



The Readington Reformed Church Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

2011

FROM THE PASTOR

Scripture tells us that God yearns for a personal relationship with us, because God loves us. Especially Hosea and the Song of Songs use marriage as a metaphor to show us God's desire to be in joyful, vibrant, intimate relationship with us. We can use one of the keys of a joyful, passionate marriage - communication- to help us think about our relationship with God.

Couples whose marriages are joyous are passionate about one another, and communicate well with one another. They value one another. They say "please," and "thank you." They have fun together. They make their relationship a priority, even when schedules get crowded. When couples stop communicating effectively, their joy begins to fade. Commitment can become shaky. Rebuilding takes hard work, work that only happens when couples can tell and show one another how important they are, a key step in recapturing their joy and passion.

We can think of our relationship with God like this. From time to time we need to refocus ourselves, and rekindle our passion for God, by deepening our communication with God. We need to remember how important God is in the life of our congregation, and in our individual lives. We need to talk about *why* God is so important, sharing our stories of how God transforms our lives. Most of us have trouble with this; we have not been taught how to share our faith.

Two years ago we began this adventure by using the Unbinding series written by the Reverend Martha Grace Reese to help us start to think about how to talk about our relationship with God. The Unbinding process teaches us how to listen for and recognize God's guidance in our daily lives; it then helps us develop the language, and the confidence, to share our stories with others. We learned a lot about one another and about ourselves during that time two years ago, so much so that we will be doing this again, starting on October 9, which is also Consecration Sunday. We will again be asking the congregation to consecrate their giving, but more importantly, their hearts, to the service of our Lord and Savior. (There is more information about the Unbinding Our Hearts process in the body of the newsletter.) As that happens, the entire congregation will experience even more growth and joy.

The key to any church's health is the way it relates to God. The key is passion for God - passionate spirituality - and communicating that passion to others. God's love for us, and our love for God in response to God's love, is the cornerstone of Christianity. We are called to share the story of that love with all those who will hear. Come join us again as we work at getting better and better at telling this wonderful, old old story of Jesus and His love!

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 September:

September 4

Psalm 149
Proverbs 2:10-15, 20-22
The Revelation to John 1:1-8
Hebrews 12:1-13

September 11

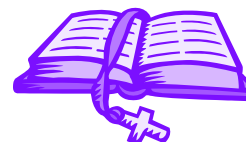
Psalm 114
Genesis 11:27-32

September 18

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Genesis 12:1-9

September 25

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Genesis 12:10-20



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 twelve.)

BEGINNING AT THE END

Each of the following is the last verse (or portion thereof) of a book of the Bible. Can you name the book?

1. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise
2. As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you.
3. Peace be with you. Your friends here send you their greetings. Please give my personal greetings to each of our friends there.

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



HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 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 2011 ROAST BEEF DINNER and Quilt Show, etc. to be held on Saturday, September 17th. 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 by September 13th. 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 Bob Lefever (908-725-3708) or Bernie Lewis (908-534-4139).

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!



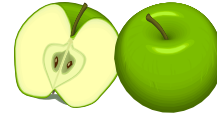
Each family will be getting a call asking for a donation for the Bake Shop at Harvest Home. Needed are pies, homemade jams, relishes, pickles, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, breads, fudge, brownies, cookies, etc. Let's all bake for the sale and label your donations, noting any special ingredients, and your name, and deliver to the church on Thursday, September 15th or Saturday, September 17th 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 goodies.



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 Bernie at (908) 534-4139 and he 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 17th, by 10:00 a.m.

APPLE CAKE

4 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped (approximately 5 cups)



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 15th, 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!**

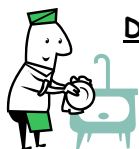
Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - COLE SLAW PREP. Help to prepare cabbage for cole slaw.

ON HARVEST HOME DAY, Saturday, September 17th - 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 Kim Cole (908-874-8696).



DISHWASHING AND CLEAN-UP:

Dishwashers and clean-up crew are needed. Please call Marvin Fields (908-534-8736) or Bernie Lewis (908-534-4139).

COLD ROOM CHAIRS: Stacy Stansbury (908-439-9219) or Karen Weber (908-284-2065)

STAGE: Rosemary Brokaw (908-722-9639).

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 up 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 Bob Lefever at 908-725-3708.



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 15th, 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 (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 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Friends of the church have made and donated a beautiful quilt to be sold at Harvest Home. The quilt pattern is a Daisy Chain and is 56 x 78. The cost is \$300 and the proceeds from the quilt sale will be donated to the Church Roof and Steeple Repair Fund. The quilt will be displayed in the Talent House during Harvest Home. Please call Shirley Spildooren (908-534-2276) with any questions.

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 Carrie Feeney (908-231-7843) to see if she needs help.

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION NEWS

CONSISTORY CORNER

The consistory met on August 9, 2011.

- Our devotion was based on Psalm 93 and Isaiah 30: 19-21. The consistory completed their review of "Unbinding Your Heart," which they found to be helpful for themselves after doing it for the first time two years ago. It has made us all more aware of our relationship with God and with one another.
- The consistory received a letter of resignation submitted by Herb Wood on July 12. Marvin Fields and Pastor Cathy have met with Herb a number of times to attempt to address his concerns. The consistory voted to accept his resignation with regret.
- Cash flow is tight, but we are making it through the summer. Half-year giving statements have been prepared, and are available for pickup after worship, or by calling the church office and asking that they be mailed.
- The elders met briefly in July to discuss a matter of pastoral concern.
- The deacons are working on preparing the schedule for community outreach events.
- Marvin Fields suggested some sort of celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of Pastor Cathy's call to serve the congregation. Folks interested in helping should see him.
- The consistory will be meeting with the two contractors that Ken Iselin and building and grounds have vetted; both meetings will take place on Saturday, October 8. They will be preparing a list of questions to review with the contractors; they welcome questions from the congregation prepared and submitted ahead of time.
- Gia Sodbinow and Antonette Bellettiere will be working on the picture directory; photographs are being scheduled for October. They need help; see the article that follows, and please VOLUNTEER to help out.
- Dave Cole will replace Herb Wood as the consistory member on the endowment committee.
- The theme for the Christian Education school year will be Journeying with Jesus; see the article that follows for more information.
- The Building and Grounds committee continues to work on adjusting the audio system so the service is intelligible.
- The spiritual care committee is working with the cemetery and building & grounds committee to set a date for the Memorial Garden dedication; see the article that follows for more information.
- The next consistory meeting will be September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP ASSISTANT/CHILDREN'S SERMON TRAINING

Did you ever wonder how YOU could become a worship assistant, or someone who does children's sermons? It's time to schedule another training session for people who would like to serve in those areas. Worship assistants select the scripture passages for the words of assurance, and the teaching of the law (notifying the church office of their selection by the Wednesday before the service). On Sunday they lead the congregation in the prayer of confession (which the pastor writes, based on the lectionary psalm for that day), and read the passages they have selected for the words of assurance and the teaching of the law. People who do children's sermons have to be

comfortable with the possibility of anarchy (as Art Linkletter used to observe, "Kids say the darndest things!"), as they offer a lesson to the children of the congregation, usually (but not always) based on the scriptures for the day.

The training takes approximately an hour. There are handouts to help in preparing to lead these worship responsibilities. This can be a fun, interesting way for YOU to participate in the congregation's worship. Interested? See Pastor Cathy, so she can arrange times for the training.

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. 17). 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 September, please contact our church office and leave a message for Imre Vitez. He will then handle getting the provided care that is required.

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month for September is Habitat for Humanity



The Mission of the Month for September is Habitat for Humanity. Shelter from rain, wind and sun is a basic human need. Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. With everyone's help, more deserving families can have decent places to call home, give families in need shelter, self-respect and the hope of a better life. Habitat for Humanities Ministry puts faith into action through empowerment and hard work. We will be supporting the Raritan Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity who work with families locally to build homes they might never have been able to do. Thank you for your continued support. For more information go to www.habitat.org.

BUILDING & GROUNDS/CEMETERY

RRC MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION



A dedication of the Memorial Garden will be held on Sunday, October 23rd immediately following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service. Rain date is Sunday, October 30th. Pencil in the date as we celebrate the dedication of the Memorial Garden. Afterwards, we'll join in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour to rejoice in the work of so many dedicated people over the past several years. Hope to see you there!

Sanctuary Audio System Update

The Building & Grounds Committee has been working on making adjustments to the audio system in the sanctuary to improve the ability for all to hear and participate in worship. Updates include adding a 2nd microphone, testing out speakers near the front/side of the sanctuary and making adjustments to the settings to the control board. Please provide any comments to Bob Cole, Ken Iselin, Imre Vitez, or any member of Building & Grounds who will forward your comments to Bob, Ken or Imre. Also, everyone is asked to refrain from making adjustments to the dials on the audio board unless directed by Bob Cole or Ken Iselin.

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.

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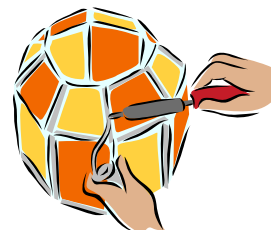
We are getting ready to start the fall with activities. First meeting of the season will be on September 12th at 7:30 p.m. We always start with a brief session of meditation and renewal. Join us to get energized for the fall!

Our first event, very important to our fund raising efforts, will be our annual CRAFT SHOW on October 22, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We still have room for more crafters or vendors. If you know someone with a talent or product please have them call Pat Ciccotelli at (908) 526 8572 and she will send a contract. We always have a good turnout and we look forward to another successful show.

We hope you all have had a great, relaxing summer. Please join the Women of RRC for great fellowship. All women of the church and their friends are welcome, and an added plus are delicious refreshments.

Judy Iselin, Secretary

CRAFTERS WANTED AT READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH CRAFT SHOW



SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2011

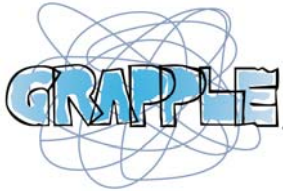
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

LOCATED AT READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH
124 READINGTON ROAD
READINGTON, NJ 08870



CALL PAT CICCOTELLI
(908) 526-8572

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Let's Get Started! A Journey with Jesus

The teachings of Jesus turned the world upside down! The last shall be first? The meek shall inherit the earth? If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also? Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven? As our children learn about the world in which they live, they learn that Jesus teaches us to act in ways that are the opposite of what the world might expect.



With teachings such as the Beatitudes in their travel guide, our children will take a journey with Jesus this year in Sunday School. With passport in hand, they'll visit people and lands both near and far through Bible stories, role playing, games, and crafts that provide them with a memorable adventures that they can apply in their lives each day of the week. The children will see how the stories of tremendous journeys of long ago apply even to short journeys from home to the store today!

In September, the children will start their journey by exploring their own attitudes, taking a trip inside their own hearts to see how what they believe inside makes a big difference in the outside world. Later in the year, they will see how they can make a difference in lands far away, they'll journey back in time to the Reformation, and climb the branches of the Jesse Tree to see how God has traveled with us and continues to do so.

Sunday School teachers often have the same butterflies as they children do as they look forward to a year's journey of learning. This year's Sunday school curriculum will give the whole congregation some new opportunities to be "signposts" for our children, living out the promises we make at their baptisms. If you've ever traveled with children, you'll know the phrase "Are we there yet?" comes up now and again - through these opportunities we'll be able to share with them that the journey with Jesus is a lifelong one!

Our new programming is really a lot of fun and we plan on having an informative parent training this year. Ralph Pantozzi has torn the Preschool and Elementary program "Living Inside Out", apart and we plan on going through a lesson with the parents so they really know what they need to do for Sunday School. One change for this year is parents will need to be present in the lesson so they have a better understanding of what the children are learning so when it comes to the activity parents will understand why you are all doing the activity.

Sunday School Kickoff Pancake Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Sunday, September 11th

Sunday School Lessons will begin at 9:30

Parent Training will begin at 9:15

We will have parents available to watch the kids when the training starts.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome to the music program! This year will be full of fun, uplifting music and we cannot wait to be able to share it with you.

Over the summer months we had some special musicians join us in our services such as Jessica Iselin, Jen Weber and Sarah VandeGiessen. They made a beautiful and inspiring contribution to worship with their musical talents and are appreciated by all!

Once again the younger children will be singing songs, learning some great hand motions and ringing bells as well. They will be sharing their wonderful music with the congregation on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

The adult choirs will kick off the coming fall season with Hilary Orlando on Wednesday, September 21st: The Readington Ringers will rehearse at 6pm followed by Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7pm. It is hoped that the Readington Ringers will be sharing their music with the congregation on one Sunday every month as well as during holiday services. The Chancel Choir has become a steady aid in our church worship services throughout the year and we look forward to another year full of a variety of musical styles. Come on out to see familiar faces, make some friends, and enhance your musicality!

Lastly, if you or someone else you know would like to share their musical talent on a Sunday as a part of worship, go ahead and ask Hilary for the opportunity. She is always looking to help make music happen.

God gave us music that we might pray without words

Hilary Orlando: (215) 337-1808, email- kittyonthekeys@live.com

GIFT BOXES FOR SOLDIERS

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is sending gift boxes to our service men and women overseas listed in our Sunday Bulletin and others recommended by our congregation. Your help of a small monetary donation would be appreciated to assist with the continued purchase and expenses. Please see Wilma Matysek or call Wilma at (908) 725-3209 or Brenda Gerlipp at (908) 369-4192.

THURSDAY NIGHT WRITER'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention Writers!

Readington Reformed Church will offer a Thursday night writer's Bible study this fall. We will publish two collections, the Advent devotional and Lenten devotional. Our writing projects will focus on Biblical themes such as love, forgiveness, courage, persistence, trust, wisdom and Bible stories. Submissions from the congregation for either of our publications are welcome.



We will also revisit "Unbinding Your Heart" from a writer's perspective during the exciting all-congregation Unbinding E-vent taking place from Oct. 9th through Nov. 20th. The group meets on **Thursday nights, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the RRC Library. Class begins Thursday, September 29, 2011.** The class will be led by Marvin & Laura Fields. Please contact the Fields at 908-534-8736 or email them at fieldslm1012@aol.com to sign up and for more information.

CHURCH FAMILY



THE DEADLINE for the October Newsletter will be Sunday, September 18th. Please be sure to leave your complete, written articles in the church office by this date. Thank you!

Trivia Answers:

1. Proverbs
2. Daniel
3. John

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 - Sandy Vitez | 21 - Tom Seibert |
| 7 - Carson Pieper
Anne Thorburn | 22 - Jane Jermyn
Hannah Lelah |
| 9 - Janet Harris | 23 - Judy Iselin
Rachel VandeGiessen |
| 11 - Laura Manzo
Cassandra Kalley | 25 - Brian Iselin
Lisa Stettner |
| 13 - Darren Pieper | 28 - James Manzo |
| 20 - Scott Sryker
Nicola Sodbinow | 30 - Carolyn VandeGiessen |
| 5 - El & La Verne Linskey | |
| 10 - Shirley & Bill Koller | |
| 19 - Tibor & Beth Menyert | |
| 24 - John & Toni Rathborne | |



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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - SAVE THE DATE!

The Readington Reformed Church directory will be getting an update on Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th for our church directory photos. Photos will be taken between 2:30 and 9:00 p.m. so everyone should be able to set aside some time. You will receive a free 8x10 photograph and have the chance to purchase additional photos (remember Christmas cards too!). The more friends and family we can include, the more free pages we will get for our new directory. We will keep all of you informed as the dates draw nearer. And, please note that we are looking for a few volunteers to help with this project with the bulk of the planning to be done over the summer months. Please feel free to contact us. Thank you!



Gia Sodbinow (908-231-1025) and Antonette Bellettiere (908-725-2743)

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!

September 11 (Sunday): Pancake Breakfast/Sunday School Kick-Off
September 11 (Sunday): Ecumenical 9/11 Memorial Service
September 17 (Saturday): Harvest Home
October 9 (Sunday): Consecration Sunday
October 18 & 19 (Tuesday/Wednesday): Pictorial Directory Picture Days
October 22 (Saturday): RRCWM Craft Fair
October 23 (Sunday): Memorial Garden Dedication
October 30 (Sunday): Memorial Garden Dedication (rain date)/Family Sunday
November 5 (Saturday): Roast Pork Loin Dinner
November 18 (Friday) through November 19 (Saturday): Prayer Vigil
November 20 (Sunday): Congregational Meeting
December 4 (Sunday): Family Sunday
December 5 (Monday): RRCWM Christmas Party
December 11 (Sunday): Christmas Caroling
December 24 (Saturday): Christmas Eve

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GOOD NEWS HOME FOR WOMEN HARVEST FESTIVAL



All are welcome to attend the 9th Annual Good News Home for Women Harvest Festival to be held on Saturday, September 24th from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Festival will be held on the spacious grounds of the Good News Home located at 33 Bartles Corner Road in Flemington. Join us for a family fun filled day!

COMMUNITY SEMINAR SERIES AT READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

The Readington Reformed Church will hold its next Community Seminar on Sunday, September 25th at 11:30 a.m. John Bolton from the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference from Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island will discuss the programs at their Christian retreat. 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. The church is located at 124 Readington Road.

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!



2011 LISA HICKSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us on Friday, October 7th, for the 6th annual Lisa Hickson Memorial Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Club to benefit Pathways. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and each year our golf outing celebrates Lisa's life and commitment to helping others. Proceeds benefit Pathways, a terrific organization in Summit, NJ, that provides support, counseling, activities, and education for women and their families as they battle and recover from cancer. Your generosity and participation in this event has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Pathways so they can continue and build upon their terrific programs.



Please register today at www.LisaHicksongolf.com You can register online with a major credit card or use the printable mail-in form. If you choose to mail your registration please send it to: Steve Hickson, 401 Harding Drive, South Orange, NJ 07079. Please make checks payable to Pathways and their Federal Tax ID number is 22-1489919. Also, feel free to email or call me at (908) 507-6072 with any questions. Please register no later than Friday, September 23rd as we are again expecting a large group.



A Service of Hope and Remembrance

The 10th Anniversary of 9/11

The Ecumenical Clergy Association
of the Whitehouse - Lebanon Community

4:00 pm Sunday, September 11, 2011

Readington Reformed Church

124 Readington Road - Rt. 620

Readington, NJ

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
SEPTEMBER 2011						
				1	2	3
4 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	5 Labor Day Day of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving	6 10:00-Quilters 7:30-Elders	7 9:00-MOM's 7:30- NA/NARANON	8 9:30-GS Team	9 9:30-Hunterdon County Quilters	11
11 8:30-Pancake Bkfst. 9:15-Parent Training 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 4:00- 9/11 Memorial Service	12 7:30-RRCWM "Night of Renewal"	13 10:00-Quilters	14 9:00-MOM's 7:30- NA/NARANON	15 10:00-HH Set Up 7:00-HH Set Up	16 9:00-HH Set Up	17 9:00-Cole Slaw Prep HARVEST HOME
18 NL DEADLINE 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	19 7:00-Spiritual Care 7:30-FFO	20 10:00-Quilters 6:45-Deacons 7:30-CONSISTORY	21 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	22 9:30-GS Leaders	23	24
25 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 11:00-Harvey Cedars Seminar 1:00-IHN Arrives	26 IHN 6:00-GS Troop 1270	27 IHN 10:00-Quilters 7:30-Finance Com.	28 IHN 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	29 IHN 10:00-Bible Study 7:00-Writer's BS	30 IHN	

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

HEAD USHER/ASSISTANT USHER SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sunday, Sept. 4th Bernie Lewis/Dave Terhune
Sunday, Sept. 11th Steve Freeman/Karen Weber (COMMUNION)
Sunday, Sept. 18th Imre Vitez/Judy Iselin
Sunday, Sept. 25th Donald & Maryfern Beisswanger

Sunday, Oct. 2nd Ken Iselin/Shirley Koller (COMMUNION)
Sunday, Oct. 9th Bob Lefever/Sarah VandeGiessen
Sunday, Oct. 16th Imre Vitez/Toni Rathborne
Sunday, Oct. 23rd Donald Beisswanger/Maryfern Beisswanger
Sunday, Oct. 30th Davie Cole/Pat Chadwick

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sunday, Sept. 4 th	Laura Fields	Sunday, Oct. 3 rd	COMMUNION
Sunday, Sept. 11 th	COMMUNIION	Sunday, Oct. 9 th	Marvin Fields
Sunday, Sept. 18 th		Sunday, Oct. 16 th	
Sunday, Sept. 25 th		Sunday, Oct. 23 rd	
		Sunday, Oct. 30 th	

CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sunday, September 11 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, Oct. 3 rd	Kim Cole
Sunday, September 18 th	Sandy Vitez	Sunday, Oct. 9 th	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, September 25 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, Oct. 16 th	Laura Fields
		Sunday, Oct. 23 rd	Pastor Cathy
		Sunday, Oct. 30 th	Sandy Vitez

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sunday, September 11 th	COMMUNION	Sunday, Oct. 3 rd	COMMUNION
Sunday, September 18 th	Kyle Stansbury	Sunday, Oct. 9 th	Alex Rathborne
Sunday, September 25 th	Janine LeChien	Sunday, Oct. 16 th	Audrey Robbins
		Sunday, Oct. 23 rd	Mira Pantozzi
		Sunday, Oct. 30 th	Allison Weger

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 11 th	Sunday, Oct. 3 rd
Sunday, September 18 th	Sunday, Oct. 9 th
Sunday, September 25 th	Sunday, Oct. 16 th
	Sunday, Oct. 23 rd
	Sunday, Oct. 30 th

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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:
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Bob Lefever
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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

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.


What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



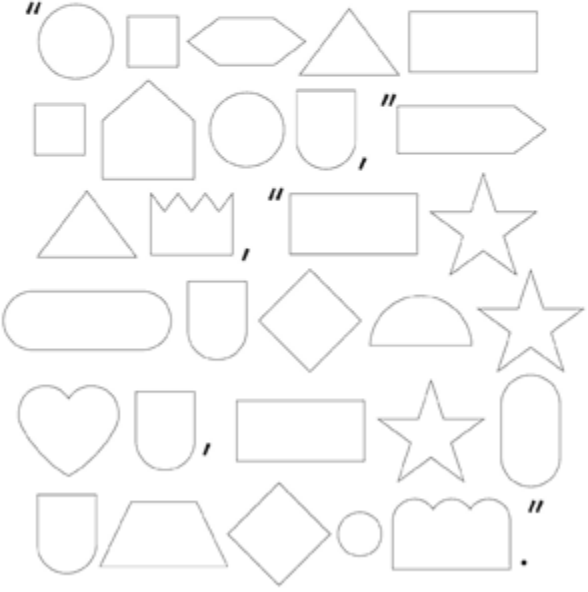
PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

plans know and for hope I not declares give
to prosper have have the LORD you future



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

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