

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Scout Sunday</b>
9:15 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
9:35 a.m.	Church School
10:15 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study – Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Youth choir rehearsals
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Committee meeting – Room 22
12:30 p.m.	Single Active Seniors meeting – Conference Room
<b>Monday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Morning Bells rehearsal
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Echo Ringers rehearsal
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Joyful Ringers rehearsal
11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon	Chronic Pain Support Group – Perkins in Colts Neck
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Piecemakers Quilting Group – Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Women's Book Group – Marjorie Smith's home
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Alleluia Jazz Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Knit One, Pray Too! – Lynne Garner's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Celebration Ringers rehearsal
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.	Exultation Ringers rehearsal
8:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee Break Bible Study – Conference Room
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Family Science Night – Fellowship Hall
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Thursday Evening Bible Study – Conference Room
<b>Friday</b>	
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Senior Bible Study – Conference Room
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Sr. High Movie , <i>The Shack</i> – Horans' home
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Jr. High Game Night – Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	
11:15 a.m.	Singing with the Seniors – Brandywine Reflections
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:15 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
9:35 a.m.	Church School
10:15 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
11:00 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study – Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Youth choir rehearsals
12:00 p.m.	Spring Youth Mission Trip Meeting for parents and youth – Upper Room
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Room 24/25
12:30 p.m.	Single Active Seniors meeting – Conference Room
2:00 p.m.	Hope College Wind Ensemble Concert – Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner for Host Families/Students – FH
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Sunday, March 4, 2018: 9:15 a.m. 220 11:00 a.m. 141	
Church School 38	

Welcome to the Colts Neck Reformed Church. We are happy to have you worshipping with us this morning. As we prepare for worship, please silence your cell phone.

## Announcements

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY USHER.**

PERSONAL HEARING ASSIST EQUIPMENT AND PEW CUSHIONS are available from any usher.

**MUSIC** this morning is offered by *Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, and Lyn Lewis – clarinet.*

**FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE AT 9:15 A.M.** are given by *Lydia Diel* in loving memory of her dear friend, *Freda Reed.*

**FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE AT 11:00 A.M.** this morning are given by *Betty Kluge and family* in loving memory of her parents, *William and Irene Buckett.*

**THANK YOU** to *Lance Welch* for serving as liturgist this morning. Lance is an eighth grade student at Cedar Drive Middle School in Colts Neck. At school, Lance participates in art projects, sings in the Chorus and the Advanced Chorus, is involved in school plays, and is on the Student Council. Outside of school, he plays travel soccer, performs at Belmar Arts Center and the Stone Pony, and takes voice, piano, guitar, acting, and cooking lessons. His favorite hobbies are listening to music, playing music, bike riding, playing video games, and skiing at Elk Mountain in Pennsylvania. Please keep Lance and the eight other confirmands in your prayers.



**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** Join us this morning for coffee and fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the 9:15 worship service. Thank you to *our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts (organized by Karen Hager)* for providing this morning's refreshments. Please consider hosting *Coffee and Fellowship* as it is an important ministry of the church. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and speak with Dianne O'Hara at (732) 462-4555 if you have questions.

**CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS** up to age three is provided in the **Nursery** (downstairs in the church) during both worship services. Thank you to *Allison Scher and Kerri Ciskowski* for being our nursery caregivers today. For more information, or if you have questions about the church nursery, please contact Stacey Savage at (732) 462-4662 or [cnrcns@verizon.net].

**THE CHRONIC PAIN/ILLNESS GROUP** will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Colts Neck. This group generally meets the first Monday of the month; however, this month's meeting is on the second Monday. Contact Lonnie Howlett for more information.

## YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

**MISSION PARTNER:** Freehold Area Open Door was founded in 1970 as a joint mission effort of several local congregations, one of which was CNRC. Open Door remains an interfaith agency that distributes emergency packaged foods through its Food Pantry Program; supplies emergency funding for payment of mortgage and utility bills or medical bills through its Emergency Assistance and Advocacy Program; mentors and tutors 3rd-5th grade students, providing homework help and computer training through its After School Program; and supports higher education goals through its Scholarship Program. It is administered by a sixteen member volunteer Board of Trustees, two part-time salaried employees, and over 150 volunteers. Pray for Open Door as we honor mothers through our canned food drive which concludes today.



**EASTER BREAKFAST OPPORTUNITY: SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST.** There will be a special opportunity for fellowship and food on Easter Sunday, April 1st. A sit-down continental breakfast with lots of delicious treats will be available from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Additionally, those same delicious treats plus hot breakfast food will be served from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are necessary!** Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call the church office by March 25th. A basket for a free-will donation (*suggested donation: \$10/person*) will be available that morning to help defray costs.

**THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, March 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center Upper Room. Our licensed mental health counselor, *April Humes*, leads this confidential support group with advice and encouragement. Our members find this group to be very helpful. Please attend our monthly meetings and allow them to be a source of comfort for *you*. (There is no sign-up required.)

**HOPE COLLEGE WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT:** Please come out next Sunday afternoon, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m. when we will be treated to a concert by the Hope College Wind Ensemble from Hope College in Holland, Michigan! We are honored to host this 40-member group, directed by Dr. Gabe Southard, as part of their spring 2018 tour.

**#GRACEWINS:** If you would like a CD and/or DVD from the worship service on February 25th – **#GRACEWINS** – please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact Maggie Tripold in the church office or at [mtripold@verizon.net]. A contribution of \$1.00 per CD/DVD would be appreciated to cover costs of the materials.

**SINGING WITH THE SENIORS:** Join us at Brandywine Reflections in Colts Neck on Saturday, March 17th. Meet there at 11:15 a.m. or at church at 11:00 a.m. if you'd like to carpool. On Wednesday, March 21st, we'll sing at the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge. Meet there at 10:30 a.m. or at church at 10:00 a.m. if you'd like to carpool. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and contact Maggie Tripold at [mtripold@verizon.net] with any questions.

**A WRINKLE IN TIME:** This weekend the movie *A Wrinkle in Time* (based on the book by Madeleine L'Engle) was released. We are planning an all-church movie/book discussion time (date not yet decided) which will include the Christian themes of the book that the movie omitted. This Newberry Medal winning book is appropriate for grades 3 through adult. Read the book and/or see the movie and we will schedule a discussion date after Easter!

**OUR NEXT CANNING EVENT** will be held on Sunday, March 25th, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Carol Lang will be leading us in making delicious Blackberry Strawberry Jam and Corn Relish. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK SUPPER ON SUNDAY APRIL 15TH**, prior to the Gospel Choir concert (CNRC Sanctuary Choir and Monmouth University Chamber Choir). Sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall! The Potluck Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Gospel Concert at 7:30 p.m.

**SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** The summer youth mission trip will be held in Virginia Beach from June 24 – 30, and will be led by Directors of Youth Ministry, Paul and Debbie Horan. This trip is being coordinated with an organization called TEAMeffort Missions. We will stay at a summer camp location with other youth groups and will work on home repair and renovation for local families living in nearby towns. There will be a free, fun day to relax and wind down. The trip costs \$300 to help cover the cost of the organization fee, transportation, and free day activities. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Look for more information in Fellowship Hall including an application form. The deadline to apply for this trip is Sunday, March 25th. Applications are due into church that day with a \$150 deposit check. This is non-refundable. If you have any questions, please contact Paul or Debbie Horan at [coltsneckyouth@gmail.com].

**BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS:** Get out your dancing shoes! Back by popular demand, we are offering an eight week program for Ballroom Dancing lessons to be held Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall starting on Monday, April 9th, led by Eileen Farrell. Some of you may remember Eileen who previously was the instructor for our 150th Anniversary Celebration! The focus will be on Latin Ballroom dancing including the Tango, Swing & more. The cost is \$75 per person. Please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more details!

**UPCOMING NOAH EVENT:** Primitive and organic, this sport suits those who love adventure and seek a release. Get back to the basics & grab some friends to experience the thrill of hatchet throwing at Stumpy's Hatchet House in Eatontown on Friday, April 13th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. RSPV to Sean Horan [sean.horan@yahoo.com] by March 23rd.

**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER TRIP:** Gerry Romano, a member of our congregation, has organized a group bus trip to the theater located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on April 24th to see *Jesus*. The cost is \$105.00 per person and includes the show ticket, the bus ride, and lunch at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord. The bus will leave the Colts Neck Police Department parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. (Please see the newsletter article in the February/March Informed Informer for more details.) Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending and drop off a check in the church office made out to CNRC with *Sight and Sound* in the memo.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT:** A movie night will be held this Friday, March 16th, from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Paul and Debbie Horan's home (9th – 12th grade youth) Food will be provided. The movie we will be watching is *The Shack* with a group discussion afterwards. Please e-mail Paul or Debbie Horan at [coltsneckyouth@gmail.com] with any questions. Feel free to bring a friend!

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT:** If you're in 6th – 8th grade, come join your friends in Fellowship Hall this Friday, March 16th, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for our first 2018 Game Night! We'll play games, have snacks, and make our own banana splits. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or email Karen Nestorowicz at kcnestor@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

**SPRING YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING:** Next Sunday, March 18th, Paul and Debbie Horan will be meeting with the parents and youth who will be traveling to West Virginia on April 1st – April 7th. The meeting will be held in the Ministry Center Upper Room at 12:00 p.m.

**THE WEDDING SINGER AT CNHS:** Come on out and support our very own Dan Freeman who is performing in Colts Neck High School's production of "The Wedding Singer". Join Debbie and Paul Horan, Directors of Youth Ministry, on Friday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at CNHS. Youth in grades 8 – 12 are welcome. Contact the Horans at [coltsneckyouth@gmail.com] if you are interested in attending. Tickets are not provided.