



The Readington Reformed Church Newsletter



2010

FROM THE PASTOR

August in New Jersey is a time of intense heat, of humidity and of fierce rainstorms. It is also a time of delight as gardens begin to yield their hot weather harvests in earnest - corn, zucchini, eggplants and peppers, and especially tomatoes. It is a time to go "down the shore" to play in the ocean or gently bake in the sun, to watch the sun dance on the waves and hear the delighted screams of children hopping in the waves. It is a time to open windows and set our alarm clocks to get up to see the Perseid meteor showers (this year the best viewing is supposed to be about 10 - 12 days into the month, in the wee hours before dawn). It's a time to eat ice cream and grill out, to go to the mountains and cool off a little, and to begin, ever so slowly, to anticipate the ramping up of fall and the myriad activities that brings. Sports camps for football, soccer and field hockey begin. Band camps will kick in soon. The summer rec programs start to wind down. School schedules for the fall start to hit the mailboxes. And the papers become full of advertisements for back-to-school specials.

Here at church the planning for VBC is in full swing. It's always a blast, so if you know kids with a little time on their hands, remind them that it's almost here. There are other plans also in full swing: Harvest Home (which is September 18 this year), the planning of worship services, the adjustments we are making in Christian Education for Sunday School, the shift in the time of worship, looking at ways to make the website even more interactive, considering the possibility of podcasting (volunteers, anyone? Contact Jim Kennedy, Pastor Cathy or the church office), gearing up for the resumption of choir - all of those things are happening behind the scenes even as I type.

Whether we are still in kick-back mode or catching a last little bit of R & R before getting into gear for the fall, God is mindful of us. We still have time to deepen our walk with the Lord, to relax into stillness so that God can renew us and energize us to be His hands and feet. It is vital, for our wellbeing as individuals and as a church, to take that time to be renewed. We cannot give what we do not have.

Allow me to encourage you to make space for God - God has already made space for us. Be recharged and renewed, so we are ready to bear witness to the salvation of the Lord, offered to all who are ready to receive it. May this end of the summer be a time in which we are renewed, so we can continue to work together in faith, in hope, and in love, in the year, and all the days of our lives.

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 months of August:

August 1

Psalm 107:1-9
Philippians 2:14-15
Romans 12:2, 9-13
Matthew 7:15-29

August 8

Psalm 33:12-22
Romans 12:14-21
John 14:23-27

August 15

Psalm 82
Galatians 5:13-16
John 15:9-17

August 22

Psalm 71:1-6
Job 27:1-12
Proverbs 12:18

August 29

Psalm 112
Matthew 26:30-46
Matthew 28:16-20



Calling all Members & Friends of the Readington Reformed Church . . .



HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER will be held on Saturday,

September 18, 2010 this year. All shops will be open at 2:00 p.m. Come to visit the Talent House/Craft items and Bake Shop. Many items will be on sale including baked goods, preserves, confections, and homemade articles and crafts. There will also be the famous Handmade Quilt Display and Sale.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2009 ROAST BEEF DINNER and Quilt Show, etc. to be held on Saturday, September 18th. The dinner will start at 4:00 p.m. thru 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, from August 10th thru September 15th. After speaking with Pat (908-526-8572) and ordering your tickets, please send your check payable to the Readington Reformed Church, P. O. Box 1, Readington, NJ 08870. As soon as Pat receives your check she will put aside your tickets. Take-outs will also be available and may be purchased in advance or at the door the day of the dinner. Seatings are as follows: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Adult Tickets are \$15.00; Children 6-12 yrs. are \$6.00, 5 yrs. and under are free.

Our Menu is:

Roast Beef	Beets	Cake
Mashed Potatoes	Cole Slaw	Iced Tea
Gravy	String Beans	Coffee
Rolls & Butter	Applesauce	

Note: We mail out invitation postcards every year. If you know of someone who would like to be on our mailing list, please give the name to Bernie Lewis (908-534-4139) or Pat Ciccotelli (908-526-8572).

Every family of the church is invited to help in some way or another. There are things for all of us to do. Someone will be calling on you to bake or help. Please say YES - we need everyone to participate!

Each family will be getting a call asking for a donation for the Bake Shop at Harvest Home. Needed are pies, homemade jams, relishes, pickles, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, breads, fudge, brownies, cookies, etc. Let's all bake for the sale and label your donations, noting any special ingredients, and your name, and deliver to the church on Thursday, September 16th or Saturday, September 18th before 10:00 a.m. If you can make it, we can sell it. It is so very important that your baked goods arrive the night before or by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. If we get them later, we don't have time to price them as our customers who arrive early are already wanting to buy.

Each family is also asked to please make one Cake Dessert. If you are going away that week or weekend you can bake the cake 2 weeks in advance and bring it to the church secretary and she will put it in the freezer for the dinner. If, for any reason, she is not there call Pat at 526-8572 and she will meet you at the church to get it in the freezer. It's not a dinner without the Dining Room Cake so give us a hand and bake your cake. Please bring your cake to fellowship hall on either Thursday night between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning, September 18th, by 10:00 a.m.

APPLE CAKE

4 medium apples, pared, cored and coarsely chopped (approximately 5 cups)
(Suggested apples to use: Golden Delicious, Gala or Granny Smith, or a couple of each)
2 cups white sugar
2 ½ cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan (throw away aluminum cake pan).
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar and apples, set aside. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat together with an electric mixer, the oil, eggs, and vanilla. By hand, add the apple and sugar mixture and mix well. By hand, stir in the dry ingredients. Pour into the prepared pan and spread evenly.
4. Bake in a preheated oven for approximately 45 minutes. Test for doneness. Cake is done when knife comes out clean.

Thursday, September 16th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Table Set Up by Building & Grounds. Also dining room tables to be set with dishes, flatware, etc. by dining room chair and waitresses. Please note that we will also be mixing the applesauce so please join us! We'll teach you!

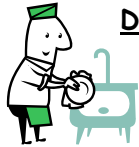
Saturday, September 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - **COLE SLAW PREP.** Help to prepare cabbage for cole slaw.

ON HARVEST HOME DAY - The kitchen needs help:

KITCHEN: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to prepare kitchen and food
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to prepare and serve food and wash dishes
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. to clean up kitchen

*We would appreciate hearing from you so that we can plan our work schedule in advance for the day of the dinner. Please come out and join us. We promise you hard work but an enjoyable experience and the fellowship of each other that is **so rewarding**. Call Imre Vitez (908) 534-1753.

DINING ROOM: NEEDED: Waiters and Waitresses - Full and Part-Time positions. Please say "yes" when you are called for a 4-hour shift by Lisa Stettner (908-782-0038).



DISHWASHING AND CLEAN-UP:

Dishwashers and clean-up crew are needed. Please call Bernie Lewis (908-534-4139).

COLD ROOM CHAIRS: Judy Iselin (908-369-4227) or Karen Weber (908-284-2065).

STAGE: Pat Ciccotelli (908-526-8572).

BAKE SHOP: Wilma Matysek (908-725-3209) & Joan Cucci (908-575-9120)



PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING: Bernie Lewis (908-534-4139)

TO THOSE WHO WORK AT HARVEST HOME: PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR AT THE TOP OF THE CEMETERY HILL. This allows sufficient space for the paying customers. (If you have to unload, park near the entrance, and then move your car. Many thanks!!) If you are still working at the church after dark and cannot walk the hill ask one of the men to walk with you to get your car, or give your keys to someone to get your car for you. A flashlight would be helpful too!



HARVEST HOME will be here before we know it!! Are YOU doing all you can to make this the most successful HARVEST HOME????? Please call Bernie Lewis at 908-534-4139 or Pat Ciccotelli at 908-526-8572.



THE TALENT HOUSE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!



The Talent House/Craft Room needs your help!!! Our inventory is VERY low and we ask all of you, members and friends, to get busy and support us! Items that sell well are hand-knitted and hand-crocheted baby sweaters, hats, booties, afghans, mittens and scarves for all ages. Put your sewing machines to work on aprons, pot holders, book holders, quilts, table runners, etc. Also needed are hand painted glasses, plates, vases, etc. And from the wood workers there is a need for cutting boards, bird houses, etc. Whatever your talent, please share it with us! We'd like to have a fresh supply of crafts to sell at Harvest Home. Thank you for your help. Any questions call Shirley Spildooren (908-534-2276). Please bring your craft items in to us by Thursday, September 16th, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and give us an idea of the sale value. Call Shirley Spildooren (908-534-2276).

THE HARVEST HOME QUILT SHOW

If you have a quilt you'd like to display please contact Shirley Spildooren at 908-534-2276 as soon as possible. Old or new items are most welcome. Anyone who would like to show a quilt which they own during HARVEST HOME is asked to bring it to the church on Thursday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



AND - Remember we will be renting tables to outside crafters so stop in at all the crafter shops and our Bake Sale shop during the dinner!!!

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE HARVEST HOME TAKE-OUT DINNER DEPARTMENT . . .

The take-out dinner business grows every year. If interested please volunteer and call Kim Weger (908-534-9372) to see if she needs help.



ATTENTION EVERYONE: Help is needed to distribute post cards and posters for the Roast Beef Dinner to local stores, banks, etc. Cards can be picked up in the church office. Please leave 25 cards in each place and please let Pat know where you are putting them so she can post in other places. Thanks!

NOTE: Our Craft Show is scheduled for October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you have a craft to sell, or know some crafters, please have them call Pat at 908-526-8572. We do have some tables available and the rentals are \$35.00 a table. Thanks!

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION NEWS

CONSISTORY CORNER

At the June 8th Consistory meeting the following items were discussed:

- Experiential Prayer based upon Psalm 40 was reviewed to encourage to both giving and receiving of blessings.
- Financial resources still remains tight. While there are some funds present in the checking account, some larger bills are scheduled to be paid shortly.
- Pastor Cathy will be on vacation week of July 25 through Aug 1 (two Sundays).
- Several persons interested in joining the church were discussed.
- Deacons plan to start the Community Seminar Series to start in September with a seminar on hospice care.
- A "Key Indicators for a Fresh Start Consideration" document arising from the Classis of Chicago was distributed to Consistory members to assess their thoughts on our church environment.
- Discussed Youth Ministry as a focus topic and developed thoughts on the purpose, mission, and values for this activity and discussed how to solicit interest from church families.
- July Consistory meeting will still be held July 13th.
- Reviews of RRC employees were completed.
- The June 5th Open House was a success with ample internal support from the congregation, even though only a few families visited the RRC.
- Sunday School reconfiguration and worship time change for the fall was discussed.
- Publicity activities including a Facebook account and a publicity listing were discussed.
- Thanks were expressed to Ken Ciccotelli, Wilma Matysek and Brenda Gerlipp for coordinating the landscaping by the Christian Ed wing.
- Focus topics for July and September were Second Worship Service and Endowment Committee.
- The shift in the time for the Sunday morning worship service from 11 AM to 10 AM starting in the fall has been approved, with additional information to be provided, including a Consistory Corner on August 15th.

At the July 13th Consistory meeting the following items were discussed:

- The consistory approved the use of the sanctuary for the June 25, 2011 wedding of Caitlin Batchelder and Jeremy Robertson.
- The consistory has approved the publishing of the weekly giving and attendance in the bulletins and in the newsletter, as a way to make the congregation more aware of the financial needs of the church. We will begin this with the September newsletter and September bulletin. Giving is following its typical drop during the summer, but the bills of the church do not follow that drop, unfortunately.
- The finance committee is working to get the half-year giving statements out by the end of July, since the input for the first six months was just finished within the last week.
- The elders met with Ralph Pantozzi and have transferred his membership from Old Bergen Reformed, in Jersey City, to Readington Reformed. His wife, Shawna, hopes to participate in the new members' class that will be forming in late September or early October.
- Because Pastor Cathy will be absent on July 25 and August 1 for part of her vacation, worship will be lead by the elders, and the preaching responsibilities will be handled jointly by Laura and Marvin Fields for both Sundays.

- The consistory has approved changing the time of worship during the school year, moving it up from 11:00 to 10:00 AM. There is more information about those changes elsewhere in the newsletter.
- There will be a consistory corner meeting in August to review the changes in the Sunday School program and the timing changes for Sunday worship. The exact date will be announced through the bulletin and in worship. We hope to hold that meeting either at the beginning of the week of Vacation Bible Camp, or at the end of that week.
- The congregation is asked to prayerfully consider thinking "outside the box" for some big-ticket fundraising events to help offset our budget expenses. Some possibilities include grants and the purchase of gift cards for which the church receives a percentage. All suggestions are welcome and may be submitted through the suggestion box, through a consistory member, or through Pastor Cathy.
- Wilma Matysek and Lisa Stettner have developed a program to involve the great consistory in a "greeters program" to welcome visitors to our worship services. If you are a member of the great consistory and live locally, please expect to receive a letter in the mail, and please prayerfully consider helping us out with this important ministry.
- The consistory is looking for people with expertise to help train Terry in some of the nuances of Microsoft Publisher and Excel. The church has Microsoft Office 2007.
- The consistory has approved the following recommendation from the Endowment Committee: That the consistory approve the disbursement of \$40,000 in principal from the endowment account held by the RCA for the completion of the sanctuary redesign. In order to follow the procedures outlined by the bylaws of the endowment committee, this recommendation will need to be voted on again at the next consistory meeting, which is currently scheduled for September. If the consistory votes to approve this recommendation again, it will then be submitted to the congregation at the annual meeting in November for final approval.
- The endowment committee has committed to reviewing the separate bylaws of the endowment fund and to incorporating those bylaws into the larger bylaws of the congregation; formerly they were separate. Their work will be reviewed by the consistory, and all procedures laid out in the congregational bylaws will be followed.
- The cemetery committee is getting closer and closer to being able to begin the interment of ashes in the memorial garden. If the committee receives the support it needs from the congregation on its scheduled work days, and if the weather allows the work to be done, they hope to begin the interment of ashes by the end of September.
- Work continues apace on Harvest Home. Anyone willing to help in any way with this major fundraiser (many hands make light work!) is asked to contact Pat Ciccotelli, Bernie Lewis, or the church office.
- Barring unforeseen circumstances, the elders, the deacons and the consistory will not meet in August; the next scheduled meeting of the consistory is September 7 at 7:30.

WORSHIP

Exciting New Changes in Our Approach to Fall Worship

At the June consistory meeting, the consistory approved an adjustment to the Worship/Sunday School schedule. The consistory approved keeping the Sunday worship start time at 10:00 even after Sunday School begins again in September. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 am and the children will have the opportunity to attend worship through the Children's Sermon and then

participate in reinforcement activities until the end of worship.

These changes grew out of discussions that parents of children in the Sunday School program had with members of the Spiritual Care Committee. The committee folks were speaking about their desire to have more families attend worship and to have the children participate more in worship. The parents spoke of their desire to attend worship more frequently. After much discussion and prayer, and more discussion and more prayer, this is what the consistory has approved:

Sunday School will begin at 9:30; the first 20-25 minutes (until 9:50-9:55) will focus on scripture, the scripture lesson for the day, and scripture memory verse work. At 10:00 everyone will be in worship; the Sunday School children will sit with their classes at the front of the church. The Sunday School teachers will help the children follow the order of worship in the bulletin, and encourage their participation in the responsive readings, and in singing the hymns. During the time of the children's sermon, all of the children will come forward. The theme of the children's sermon will come from the Sunday School scripture lesson. When the children's sermon is done, the children and the parent facilitators will go down to Fellowship Hall to participate in reinforcement activities. The children will have a light snack and will also participate in music - either singing or ringing the small bells, as they have done in the past. When the worship service is done, the parents and other members of the congregation will join the Sunday School children in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a story time for children too young for Sunday School - this story time will be in lieu of a nursery. The child care will still be available, but it will be more intentionally Christian.

We anticipate several good things arising from this:

- Children will become more active in worship, and more focused.
- Parents will be able to focus on worship as well.
- More families will be able to attend worship.
- We should be able to reduce time conflicts between worship and cultural and sports activities, by beginning and ending our worship service earlier. After some research we have found that most churches in the area have gone to a 10:00 a.m., or earlier, worship time in order to accommodate the busy schedules of their members.

We will be having a consistory corner in mid-August to answer questions and concerns. If there are folks who have questions please feel free to put them into the suggestion box, or to speak to Pastor Cathy, a member of consistory, or a Sunday School teacher. Please know that the consistory is unanimous in their support of this change and that they are very excited about it.

This is an exciting time and a challenging time of growth and opportunity, one that the consistory firmly believes God is calling us into.

May the Lord continue to guide our steps, and to bless and keep you all!

CHILDREN IN COMMUNION

The sign of the old covenant was and is circumcision; the sign of the new covenant is baptism. Baptism is the first of the two sacraments we celebrate, as Reformed people. The other is communion. Back in the 1980s the denomination's Council on Worship recommended that the table be opened to children who have received whatever instruction the elders of each congregation deemed appropriate. Here at Readington Wilma Matysek and Pastor Cathy developed a curriculum

which was approved by the elders in the first half of the decade to teach the children of the congregation about communion, to prepare them to participate in this sacrament.

We will be offering a four week class for children and their parent/guardian to learn about the Reformed perspective on communion starting the first week in October. Participants in this class: are generally at least 8 years old, or older; have been baptized; consistently attend Sunday School; have at least one parent or guardian who is a member of this congregation.

If you are interested in having your child attend, please contact Pastor Cathy, so we can determine which day to hold the class. To sign up, please contact Terry, in the church office (534-2077), Pastor Cathy, or an elder, for a Registration and Covenant Agreement Form.

ADULT NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be offering an adult new member class that will begin sometime in the week or two following Harvest Home (which is Sept. 18). The course is 8-10 weeks long, and consists of a brief review of Christianity and church history, the basic beliefs of Reformed Christianity, the sacraments, and also an understanding of our own individual relationships with Jesus. Each participant is encouraged to find "their" verses in scripture, and to write a brief statement of belief (a credo) which they share with one another and with the elders. All are welcome; to fix a mutually agreeable starting date, see Pastor Cathy. Typically, because of holiday scheduling conflicts, the new members join in early January.

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 August, please contact our church office and leave a message for Herb Wood. He will then handle getting the provided care that is required.

MISSIONS

THE AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH is shared between two local programs in need of support: **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)** and **Starfish**.

IHN works with the local religious community to provide assistance to homeless families. Participating churches become "temporary homes" where the families are treated as guests of the congregation, in a spirit of warmth and hospitality. The network also employs a director, who in conjunction with social service agencies, helps the families as they seek housing, employment and other resources. Our congregation has hosted families for over 12 years!

Starfish was formed with the idea that citizens should help their neighbors, as earlier generations did. Churches of all denominations support Starfish by collecting food and raising money for those

less fortunate in Readington Township. Starfish runs a food pantry, offers vouchers for gas and other necessities, and provides emergency assistance with utility and medical bills. Our Deacons, with our congregation, support Starfish throughout the year with special food collections.

Please be generous in you support for these two missions, as they work to make a big difference in our local community.

RRCWM

The women have taken the summer off and will be raring to get back in to the program on September 13th at 7:30 p.m. Join us for our Night of Renewal. We will spend some time meditating and then reorganizing for the fall programs. Mark your calendar now for September 13th, October 11th and October 24th for the craft show. Our craft show gets bigger and better every year. We need every woman in our church and a few friends so join us in the fall. We have a good time and do good work.

Judy Iselin, Secretary

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The new landscaping around the entrance to the Education Wing was completed in June. The work was done by T & R Landscaping who supplied the materials and the labor. This company was recommended by Ken Ciccotelli who, with Wilma Matysek and Brenda Gerlipp, planned the design of the area and selected the shrubs to be used. When selecting the shrubs, the color of each and the general shape and texture were considered in order to make the area more interesting visually. The plants are slow growing, are known to be deer resistant and require only a minimum of maintenance.



This attractive improvement was made possible with contributions to the Memorial Fund. In particular, \$520.00 from the Walter Ditzel Memorial was used. We thought it appropriate to use this money since Walter was in the landscaping business. Money from several other small memorials was also used to pay T & R Landscaping the \$636.44 owed them.

Ken and David Ciccotelli donated their time and talents in the completion of this project in honor of their parents Pat and Tony Ciccotelli.

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 13.)

1. Which Gospel records Jesus saying "Remember Lot's wife?"
2. What shepherd girl became the much loved wife of Jacob?
3. What daughter of Jacob caused major problems by venturing in strange territory?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

2010 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

August 16 - 20, 2010

Follow Jesus on a Life-Changing Rain Forest Adventure

Sign up early! We can only accept 100 campers!

The Readington Reformed Church is once again offering a fun-filled and meaningful Vacation Bible Camp August 16-20 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. We are using the Christian-based Gospel Light curriculum called "SonQuest Rainforest". At SonQuest Rainforest your kids will follow Jesus on a life-changing journey! Children age 3 (by May 31, 2010) through fifth grade will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. We will also be offering additional youth group based activities geared to the older campers. But most important, they'll all learn about how much God loves them and that He gave us His Word to show us the best way to live.

We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhood. Please visit our church's website at www.readingtonreformed.org for registration and more details or visit our new VBC website directly www.readrefchurchkids.com or call the church office at 908-534-2077.

Registration forms will be accepted through August 6th. Supply Fee for the week is \$10.00.

There are many volunteer opportunities for youth (entering 6th grade and up) and adults. If you would like to volunteer either during the week of VBC or help prepare ahead of time please contact Sandy Vitez at jlhfc@embarqmail.com or Denise Pascale at dpascale1@comcast.net.

7th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 12, 2010

8:30 am - 10:00 am

A new Christian Ed year will begin on September 13th and everyone is invited to join together in fellowship hall for breakfast. Immediately following the breakfast, children will meet with their lesson leaders and parents are encouraged to remain for a very important Parent Meeting.

Check our new Christian Ed website www.readrefchurchkids.com for new Christian Ed programming information and music schedule!

STARFISH SCHOOL KITS

Once again we have chosen to support this mission through our VBC. Members of the congregation are also invited to collect school supplies and backpacks for less fortunate families in the local area.

A list of specific needs will be posted on the bulletin board.

Please bring your items to church by August 15th.

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting Starfish.

MORE IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Festival Family Sunday: October 17, 2010

Advent Family Saturday (that's right Saturday!): December 4, 2010



Dear Family and Friends,

The Readington Reformed Church is once again offering a fun-filled and meaningful Vacation Bible Camp August 16-20 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. We are using the Christian - based Gospel Light curriculum called "Son Quest Rainforest".

At SonQuest Rainforest your kids will follow Jesus on a life-changing journey! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll learn about how much God loves them and that He gave us His Word to show us the best way to live. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope they will all join us at SonQuest Rainforest Registration forms will be accepted through August 1st. Supply Fee for the week is \$10.00. Please place the completed forms and check T-shirt sizes for each child. Mail forms to Denise Pascale, 6 Van Pelt Dr., Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

Our Vacation Bible Camp is offered at no charge, except for our supply fee; however monetary donations are greatly appreciated to offset the cost of camp including curriculum, entertainment and snacks. Surplus funds will be used to provide programming opportunities for Starfish which provides emergency services for people in need in our community. Donations of time and talent are equally appreciated. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of this exciting mission, or have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Sincerely,
Sandy Vitez - jlhfcc@embarqmail.com
Denise Pascale - dpascale1@comcast.net

Son Quest Rainforest Registration Form 2010



Name _____

Birthdate _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

E-mail _____

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Parent(s) work phone _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

School grade just completed _____

Name of home church, if any _____

New Thursday Night Writer's Bible Study



Coming in the fall of 2010, the RRC Wednesday night Bible study will become the **Thursday** night writer's study. Starting September 23, 2010, we will meet on Thursday nights in the RRC Library 7:00 -8:30 pm. We will study the Bible by writing inspirational materials to share with the group each week, similar to some of the exercises we did during the "Unbinding the Gospel" series. We will build our writing skills, devotion to God, and knowledge of the Bible through writing devotions, inspirational stories, skits, children's sermons, journaling, poetry and publishing our traditional RRC Lenten Devotional and a new Advent Devotional. If you like to write, the Thursday Night Writer's Study is the group for you!

If you would like to be part of this dynamic Bible study, please contact Laura Fields at 908-534-8736 or fieldslm1012@aol.com.

Bible Trivia Answers:

1. Luke (17-32)
2. Rachel (Genesis 29-6)
3. Dinah (Genesis 34)

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.

CHURCH FAMILY



THE DEADLINE for the September Newsletter will be Sunday, August 22nd. Please be sure to leave your complete, written articles in the church office by this date. Thank you!

TUTOR NEEDED

The consistory is looking for someone with some expertise in Microsoft Office 2007. Terry would like to become more accomplished in Microsoft Publisher and Excel, to be better able to manage the administrative functions of the church. She is very efficient at her work now; a little more training on the nuances of these two programs will help her to do an even better job. If you have knowledge of these specific software programs, or if you know someone with this knowledge who would be willing to volunteer some time to meet with Terry, please be in touch with her, with Pastor Cathy or a member of consistory. Thank you for your help!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Ken Iselin Shirley Koller	16 - Gabrielle Menyhert Zachary Preta
2 - Danielle Weber Robert S. Sohl	17 - Alexandra Rathborne Elwood Linskey
3 - Mary Hneyda Richard Weger	18 - Bill Jermyn
7 - John Rathborne	27 - Melissa Granski
12 - Robert Cole	28 - Nicole Stettner Timothy Kunkel
13 - Allie Weger	30 - Maria Cermenaro



7 - Donald & Maryfern Beisswanger	19 - Robert & Susan Sohl
16 - Del & Sue Pieper Bill & Reba Jermyn	25 - Imre & Sandy Vitez

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!

August 15 (Sunday): Consistory Corner
August 16-20 (Monday-Friday): Vacation Bible Camp
September 12 (Sunday): Sunday School Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast
September 18 (Saturday): Harvest Home
October 10 (Sunday): Consecration Sunday
October 17 (Sunday): Fall Festival Family Sunday Outreach Event
October 23 (Saturday): RRCWM Craft Fair
November 13 (Saturday): Roast Pork Take out Dinner
November 14 (Sunday): Congregational Meeting
November 19-20 (Friday-Saturday): 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
November 21 (Sunday): Hanging of the Greens (after worship)
December 4 (Saturday): Advent Family "Saturday" Outreach Event

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

You can win the chance to sing the National Anthem on October 23rd in front of 50,000 fans at the Far Hills Race Meeting, namesake of The Steeplechase Cancer Center at Somerset Medical Center. The contest is open to any cancer survivors, caregivers and family members. To enter, [complete an application](http://smcintra1/sitemaker/websitefiles/somersetinrane52362/documents/smc/Announcements/NationalAnthemContest.pdf) telling us why you want to sing at the Far Hills Race and submit by August 9. Finalists will participate in a special competition on September 16 to determine the winner.

The CROSSROADS lay training program begins its second year in September.

Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education at Moravian Seminary, CROSSROADS prepares lay leaders for ministry in established congregations and emerging communities of faith. During its successful first year, 27 participants enrolled in over 120 classes.

For more information and to register, go to the website OR call the Office of Continuing Ed at 610-861-1519 or e-mail seminaryOCE@moravian.edu.

For the most current information about CROSSROADS courses and programs, please check the CROSSROADS website often: www.moravianseminary.edu/CROSSROADS

Fall 2010 CROSSROADS COURSES

COMPASS

Sept. 13-Nov. 1 (8 Mondays, 6-9pm)

Led by Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer

The best place to start in CROSSROADS. A discernment journey to help you find and articulate your sense of call.

Faith Journeys of the Old Testament

Sept. 9-Oct. 28 (8 Thursdays, 9am-Noon)

Led by Walter Wagner, Lutheran pastor, adjunct faculty at Moravian Theological Seminary and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Trace the stories and faith development of Biblical characters in this introduction to the Old Testament.

My Journey/Our Journey

Sept. 9-Oct. 28 (8 Thursdays, 6-9pm)

Led by Emily Wallace, pastoral counselor, spiritual director

Experience and explore individual spiritual formation and understand some of the basics of leading group spiritual formation.

Mapping the Route

Sept. 11-Oct. 30 (8 Saturdays, 9am-Noon)

Led by Steve Simmons, director of Continuing Education at Moravian Theological Seminary

An introduction to Christian theology, including the Trinity, creation, sin, redemption, and eternal hope.

Road Hazards

Nov. 8-22 & Dec. 6 (4 Mondays, 6-9pm) and Nov. 4-18 & Dec. 2 (4 Thursdays, 6-9pm)

Led by Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer

A practical introduction to congregational ethics to help lay leaders create positive, ethical atmospheres for high functioning congregations.

Ministry Journeys of the New Testament

Nov. 2-16 & Dec. 7 (4 Tuesdays, 6-9pm) and Nov. 6-20 & Dec. 4 (4 Saturdays, 9am-Noon)

Led by Walter Wagner, Lutheran pastor, adjunct faculty at Moravian Theological Seminary and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Follow the lives and travels of Jesus, Paul and the Apostles

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
AUGUST 2010						
1 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Summer Coffee	2 Day of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving	3 10:00-Quilters	4 9:00-MOM's 7:30- NA/NARANON	5	6	7
8 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	9 7:00-Spiritual Care Committee	10 10:00-Quilters	11 9:00-MOM's 7:30 NA/NARANON	12	13	14
15 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Summer Coffee 11:15-CONSISTORY CORNER	16 V A C	17 10:00-Quilters	18 A T I O N B I B L E 7:30- NA/NARANON	19	20	21 C A M P
22 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Summer Coffee	23	24 10:00-Quilters	25 7:30- NA/NARANON	26 7:30-Memorial & Student Loans Com.	27	28
29 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	30					

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

HEAD USHER/ASSISTANT USHER SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Sunday, August 1st Steve Freeman/Donna Freeman (COMMUNION)
Sunday, August 8th Imre Vitez/Karen Weber
Sunday, August 15th Donald Beisswanger/Maryfern Beisswanger
Sunday, August 22nd Bob Lefever/Pat Chadwick
Sunday, August 29th Bernie Lewis/Judy Iselin

Sunday, Sept. 5th David Cole/Karen Weber (COMMUNION)
Sunday, Sept. 12th Imre Vitez/Toni Rathborne
Sunday, Sept. 19th Steve Freeman/Donna Freeman
Sunday, Sept. 26th Donald Beisswanger/Maryfern Beisswanger

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Sunday, August 1 st	COMMUNION	Sunday, Sept. 5 th	COMMUNION
Sunday, August 8 th		Sunday, Sept. 12 th	
Sunday, August 15 th		Sunday, Sept. 19 th	
Sunday, August 22 nd		Sunday, Sept. 26 th	Ken Iselin
Sunday, August 29 th	Ken Iselin		

CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September	5 th	Laura Fields
Sunday, September	12 th	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, September	19 th	Sandy Vitez
Sunday, September	26 th	Pastor Cathy

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September	5 th	COMMUNION
Sunday, September	12 th	Cole
Sunday, September	19 th	Barnes
Sunday, September	26 th	Weger

*NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Sunday, August 1 st	Sunday, Sept. 5 th
Sunday, August 8 th	Sunday, Sept. 12 th
Sunday, August 15 th	Sunday, Sept. 19 th
Sunday, August 22 nd	Sunday, Sept. 26 th
Sunday, August 29 th	

*Additional volunteers are welcome. Please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Toni Rathborne, at (908) 369-4070 or sign up on the sheet located in Fellowship Hall.

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Ken Iselin	2010	369-4227
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Memorial & Student Loans Liaison		
Endowment		
Wendi Kalley	2011	526-8358
Finance Chair & Treasurer		
Bob Lefever	2011	725-3708
IT Liaison		
Brenda Gerlipp	2012	369-4192
Spiritual Care Liaison		

Deacons

Lisa Stettner	2010	782-0038
Deacon Chair		
Ken Ciccotelli	2010	963-3353
Cemetery		
Building & Grounds		
Imre Vitez	2011	534-1753
Clerk of Consistory		
Toni Rathborne	2011	369-4070
Fun-raising & Outreach Chair		
Carol Gauer	2012	369-4814
Spiritual Care		
Herb Wood	2012	534-6290
Endowment		

RRC Congregation

Great Consistory

Spiritual Care:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs
Brenda Gerlipp,
Liaison

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

Memorial & Student Loans:
Pat Chadwick, Chair
Wilma Matysek,
Liaison

Endowment:
Wilma Matysek,
Liaison

Worship:
See Spiritual Care

Music:
See Spiritual Care

IHN:
Sue Lelah, Chair

Finance:
Wendi Kalley, Chair
Ken Iselin

Youth & Family Ministry:
See Spiritual Care

Outreach:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair
Lisa Stettner

Building & Grounds:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Ken Ciccotelli
Bob Lefever
Imre Vitez

Cemetery:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Imre Vitez, liaison
Ken Ciccotelli

IT:
Bob Lefever, Liaison

Fun-raising:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair
Lisa Stettner

Pastoral Care:
Ken Iselin, Chair

Consistory Clerk:
Imre Vitez

Fellowship:
Shirley Koller, Chair

Elders:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Brenda Gerlipp
Wendi Kalley
Bob Lefever
Wilma Matysek

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Ken Ciccotelli
Carol Gauer
Toni Rathborne
Lisa Stettner, Chair
Imre Vitez
Herb Wood

Missions:
See Deacons

Women's Ministries:
Pat Ciccotelli, Chair

Treasurer:
Wendi Kalley

Consistory

Choir Director:
Beverly Gorovoy

Vice-President of Consistory: Ken Iselin

Custodians:
Stanly and Anna Gomez

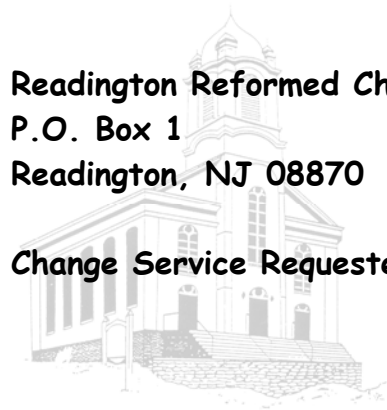
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