

# THE REFORMED INFORMER



The Colts Neck Reformed Church

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE~

Come and be refreshed by the Word of God, times of prayer and praise, and the community of God's people! Our sermon series for June will be from the book of First Samuel as we learn of the prophet's life and service. In July and August, we will welcome several pastors and seminary students to our pulpit (*see the worship schedule on page 16*). Come and hear new voices as well as voices of some past installed ministers of the Colts Neck Reformed Church.

A few things to remember are:

- **Summer worship schedule starts on June 17th** with one service at 9:15 a.m., followed by refreshment time under the Ministry Center portico!
- **The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served on July 1st and on August 5th** – There will also be an 11:00 a.m. service on these two Sundays.
- The Sanctuary is air-conditioned!
- **Summer Church School Activity** is offered each week.
- **Nursery care** is provided.
- **If you've missed a sermon** or two, don't forget you can catch up via the web – audio of the sermons are available at [coltsneckreformed.org].
- **You can give your offerings** and financial gifts online as well as in person; go to the church website for instructions. Church expenses continue year round!
- **Invite a friend!** Summer is often the season when guests check out a congregation.
- **Each week there will be musical offerings** by members of the church family.
- On August 26th we'll have a **Hymn Sing**.
- **September 9th – Rally Day!** There will be one worship service at 9:15 a.m. After worship, we have a **Ministries Expo** highlighting the many groups, organizations, and service-opportunities of the church. This is followed by an **all-church picnic** at the Fire Station #1, next door to the church.

## STAFF SUMMER PLANS~

During the summer months, life in the church office is a bit different than during the program year. Sabbaticals, vacations and job responsibilities mean that ministry continues in strong but varied ways.

The church office is open regularly Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you need to stop by on Fridays or later in the afternoon, staff members may

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## THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

(pictured l to r) front row: Rachel Howard, Veronica Banat, second row: Nick Rizzo, Frankie Guadagnino, Caylee Sass; third row: Kiersten Geissler, Lance Welch, Audrée Gousse; back row: Scott Brown, Debi Jensen

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## FOCUS ON FAITH



Dear Friends,

I am so very grateful for the time of sabbatical. Many denominations, including the Reformed Church in America, have promoted the idea of a sabbatical to keep church leaders emotionally and spiritually healthy. This is not an academic sabbatical, as a university professor might undertake in order to

do research or write a book; this is a time of reflection and renewal, as reflected in the root of the word sabbatical; it comes from "Sabbath" – the example God set of taking time apart from working to rest. Since ministry is a lifestyle vocation and with the necessity of working weekends and being available for pastoral needs at all times, an extended time away, more than a typical vacation, will keep me energized and effective for many years to come at CNRC.

I love what I do and I love this congregation. In fact, sabbatical guidelines typically include the goal of strengthening those who are already involved in effective ministries. I've been in ministry for 33 years, and by God's grace and your willingness, I hope to continue here for at least 10 more years until retirement.

An outline of my summer: *Monday June 4th* – finalize any loose ends with staff and consistory; *Thursday, June 7th* – I

hope to hear *Brian McClaren* lecture and *Jeff Chu* present at Buechner Writers Workshop at Princeton Seminary; on *June 8th–9th* I'll be officiating at my niece's wedding in northern New Jersey; *June 10th* – worship at the Reformed Church of the Tarrytowns, where my daughter, Julia, is on staff; *June 11th–17th* I will decompress at our cottage on Lake Champlain with my brother-in-law (minister in the Virgin Islands); *June 18th–20th* on Long Beach Island with friends; *June 21st* is a travel day; *June 22nd–30th* at a great Christian learning "camp", The Chautauqua Institute [[www.chq.org](http://www.chq.org)]; *July 1st–31st* – at the cottage on Lake Champlain; and from *August 1st–14th*, a Viking River Cruise in Europe! A Mets game on *August 17th*. I will be back and ready for our August 26th Hymn Sing Worship service, recharged for the new program year and beyond!

Although it will be very tough for me not to be present or available, this is a good reminder to me, as well as the congregation, that the church is more than the "enabling minister". I rest easier knowing that our congregation has a great staff and lay leadership. Debi is so very capable; in addition to her regular responsibilities, she will take the lead on pastoral care. Our elders are ready and available. It does help that programs tend to ease up in the summer months, yet, I'm hoping that everyone in the congregation will, more than ever, live out the core value that "everyone is in ministry." This is an opportunity to engage in ministry using the spiritual gifts that God has given each of you. If you see a need at church, step up and step in! God will bless you.

Although I will be dis-engaged, I won't be disconnected; I'll be praying for/with you! Certainly keep me in your prayers as  
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well — but more than anything — just keep being the great church you are. Keep attending worship (*I'm jealous that you will be able to hear such a stellar group of preachers!*) Many people, in looking for a church home, do their “shopping” in the summer months — be available to greet and welcome them!

In gratitude and with Christ’s peace,



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS~**

*By Dianne O'Hara*

On May 10th we welcomed eight new members into the life of the Colts Neck Reformed Church. Please find time to say “hello” and welcome them into the church.

**JIM AND ELEANORE DEMOS** live in Freehold and have been married for 33 years. Jim is a physician for Hackensack Meridian Health and Eleanore works as a school nurse. They have two grown sons, Peter and Michael and their granddaughter was born in November. Jim enjoys golfing, reading, going to movies, and is an amateur radio operator. Jim is also a private pilot and enjoys flying. Eleanore enjoys reading, going to the beach, traveling and spending time with her family.



**JEN AND DREW HASENSTAB** live in Freehold with their 4 month old son AJ. Drew is a physical education teacher in Old Bridge and Jen is an ESL teacher in Keansburg. Drew has been a member of the Colts Neck Fire Department since 1990. Drew enjoys hiking, snorkeling and traveling. Jen enjoys reading, hiking and going to the beach.



**PEGGY WEBER** lives in Freehold with her husband. She is a purchasing technician at the Naval Health Clinic in Lakehurst. Peggy was looking to enhance her spiritual life and her good friend Rose Pisarek encouraged her to come and worship with us. Peggy has two beautiful grandchildren and in her spare time Peggy enjoys cooking, gardening and exercise.



**KARINE AND OLIVIER GOUSSE** live in Freehold with their daughters, Kristel and Audrée. Olivier is a software engineer specializing in cyber security and, due to downsizing, is looking for a new job. Karine is an administrative assistant completing her real estate courses. Olivier enjoys camping and hunting. Karine enjoys cooking and traveling. She also attends Women of D’Vine fellowship group and the Women’s Thursday Morning Bible Study. Audrée is a member of our current



confirmation class. Kristel is a senior at Monmouth University studying the biological sciences and plans to pursue a Medical degree.

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be around, but if you want to ensure that a specific person is in the office, it would be advisable to call first (732-462-4555). You can always leave a message on the church answering machine or send an email [coltsneckreformedchurch@gmail.com] and you will receive a response as soon as possible

Scott will be away on Sabbatical from June 5th to August 25th. Debi will be preaching and available for pastoral support throughout the summer except for a week of vacation (July 1st – July 7th). Please feel free to call Debi at the office, email her at [cnrc.associate@gmail.com], or call her at home for emergencies at 732-747-3963. During her vacation week, the elders of our church will be on call for any pastoral needs. Please contact the church office or Reed Feuster, Vice-President of Consistory at 908-839-1545 or [rfeuster@optonline.net] for assistance.

**WHO AM I?**



1. I was born in Jersey City, NJ and grew up in Old Bridge, NJ.
2. I am the oldest of five boys.
3. In high school, I was active in every instrumental music activity.
4. I attended Trenton State College as a music major.
5. I am married to my high school sweetheart and we live in Freehold Township.
6. We have three children and three grandchildren.
7. My all-time favorite team is the New York Mets, and my all-time favorite player is Keith Hernandez.
8. My all-time favorite band is Chicago.
9. My favorite singers are Linda Ronstadt and Karen Carpenter.
10. My favorite foods are lasagna and eggplant parmigiana, and my favorite drink is Dunkin’ Donuts coffee.

Give up? Turn to page 7 to see my name and picture!

## HYMN SING — SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH



The singing of hymns is one of the hallmarks of our worshiping life as a congregation. Many of you have favorites that have strengthened your faith over the years. You will have the opportunity to request your favorite hymn at our annual **Summer Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 26th**. As you come into the Sanctuary that morning for **9:15 a.m. worship**, you will be given a slip of paper on which to write your favorite hymn. During the service, we'll collect the requests and select a number of them at random to sing together. This is always a special Sunday in the life of our congregation!

## NEW MEMBER CLASS OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER~

The journey of faith, although very personal, is not meant to be traveled alone.

Periodically we hold new member classes for those who are interested in finding out more about the Colts Neck Reformed Church and are considering church membership.



**New  
Member  
Classes**

If you have been worshipping with us and you would like to learn more about our church, we invite you to attend our next class on **Thursday, September 27th, from 7:00—8:45 p.m. in the Ministry Center Conference Room**. If you are interested in becoming a member we ask that you attend this class where Rev. Scott Brown will talk about the history of CNRC and what it means to be a member.

Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but it is an opportunity for you to find out about the life and ministry of CNRC.

Please contact Dianne O'Hara at [cnrc.care@gmail.com] or call the church office (732-462-4555) for more information or to register for the class.

## RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 *Save the Date!*

We are looking forward to an exciting Rally Day/Picnic in September. There will be **one worship service at 9:15 a.m.** Following worship we will head over to Colts Neck Firehouse #1 (a few doors down on Route 537) where we will have our **Ministries Expo** inside and our **Church picnic** outside. We are working on some exciting additions this year so you won't want to miss this year's event.

The cost will be **\$7.00/adult** (*high school and above*), **\$3.00/ages 5 through 8th grade**, and **children under 5 are free**. We will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, and water; everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and whatever you'd like to drink. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in August. Call the church office with any questions at 732-462-4555.

## MEET YOUR STAFF – DEBI JENSEN~

Debi serves as a Commissioned Pastor here at CNRC, a position she took on in May 2017. She began her job tenure at CNRC in 2013 as the Director of Christian Education. Debi is married to husband Craig, and they have lived in Colts Neck for 30 years, raising their son, Paul – who is now 28. Originally from Oregon, Debi previously worked for Bell Labs as a computer scientist, and at the Colts Neck Schools and Shore Regional High School as a network administrator.



Debi is a graduate of the University of Oregon, University of Massachusetts, and the New Brunswick Seminary. She and her family enjoy watching Indy and F1 racing. She has many favorite books and movies but to pick one that covers each category it would be *"To Kill a Mockingbird"*. Debi's favorite place to vacation is the mountains, where she can smell the pine trees.

Her favorite Bible verse is Mark 12:29-31. When asked what she enjoys most about working at CNRC Debi shares, *"I am so humbled to have been called and accepted to serve at CNRC. Thanks to everyone for their support of my ministry. Thanks to God for giving me grace, love, and blessings beyond measure."*



## SENIOR SUMMER CAMP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL~

Colts Neck Reformed Church is partnering with the CIC (*Churches Improving Communities*) for a new outreach pilot program.

**Social Senior Summer Camp** is a program geared to elders who are fairly independent and do not yet need full time care. This would be a place for them to socialize, do crafts, play games, etc. The CIC is in the process of writing a grant to fund this program full time.

In the meantime, they will launch a 4-week pilot program as a way to assess the need in Colts Neck and surrounding areas for such a program.

We have offered them the use of Fellowship Hall on **Fridays, July 13th, 20th, 27th and August 3rd** from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. The CIC will provide a paid trained professional to run this program and we will provide a few volunteers to help out.



Attendees would be responsible for their own transportation to and from our facility and are asked to bring a bagged lunch; CIC will provide snacks.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dianne O'Hara at [cnrc.care@gmail.com]. If you know of a senior who might be interested in attending this program, please share the information with him or her.

# Youth News



## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH UPDATES~

By Debbie and Paul Horan

Paul and I have had some exciting adventures since accepting the role of Directors of Youth Ministry. Our youth have participated in the annual sub sale, traveled to Clendenin, West Virginia to serve the community affected by flooding, shared in movie nights, and supported their peers participating in High School drama productions. Our latest accomplishment was to paint the "new Youth Lounge" at 28 Village Lane. Our next mission trip is to Virginia Beach at the end of June.

Paul and I are blessed to have the opportunity to work and love these amazing youth!

Please encourage your children to participate in Youth Group. We guarantee it will change their lives.



## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS (6TH-8TH GRADE)~

by Karen Nestorowicz

Christin Outwin and I were thrilled to organize a couple of events for our Junior High youth this spring!

In March, we gathered in Fellowship Hall to play board games and had many laughs guessing what picture was on our foreheads playing *Headbanz*. The kids topped off the evening with banana splits!

In May, we asked the Junior High to vote for three different movies and their associated snacks; we would then meet at my home to view the winning movie. After all the votes were tallied, *Iron Giant* was the winning movie but we suspect the Twinkies and milkshakes had a little something to do with that first place spot!

Christin and I have been busy brainstorming for fun, fellowship, and community activities for 2018-19. Look for announcements in the Sunday bulletins, on the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall, and by email for event happenings throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

You can contact Christin Outwin [coutwin@yahoo.com] or Karen Nestorowicz [jedinestor@gmail.com] if you have questions or need more information.



## NEW ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 2-5)~

by Jeanne and Peter Sokol

We started a new youth group in February for our children in grades 2-5 with a focus on fun, friends and fellowship. During our first meeting, we brainstormed lots of great ideas for future fun meetings and played games.

Our second meeting in April was a "Slimey Ice Cream Sundae" party. We made slime (thanks to Neve McMenamy's leadership), and shared our favorite toppings as we created awesome sundaes together!

Our May meeting was held at the Ministry Center where, with flashlights in hand, we enjoyed playing "Sardines", scampering between the two floors in search of good hiding places in the dark. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 16th for a cookout and outdoor movie in the Horan's backyard, along with a NOAH (our young family fellowship group) family outing.

We are very excited about the friendships and fellowship experiences so far and yet to come! We will be brainstorming mission opportunities as well for the 2018—2019 program year. Be on the lookout for future meetings via email, the weekly bulletin, and sign-up sheets posted in Fellowship Hall—and remember that your children's friends are always welcome to join.

Please contact me anytime with ideas for fun future meetings at [jpsokol@aol.com] or 732-939-4425. I appreciate everyone's support!



**HAND BELL CONCERT~**

Our **15th Annual Handbell Concert** was held on Sunday evening, May 6th. This free concert featured 60+ ringers of all ages in five handbell choirs—*Echo Ringers, Joyful Ringers, Celebration Ringers, Morning Bells, and Exultation Ringers*. This year's theme was *Music from Around the World*, with each bell choir ringing a selection from countries and regions such as China, Ireland, England, France, the Caribbean and Scotland. The finale, featuring all five bell choirs, was a rousing rendition of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Our handbell program is in its 18th year! All the groups rehearse weekly and ring routinely in worship on Sunday mornings; they also participate in outreach-sharing their bell ringing with area senior centers, adult communities and assisted living facilities.



**MORNING BELLS AT BROOKSIDE~**

Our **Morning Bells** handbell choir, directed by Maggie Tripold, gave a concert at The Brookside in Freehold on Monday, April 30th. It was our first concert at this wonderful assisted living facility. The residents were so enthusiastic and the staff very helpful! They especially loved singing with us on *Let There Be Peace on Earth* and clapping along to our patriotic selections.



**CNRC HAND BELL CHOIRS SHARE THE JOY OF MUSIC AND RINGING!**



**CELEBRATION RINGERS RING AT RCH~**

Our Celebration Ringers high school handbell choir, directed by Kay Brown, had a very special experience on Wednesday, May 9th, when they rang for the residents at the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge. The teens rang several selections and then took bells and chimes out to the residents to let them experience the instruments up close. The evening ended with a trip to Friendly's for dinner and ice cream. What a meaningful way to end the year!



**ECHO AND JOYFUL RINGERS AT THE ARBORS~**

Our youngest ringers had a wonderful time ringing for the residents of *The Arbors* in Spring Lake on Monday, May 7th. For our new ringers, this was their first opportunity to ring outside of our Sanctuary, and they rang beautifully! Howard Royce, a member of our congregation and a resident at *The Arbors* in Spring Lake, was thrilled to have the children come and ring. After ringing their selections, the children took bells out to the residents and showed them how to ring! The two groups ended the evening with a trip to Applebees. Thank you to their directors, Tamar Goetke and Kelly Tyma.



**WANTED — HANDBELL RINGERS!!**

Handbell ringing is so much fun! Maybe you have an interest in learning how to ring, or would even consider joining one of our choirs. If so, keep on reading!

We will offer **two workshops for new ringers** on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, September 12th**, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. for high school and adults
- **Friday, September 14th**, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. for grades 3-8

If you want to have a **“hands-on”** experience, this is for you! We'll show you the techniques behind handbell ringing and give you the opportunity to try them for yourself.

If the workshops whet your appetite for ringing regularly and you'd like to join one of our bell choirs, please see below for information about each group:

- **Echo Ringers** for grades 3-5  
Mondays from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. beginning on September 17th
- **Joyful Ringers** for grades 6-8  
Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 17th
- **Celebration Ringers** for grades 9-12  
Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 12th
- **Morning Bells** for adults  
Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning on September 17th

If you're interested in coming to one of the workshops, please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Maggie Tripold in the church office.

**COMMUNION SERVERS~**

If you have been ordained as an elder or deacon, either at CNRC or at another church, and are interested in serving communion, we would love to add you to our list of servers. You will be scheduled to serve communion at either the 9:15 or 11:00 a.m. service several times a year. Please contact Maggie Tripold [mtripold@verizon.net] or 732-462-4555 if you are willing to serve in this way.



**Who Am I?**  
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**Len Simicich**  
married to  
**Donna**

**CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES AT CNRC~**

If you or anyone in your family enjoys singing, we have a choir for you! There will be a detailed article in the September newsletter about all of our musical ensembles, but here is a quick overview of Colts Neck Reformed Church's vocal choirs:



- **SANCTUARY CHOIR** (*adults*) rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. from early September through early June in the choir room (upstairs in the Sanctuary building).
- **JUBILATION!** (*7th–12th grade*) rehearses on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon from mid-September through mid-May in the Ministry Center Upper Room.
- **ALLELUIA CHOIR** (*4th–6th grade*) rehearses on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon from mid-September through early May in the choir room.
- **ANGEL CHOIR** (*1st–3rd grade*) rehearses on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon from mid-September through early May in Fellowship Hall.
- **CHERUB CHOIR** (*pre-K and K*) rehearses on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon from late September through Palm Sunday in Room 5 in the Community Center.

If you have any questions about any of these choirs or about our overall music program, please call Maggie Tripold at the church office.

**~SINGING WITH THE SENIORS~**

**Plan to Join Us in the Fall**

Do you like to bring smiles to people's faces? Do you like to sing "oldies but goodies" and patriotic songs? Can you spare an hour or so on a Wednesday and/or Saturday morning once a month? If so, this is the group for you! This is **not** a choir that sings **for** senior citizens, rather it's a group who sings **with** them. We don't rehearse, we just go and share the joy of music with the residents of the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge, and Brandywine Reflections in Colts Neck. Women and men of any age are welcome!



Our singing schedule is as follows:

- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Reformed Church Home  
(meet at church at 10:00 a.m. if you want to carpool)
- 3rd Saturday of each month at 11:15 a.m. at Brandywine Reflections  
(meet at church at 11:00 a.m. if you want to carpool)

You can find out more information on **Rally Day, September 9th**, or get in touch with Maggie Tripold in the church office at [mtripold@verizon.net] or 732-462-4555.

## MISSION NEWS – UPDATES – AND OPPORTUNITIES~

The Mission Committee is happy to report that we will continue to meet throughout the summer in order to offer this congregation a variety of mission opportunities. **Watch the Mission Bulletin Board** during our Fellowship time following 9:15 a.m. worship for news and sign ups. Here are some of the events we have planned for the summer:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND: P4P** stands for “Pedals for Progress” and is a wonderful way to put any bicycles or sewing machines which are no longer in use at your home, into the worthy service of people in Nicaragua. For these recipients a bicycle or a sewing machine can make a difference in their ability to support themselves and their families. We ask that with each donated item you include a \$10.00 check to cover the cost of shipping. If you have items to donate, they should be dropped off at the church the **morning of June 2nd**; if you would like to join in the fun of gathering and preparing these items for shipping, please contact Carol Lang at [clang946@gmail.com].

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD:** Are you feeling the urge to “jump in on a local Mission opportunity?” Consider volunteering with 6—8 others from our church at **Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park** for their “**Saturday Soup**”. This is an opportunity for the young... and the young at heart. Volunteers are asked to stay for the entire meal service - from beginning prep through final cleanup – **9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** When the work is done, all volunteers are invited to sit together for a meal. This promises to be an uplifting day. The sign-up is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board. This event will be led by LuAnne Petrie – feel free to contact her with any questions at 908-692-4140, or [lupetrie@gmail.com].

**JULY 14TH—21ST:** A **Puerto Rico Intergenerational Mission Trip**. CNRC is sending a group of five volunteers from our congregation to Puerto Rico, where they will be joining a group of Hope Force Volunteers. Together this mission team will focus on roofing projects as the island community prepares for the upcoming rainy season. **This trip is filled.**

**JUNE 26TH—JULY 27TH:** Students, ages 14-17 years, from France and Spain are coming to our area to improve their language skills and learn more about our culture. These students are proficient in English, are insured, and have their own spending money. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity to **welcome a child from another country into your home** and the life of your family. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider hosting one of these students. For more information please contact Scot King (732-892-2571; [Scot4Camille@gmail.com]).

**JUNE 21s & AUGUST 30TH: Family Promise Outreach.** CNRC supports the Freehold Presbyterian Church’s role as a hosting facility for Family Promise, a program designed for families and their children in crisis. Volunteers are asked (depending on their task) to be at the Freehold Presbyterian Church from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to share a meal and interact with these families. If you would like to be an overnight volunteer then you are

expected to be there from 8:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Interested in volunteering? See the sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board. For more information contact Barb Serafin at 732-895-1813; [barbserafin@yahoo.com].

**JUNE 24TH—JUNE 30TH:** CNRC Senior High Youth Group will take their second mission trip of 2018. This time they will be heading to Virginia Beach, once again under the leadership of Paul and Debbie Horan.

**SEPT 29TH—OCTOBER 6TH and OCTOBER 6TH—OCTOBER 13TH: St Thomas Adult Mission Trips I and II.** Signups are posted on the Mobile Mission Bulletin Board and are filling up fast. Out-of-pocket cost for each participant is \$300.00. Although the trip is still months away it is important that you sign up now so that airline tickets can be purchased in mid-June. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for all who are willing to help this community get back on their feet after the devastating effects of Hurricane Maria late last September. Contact LuAnne Petrie with any questions at 908-692-4140, [lupetrie@gmail.com].

## CNRC MISSION JAMBOREE!

Save the Date! Mission Jamboree! October 21, 2018 from 4:00–7 :00 p.m. We will combine our **3 ‘M’s: Mission, Music and Meals** to provide an informational and inspiring evening for the whole family. Details to follow, but mark your calendars NOW! If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for the Mission Jamboree, please contact Lucy Lennox at 732-598-0303 or [llennox3@gmail.com].

## ST. PETER’S COMMUNITY SUPPER UPDATES~

by Beth Burke

“Grazie mille” (thanks a million!) to all those who contributed food, supplies (including beautiful flower arrangements), or volunteered their time at our last (for the program year) Community Outreach Supper at St.



Peter’s Episcopal Church in Freehold. Our Italian-themed dishes and abundance of delicious desserts kicked off the evening in May for approximately 45 appreciative guests. Longstanding volunteers as well as some eager newcomers served a total of over 70 meals including

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second helpings and take-home containers.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Cathy Weick, one of St. Peter's Episcopal Church's kitchen coordinators, who will be moving out of the area in June. Cathy (pictured fifth from the left in our volunteer photo) has been directing the crew who prepares the food donated by local supporting organizations for many years. She has been a tremendous resource to us; helping to plan menus, providing recipe suggestions and calculating quantities needed to feed up to 100 meals per dinner! She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure to work with her.

With Cathy's move, and the loss of Carl Schwarzler, who died this past November, a need has arisen for someone with experience in this type of role (or a desire to learn how), either for our own support dates or for other dates during the year. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please contact Beth Burke for more information at 732-462-9827 or 732-921-3069.

Our support dates for next season are still being finalized, so please watch for sign-up sheets that will be posted on the Mission bulletin board later this summer. We are always looking for new volunteers to help serve, cook, or donate other supplies to make the evening a success for those in need!

**CREATIVE HANDS CRAFT NIGHT PLANNED~**

by Mary Van Mater and Adrienne Spota

If April showers bring May flowers... what does June bring? **ICE CREAM AND CRAFTS!!** Come for an evening of ocean inspired creativity, preparation for bazaar benevolence, and summer snacks. Join us **Monday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**



See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, call, email, or just come join in the fun and fellowship. Friends are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Van Mater [mary.b.vanmater@gmail.com]. 908-

601-7782 or Adrienne Spota at [spota4@gmail.com], 848-333-3518.

**~SAVE THE DATE~**

**The Reformed Church Home 27th Annual Golf Classic**  
Monday, September 17th at the Battleground Country Club.

**Colts Neck Reformed Church** will be honored for our congregation's support of the Home. Plan on golfing, or just coming for lunch! Details on cost/timing will be forthcoming.

Dear Rev. Brown,

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, Habitat for Humanity Monmouth County, I'd like to personally thank you and your church for allowing us to use your beautiful facility for our many meetings, and for your generous support of our work. We are truly grateful for our continued partnership.

God bless, Kate Nelson, President

**~FUNDRAISING AND FUN WITH~  
RAISING HOPE FOR OTHERS, INC.**

by Laura Burke

Please join *Raising Hope for Others, Inc.* on **Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 2:00—5:00 p.m.** at the Cranbury Elementary School Auditorium, Cranbury, NJ (23 N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ) for the 11th annual community fundraiser for **Raising Hope for Others**, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It will be an afternoon of FUNdraising and FUN! There will be activities for the entire family—ticket and silent auctions, petting zoo and children's crafts. For more information, please email or call Laura at [raisinghopeforothers@gmail.com] or 732-890-3657.

This year the fundraiser will support **Charli Leventhal** and others in need. Charli was born on November 19, 2017. In the six short months since she was born, Charli has faced many obstacles, more than what most people will face in their lifetime and yet, she still has many more hurdles to overcome. Charli was born with a hole in her heart. At eight weeks old, she had open heart surgery to repair a ventricular septal defect along with a patent foramen ovale. Charli was then diagnosed with a 2Q37 deletion, a rare chromosomal deficiency that may result in several developmental delays. She is currently receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy, and early intervention. This chromosomal deletion also causes feeding issues. For now, Charli is being fed through a NG (Naso gastric) tube due to the low muscle tone in her throat as well as the fear of her aspirating. In addition, Charli has two surgeries scheduled for this summer to address her severe double hip dysplasia. These surgeries will keep her mom, Monica, out of work for twelve weeks. **Monies raised help alleviate financial burdens.** This year's fundraiser also supports several other organizations and foundations.

Dear Church School Students and the  
Congregation of the Colts Neck Reformed Church:

Thank you for organizing a book drive for Bridge of Books foundation. Your volunteer efforts will help us continue to provide an ongoing source of books to under-served children throughout New Jersey.

Did you know that nearly 80% of New Jersey children living at or below the poverty line are not reading proficiently by the 4th grade? (Anne E. Casey Kid's Count Data Center 2016). One of the biggest barriers that children face in acquiring literacy skills is having meaningful access to books. In 2017 we were able to distribute over 122,000 books. Your donation will help us to deliver even more in 2018.

We hope you will consider working with us again in your future volunteer projects.

Very truly yours,

Abby Daly, Founder and Executive Director  
Bridge of Books Foundation

Editor's note: Thanks to the generosity of the children in our church school and members of this congregation, we were able to deliver some 17 bags of books, totaling 200+ books donated.

## CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION SERVICE ~JUNE 10TH AT 9:15 A.M.~

On Sunday, June 10th, our Church School students will lead worship at the 9:15 a.m. service. Throughout the program year, the children work hard to memorize scripture, prayers, responses, and creeds of our faith. The children will incorporate their memory work into the worship service. They will also greet and hand out bulletins, receive the offering, and have written other parts of the service. We invite everyone to this service to enjoy the leadership of our youngest Christians.

For all of the Church School teachers and assistants, we thank you for your dedicated work this year. Your ministry of bringing the knowledge of God and the sacred words of the Bible to our children is a gift to our Church School.

To Jan Anania, Ali McMenamy, Lynne Garner, Sandy Freeman, Jane Rappleyea, and Noelle Soi, thank you for being on the administrative team this year. Your work to keep the Church School running smoothly was most appreciated.

Thank you to our teachers Alyssa Giles, Lauren Baghsarian, Aly Naysmith, Maggie Purcell, Yolanda Howard, Kathy Rodman, Jillian Sherman, Shawn Burke, Caroline Sass, John Irwin, and Karen Hager. Your dedication to your students in teaching them the stories of the Bible is an important part of their faith journey.

Thank you also to our assistants Caitlin MacClellan, Elizabeth Applegate, Emily Contract, Sarah Maxwell, Grace Rowland, Julia Contract, Josh Nestorowicz, Marian Hager, Daniel Freeman, Gavin Hager, and Michael Walker. Your help in the classrooms is so needed and well done.

A summer **Sunday Church School Activity** will be offered each week during the summer months for children ages Pre-K through entering 3rd grade in the fall.

Church School will begin again in September for all children ages 3 through 7th grade. We will have a signup table on Rally Day (September 9th) where you can register your child for class (*please register your child in the same grade class as they are in school*).

## CALLING ALL CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS!

We need volunteers to help staff the Church School classes for the coming program year starting in September. Debi Jensen is responsible for overall organization of the Church School program but **it is our volunteer teachers, assistants, and administrative team that make the Church School a success**. We have openings in all of the aforementioned Church School positions.



As a favorite hymn says "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", our Church School takes this request to heart and works to bring the love of God and the teachings of Jesus to our children.

This past year, we had a dedicated administrative team whose service

Teach Church School

and faithful attention to the children and volunteers of our Church School kept the classes running smoothly. Over the summer, the administrators help to organize and stock the craft rooms, order and organize curriculum, and train new teachers. Throughout the year, the administrators also make sure the classes are running smoothly, pick up attendance and offerings, substitute for teachers as needed, and prepare for holidays and special Sundays.

We also have many opportunities for **Church School teachers**. Many of our dedicated teachers will return next September to teach; however, some will not return so we certainly have room for new faces. Each class is staffed with at least two teachers, and our pre-school through fourth grade classes have high school assistants. Training is provided during the summer. Curriculum and special lessons during holidays are set up for all classes. With two teachers per class, you only have to teach half of the Sundays during the year. We can also provide a substitute if both class teachers need to be out.

If you will be a high school student in September and are interested in being a **classroom assistant**, we also need you. Assistants help the teachers with set up and clean up the rooms, help the children with crafts, and even assist with the teaching of lessons.

**If you are interested** and motivated to help in this very important church ministry or would like more information, please contact Debi Jensen at 732-462-4555, x122 or [[cnrc.associate@gmail.com](mailto:cnrc.associate@gmail.com)] or .



## SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL ACTIVITY~

**Beginning on Sunday June 17th**, the church will offer a worship activity for children ages three through entering third grade beginning after the "Gospel for Children." We will offer stories, crafts, and Bible lessons from *Awesome Adventures: God's Amazing Kids*. In each lesson, our friends "Anna and Jake" will lead our group of adventurers as they discover Old and New Testament stories of young people in the Bible. Stories about Isaac, Miriam, Daniel, Samuel, Jesus, Timothy, and others are included. No need to sign up, just come to church and join the group whenever you can!



**Weekly Leaders Are Needed!** The lessons and supplies for the summer activity will be organized ahead of time. We just need adults and teen helpers to make things work. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help in this important Children's Ministry during the summer months. It is a wonderful opportunity to help our children in their spiritual growth! Jane Rappleyea is coordinating our Summer program this year so please contact her for more information or if you have questions (call/text: 609-722-2182) or email [[jdr409@yahoo.com](mailto:jdr409@yahoo.com)].

## SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT DURING LIFE'S TRANSITIONS

### *SkillBuilders* Workshops September 16th to October 21st

This fall, the Christian Education team will be offering a series of workshops providing life skills for widows, widowers, and those who have experienced major life changes.

The series of free workshops, called *SkillBuilders*, will begin with an introduction on **Sunday, September 16th**, and will continue for five more Sundays to October 21st.

The series will offer support, encouragement, and information to anyone undergoing life transitions: the death of a loved one, divorce, adjustment to physical limitations or anyone who finds him or herself at a crossroads and wants some practical help moving forward. You will gain life skills in order to perform tasks that may have been done by the partner who is no longer around. There will be an introduction with a discussion about managing grief, but it is not a grief support group. It is intended to offer a safe place to ask questions and gain information on topics such as financial literacy, legal and estate matters, health, car care, and home maintenance. The group will discuss coping skills and provide information on the various choices that need to be made and some alternatives. Attend any or all of the workshops depending on your need. **The workshops will be held in the Ministry Center Conference Room at 2:00 p.m.**

### HAVE YOU READ~

by Connie Paul

My favorite way to get to more books is with audiobooks. Available on cassette, CDs and digital, audiobooks almost make it fun to do house or yard work, ride in the car, fill in wakeful hours at night. Most libraries have a good assortment. I download mine from the library to my iPad and my phone. You can renew them, if necessary. I also order books from *Audible* if I can't find my book group title for free; you own those forever. There are several apps for free audios from *LibriVox* and *Audiobooks.com*. Don't let lack of time to read keep you from all the great stories out there!

### CALLING ALL SINGLE ACTIVE SENIORS~

The Single Active Seniors Group (SAS) meets on **Sundays at 12:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Ministry Center. This is a weekly discussion and activity group for unmarried older adults in the church and the community. They engage in lively conversation, plan social activities, and encourage group participation. The group, facilitated by Gerry Romano (*a member of our congregation*) features guest speakers to discuss topics of interest while offering fellowship, friendship and support. There are no fees to join these meetings and no sign-up required—just show up! For more information, email Dianne O'Hara at [cnrc.care@gmail.com].

### CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE~

Communion is one of the two sacraments of the Reformed Church in America (the other is Baptism).



This year, five of our children participated in our *Children at the Lord's Table* classes. The children who completed both classes and participated in communion with their families and the congregation on Sunday, May 6th were *Connor Michael Burke, Joseph Charles Callaci, Alexa Joy Ker, Joseph Ronald Mayrose, and Zachary Rhea McCafferty*.

Pastor Debi Jensen led family members and children in two classes to prepare the children for their first communion. Families were with their children during the sacrament of baptism and it is only fitting that families should be together during this sacrament as well. We share meals, love, and prayer with our families and the Lord's Supper is a sharing of that with God and a sharing that links us all together.

**THE CHRONIC ILLNESS/PAIN SUPPORT GROUP** meets the first Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Perkins restaurant in Colts Neck. The last meeting before summer is Monday, June 4th. We will resume meeting monthly in September. For more information, please contact Lonnie Howlett at 732-833-8394 or [lonniespms@hotmail.com].

### HOLY YOGA IS BACK!

Holy Yoga is up and running and will continue throughout the summer months. Come join the fun and bring a friend! Classes will be held on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** (*slow flow mat class*) and **Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.** (*balance and/or chair yoga*) All classes are held in the Ministry Center yoga space. For more information contact Barb Tucker at [barbaratucker@aol.com].

### SUNDAY SUMMERTIME REFRESHMENTS~

**Beginning Sunday, June 17th, and continuing until September 2nd** there will be **one summer worship service beginning at 9:15 a.m.** After the service you will have the opportunity to greet people by participating in the "patio refreshment" time held under the Ministry Center portico. Weather permitting, there will be iced tea or lemonade served by volunteers.



**Help is needed** over the summer months to make this refreshment time a success. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for you to select a Sunday that you would be able to provide and serve cold drinks. Unlike coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, we do not offer food in the summertime. Any questions, please contact Dianne O'Hara at [cnrc.care@gmail.com].

**Note: Please use caution as you are exiting the parking lot during this time of fellowship.**

*Editor's Note: There will be worship services offered at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays, July 1st and August 5th.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRAD SCHOOL/COLLEGE</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>
<b>Ian James Brown</b>	Cooper Medical School of Rowan University <i>Residency at Christiana Hospital, Newark, DE</i>	MD <i>Interventional Neuroradiology</i>
<b>Lindsey Bosland</b>	Fairfield University Dolan School of Business <i>Beta Alpha Psi; Beta Gamma Sigma; Pi Mu Epsilon pursue Master's Degree in Accounting at Fairfield University</i>	BS
<b>Emily Burke</b>	Fashion Institute of Technology <i>selected for "Future of Fashion" Senior Thesis Exhibition plans to pursue career in her specialty in NYC</i>	BFA Fashion Design <i>Intimates Specialty</i>
<b>Alyssa Cantin-Giles</b>	Fordham University <i>Continuing with psychotherapy private practice and research</i>	PhD
<b>Rebecca M. Heider</b>	Kean University <i>Attending Baylor University Graduate School for Speech and Language Pathology</i>	BA Speech and Hearing Science <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<b>Jackson Lenz</b>	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign <i>Grainger Power Engineering Award recipient Electrical Engineer at Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI—Electrified Powertrain Engineering Division</i>	MS Electrical Engineering <i>Electric Machines and Drives</i>
<b>Erica Linnell</b>	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School <i>Psychiatry Residency at Brown University</i>	MD <i>AOA Medical Honor Society</i>
<b>Curtis McKittrick</b>	Rutgers University <i>employed at Rutgers University</i>	Masters Public Administration
<b>Anna Petrie</b>	Princeton Seminary <i>attending Rutgers University Fall 2018</i>	Master of Divinity <i>Co-director of Interfaith Rise</i>
<b>James Samson</b>	University of Richmond	BS Business Administration/Computer Science
<b>Troy Serafin</b>	George Mason University <i>working at Serafin Investigations Inc.</i>	Criminology/Intelligence
<b>Hannah Van Note</b>	Monmouth University <i>currently enrolled in 5 years Master's Program at Monmouth University</i>	BA Anthropology <i>Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Concentration in Spanish/Women's Studies Magna Cum Laude, Honors School</i>
<b>Austin Welch</b>	Southern Methodist University <i>employed by Key Bank in Chicago/Cleveland—Investment Banking</i>	BBA Finance
<b>Benjamin Zaccaria</b>	Hope College	BA Religious Studies
<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>ATTENDING IN FALL 2018</b>
<b>Zach Alagna</b>	Colts Neck High School	Brookdale Community College <i>Automotive technology program</i>
<b>Elizabeth Lyn Applegate</b>	Marlboro High School	Stockton University
<b>Elizabeth Banat</b>	Freehold High School <i>NHS, SHS, MNHS, College Board Scholar, Varsity Tennis Captain Student Council Vice-president</i>	Stevens Institute of Technology <i>Chemical Engineering</i>
<b>Ben Bosland</b>	Colts Neck High School	Scranton University
<b>Jessica Cerny</b>	Marlboro High School	<i>taking a gap year</i>
<b>Emma Devlin</b>	Colts Neck High School	James Madison University



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<b>Daniel D. Freeman</b>	Colts Neck High School Law & Public Service <i>NHS, SHS, MNHS, Thespian Honor Society</i>	Drexel University pursue BS/MS Biomedical Engineering
<b>Alexander Geissler</b>	Colts Neck High School	Clemson University <i>Economics</i>
<b>Gavin Hager</b>	Jackson Memorial High School	Rutgers University
<b>Zachary Howard</b>	Allied Health and Science	University of Pittsburgh
<b>Caitlin MacClellan</b>	Freehold Township High School	Brookdale Community College <i>Interior Design</i>



<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADUATING MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>ATTENDING IN FALL 2018</b>
<b>Kiersten Geissler</b>	Cedar Drive Middle School	Colts Neck High School
<b>Jacob Goetke</b> <i>Submitted by Grandmother Nancy Faustmann; nephew of Matthew Goetke</i>	Clifton T. Barkalow Middle School	Manalapan High School
<b>Audrée Elizabeth Gousse</b>	Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School <i>National Junior Honor Society, Tri-M Music</i>	Freehold Borough High School
<b>Frankie Grace Guadagnino</b>	Cedar Drive Middle School	Colts Neck High School
<b>Rachel Howard</b>	Solomon Schechter Day School	Colts Neck High School ROTC
<b>Caylee Sass</b>	Cedar Drive Middle School	Point Pleasant Borough High School
<b>Lance Welch</b>	Cedar Drive Middle School	Colts Neck High School

*Congratulations to Judy Laufer who, over a 30 year period, has made 400 donations of platelets to the Blood Center. That equals 50 gallons! For more information about our upcoming Blood Drive, see the article below.*

**WOMEN OF D'VINE** is a ladies fellowship group that meets monthly for friendship and community. Everyone is welcome to attend! Meetings are generally on the first Tuesday of the month in the evening and include beverages, appetizers and desserts.

The **June 5th meeting will be at Marian Bauman's home**, hopefully outside on her deck if the weather cooperates. Meeting dates/hostesses are yet to be decided for July and August.

**If you would like to be added to the email list** for Women of D'Vine, please send your contact information to [marianbauman1@gmail.com] to receive updates about the group. For questions or further information, please contact Sandy Anderson at [sja7669@gmail.com].

**WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP~**

The Women's Book Discussion group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at our group members' houses. We take a hiatus in the summer, as many of us are on the beach reading!

The final meeting this year will be on June 12th at the home of Pam Russo. The book to be discussed is *The Harbinger* by Jonathan Cahn.



To be put on the email list to receive group updates, summer beach book recommendations, and information about upcoming meetings, including this June, please send your contact information to Marian Bauman at [marianbauman1@gmail.com] or call her at 732-922-4531.

**KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO!**

Knit One, Pray Too! is a knitting group started by Lynne Garner and Donna Mulligan to knit premie baby blankets which get donated to local hospitals' Neonatal Intensive Care Units along with projects for the EDE Bazaar and gift ideas. This group is for all knitting abilities! Lynne and Donna are happy to teach anyone who wants to learn. This group meets the second and fourth Tuesday during the program year at the home of Lynne Garner.

The summer schedule is still being determined as of the printing of this newsletter. **Be in contact with Donna Mulligan to be added to the email list for this group** at [mulligand@optonline.net]. All are welcome to join in for some fun, fellowship, and knitting for a good cause.

**BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR SEPTEMBER~**

*by Kathy Rodman*

You can save a life by donating blood. Statistics show that only 5% of the population donates blood yet 25% of us will need blood at least once in our lifetime. To help reduce the shortage of blood, our next CNRC blood drive is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26th between the hours of 3:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Please consider taking part in this life-saving event.

**To those of you who give regularly, the last day to donate blood and still be able to give at our church blood drive is August 1st.** Blood can only be donated every 56 days. So mark these dates on your calendar. Sign-ups begin on Rally Day, September 9th.

### YOUR DAILY PRAYERS ARE NEEDED~

Please include the following members of our church family in your prayers this month. In addition to your prayers, they may really appreciate an occasional card, call or (if local) visit. If you are available to visit members of our church family and would like to be added to our rotating list of visitors, please contact Dianne O'Hara in the church office [cnrc.care@gmail.com] or 732-462-4555. This requires a commitment of one visit every 2 – 3 months.

- ❖ **Emma Sklair**, *health concerns*
- ❖ **Kristin Howlett**, daughter of Ken and Lonnie Howlett, *ongoing health concerns*
- ❖ **Daniel Kibler**, son of Nancy and Robert Kibler, *autoimmune diseases*
- ❖ All residents of the Reformed Church Home including, **Ruth Carmeli** (*mother of Margaret Carmeli-Peslak*), and **Irene Kiefer**.

### PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO~

- ❖ *Les Richens and Judy Baillie* on the death of their sister, *Peggy Joline*, on April 22, 2018.
- ❖ *Paul and Sandy Anderson and family* on the death of Paul's father, *Douglas Anderson*, on April 28, 2018.
- ❖ *The Banat family* on the death of their cousin, *Keith Ayoub*, on May 1, 2018.
- ❖ *Earl Siddons and family* on the death of his wife, *Maria*, on May 5, 2018.

*Thank you to my church family for all their thoughts, prayers and cards following my recent surgery and recovery.*

*Laurie Harris*

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you to everyone for the cards and kind words of sympathy following the death of my husband, Christopher. A special thank you to Scott and Debi for their support and prayers. It is truly a blessing to see God's love shine through so many caring people.*

*Love, Nancy Faustmann*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Colts Neck Reformed Church,*

*Thank you for coming alongside me as I began to navigate the rocky road of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Your meals, your gifts, and your kind words have filled me with gratitude these last several months. Even more importantly, your prayers on my behalf have sustained me through some dark nights and uncertain days. With a humble heart, I thank God for you all and for my place in this blessed community.*

*With much love, and by His grace alone,  
Claire Morris*

### CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO~

- ❖ *Dave and Karen Todd* on the birth of their grandson, *Andrew Steven*, on March 17, 2018 born to *Beth and Greg Eisen*.
- ❖ *Katelin and Kevin Robinson* on the baptism of their daughter, *Brielle Elaine*, on April 8, 2018. Proud grandparents are *Greg and Laurie Robinson*.
- ❖ *Joe and Jan Anania* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Harper Rose Anania*, born on April 19, 2018 to *Andrew and Catherine Anania*.
- ❖ *Caleb, Joshua, Caylee and Jayna Sass* who were baptized on April 22, 2018.
- ❖ *Andrew Naysmith and Kimberly Ferris* who were married on April 28, 2018 in Newport, RI. Rev Brown officiated. Proud parents are *Drew and Kathy Naysmith*.
- ❖ *Jen and Drew Hasenstab* on the baptism of their son, *Andrew Jack (A.J.)* on May 6, 2018.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED~

In observance of National Day of Prayer, the upstairs of the Ministry Center was transformed into stations of prayer entitled *A Personal Prayer Journey* on May 3rd and 4th. **Over 40 people participated** by coming and spending one-on-one time with God in prayer and reflection.

The stations involved a variety of prayer activities such as placing your thumb-print on a painting of tree branches, praying for missionaries, choosing fabric and constructing a quilt, putting together a puzzle, looking in a mirror, sifting through sand, writing someone's name on an ornament for whom you wished to pray, getting rid of "baggage" and more. The experience ended with praying at the foot of the cross. We hope those who took the prayer journey were blessed and encouraged.



## ~CANNING CREW SUMMER EVENTS~



Our Canning Crew loves to create jarred goodies to be sold at the Election Day Bazaar. We are always sure to make enough goods—most to raise money for the Benevolence Fund, a bit to sample as we create in the kitchen, and a few to bring home. Carol Lang leads us through fun, fellowship, and food prep with her patient guidance and creative recipes. It really is a wonderful time! Bring your own knife and cutting board, or borrow from us. Join us in **Fellowship Hall at 12 noon on Sunday, June 24th** as we make *Bruschetta in a Jar* and *Strawberry Jam*; and on **Sunday, August 5th** as we make *Peach Salsa* and *Boozy Canned Peaches*. A donation of \$5 is requested to cover costs. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or send an email to Dianne O'Hara at [cnrc.care@gmail.com].

## ELECTION DAY EVENT 2018

Although we're enjoying the summer months, we need to look ahead to our annual Election Day Event which will be held on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**. Our new Committee structure for the EDE continues to meet with great

success. We have all the committee chairpeople in place; however, we need to pair them with a trainee who will learn the position this year and handle the position in 2019. **Please consider getting involved in this annual event** which raises over \$10,000 for our Benevolence Fund. For more information or if you'd like to come onboard the leadership team, please contact Jane Rappleyea at [jdr409@yahoo.com].

**An UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** will be available to the congregation on Rally Day, September 9th, during the Ministries Expo. If any members of the church family would like to update their current picture, you may do so over the summer by submitting a (jpeg) picture to the church office [coltsneckreformedchurch@gmail.com] or by having their picture retaken. **Picture retakes can be done two different ways** – by stopping in the office during summer office hours; **OR**, a photographer will be available on some summer Sundays – watch the announcements and constant contact for specific dates. Thank you in advance for participating.

**Editor's note:** *New Member pictures are automatically uploaded into our church database. If you have joined this congregation since September 2015, your picture is most likely already in our database. You are also welcome to have your picture taken.*

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**Sunday, July 15, 2018** *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.* Worship at 9:15 a.m. and we welcome Rev. Paul Walther to the pulpit today. Rev. Walther is a retired minister of the Reformed Church in America, most recently serving as interim pastor of the Freehold Reformed Church. Jeff Brown is the guest organist.

**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018** *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.* Join us for worship at 9:15 a.m. this morning as Anna Petrie, recent graduate of Princeton Seminary and daughter of LuAnne and Clark Petrie, steps into the pulpit.

**SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018** *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Pastor Debi Jensen returns to the pulpit for our 9:15 a.m. worship service this morning.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018** *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.* We gather to **worship and celebrate Communion at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.** and welcome guest minister Rev. Julia Doellman-Brown, daughter of Rev. Scott and Kay Brown, to the pulpit today. Julia currently serves on the staff of The Reformed Church of The Tarrytowns, Tarrytown, NY.

**Sunday, August 12, 2018** *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.* Join us for worship today at 9:15 a.m. as we welcome Rev. Dr. Shari Brink to the pulpit. Rev. Dr. Brink served this congregation as minister from 1995 to 1998.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018** *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* We worship today at 9:15 a.m. and welcome Jeff Chu to the pulpit this morning. Jeff is a Reformed Church member and a seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary. Mr. Chu is a journalist whose work has appeared in Time magazine, The New York Times Magazine, Travel+Leisure, the Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post.

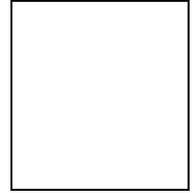
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018** *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Today is our annual Hymn Sing Sunday as Rev. Scott Brown returns from his sabbatical. We randomly select hymns to sing from favorites indicated by the congregation this morning.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018** *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* On this Labor Day weekend we gather to worship and celebrate Communion at 9:15 a.m. Rev. Scott Brown will be preaching.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018** *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* **Today is Rally Day** where we kick-off the program year with our traditional **Rally Day worship service at 9:15 a.m.** Bring the entire family to this special worship service! This will be **followed by a Ministries Expo and an all-church picnic** on the grounds of Colts Neck Firehouse #1, located just west of the church off of Route 537. See the article on page 4 for more Rally Day details!

During the summer months (*June 17th through September 2nd*) special music will be offered each Sunday as well as an activity for children ages pre-school to those entering 3rd grade in September. The activity will be held in our Ministry Center and the children will be dismissed following the Gospel for Children. Nursery care is always available. Following worship, gather for a time of fellowship and refreshment under the Ministry Center portico, weather permitting.

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## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018** *Second Sunday after Pentecost.* On this Confirmation Sunday, we worship at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. as eight communicants confirm their faith. What a great opportunity to celebrate with them and their families, as well as for us to recommit ourselves to being followers of Jesus Christ! The Lord's Supper will be celebrated and music will be offered by the Exultation Ringers and Sanctuary Choir at both services. Nursery care is available at both services and the children will be dismissed for church school following the Gospel for Children at 9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018** *Third Sunday after Pentecost.* At the **9:15 a.m. service our Church School students will lead worship** as they incorporate their memory work into the worship service, sharing scripture, prayers, responses, and creeds of our faith. The children will also greet and hand out bulletins and take the offering. At **11:00 a.m. a more traditional worship service will be held** with music offered by the Sanctuary Choir for the last time this program year. Whichever service you attend, you will honor God with your praise and encourage one another with your presence.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018** *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.* There is **only one worship service today beginning at 9:15 a.m.** as we begin our summer worship schedule. Pastor Debi Jensen will lead us in worship and special music will be offered by the Men's Ensemble.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018** *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.* We worship this morning at 9:15 a.m. and Pastor Debi Jensen concludes the sermon series on the book of First Samuel. Alleluia Jazz will offer special music.

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018** *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.* We gather to **worship and celebrate Communion at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.** and welcome guest minister Rev. Chris Vande Bunte to the pulpit. Rev. Vande Bunte served this congregation as associate minister from 2005 to 2012 and is currently the Senior Pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar, NY.

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**SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018** *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.* We will worship at 9:15 a.m. and welcome guest preacher Rev. Tom Bartha. Rev. Bartha is a good friend of Scott Brown and is a retired pastor of Pompton Reformed Church in Pompton Lakes, NJ; he currently resides in East Stroudsburg, PA. Jeff Brown is the guest organist.

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