



The Readington Reformed Church Newsletter



April

2011

FROM THE PASTOR

We are entering into our second round of Unbinding Our Hearts, and that has made me consider what it is that we bind, and what it is that we unbind, what it is that God binds, and what it is that God unbinds. Especially in this season of Lent, it makes sense to consider these things.

As people of the covenant, we are bound to the Lord our God. We are called to be a sign and a seal to the world, a reminder of God's love for creation and especially for God's love for humanity. As people of the covenant, we are charged to remember the Lord their God. But we are to do more than just remember: we are also charged to love. We are to love the Lord our God with our hearts, minds, souls and strength. And, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12: 28-31). We love God through a combination of prayer and service; our service grows out of our love. If there is no service, there is no love (James 2). God has always challenged His people to work for justice, to serve Him in love and awe and the healthy respect that can look like fear.

Too often we make the same mistake the ancient Israelites made: we choose to be bound together not by the love of God, but on our reliance on our own strength. Together we are stronger than we are separately, but even when we are united, if we are relying on our own strength, our own resources, that strength and those resources will be too puny to stand the test of time, and the stresses and strains of the world. Instead, we need to choose to be bound together by the Lord, in love.

Love is listening to God, and doing what God calls us to do. Love is about responding to the cry of the Other, about holding and comforting and taking care of basic needs (Matthew 25: 31+). Love is accountability, and learning about consequences. Love is celebrating with those who celebrate, and mourning with those who mourn, always hanging on to God's presence among us. Love is serving as conduits, pipelines of God's love, when other peoples' pipelines get clogged with the debris of life: illnesses, loss of jobs, loss of friends, loss of life. Love is about asking God to clear the debris, and then being God's hands and feet in that clearing process. Love is listening to one another, and when there are no words to say that will bring comfort and peace, just allowing our physical presence to testify to our desire to support and encourage one another.

Back in 1977, Bob Gillman captured this sentiment with the hymn, *Bind Us Together*. This is the refrain:

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love.

God will unbind our hearts from their attachment to the material things of this world, and bind us to Him, and to one another, if we ask. When our hearts are bound to God, and to each other, then our mouths are unbound to share the love of God with each other, and with this lost and broken world, including our friends, neighbors, coworkers and associates who need this Good News so very much. May we remember how very much God loves us, during this season of journeying to the Cross, as we pray and work and wait for the good news of the resurrection, and even more, for Jesus' return. And even so, come soon, Lord Jesus. Amen!!

Pastor Cathy

CHURCH ACTIVITIES UPDATES

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our weekly scripture readings are based on a three year cycle for reading scripture. The following passages are for the month of April:

April 3

Psalm 23
Isaiah 60:1-3
Luke 10:25-37

April 17 - Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 60:8-16
Matthew 21:1-11



April 10

Psalm 130
Isaiah 60:4-7
John 11:1-45

April 24 - Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 28:1-10

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER DINNER

Communion is a sign and seal of God's presence among us. It reminds us of God's saving action in the world, and of how very much He loves us. As Jesus told Nicodemus, in John 3: 16 & 17: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."* Jesus' last meal with His disciples was a particular kind of celebration, one that has genesis in another reminder of how very much He loves the Chosen People, the reminder of Passover, and God's presence with the Chosen People as they were called out of Egypt, and led by Moses back toward the Promised Land.

For us to be able to grasp the metaphors present in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, another phrase for communion, we need to be able to understand the Passover meal, or Seder. That is why, on Maundy Thursday, we have been celebrating what is referred to as a Christian Seder. The beginning of the gathering is rooted squarely in the contemporary celebration of a Seder meal. Part way through we enjoy a potluck meal together, and afterwards, the younger children are dismissed to play, while those who have been instructed in communion celebrate communion, in the context of this Jewish celebration. By participating in this celebration, we all gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' words and actions, which we remember every time we celebrate the sacrament of communion.



We invite all members and friends of the congregation, and their friends, to come to our celebration this Maundy Thursday, on Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 pm, down in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; we would like to get some sort of preliminary headcount to be sure we set up enough places for everyone. So please either register on-line, on the registration form in Fellowship Hall, or by calling the office, by Tuesday, April 19. (And if you can come at the last minute, y'all come!!)

BIBLE TRIVIA: Here's your chance to see how well you know the Bible! We have added this new feature to our monthly Newsletters so play the game and see how well you do! (Answers can be found on page 8):

1. According to Paul, who takes away the "veil" over the Old Testament?
2. What group of Christians examined the Scriptures every day if Paul was telling the truth?
3. To what young pastor did Paul address his famous words on the divine inspiration of all Scripture?

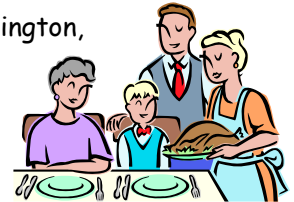
TURKEY DINNER

Calling all members and friends of the Readington Reformed Church!



PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2011 TURKEY DINNER AND BAKE AND CRAFT SHOPS.

It will be held on **Saturday, May 14th**. The Dinner will start at 4:00 p.m., with the last seating at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale the day of the dinner at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased thru Pat Ciccotelli up to May 12th. Money for your advance tickets must be received by May 13th. Please know which seating you want when you call and send your check to Readington Reformed Church, P. O. Box 1, Readington, NJ 08870, Attn. Pat Ciccotelli. Call Pat at (908) 526-8572 before sending in your check so she can put aside your tickets. Take-outs may also be purchased in advance and you are encouraged to do so, or at the door on the day of the dinner. No refunds will be given after your reservation is made. It would really help the counting of tickets if more people paid in advance.



Adult tickets are \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00, Children age 5 and under are FREE.

The Menu will be: Salads, Roast Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter, Dessert and Beverages.

TURKEY DINNER HELP NEEDED

Every family of the church and also friends of family members are invited to help in some way or another. There are things for all of us to do before, during and after the dinner that night. Check the following opportunities and see where you fit in, then call and volunteer!!!

<u>Thursday, May 12th</u>	<u>10:00 a.m. to 12 noon</u> Prepare bread for stuffing.
	7:00 p.m. Preparation of celery, onion, and bread for stuffing. Also, men needed to set up tables in Fellowship Hall and other areas.
	7:30 p.m. People needed to put table cloths on, get dishes, silverware, cups, etc. out for Dining Room and fill salt and pepper shakers, etc. Then set the tables for the first serving at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.
<u>Friday, May 13th</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Major preparation of food and organizing work station areas. Give out Turkey Breasts to those who have volunteered to roast them at home.
<u>Saturday, May 14th</u>	<u>Day of the Turkey Dinner</u> <u>THE KITCHEN NEEDS HELP!</u>
<u>7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</u>	To prepare kitchen and food.
<u>3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</u>	To prepare and serve food and wash dishes.
<u>8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.</u>	Clean up crew to clean up kitchen, stage area, cold foods room and dining room

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We would appreciate hearing from you so that we can plan our work schedule for the day of the dinner. We welcome you with or without experience. We promise you hard work but an enjoyable experience and the fellowship with one another is so rewarding!

Kitchen - call Imre Vitez at (908) 534-1753

Waiters and Waitresses - please call Kim Cole (908) 874-8696

Cold Foods Room - for salads, filling bowls and take outs - call Judy Iselin at (908) 369-4227

Take Out Packing Area - call Kim Weger at (908) 534-9372 or Carrie Feeney (908) 231-7843

Dishwashers and Clean-up Crew - call Marvin Fields (908) 534-8736 to cover 3:00 p.m. to closing shift.

Any other questions call Bob Lefever (908) 725-3708 or (908) 285-6320 (cell), or Marvin Fields (908) 534-8736. Thanks!

Each family will be receiving a phone call asking for donations to help support our Turkey Dinner. You may be asked to make Macaroni Salad or Three Bean Salad. If you don't get a call to make a salad, you will get a call to bake a Pineapple Cake for the dinner as we need many to serve to our guests. The craft shops and bake shop will also appreciate your donations.

Please label all donations with your name and deliver all items for the kitchen or craft boutique on Thursday morning, May 12th, or Saturday morning, May 14th **no later than 10:30 a.m.**

As always, your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!

The following are the basic Three Bean and Macaroni Salad recipes (please, no tuna or salad dressing):

3 BEAN SALAD (please triple recipe)

1 LB. can kidney beans, drained	1 onion (in rings - thin)
1 LB. can wax beans, drained	1/2 cup diced green pepper
1 LB. can green beans, drained	chopped pimento
1/2 cup diced celery	

Dressing (please **DOUBLE** recipe, **DO NOT TRIPLE**)

1 cup sugar	1/2 cup oil
1/4 tsp. pepper	3/4 cup vinegar
1 tsp. salt	

Any questions, please call Rosemarie Manzo (908) 722-7941.

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MACARONI SALAD (please triple recipe)

1 lb. **uncooked** elbow macaroni 1/3 cup vinegar
1/2 cup shredded carrots 2 cups **mayonnaise**
1/2 cup chopped green or red peppers salt & pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped onion

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain well with cold water. Drain again. Place all ingredients in a large bowl and mix gently. Chill. (Please remember, **NO** tuna or **salad dressing.**)

Any questions, please call Brenda Gerlipp (908) 369-4192.

The following recipe for Pineapple Cake should be followed exactly as written. If at all possible, please bake this in a throw-away pan. This will help the dish washing crew and we also won't have to worry about returning pans to the proper owners. Thanks!

PINEAPPLE CAKE*

2 cups flour 1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sugar 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
2 tsp. baking soda (with juice)
2 eggs



In a large mixing bowl mix above ingredients together and beat well. Pour into greased 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Test for doneness by inserting a tooth pick or knife in a few places. If the tooth pick comes out dry you're good.

Frosting: **DO NOT use canned frosting. Follow recipe below because we want all the cakes to be the same. Please put all of the frosting on the cake. Thank you.**

8 oz. softened cream cheese 1/4 lb. softened butter (NO margarine please)
1 & 3/4 cups confectioners sugar 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat cream cheese and butter together until well blended. Add vanilla and beat well. Gradually add 1 & 3/4 cups confectioners sugar and beat well. **Please beat frosting UNTIL very white and fluffy before spreading on cooled cake.**

***Please note - no nuts!**

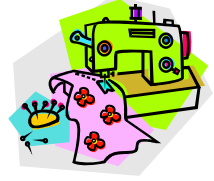
Thank you for your time and talents. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rosemarie Manzo (908) 722-7941.

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SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SHOPS

A Spring Boutique featuring crafts and "baked goodies" will be held on May 14th - the day of the Turkey Dinner! Our guests are always eager to buy the delicious cakes, pies, breads, cookies, candies and jams made by our excellent bakers in the congregation. So --- please plan on baking something "special" for the bake sale. Pies are really looked for by our customers!

We also need newly handmade craft items, such as - aprons, bibs, potholders, stuffed animals, dolls, booties, patchwork, crocheted, counted cross stitched items or whatever!!



We appreciate your generosity and anticipate a great day with YOUR support and participation!

All craft items may be brought in on Thursday afternoon, May 12th, and all baked goods for the dinner on Saturday, May 14th by 10:30 a.m. All Shops open for business at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Don't forget to come in and browse. Any questions, call Shirley Spildooren at (908) 534-2276.

Note: There will also be some outside crafters who will rent space in our Sunday School rooms. Please stop by and see these talented people! Any questions call Pat Ciccotelli (908) 526-8572. Table rentals are \$35.00 each.

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION NEWS

CONSISTORY CORNER

- The Deacons are trying to reschedule the solar panel seminar originally scheduled for March. They are also working on getting giving envelopes distributed to church members.
- The Elders received new members: Shawna Hudson and Joanna Robbins at the March meeting. New members will be joining the church publicly on March 20.
- The Steeple Project was discussed at length and the corresponding grant application was finalized and approved by consistory.

Update: The grant was signed and submitted to Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund on March 11. Thank you to everyone involved especially Ken Iselin and Shawna Hudson. The grant seeks \$195,000 to complete our steeple restoration project. The Consistory indicated private funds available of 10% of the grant request. The grant is non-binding and we expect to know the status of our application by June or July 2011. Pray with consistory that this grant may provide the necessary resources for reconditioning and restoring a signature part of our church building.

- The consistory has marked church calendar: Harvest Home - Sept 17, 2011 and Roast Pork Lion Dinner - Nov 12, 2011.
- The final 2010 consistorial report was distributed.
- The Sunday school offering from January through March will go to benefit Starfish, and the SS offering from April through June will go to benefit the memorial garden.
- A church Progressive Dinner is being organized for April 2.
- An Italian Night dinner is being held on April 30.

DEACONS

DEACON OF THE MONTH

We all have experienced a time when we are in need of a little assistance. The Deacons would like to assist you when these times occur. We have designated a Deacon of the month so that it may be easier for you to contact them with your needs. For the month of April, please contact our church office and leave a message for Toni Rathborne. She will then handle getting the provided care that is required.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR STARFISH



Readington Starfish has asked for volunteers during the week of April 17th to help separate, sort and deliver Easter Food Baskets. On Sunday, April 17th set up will take place at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m., volunteers will separate and sort food. On Tuesday, April 19th volunteers will separate and pack food from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. volunteers will sort and pack fresh foods. At 6:00 p.m. baskets will be distributed and volunteers will deliver food to those unable to pick up at 5:30 p.m. All activities will be held in the Community Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have any questions, please call Jim & Nancy O'Malley at 534-4714, or Diane Clapp or Bonnie Liddane at 534-0974.

If you know of anyone who might be in need of a basket, please speak with Eric Stettner as soon as possible, as the basket request form deadline is Friday, April 15th. And, please be sure your donations of non-perishable items and canned goods are not dented, rusty or expired as the pantry is unable to accept these items.

HELP NEEDED

Anyone in the congregation who is interested in providing some assistance to Dora Alexander, who is a 92 years old friend of the congregation is asked to contact Imre Vitez, Deacon Chair at wvtzfm@gmail.com or at (908) 534-1753, after 6PM. In addition to the support Dora receives from Lisa and Eric Stettner and Herb Wood, the Deacons are looking to develop a loose network of people to be a backup for them. The three main things needed are: stop by, bring in her mail and just visit with Dora for a short time, perhaps take her for a walk, and help Dora with very simple tasks around the house (put dishes away, move items from one room to another, etc).

MISSIONS

The April Mission of the Month is Windmills for Ethiopia. RCA missionary Dick Swart improved the quality of life of the Daasanech people by designing a windmill than can be built from supplies available in Ethiopia. These windmills allow the Daasanech to pump water from the Omo River to irrigate garden crops for food, to grind grain and to sharpen tools. Last year a gift from our offerings contributed to a new windmill for a Daasanech village. Let's make the effort again this month to support this mission.



MEMORIAL & STUDENT LOANS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS INTEREST-FREE STUDENT LOANS ARE AVAILABLE!!

Interest-free student loans up to \$2,500 are available from the Memorial and Student Loan Funds Committee. Applications are available from any member of the Committee (Pat Chadwick, Wilma Cole, Susan Lelah, and Wilma Matysek) or from the church office.

RRCWM

This Year's Lenten breakfast was the best yet. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you especially to the gentlemen who served and cleaned up. We so appreciate having the kitchen and dining room cleaned when we are finished with the program. The speaker this year had a wonderful message for all. *Living the Dead Life*, was the title of her presentation. Diane Hunt was an inspirational speaker at the beginning of this Lenten season, we were reminded of Jesus' sacrifice for us all.

Next on our agenda is an April business meeting and we are going to be creative as Wendi Kalley shows us how to make attractive cards at home. Please join us and enjoy. Joan Cucci will be making dessert so mark your calendars now for April 11.



Easter flowers - it is time again. Donations are welcomed and appreciated for the Easter flower display. Send your donation and wording for the bulletin to Judy Iselin at 899 Old York Rd Branchburg, NJ 08876 or email at jdiselin@comcast.net no later than April 15th.

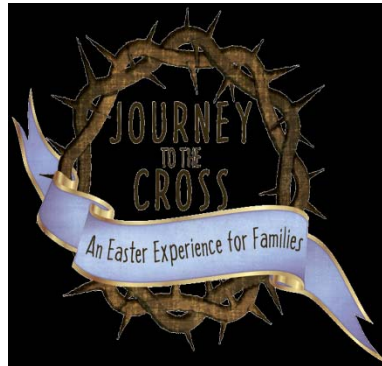
All women of Readington Reformed Church are welcome to join our group, bring a friend See you April 11 at 7:30pm.

Judy Iselin, Secretary

Trivia Answers:

1. Christ (2 Corinthians 3:14)
2. The Christians at Berea (Acts 17:11)
3. Timothy (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Our journey to the cross continues....

April 10, 2011

Easter Family Sunday

Brunch and Scavenger Egg Hunt

On April 10th, we will be having our Easter Family Sunday immediately following the service. This year the children/families will be having an Easter Egg Hunt. In this time of fellowship ALL church members are invited to attend a Lenten Brunch. This will be similar to our Apple Coffee Hour at Halloween and Chili Coffee Hour at Christmas. Invite your friends and neighbors to church and this fun event. Sign Up online or in Fellowship Hall

All Welcome! Bring a Friend - Immediately following worship

Christian Education Staffing

Over the past few months, the Spiritual Care Committee has been discussing the position of Christian Education Chair. This is actually the job of three people. We looked at the job description and divided the responsibilities. While Donna Freeman was able in the past to help in the division of this job, this is no longer possible. Prayerfully consider taking on the responsibilities of Christian Education Coordinator or Communications Coordinator. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to consider either of these positions. For more information contact Sandy Vitez at jlhfcc@embarqmail.com or 534-1753

Children's Day & Picnic

Since we have a large Confirmation Class this year we will be holding Children's Day on Father's Day, June 19th. Confirmation cannot occur before Pentecost so this is why we had to bump everything up a week.

Dive into the best VBC ever!
Son Surf Beach Bash
Coming to the Readington Reformed Church
August 15-19th - 9:00-12:15
Mark Your Calendars!!!

Men's Breakfast Group



There is a Men's Breakfast group available to all men at RRC. We meet the first and third Saturdays of each month at 7:00 a.m. for discussions of faith and fellowship. It is not a traditional bible study but we do have a topic and will talk about the Bible, current affairs and how to live a better Christian life in these times. If you are interested in attending, speak with Bob Lefever (908) 285-6320, Larry Lelah (908) 230-5412 or Dave Cole (908) 874-6946.

Unbinding the Gospel through Prayer

Our study of *Unbinding Your Heart* has begun. This six-week adventure includes a book study and individual 40-day prayer experience. To help us unbind our hearts through prayer we have formed a prayer group that will meet Sundays after worship from **11:30 am - 12:15 pm, May 8th through June 12th**. These prayer sessions will give us a chance to practice some of the prayer disciplines outlined in the book and will be led by Karen Szelest. To sign-up please see Karen Szelest or Laura Fields.

FELLOWSHIP, FUN-RAISING, OUTREACH

SNOW TUBING

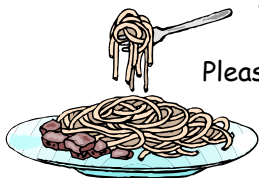
The snow tubing event, scheduled for March 12th, was canceled due to good weather! However, FFO has other plans for your entertainment.

COME ONE - COME ALL TO A PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

The FFO Committee is hosting a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 2nd. All are welcome to join in the fun - this is a nice way to gather together outside of church to meet new friends or just relax with longtime friends. We will start at 6:00pm and progress from one house to another for appetizers and main course, ending with dessert. This is not an event just for couples. All friends and members of the church are invited. Transportation can be arranged for those that do not drive at night. Please speak with Carolyn VandeGiessen or Sue Lelah for more information. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the kitchen or you can sign up by visiting <https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEQ4OW1IakYyYmlpZnpidRiM2FHVUE6MQ>

We guarantee you will have a lot of *FFF* - Fun, Food and Fellowship!!!

Italian Night



Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. We are having an Italian Night at RRC in Fellowship Hall. Bring your appetites and singing voices because Spaghetti and Meatballs are on the menu and Karaoke will be our entertainment. Dinner will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. This is not a fundraiser.

You can sign up by visiting:

<https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEQ4OW1IakYyYmlpZnpidRiM2FHVUE6MQ>
or look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall . . . **All are invited!**

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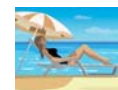
THE DEADLINE for the May Newsletter will be Sunday, April 17th. Please be sure to leave your complete, written articles in the church office by this date. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS . . .



On Sunday, March 20th we received five new members: Jenna Delmonte, Shawna Hudson, Joanna Robbins, Karen Szelest and Joan Zylstra. Here is a photograph from the service where Pastor Cathy and Vice President of Consistory, Marvin Fields, welcomed them into the congregation. Brief biographies for our new members are as follows:

Jenna Delmonte grew up in Leonia, New Jersey where she was a member of the First Reformed Church of the Palisades. She currently lives in Whitehouse Station with her husband, Dan and two children, Lily and Jack. Jenna is a special education teacher at Thomas Alva Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, N.J. In her spare time Jenna enjoys running, reading, and spending time at the beach.



Shawna Hudson graduated from Rutgers College in 1988 and has lived in Branchburg for 8 years.

She works at the UMDNJ-RWJ Medical School in New Brunswick and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey where she is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health.

She has been married to Ralph Pantozzi for 14 years and they have two daughters Mira and Kara. Shawna is a "foodie" and enjoys reading in her spare time.



Joanna Robbins lives in Whitehouse station and is married to Barry. They have two kids, Audrey and Mark, and she is a stay at home Mom. Joanna started coming to RRC to help with Vacation Bible Camp four years ago and has been attending church regularly since January of 2010.



Karen Szelest lives in Hillsborough and is currently working as a Staffing Consultant at Infineum. She likes to ski, read, play tennis and spend time with her nieces and nephews.



Joan Zylstra was born, raised and lives in Whitehouse Station. She is married to Robert and they have three children and two grandchildren. Joan is a retired Federal employee and has been a member of the RRC Thursday morning Bible Study group for the past three years.

CAMP WARWICK

Time to sign up for Summer Camp at Camp Warwick! Brochures and registration forms have arrived and are located in the racks at either entrance to the sanctuary. Scholarships are available for campers based on need and availability. Contact the Camp Registrar at (845) 986-1164 for more information regarding scholarships.

Also available are \$30 coupons off your 2011 registration cost if your registration is postmarked by April 29th. Please speak with Pastor Cathy if you would like one of these coupons.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Ruth Connor
2 - Bernie Lewis
8 - Linda Preta
9 - Anthony Ciccotelli

12 - William Freeman
14 - Lydia Lelah
19 - Anthony Ciccotelli, Jr.

17 - David & Kim Cole
21 - Richard & Wilma Cole
30 - Steve & Donna Freeman



If you have a birthday or anniversary that's not listed here, please call the church office at (908) 534-2077 to let us know your special date so we can add it to our list.

RRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below find the list of upcoming activities being held at the RRC. Please check and see which of the events appeal to you/your family's interest and sign up to attend. All are welcome!

April 2 (Saturday): Progressive Dinner
April 10 (Sunday): Family Sunday Scavenger and Egg Hunt
April 17 (Sunday): Palm Sunday
April 22 (Friday): Tennebrae Service
April 24 (Sunday): Easter Sunday
April 30 (Saturday): Italian Night
May 14 (Saturday): Turkey Dinner
June 19 (Sunday): Children's Day/Church Picnic
August 15-19: Vacation Bible Camp
September 17 (Saturday): Harvest Home
October 22 (Saturday): RRCWM Craft Fair
November 12 (Saturday): Roast Pork Loin Dinner

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2011 ECUMENICAL LENT SERIES

On Wednesday evenings during Lent members of the Ecumenical Group will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a Soup Supper to be followed by Learning at 7:15 p.m. The theme will be "Christ and Culture". This is a casual, gentle way to mark the weeks of self-reflection, recognizing that we do so as community and in community. Please join us as we share in a simple meal during our walk through Lent.



- April 6 Round Valley United Methodist Church, Rev. Andrew Paek, Christ & Culture
 In Paradox
- April 13 Church of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Philip Carr-Jones, Christ The Transformer
 Of Culture

Participating churches: Allerton UMC, Cokesbury UMC, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fairmount UMC, Lebanon Reformed, Our Lady of Lourdes, Readington Reformed, Rockaway Reformed, Round Valley UMC, Stanton Reformed, Whitehouse UMC, and Zion Lutheran.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR AT WHITEHOUSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday, April 3rd at noon the Whitehouse United Methodist Church will host a seminar on charitable giving and other financial planning ideas. Josh Gederich, an investment advisor with the Investment Center of Bedminster will be the guest speaker and a free soup and sandwich luncheon will be available between 11:00 a.m. and noon. Please call (908) 534-1064 if you plan to attend.

"MOVING FORWARD - A SHOWCASE OF TALENT AND FASHION"

The Good News Home for Women will proudly present "Moving Forward - A Showcase of Talent and Fashion" on April 9th at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, 45 Church Street, Liberty Corner, NJ. This event will feature a gallery from 4:00-5:00 p.m. which will display the creative output from our residents in collaboration with Black Lab Studios of Flemington. The show will then start promptly at 5:15 p.m. Admission is \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased by calling Robin at (908) 806-7913, ex. 26, or emailing robin@goodnewshome.net. All proceeds from this event will help us continue helping women become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive; free from the bondage of drug and/or alcohol addiction! Moving forward will be fun, enlightening and inspirational for all to enjoy!

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS DRIVERS

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers. Serve your homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only once a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month to get that good feeling of giving. Call our office at (908) 284-0735 to offer your time or for more information. Help us, help others . . . many thanks!

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
APRIL 2011						
					1	2 9:00-Cemetery Work Day PROGRESSIVE DINNER
3 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	4 Day of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving 5:00-BS Troop 1980	5 10:00-Quilters 7:30-Elders	6 9:00-MOM's 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30 NA/NARANON	7 9:30-GS Team 10:00-BS 7:00-Cub Scout Committee Writer's BS	8	9 10:30-Daisy Troop
10 FAMILY SUNDAY 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 11:30-Teen NM Class	11 7:00-BS Troop 1980 7:30-RRCWM	12 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters 6:30-Deacons 7:00-CONSISTORY	13 9:00-MOM's 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	14 9:30-GS Leaders 10:00-BS 7:00-Writer's BS BS Troop 1980 Com 7:30-Memorial & Student Loans Com.	15 9:30-Hunterdon County Quilters 1:00-Brownie Troop 445 6:30-GS Troop 444	16
17 PALM SUNDAY 9:30-NO Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 1:00-IHN Arrives	18 IHN 7:00-Spiritual Care 7:30-FFO	19 IHN 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters	20 IHN 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	21 IHN 10:00-BS 6:30-Seder Dinner 7:00-NO Writer's BS	22 IHN 7:30-Tennebrae Service	23 IHN
24 EASTER 7:00-Sunrise Service 9:30-NO Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-NO Coffee 1:00-IHN Departs	25	26 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters	27 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	28 10:00-BS 7:00-Writer's BS	29	30 10:30-Daisy Troop 6:30 – ITALIAN NIGHT

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

HEAD USHER/ASSISTANT USHER SCHEDULE APRIL & MAY

Sunday, April	3 rd	Steve Freeman/Karen Weber (COMMUNION)
Sunday, April	10 th	David Cole/Karen Weber
Sunday, April	17 th	Bob Lefever/Pat Chadwick (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April	24 th	Marvin & Laura Fields/Bernie Lewis/Bob Lefever (Easter Sunday)
Sunday, May	1 st	Ken Iselin/Shirley Koller (COMMUNION)
Sunday, May	8 th	Imre Vitez/Sarah VandeGiessen
Sunday, May	15 th	Donald Beisswanger/Maryfern Beisswanger
Sunday, May	22 nd	Bob Lefever/Toni Rathborne
Sunday, May	29 th	David Cole/Pat Chadwick

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY

Sunday, April	3 rd	COMMUNION	Sunday, May	1 st	COMMUNION
Sunday, April	10 th		Sunday, May	8 th	Dave Cole
Sunday, April	17 th	Marvin Fields	Sunday, May	15 th	
Sunday, April	24 th		Sunday, May	22 nd	Laura Fields
			Sunday, May	29 th	

CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY

Sunday, April	3 rd	Sandy Vitez	Sunday, May	1 st	Laura Fields
Sunday, April	10 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, May	8 th	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, April	17 th	Kim Cole	Sunday, May	15 th	Sandy Vitez
Sunday, April	24 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, May	22 nd	Pastor Cathy
			Sunday, May	29 th	Kim Cole

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL & MAY

Sunday, April	3 rd	COMMUNION	Sunday, May	1 st	COMMUNION
Sunday, April	10 th	Joanna Barnes	Sunday, May	8 th	
Sunday, April	17 th	Riley Engel	Sunday, May	15 th	
Sunday, April	24 th	Kevin Cole	Sunday, May	22 nd	
			Sunday, May	29 th	

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY

Sunday, April	3 rd	Kaitlyn Vitez	Sunday, May	1 st	Sarah Cole
Sunday, April	10 th	Emily Lelah	Sunday, May	8 th	Kaitlyn Vitez
Sunday, April	17 th	No Sunday School	Sunday, May	15 th	Emily Lelah
Sunday, April	24 th	No Sunday School	Sunday, May	22 nd	Samantha Lelah
			Sunday, May	29 th	No Sunday School

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The Consistory

Elders

Marvin Fields	2013	534-8736
Vice President		
Wendi Kalley	2011	526-8358
Finance Chair & Treasurer		
Bob Lefever	2011	725-3708
IT Liaison		
Tom Barnes	2012	534-9884
Bob Cole	2013	534-5912
Clerk of Consistory		
Dave Cole	2013	874-8696
Memorial & Student Loan Liaison		

Deacons

Imre Vitez	2011	534-1753
Deacon Chair		
Building & Grounds/Cemetery Liaison		
Toni Rathborne	2011	369-4070
FFO Chair & Liaison		
Carol Gauer	2012	369-4814
Spiritual Care Liaison		
Herb Wood	2012	534-6290
Endowment		
Eric Stettner	2013	782-0038
Building & Grounds		
Sarah VandeGiessen	2013	237-9951

RRC Congregation

Great Consistory

Spiritual Care:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs

Christian Education:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs
Carol Gauer, Liaison
See Spiritual Care

Memorial & Student Loans:
Pat Chadwick, Chair
Dave Cole, Liaison

Endowment:
Herb Wood,
Liaison

Worship:
See Spiritual Care

Music:
See Spiritual Care

IHN:
Sue Lelah, Chair

Finance:
Wendi Kalley, Chair

Youth & Family Ministry:
See Spiritual Care

FFO:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair & Liaison

Building & Grounds:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Bob Lefever
Eric Stettner
Imre Vitez, Liaison

Cemetery:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Imre Vitez,
Liaison

IT:
Bob Lefever, Liaison

Pastoral Care:
Marvin Fields, Chair

Consistory Clerk:
Bob Cole

Women's Ministries:
Pat Ciccotelli, Chair

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Tom Barnes
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Herb Wood

Missions:
See Deacons

Treasurer:
Wendi Kalley

Consistory

Vice-President of Consistory: Marvin Fields

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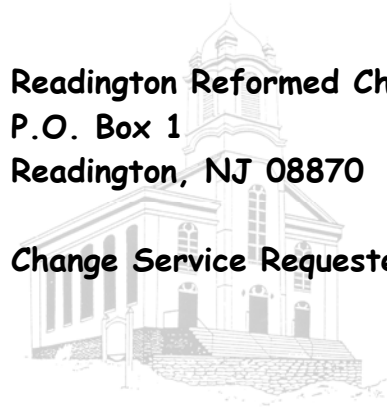
Music Director:
Hilary Orlando

Secretary:
Terry Digan

Custodians:
Stanly and Anna Gomez

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