L. Yoncak	T. Bateman & B. Barth	L. Yoncak & D. Ringwald

Youth Choir

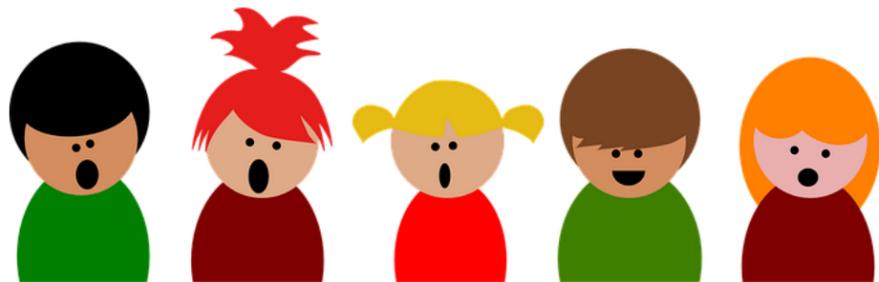
This October, the Sunday School students will participate with special music on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Rehearsals will last for 30 minutes on the following Sundays, and the students will be divided by Sunday school class. Please check the schedule for the following rehearsals times:

September 15 and 29: Younger Class

September 22 and October 13: Older Class

Sunday, October 20: all students at 9:15 AM

*there will be no rehearsal on **October 6.**



Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Melissa Polifka
- 4 Amy Craven
- 4 Helen McKenzie
- 4 Eden Perez
- 5 Helen & Earl McKenzie
- 5 Pat McCullough
- 6 Sherri Mallow
- 9 Ann Serafin
- 21 Michael Polifka
- 24 Joel & Gabrielle Uchno
- 29 Nicole Ringwald

OCTOBER

- 2 John & Connie Carrig
- 4 Jack Redmond
- 5 Bill Barth
- 9 John & Rebecca Seifert
- 10 Rebecca Seifert
- 13 Michael Murphy
- 17 Catherine Delhagen
- 22 Hans & Irma Krohn
- 24 Jill Moore
- 25 Ada Freeman
- 31 Jean Krohn



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Treasurer–Joe Perez

CONSISTORY 2019

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; Outreach
Barb Lyon–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

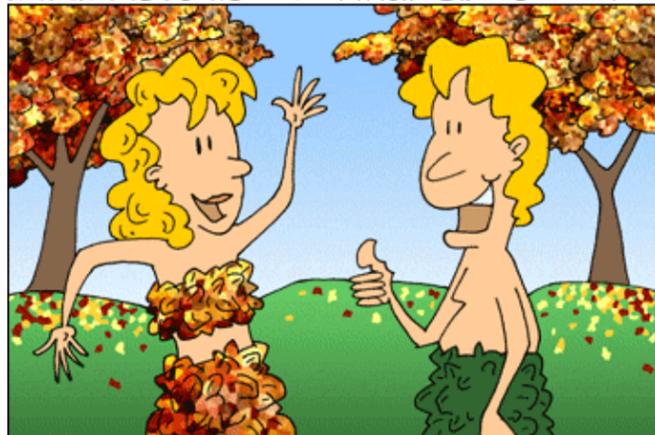
If you would like to have flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one or event, please sign up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the lobby. The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to: "Reformed Church of Freehold" and mark it "flowers".

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.

Church Funnies

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Thanks to Pam Winn
EVE DISPLAYS THE NEW FALL LINE

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I UNDERSTAND THAT 'TEAM EFFORT' IS A VALUABLE LESSON, BUT I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO GO OVER TOO WELL IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vision Meetings

A **survey of the congregation** was taken earlier this year in order to help us build a vision for our future. Let's build that vision together. The first of a series of 8 conversations began on Sunday, June 23 following worship. Please plan to join us on the following dates after church from 11:30 to 1:30 for these important conversations. Sandwiches will be provided, and child care will be available.

- Session 3, Define the Gap: September 22
- Session 4, A Call to Mission: October
- Session 5, Visualizing Our Mission: October
- Session 6, Bring Down Barriers: November
- Session 7, Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing: November
- Session 8, A Question: December

Property

The past two months have been very busy at the Reformed Church. Rich and Lorraine had to replace two air conditioners in the church offices. Both had broken fan blades and were not running cool air. Then the valve seats in the sink in room three had been leaking so they were replaced. All of the church's shrubs as well as the ones at the parsonage have been trimmed. The dryer in the parsonage needed to be replaced because the old one was not running hot enough to dry clothes in a normal time. The new dryer needed a new 220 outlet. They also had to take off and repair the basement railing in order to get the dryer down the stairs and we purchased and installed two lengths of dryer vent hose. Our church home can always use some help. If any youth want to earn community service hours please think of our church building and grounds. Lawns have to be mowed, leaves raked, garbage and recyclables need removal. Please contact Lorraine Yoncak if you would like to help with these projects or to get other ideas for improving our home!

BlueClaws Game

On Saturday, August 10, 2019 a group of parishioners from our church as well as members of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a fun filled evening at the Lakewood Blue Claws game. We began with a pre-game tailgating party in the parking lot with some great food and fellowship. It was an Irish Heritage theme night at BlueClaws Stadium and we were able to enjoy some wonderful bagpipe music and traditional Irish tunes throughout the evening. The sky was beautiful, the snacks were yummy, and the fireworks after the game were quite impressive. The final score was 7-1 with the BlueClaws winning the game and we even saw someone hit a home run! We definitely all felt like winners for having such a great time together.



September's Mission of the Month: 180 Turning Lives Around

Our mission for the month of September is 180 Turning Lives Around (180 TLA), a New Jersey non-profit organization, serving as a "safe haven" for families who are forced to leave their homes because of domestic or sexual violence. While Dina's Dwellings provides permanent housing, 180 TLA provides temporary safety and transitions. Families are provided shelter for stays of 30-60 days in a secure and confidential location. 180 TLA provides counseling, advocacy and assistance. Please assist with this mission project by choosing to donate one or more of the following items: deodorant, diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6, shampoos and educational toys. A collection box has been placed in the sanctuary and in the church lobby area or you can give your items to Barbara Lyon. Please make a donation and help with this worthy project. Thank you in advance.

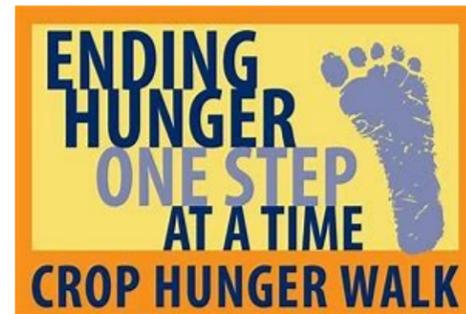
October's Mission of the Month: CROP Walk

Our October Mission of the Month will be the Freehold Area CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S. When CROP began in 1947, CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, they've outgrown the acronym but retain it as the historic name of the program.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans. The key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs; something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

Walking changes us, as we identify more with those in other countries who must walk long distances for water, food or firewood every day, but the pledges we raise change the world, so do your best! The Freehold Area CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 20 at the Reformed Church of Freehold. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the walk route will be available from 2-4 p.m. Go to www.crophungerwalk.org/freeholdnj to register as a walker and raise funds online. Register yourself or your team on-line and then email family and friends to help end hunger and poverty! Donors can designate their total gift to 501c3 hunger programs of their choosing. Appreciation gifts for fundraising can also be earned from CROP. Turn in your pledges in check and cash form and your donations of rice, beans, soup and peanut butter at the walk if possible. The person with the largest pledge amount on the day of the walk will become our honored Walk Marshal. The person under 21 with the highest pledge total will receive a prize. Every walker with pledges will receive a t-shirt. Youth will also receive service project credit. Refreshments, subs and water will be available. Free-will offerings are gratefully accepted and go toward hunger needs. The Coveted Gilded Sneaker trophies will be awarded to the groups with the most walker/fundraisers on the day of the walk and the highest pledge total by a group received by November 20, 2019.

Pets can also raise money for world hunger. Email your Pet for World Hunger Photo Contest picture to mary.keelan@yahoo.com. Entrance fee is \$15.00. Vote for the prize winner on the day of the walk!



Sunshine Schoolhouse September/October

It's time for the school bells to ring again! The teachers have been decorating and organizing the classrooms. We hope the children and parents will be delighted by the cheerful and colorful rooms. The sound of happy laughter will begin again on our Orientation Open House Days. Please join us on Thursday morning, September 5 and/or Friday, September 6, 2019 to meet our students as they visit for the first time this new school year. Families will be visiting between 9:30AM and 11:30AM on Thursday and on Friday, between 9:30AM and 11:30AM and/or between 12:30PM and 2:30PM. Refreshments will be served in the classrooms.



Our first day of school will be on Monday, September 9, 2019. Mommy and Me classes for two year olds and their very special grown-up will begin on September 24, 2019. Class space is still available so please encourage friends to give us a call so that we may invite them to try a "free trial class" at their convenience. Aunts, Uncles, Dads, Grandparents, Babysitters, etc. are all welcome to participate in our Mommy and Me classes.

Chapel Programs with Pastor David will be scheduled for the Fall. Upcoming dates will be published at the start of school. Please join us!

School portrait and sibling photos will be taken by Lifetouch in coordination with Shutterfly on Tuesday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 16. Please give us a call if you would like to participate in this event.

Halloween parades and parties will be held on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30, 2019. The parades will be held in the Church Sanctuary so please stop by to see the cowboys, princesses, pirates and all types of make-believe friends on these memorable days.

We give special thanks to the members of The Reformed Church of Freehold for your continuing love and support. As we begin our 14th year together, we are so blessed to be a part of your fabulous congregation. Highlighting God's Love for the families we serve continues to be a primary goal of our mission. May our Loving Savior give us the ability to fulfill all of our dreams for a wonderful 2019 - 2020 School Year.

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

Reformed Church Women

Reformed Church Women will meet on September 19 at 6:30 to plan upcoming events, all women of the church are invited to attend. We will discuss our focus of the year and possible mission projects to support. Please bring ideas you have on how we can be a help to our congregation, community and each other.

Our Yard Sale will be held September 28th as part of the Borough wide yard sale. Items you wish to donate may be dropped off at church but please wait until near that date to bring in large items. We will have a bake sale during the yard sale, items easy to handle and individually wrapped would be appreciated.

The Holly Berry Boutique will be held on Saturday December 7th. Homemade craft items are being made, soups will be for sale and a lovely lunch will be available. Please spread the word and have many friends and family attend.