



# The Readington Reformed Church Newsletter



2011

## FROM THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that almost a year and a half has passed since we first began a purposeful congregation-wide study to figure out what difference Jesus makes in our life, and to figure out how to begin to talk about that relationship. Martha Grace Reese's life work is just that: to help speak congregations unbind our tongues and hearts and enter more fully into a relationship with God, and figure out how to talk about it. Many folks in the congregation participated in our first cycle of studying this work. This is an opportunity for those who were unable to do it the first time to do it now, and for those who did participate the first time to be renewed again, by remembering what we learned, and by hearing ideas that we didn't hear in our first reading.

Twice, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus uses these words, "Whatever you bind on earth..." The first time is when Jesus praises Peter for his response to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Anointed One." This is part of Jesus' response, in Matthew 16:19: ***"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*** The second time occurs when Jesus is addressing all of His disciples, talking with them about their work here on earth, in Matthew 18; part of what He says is: ***"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***

When we align ourselves with God's will, Jesus blesses our work in amazing ways. Our ability to do these things is directly linked with our willingness to do what He calls us to do. Above all, He calls us to be in relationship with Him, and through Him, to be in relationship with one another, and with the world.

Unfortunately, we have been socialized to not talk about our faith, and so we often don't share this Good News with others, in some cases, even with our families and friends. We don't know how - we have never been taught. We don't know the language, the words; we become tongue-tied and bashful, afraid that somehow we might offend someone. Yet the words we offer bring hope and healing to this lost, dark, lonely world that needs light and hope and grace so very much.

This study is perfect for Lent. The whole point of Lent and Easter is to remind us that ***God so loved the world that God gave His only son, Jesus, that whoever believes in Jesus should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3: 16-17)***. Based on such love, how can we respond except to enter into a relationship with God, or to go more deeply into that relationship?

On March 6 we will distribute copies of Gay's book, Unbinding Your Heart to anyone attending church who is middle-school aged or older who will take one. On March 13 we will begin again to learn how to unbind our hearts. We will read it together, again for some, and for the first time for others, over the six weeks of Lent. We will also meet in small groups, for only those six weeks, to talk about what we are experiencing. There are sign-up sheets in the pew pads for anyone who is

interested to be able to let me know, so we can schedule a time to meet. We WELCOME the opportunity to take this out into the world. We have books (purchased in part through an anonymous donation), and we have people who have been trained in Unbinding the Gospel who are willing to meet with you and your friends and work associates and schoolmates wherever we can gather, to share this good news with the wider world. I in particular will meet virtually any time, anywhere, with two or three people who want to look at their relationships with God, and figure out why that relationship matters. Just call or e-mail or ask!!

God has done amazing things throughout the existence of the universe. I believe He wants to do amazing things here, in this time and place, through this congregation. May we be willing to unbind our hearts, so that we can serve the Lord with all of our hearts (and minds, and souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves), until Jesus returns in glory. 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 March:

#### March 6

Psalm 2  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Matthew 6:5-13

#### March 13

Psalm 32  
Isaiah 59:1-8  
John 6:1-15

#### March 20

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 59:9-15a  
John 3:1-17

#### March 27

Psalm 95  
Isaiah 59:15b-23  
John 4:5-21



**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 5):

1. What King had the first birthday party in the Bible?
2. Where was the first beauty contest in the Bible, and who won?
3. Who was the first Christian martyr?

# COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION NEWS

## CONSISTORY CORNER

- The 2011 Readington Reformed consistory had a retreat in January. The retreat was well attended. We identified areas of strength and areas that need improvement. We committed to several focus topics and assigned priority to them in order that they be discussed in our monthly meetings. Our February focus topic is the grant application process for refurbishing/replacing the bell tower, bell, roof, and gutters. The consistory also agreed to be efficient with our time collectively and end meetings at 10 PM. We see this as having a positive affect on the culture of our church.
- The full consistory met in February and discussed the pending grant application and the steeple replacement project at length. We concluded to move forward with the grant as it is non-binding and does not require up front or matching money. We believe our project is worthy and consistent with the guidelines of the grant. We will establish fund-raising goals consistent with our fiscal needs once the grant status is known. We must submit the grant application by March 15, 2011. We expect to hear whether our project receives funding and to what extent in June or July of this year. Please pray for our church that our grant may be successful.
- The consistory is considering how to move forward with the Turkey dinner. The dinner needs sponsorship and leadership in order to be successful. More action items are heading to consistory for deliberation in order that we provide solutions to some of the problems the FFO committee has faced with regards to running successful fundraising dinners.
- The elders meeting in February was postponed due to snow. The elders expect to meet with several new members in March.
- Consistory will be discussing the future chair/co-chairs for the Turkey dinner. They will be looking for individuals willing to make calls to the various heads of each department. If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact Pat Ciccotelli at (908) 526-8572. All offers for help are greatly appreciated.

## 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 March, please contact our church office and leave a message for Carol Gauer. She will then handle getting the provided care that is required.

### 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](mailto: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 **Mission of the Month** for **March** is **SAFE in Hunterdon**. Through a 24-hour hotline, safe and transitional housing, legal advocacy, crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, community education and PALS, a unique children's arts therapy program, SAFE in Hunterdon delivers critical support services for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. They empower victims, survivors and their families to live enriched lives free from violence; they heighten our community's awareness of domestic and sexual abuse; and strive to end domestic and sexual abuse in society.

For more information you can visit their website @ [www.safeinhunterdon.org](http://www.safeinhunterdon.org).

## 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



March will have the women's group very busy planning and holding our Annual Lenten Breakfast. Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am for breakfast, a delicious casserole, home baked goodies and all the coffee you can drink. Follow this with some wonderful inspirational music and a presentation by Diane Hunt -*Living Dead Life*. Diane is a Director at Americas Keswick and comes to us with great recommendations as an inspiring speaker. All who have attended in the past have enjoyed a morning of friendship and Christian women fellowship with our congregation, friends and neighbor church members. Please RSVP by signing up on BB in Fellowship Hall.

Easter is fast arriving. Time to plan for flowers for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or to honor a family member or friend, please send donation and wording for bulletin to Judy Iselin at [Jdiselin@comcast.net](mailto:Jdiselin@comcast.net) or 899 Old York Rd, Somerville, NJ 08876 by Sunday, 4/17. Flowers may be picked up after Easter Sunday service or they will be delivered during the week.



The Women's group has been working for the past several years to earn money to contribute to the restoration of the bell tower and roof repair. We thank all who have contributed in any way. A donation of \$4,325 has been deposited. We have plans for a clothing drive and the annual Craft show to continue to raise monies for our missions and for the needs of our church this year.

Our next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Join us for fellowship and planning for the rest of our season.

Judith Iselin, Secretary, RRCWM

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Sunday School Starts at 9:30



At our recent Spiritual Care Meeting there was discussion about the continued late start of our Sunday School classes. The beginning portion of the children's lessons is very important because the lessons are taught for the day. The teachers are limited in the time they have to get the lessons completed and the activities they would like to do to truly make an impact with the children. The teachers volunteer their time each week to make sure the children learn what they need to know. Please make every effort to arrive before 9:30 so classes can begin on time. Thanks!

## Snow Sunday School Announcements

We will be contacting all Sunday School families through the internet regarding closings. We will post by 8AM whether there is Sunday School or not. If you need to have a call made to you please let your Sunday School Teacher know and they will contact you.

## Music and Children - FYI

The children will be singing or ringing every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

## Christian Education and Lent

It was discussed at this month's Spiritual Care meeting that we will be doing a more intense study of Easter though out the Lenten season. Our study will come to an end on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a Family Sunday Scavenger and Egg Hunt. The Children will be singing in church on this day as well. This is so we can accommodate the various school calendars since we know families may be away for Palm Sunday and Easter.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 15-19<sup>th</sup> - 9:00-12:15**  
**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

### ***Trivia Answers:***

1. Pharaoh, at the time Joseph was in Egypt (Genesis 40:20)
2. The one at the Court of Parisian Ahasuerus. The winner was Esther (Esther 2)
3. Stephen (Acts 6:7 - 8:2)

# FELLOWSHIP, FUN-RAISING, OUTREACH

## SNOWTUBING - 3/12/11

Please join us this year for another exciting, fun-filled afternoon of snow tubing at Blue Mountain, in Palmertown, PA. Be sure to invite your family and friends too. Tubing will be from 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Groups of 15 arriving together will receive a discounted price of \$23.



For more detailed information, go to the Blue Mountain web site at [www.skibluemt.com](http://www.skibluemt.com), then look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to seeing who will be there this year!

## CHURCH FAMILY



**THE DEADLINE** for the April Newsletter will be Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to leave your complete, written articles in the church office by this date. Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE** . . . There are many dishes, plates, baking pans, etc. that have been unclaimed to date in Fellowship Hall. Please check the table to see if anything belongs to you, or a friend, and take it home. These items will go in the trash, if not claimed. Thank you!

**Daylight Savings Time** arrives on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night - you don't want to miss Sunday School or Worship!!!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Courtney Chester Ronaldo  
4 - Donna Boch  
6 - Joanie Iselin  
7 - Samantha Lelah  
10 - Bill Brown III  
11 - Thomas Manzo  
12 - Christopher Harris

18 - James Staats  
23 - Toni Rathborne  
25 - Steve Freeman  
Kailey Pascale  
28 - Collin Merz  
29 - Rosemary Brokaw  
Misty Granski  
30 - Zachary Vitez

1 - Bernie & Lou Lewis  
6 - Greg & Barbara Chester  
10 - Daniel & Janet Harris  
21 - Larry & Susan Lelah



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!

March 12 (Saturday): Snow Tubing  
March 19 (Saturday): RRCWM Lenten Breakfast  
March 26 (Saturday): Girl Scout Blood Drive  
April 10 (Sunday): Family Sunday Scavenger and Egg Hunt  
April 17 (Sunday): Palm Sunday  
April 22 (Friday): Tennebrae Service  
April 24 (Sunday): Easter Sunday

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Ash Wednesday

### ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Ecumenical Service for Ash Wednesday will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick this year. The service will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and will be led by the Rev. Mark Summer. All are welcome to join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

### 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.



March 16	Rockaway Reformed Church, Rev. David Ruisard - Christ Against Culture
March 23	Whitehouse United Methodist Church, Ref. Lynn Mears, The Christ of Culture
March 20	Stanton Reformed Church, Revs. Becky & Phil Pratt, Christ Above Culture
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.

## **Community Seminar Series at Readington Reformed Church**

The Readington Reformed Church, located at 124 Readington Road, will hold its next Community Seminar on Sunday, March 27th at 11:30 a.m. Amie Kabia from the Peace Corps will speak about volunteer opportunities available in the Peace Corps. The seminar will be presented in the church's Fellowship Hall. No reservations are required and the seminar is open to all at no charge. Light refreshments will be served prior to the seminar. Any questions, contact the church office at (908) 534-2077.

### **PHILADELPHIA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE**



The North Branch Reformed Church will host a concert by the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under (limited amount available). Becky Brown Landon, daughter of Bill and Nancy Brown and former member of RRC, and who was a member of our Bell Ringers many years ago is a member of this ensemble. Please see the flyer located on the bulletin board outside the church office for more information, and call Pat Harmer at (908) 526-0191 for tickets.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR AT WHITEHOUSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ANNUAL LENTEN BREAKFAST  
PRESENTED BY  
READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH  
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**



**March 19, 2011  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Featured speaker  
DIANE HUNT  
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN OF CHARACTER  
MINISTRY AT AMERICAS KESWICK**

**"LIVING THE DEAD LIFE"**

**BREAKFAST, MUSIC AND  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**JOIN US**



**RSVP BY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
CALL CHURCH OFFICE AT (908) 534-2077  
OR SIGN UP ON BB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH



## USED CLOTHING DRIVE MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AS WE COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- WEARABLE & USABLE CLOTHING (MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING), BELTS, HANDBAGS
- SHOES
- LINENS
- STUFFED ANIMALS
- HARD TOYS (MUST FIT IN A 24" X 24" X 21" BOX)
- BICYCLES



THE CHURCH WILL RECEIVE A DONATION FOR THE TOTAL POUNDAGE THAT WE COLLECT WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE REPAIR OF THE BELL TOWER.

PLEASE PUT CLOTHING, BELTS, & HANDBAGS IN WELL-TIED PLASTIC BAGS. PLEASE BAG SHOES SEPARATELY.

CLOTHING CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH, 124 READINGTON ROAD, ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M., OR BY CALLING PAT CICCOTELLI AT (908) 526-8572.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>MARCH 2011</b>						
		<b>1</b> 10:00-Quilters  7:30-Elders	<b>2</b> 9:00-MOM's  6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	<b>3</b> 9:30-GS Team 10:00-BS  7:00-Cub Scout Com. Writer's BS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	<b>7</b> <b>Day of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving</b>  7:00-BS Troop 1980	<b>8</b> 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters  6:30-Deacons 7:30-CONSISTORY	<b>9</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00-MOM's  6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30 NA/NARANON	<b>10</b> 10:00-BS  7:00-Writer's BS GS Leaders	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:30-Daisy Troop  <b>SNOW TUBING TRIP</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 11:30-Teen NM Class	<b>14</b>  7:00-BS Troop 1980 Committee 7:30-RRCWM	<b>15</b> 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters	<b>16</b>  6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	<b>17</b> 10:00-BS  7:00-Writer's BS	<b>18</b> 9:30-Hunterdon County Quilters  6:30-GS Troop 444	<b>19</b> 9:00- <b>RRCWM Annual Lenten Breakfast</b>
<b>20</b> <b>NL DEADLINE</b> 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	<b>21</b>  7:00-Spiritual Care BS Troop 1980 7:30-FFO	<b>22</b> 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters	<b>23</b>  6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	<b>24</b> 10:00-BS  7:00-Writer's BS	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:30-Daisy Troop  <b>GIRL SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE</b>
<b>27</b> 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	<b>28</b>  7:00-BS Troop 1980	<b>29</b> 9:45-NM Class 10:00-Quilters	<b>30</b>  6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	<b>31</b> 10:00-BS  7:00-Writer's BS Wolf Den 3		

# CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

## HEAD USHER/ASSISTANT USHER SCHEDULE MARCH & APRIL

Sunday, March	6 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Freeman/Shirley Koller (COMMUNION)
Sunday, March	13 <sup>th</sup>	Imre Vitez/Judy Iselin
Sunday, March	20 <sup>th</sup>	Donald & Maryfern Beisswanger
Sunday, March	27 <sup>th</sup>	Bernie Lewis/Sarah VandeGiessen
Sunday, April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donald Beisswanger/Maryfern Beisswanger (COMMUNION)
Sunday, April	10 <sup>th</sup>	David Cole/Karen Weber
Sunday, April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Lefever/Pat Chadwick (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April	24 <sup>th</sup>	Marvin & Laura Fields/Bernie Lewis/Bob Lefever (Easter Sunday)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

Sunday, March	6 <sup>th</sup>	COMMUNION	Sunday, April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	COMMUNION
Sunday, March	13 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday, March	20 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Marvin Fields
Sunday, March	27 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	24 <sup>th</sup>	

## CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

Sunday, March	6 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Cole	Sunday, April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sandy Vitez
Sunday, March	13 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, April	10 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, March	20 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Fields	Sunday, April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Cole
Sunday, March	27 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, April	24 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Cathy

## ACOLYTES FOR MARCH & APRIL

Sunday, March	6 <sup>th</sup>	COMMUNION	Sunday, April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	COMMUNION
Sunday, March	13 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Weger	Sunday, April	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday, March	20 <sup>th</sup>	Janine LeChien	Sunday, April	17 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday, March	27 <sup>th</sup>	Allison Weger	Sunday, April	24 <sup>th</sup>	

## NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

Sunday, March	6 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Sunday, March	13 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday, March	20 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	17 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday, March	27 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, April	24 <sup>th</sup>	

**READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH CONSISTORY**

**2011**

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(908) 534-1510  
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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

**Elders:**  
Marvin Fields, Chair  
Wendi Kalley  
Bob Lefever  
Tom Barnes  
Bob Cole  
Dave Cole

**Deacons:**  
Carol Gauer  
Toni Rathborne  
Eric Stettner  
Imre Vitez, Chair  
Sarah VandeGiessen  
Herb Wood

**Missions:**  
See Deacons

**Treasurer:**  
Wendi Kalley

**Consistory**

**Vice-President of Consistory:** Marvin Fields

**Pastor:** Cathy Gumpert

**Music Director:**  
Hilary Orlando

**Secretary:**  
Terry Digan

**Custodians:**  
Stanly and Anna Gomez

## Forgiveness BRACELET


Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

### What you need:


- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

### What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

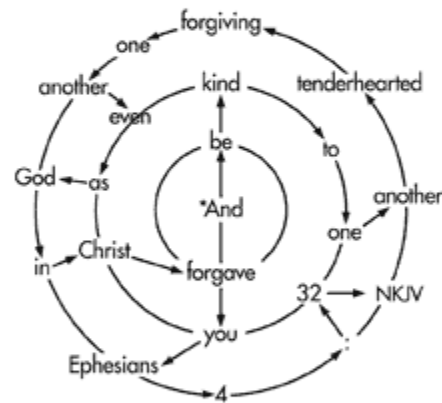


## WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



“And \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

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