



The Blawenburg Beacon

Newsletter for the members and friends of the Blawenburg Reformed Church

Early Autumn 2017

September 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

This summer I was invited to an “evangelical” pastors group, which meets in Montgomery. The term evangelical has a lot of definitions and I was happy to receive the invitation, but also curious to see what it meant to these folks to be gathering around the “evangelical” title.

After a couple of meetings, there has been one distinction that has really stood out to me. These evangelical pastors are not at all shy about sharing their faith. According to the stories they tell, they go out and engage with people and they turn their conversations towards Jesus and the hope, joy, love, and peace that he and Christianity can offer. This style and focus is different from mine and to a degree it makes me uncomfortable, but God has been working through that discomfort.

In general, we are shy about our faith. Our church is in the mainline-protestant movement, rather than the evangelical movement. As mainline protestants, we are not eager to talk about our faith in public. We treat most social situations like Thanksgiving dinner with far-flung relatives; it is usually best to avoid talking about religion or politics. That’s true even of me! While I am getting more and more comfortable, it is still strange for me to say, “I am a pastor” when I am at the grocery store, or at a restaurant, or hanging out with Jamie’s friends and co-workers.

I suspect the same is true for you all as well. I doubt many of you slip statements like, “I am a Christian” into casual conversations. Nor are you often looking for the right moment to shift a discussion towards your Lord and Savior. As mainline protestants, we have been trained to be shy and quiet about our identity as people of faith.

As we begin a new program year this September, I feel God challenging me to be a little bit more “evangelical” in my approach to life. We have a deep love of the Blawenburg Reformed Church and we are people who have a deep and abiding faith in the presence, love, provision, and care of God. We know that church is a good place. We know that worship is a restorative, centering, and life-giving experience. We know that loving and serving others is key to a life of deep satisfaction. This is all good news worth sharing, so why don’t we talk about God and church more often and more openly?

I think a good starting point is to do some personal reflection. Personal reflection can help us find the honest words that we can use to share the good news with others. We can start by reflecting on these questions. What has God done in your life? How has God been a part of the story that has led you to today? When was God there for you? What do you value about church? When did church become important to you? How has Christianity changed the course of your life? Spend some time in personal reflection and find some honest answers to questions like these. Then, be brave and share

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those answers with others. Look for the opportunities that God is giving you to share the good news you have!

We have a great church. We serve a loving God. Let's work on being brave enough to share that good news with others.

Pastor Jeff



Consistory Highlights

- The Consistory approved renovating the church doors, sills, etc., at a cost of \$6800.00. The funds for this were raised by the Rummage Sale. \$750.00 was approved for a new dishwasher for the Parsonage. This purchase was made with contributions for this purpose.
- Pastor Jeff reviewed what it means to be a liaison to the ministry teams. A Team Sunday is planned for the near future.
- Bernice Van Nostrand will be serving as Consistory Clerk.
- A policy regarding Blue Pomegranate income was discussed and approved by Consistory.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned on Oct. 7th from 9am to 3pm.
- BVS reported that the summer program went well. They are running one less class in the fall.
- Training will be available for those interested in serving as liturgist for Sunday morning worship.
- The fall mission program will be starting with a mission focus during the worship service on September 24th.
- Team budgets will be due the last week of September. The Finance Team will then prepare the 2018 church budget to present at the Congregational meeting in October.
- The Comm Team has drafted news articles to go in the Montgomery News regarding Blue Pomegranate and other church events for the fall. They are also preparing promotional pieces for the upcoming festivals.



Montgomery Fun Fest, September 10, 12—5pm

BRC will be represented at the Fun Fest at Princeton Airport. Please email the church office or Pastor Jeff if you would be able to help out for two hours that afternoon.

Check out the fest on the web: <http://funfest.shoplocalmontgomery.com/>

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A Community Chaplain Came to Blawenburg

by Nancy Curtis

Four thousand miles on my car over eleven weeks! Incredible experiences with so many people!

Thank you for allowing me to finish my Clinical Pastoral Education through Blawenburg Reformed Church and our community.

My “How I spent my summer vacation” essay looks like this:

Every week I began on Monday morning by first attending an AA meeting at the 24 Club meeting in Memorial Hall. I let them know that I was there representing the church. Once they moved, that part of my assignment ended. Then, I would drive to New Brunswick to visit patients at St. Peter’s University Hospital. My name tag at St. Peter’s has my name and Blawenburg Reformed Church printed on it. Many people asked me if I was there to tell them about the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge or they told me I have a very nice Home in Old Bridge. I was able to visit a woman at St. Peter’s from Montgomery and I told her where I was from (and she knew about the church!). When I finished at St. Peter’s I would drive over to Stonebridge on Montgomery Road to visit with residents in the Memory Unit, the Assisted Living Unit and the Skilled Nursing Unit. I have become attached to the individuals that I visited there and hope to continue to volunteer at Stonebridge. As I said in a sermon I preached at Blawenburg, one daughter of a resident asked me to visit because her mother’s church has “forgotten” about her since she moved to Stonebridge. That is so sad but so true of so many residents at care facilities.

Tuesdays and Thursdays were spent in class at RWJ Hamilton. Our class time consisted of presenting case studies to each other, lectures on topics such as suicide, grief and bereavement, organ donations, and personality theory, to name just a few. We, as Chaplains, would take turns leading Chapel service every day in our own faith tradition. It was very meaningful as we learned about other faith traditions and alternative ways to worship God.

On Wednesdays I would attend the Team Meeting at the Compassionate Care Hospice at the RWJ Hamilton Hospital. This was very valuable to me as the team of doctors, nurses, social workers, dieticians, and staff Chaplains all met to discuss the patients and their plan of care. I especially appreciated the respect they gave me in my opinion of the patient and their family. I would leave the hospital and drive to visit church members. My Wednesday afternoons would include a visit to Jean Skillman and then off to Acorn Glen to join Ruthie and the weekly sing-a-long. While at Acorn Glen I would also connect with Elsie and Sam, two locals who reside at Acorn Glen. Time permitting I would check in with Don Thiel and then off to facilitate a Grief Support Group at the Church. I had four regular attendees who felt that the group was very helpful to them.

Fridays would be a repeat of Mondays – 24 Club, St. Peter’s and Stonebridge.



Clinical Pastoral Education Group at RWJ Hamilton

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I preached several times at Blawenburg and Griggstown Reformed Churches over the course of the summer as well as some hours put in at RWJ Hamilton as the Duty Chaplain. The Duty Chaplain visits patients on the floors and is called when a patient comes to the hospital having a stroke or heart attack, as well as attending a patient's death and ministering to the family.

I have now finished 1600 total hours of clinical work over the last two years and my Chapter of Chaplains has given me the go-ahead to seek certification. For this process I needed to write my Spiritual Autobiography and my Theology of Pastoral Care. Both papers took a lot of time and many back-and-forth communications with my mentor. But they believe that my papers are strong and I am ready to be Board Certified as a Clinical Chaplain.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve Blawenburg and the Community and to finish my Clinical Pastoral Education.

Academic Year Intern—Kyle Dipre

by Pastor Jeff

Kyle Dipre is joining us as a Princeton Seminary student intern. Kyle is a graduate of Hope College, which is a Reformed Church in America school. He has an interest in law and hopes to become a lawyer who can work closely with churches on legal issues. For his seminary education Kyle needs to intern as a student pastor and he will have that opportunity with our congregation. He will be with us during his academic year and will seek to do about 10-12 hours of ministry through our church every week. For some of those hours Kyle will shadow me in the work that I do. At other times Kyle will lead as a student minister, helping facilitate Bible study, worship, and give pastoral care. For some hours Kyle will work with our teams to help develop, plan, and lead ministry projects. I am looking forward to having Kyle around as an intern and I would ask that you keep him in your prayers.



For Your Planning Convenience

Beacon material is due to Karen (blawenburgchurch@gmail.com) and Barb P. (bjp1998@aol.com) by the date of the deadline. Also, if anyone would like to contribute photos for future Beacons, we welcome them.

Deadline Dates

October 9

November 27

Publication Dates

October 16

December 8

ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Bradsell family as Marcia and Ken's daughter, Rachel Bradsell, graduates from Navy War College with masters in intelligence. She's ready to direct Seal Teams in the Pacific. Best wishes and prayers for future blessings, Rachel.

More Graduation News—Somerset County Fire Academy



The Somerset County Fire Academy honored our own Bud Lewis by presenting the "Lloyd Lewis Award for Academic Achievement" at the recent fire academy graduation. Three young men from Rocky Hill graduated from the academy, begun by Bud Lewis and Mark Guatery. Alan Queric, director of the academy, introduced Bud and had some glowing words to say about him. This was a well-deserved honor for Bud, pictured here with the Rocky Hill Fire Chief and their three newest fire fighters. Bud is pictured in the shirt he wore as a teacher and founder of the academy. What a wonderful event!

We commit our gifts to **WORSHIP** gathering as a community to celebrate God's presence among us!

Worship Service Returns to the Sanctuary



Summer chancel area.

Throughout the summer we have been holding our worship service in the lower level of Cook Hall. It is sometimes nice to have a change of scenery to revitalize us, and many enjoy the cozy informality of Fellowship Hall.

Starting September 10th our worship service will be back in the sanctuary at 10am.

New Choir Informational Meeting: Sunday, September 17th at 9am

In addition to our established choir, this year we are going to try a new choir experience. The new choir (which will need a creative name!) will meet occasionally on Sunday mornings before worship and will rehearse music to share in worship. The music for this choir will be easy to learn in a short period of time and everyone is invited to participate regardless of age (YES, INCLUDING CHILDREN!). An informational meeting for this group will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 9am in the sanctuary. Their first rehearsal and offering is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th.

Scripture for Upcoming Services

During the Month of September, we will continue following the story of God's plans for the family of Abraham and Sarah through the book of Exodus. In October, as Protestant Christians around the world observe the 500th year since Martin Luther's historic posting of his 95 theses in 1517, we will explore some of the major themes of the Reformation.

Date	Special Event	Sermon Reading
3-Sep		Exodus 3:1-15
10-Sep	Return to Sanctuary	Exodus 12:1-14
17-Sep		Exodus 14:19-31
24-Sep		Exodus 16:2-15
1-Oct	Pastor Jeff is away on Cont. Ed.	
<u>500th Anniversary of Reformation Series</u>		
8-Oct	<i>Justification by Faith</i>	<i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i>
15-Oct	<i>Freedom Under Christ</i>	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>
22-Oct	<i>Priesthood of All Believers</i>	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>
29-Oct	<i>Importance of Scripture</i>	<i>2nd Timothy 3:10-17</i>
5-Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY (Nov 1)	Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3

WORSHIP - Continued

Prayer Vigil in Hopewell

A prayer vigil was held on Tuesday, August 15th at the United Methodist Church in Hopewell. The purpose was to stand against hate and injustice. It was an evening of prayer, song, a candlelight vigil and a march through the borough. Many thanks to the Hopewell Council of Churches for organizing the event.

Pastor Kate Hillis shared a message drawing upon Galatians 3:28. "All of us, black and white, are called to see one another as image bearers of the Divine in this world," she said. "I will not be silent on issues of injustice." Attendees also heard messages from John Buck, a Deacon at Second Calvary Baptist Church and Cathy Peterson, Chairperson of the Hopewell Council of Churches. During a time of sharing, Mayor Paul Anzano spoke as well as members of many faiths. Pastor Jeff attended, joining his heart in prayer for our country in the wake of the hatred and violence that broke out in Charlottesville, VA the previous weekend. Our own Alan Taback spoke during the time of sharing.

(Excerpts from <http://www.hopewellmethodist.org/standing-together-hate-hopewell-community-peace-vigil/>, (2017).



Breakfast Worship Resumes September 10th

The next Breakfast Worship is scheduled for September 10 at 8:32am. in Cook Hall Fellowship area. Pastor Jeff will be leading a kid-friendly worship following breakfast. Come join us for praise, prayer and pancakes.

All are welcome!

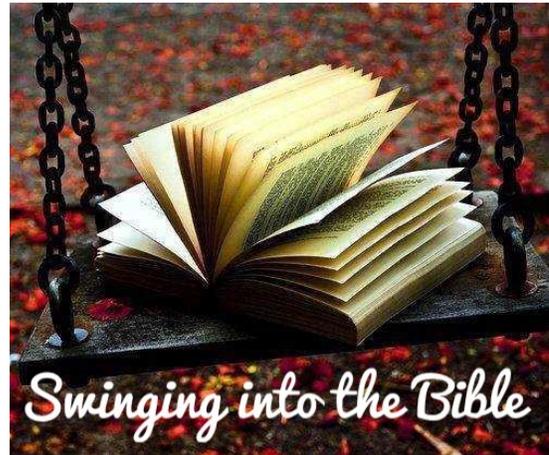
*We commit our gifts to **LIFE-LONG LEARNING** providing spiritual growth opportunities for all.*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10 am in the Church Library. Come join us as we read and discuss scripture for the upcoming Sunday message and take time to pray with one another. Coffee and the occasional treat will be provided.

Swinging into the Bible

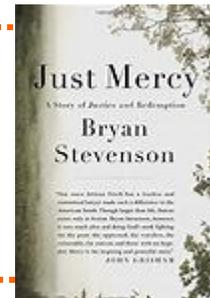
By Jeff Knol

On Wednesday, September 13th we will swing back into our evening Bible study. The study is hosted at a different location each week; so if you would like to come, please email me at revjeffknol@gmail.com or pay close attention to the church announcements. On the 13th we will gather at the parsonage. We start at 6:30pm and usually are reading and discussing scripture by 7pm. We end the night with prayer around 8pm. Our plan is to study the passages that will be used in worship each week. As Reformed Christians, we believe that God speaks to us in a special way when we prayerfully read and discuss the Bible. If you would like to be a part of this special time, we would love to include you.



Mary & Martha

The Mary and Martha group will meet September 12th at 6:15 in the home of Bernice Van Nostrand to discuss Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. All women are welcome to join us for a planned pot luck supper, thoughtful and lively discussion, and prayer time.



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New Fence for BVS Playground

As you may know, BRC/BVS was required by the state to replace the fence surrounding the preschool play area. Thanks to the many donors and to those who organized fundraisers to pay for the fence, which cost \$13,980. Twelve thousand dollars was raised through events such as a bike-a-thon and a painting event. Contributions were also made by generous supporters. We were truly blessed.



*We commit our gifts to **HOSPITALITY** caring for those in our congregation and the greater community.*

Thanks to Our Hosts and Donors

The Hospitality Team would like to thank everyone who has provided refreshments and juice all year long. Everyone seems to love the social time following the church service, and, of course, we love our snacks.

We especially would like to thank all of you who donate to our coffee fund. Through these donations, we are able to buy paper products and coffee that are needed for fellowship hour. Some of you have asked when coffee will be served after church. We will start up again on September 10th.

We look forward to continuing our service in the coming church year.

Samaritan Homeless Interim Program Picnic—August 29th



Members of BRC cooked and served lunch to the clientele of S.H.I.P last week. Thanks to all who cooked, served and organized this mission event.

‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40 English Standard Version (ESV)

BRC Kick-Off Picnic

Mark your calendar for September 24th at noon. The picnic will be hosted by the Clancy family. Please plan to bring a salad/side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall.



Join us for the next Game Night September 8th at 7pm in Memorial Hall.

Join in the fun September 8th at 7pm for a fun group game, a yummy light dinner and snacks. All are welcome.

We commit our gifts to **MISSIONS** serving those in need both locally and around the world.



School and Hygiene Care Kits

Thank you to everyone who has filled and returned a school or hygiene kit for our Church World Service September mission. The **due date** for returning outstanding kits and excess supplies is **September 17th**. If anyone can still fill additional bags, please see the list of supplies needed on p.5 of the Mid-Summer 2017 Beacon or pick up a list of the supplies on the table in front of the mission bulletin board in the basement of Cook Hall. Each kit is valued at \$15.00 with a processing fee of \$2.00 per kit. Please give your donation of the processing fee to Barbara Pavlicek or put it inside the bag. The total processing fee will be sent electronically later in September. Again, many thanks.

The Mission Team

CROP HUNGER WALK ...from Harlingen...SUN. – OCT. 22nd



Hunger is not a game. Please join us as we walk together in the South Somerset County CROP Hunger Walk to raise awareness of and to contribute money to fight the root causes of hunger globally and to contribute \$\$ and peanut butter to help hun-

ger locally. Monies raised go to Church World Service who works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Our campaign begins Oct. 1. Envelopes will be in Cook Hall at Fellowship for Walkers to use in collecting Sponsors' donations. If you can't walk with us, please sponsor a Walker and contribute peanut butter for us to take to the Walk. Consider donating what you might spend on a nice dinner out for you and your family. Once again, twenty-five percent of monies raised will be split between the Somerset County Food Bank Network and SHIP, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program. We will meet this year at the Harlingen Reformed Church [34 Dutchtown Road at Rte.206], at 1:30 on Sunday, October 22nd. BRC friends will join 15 other faith and High School Interact groups in this 3.6 mile circular walk which will commence at 2:00 P.M. (There is even a shorter alternate of 1.8 miles!).

Look for information about giving, online and by checks in the next Beacon. More info: contact Gracie Johnson, 609-468-9475 or gtuckerbj@gmail.com.



GARDENING AT CRAWFORD HOUSE

Watch the Friday e-news for the new final date of the gardening season at Crawford House. Ethel will let everyone know when the new date is set. Thanks! It will **not** take place on September 11th as originally planned.

Properties Team Update

Church

- Repairs to the doors and façade have been approved and should begin soon.
- A work day is scheduled for Oct. 7 to clean the Sanctuary prior to Journey through the Past.

Cook Hall

- The bi-fold doors in the basement have been fixed thanks to the help of Doug Hill.
- The refrigerator that was leaking has been repaired by a member of the Homeward Bound AA Group. He cleaned the coils and unclogged the drain.
- The corner gutters have been cleaned by Don.
- The Homeward Bound AA Group is now renting the west end of Fellowship Hall and is meeting there every evening Mon-Sun from 5:30-6:30 pm. This is in addition to the group meeting there every Tuesday night from 7-8 pm. They are both flexible about being accommodated elsewhere when needed for church-wide functions.
- The Montgomery Moms' Club will be meeting from 9:45 to 11:15 on the first Thursday of the month downstairs.
- The plumber came to repair the small toilet in the upstairs bathroom.
- A thank you was sent to Kim Galatro for the air conditioner which has been installed in Cook Hall.



Removal of dying tree

Parsonage

- A new dishwasher was installed, thanks to donations from members and a friend of the church, and a cracked seal in one of the pipes under the sink was repaired. Remaining \$\$ from the donations will be used to replace boards in the deck.
- A flood in the backyard was found to be due to the water softener valve and has been fixed.
- The Twp. Permit to install a fence in the backyard using sections saved from preschool.
- Repair of the siding on the parsonage by the driveway was explored with a contractor.
- Doug Hill finished the masonry work on the front steps.

Memorial Hall

- Doug Hill installed panic bars on the warehouse doors.
- Masonry repair to the back exit steps were made by Brian Maestriperi and railings were installed by Clem's Ironworks.
- The field behind Memorial Hall was mowed by a volunteer.
- Options for sale of the property are being explored.

BVS

- The wooden platform that leads from the driveway into the school yard was rotten and a parent fell. It has been fixed and luckily the parent wasn't injured. It was rebuilt by a volunteer, Doug Hill, and the wood was donated by Opdyke Lumber.
- The Fence has been installed. Thanks to Rutgers Fence for their timely work. HOORAY!

Grounds

- Work days for leaf raking and window washing still have not been set. We are waiting for the next Boy Scout meeting to confirm them. Possible dates are Nov. 11 or 18 and Dec. 9 or 16.
- Thanks to Terhunes and grandson Gregory for weeding, mulching and removing the dead tree.

Sanctuary Deep Cleaning—October 7th

Come one, come all to help clean the sanctuary on October 7th, 9-3pm. Company is coming! The church will be one of the sights along the Journey through the Past trail on October 14th and 15th. There is heavy duty cleaning to be done so bring along plenty of elbow grease.



*We commit our gifts to **PROCLAMATION** spreading the good news of salvation*

BLAWENBURG CHURCH'S *BLUE POMEGRANATE* LAUNCHES NEW SEASON – SEPTEMBER 21st

Blue Pomegranate opens its fourth season on September 21st.



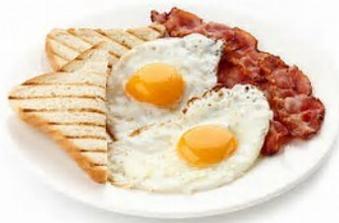
Classical guitarist Jeff Griesemer will perform original arrangements. And the talented duo of flutist Jaelyn Duncan and vocalist-guitarist Kevin Hill will play from their collection of jazz, funk, classical and rock.

Hopewell artist James Dashcund will be on hand. His “abstract realism” combines realism with pop art. “We’ve got three shows planned this fall,” says local artist and church elder Alan Taback who manages the event. “And we’re really looking forward to this one. James is a great artist; his work should be seen. And the music...well...if you like good music, come on in.”

Doors open at 7pm in Cook Hall, on the Blawenburg Church campus at 424 Route 518. Light refreshments are served. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged and go to support the work of the church and the artists.

For more details, go to www.BlawenburgChurch.org, or to Facebook @BlawenburgChurch or @BluePomArt.

Fall Season: September 21, October 19, November 16



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held at 7:30 am on Wednesday, September 20th at the Hillsborough Diner and on October 18th at the Blawenburg Café.

Let Joe know at jpavl1999@aol.com if you plan to attend. Come enjoy a time of food and fellowship with the fellows.

Hopewell Harvest Fair—September 23rd, 10am—4pm

Join us as we represent BRC to the community at the fair. Please email the church office if you would like to volunteer a couple of hours at the event.



PROCLAMATION—Continued

Weekend Journey through the Past – October 14 & 15 We Need Your Help!



Our church will participate in the Somerset County Weekend Journey through the Past on October 14 – 15. More than 25 historic locations throughout Somerset County are participating in the Weekend Journey, which is sponsored by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

We were a host site for the Weekend Journey in 2015 and felt that it was a success. We can again be successful with help from you – our church members and friends. The steering team is led by Dave Cochran joined by Jeff Knol, Barb Reid, and Karen Larsen.

On Saturday, October 14, the sanctuary will be open for tours and exhibits from 10 am until 5 pm. We will need people to help set up exhibits, and be greeters, docents, and general assistants.

On Sunday, October 15, the tours and exhibits will continue from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Our organist, Katie Connolly, will present a special concert at 2:00 pm. It will include a stirring rendition of “The Battle of Trenton” by James Hewitt. This work is a 15-minute blow-by-blow keyboard sonata depicting the events of the historic battle. It was written in 1797 and dedicated to George Washington. A repertoire of traditional American music will also be included in the concert.

Barb Reid will be asking people to sign up for various responsibilities beginning September 3. There will be 2-4 hour shifts, and you can sign up at a time that meets your schedule on either or both days. Here is what some of the jobs entail:

Exhibits and church set up – assist Ethel Terhune with exhibits and help set up stations in the church

Greeters – welcome visitors, collect visitor data, and direct them to the first station

Docents – serve as a guide to tell people about the church and answer visitors’ questions.

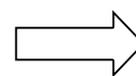
Written material and training will be provided on October 1 after worship. It will be repeated on October 8 after worship.

General assistant – help as needed in a variety of ways.

The Communications Team has already put an article in the Montgomery News. Look for it in September. There will be other publicity through news media and social media. You can help by letting your friends know about this event.

We look forward to your help with the Weekend Journey. It’s a chance for many people to get to know who we are and the important role we have played in our community for over 185 years.

Do you know what this is and how it was used in church?



PROCLAMATION—Continued

SINTERKLAAS 2017 (It's Not Too Early!)

The Date – December 2

The Time – 9:00am – 2:00pm

The Co-Chairs – Gracie Johnson 609.466.1862, gtuck-erbj@gmail.com and Barb Reid 609.558.4471, bareid35@aol.com.



It seems impossible, but Sinterklaas 2017 is truly right around the corner! We have two new additions this year that we are very excited about:

We will be opening the church for a quilt display for the duration of the event. So...we need your quilts! Please consider lending us one or more for the day. In order to make this work, we need someone (or more than one individual), to help solicit the quilts and make sure that they are displayed properly. If quilts and quilting are a passion of yours, this might just be the place for you at Sinterklaas. Let Gracie or Barb know.

This year we will also hold a silent auction. Those of you who remember Tontoonstelling, the Dutch country fair that we held in the past, know that silent auctions are not new to us. This part of the bazaar can be a big money maker if we have great items up for bid, and talents as well as treasures are needed. Can you provide tickets to McCarter Theater? How about putting together a car emergency kit? Might you be able to provide snow plowing or shoveling? Perhaps you can paint a room? Everyone has a talent or can provide a treasure. Please be thinking now about yours. A silent auction takes a lot of organization and needs a chair(s). Is this something that you might like to take on? If so, please speak with either Gracie or Barb. We promise to find lots of help!

In addition, we ask that you start to make all of those wonderful frozen soups, jams, jellies and preserves, as well as your frozen pies. The crafters have been working so diligently all year to prepare for this event, but are always in need of your handiwork. Also, with fall cleaning, think of White Elephant for your gently used special treasures.

Please mark your calendars for December 2, start to consider where your talents lie, and volunteer. Help us to make this event a day of fun and fellowship as we raise money for God's work in our church and in our community.

In love and appreciation,
Gracie and Barb



OFFICE HOURS:

MON 8:30 to 1:30

THUR 8:30 to 3:30

FRI 8:30 to 11:30

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**Summary of Dates
(See articles for more information.)**

Plan Ahead—

- 9/3 Worship, 10:00am
- 9/5 Properties Team, 12:30pm, Cook Hall
- 9/7-8 BVS Orientation
- 9/8 Game Night, 7:00pm, Memorial Hall
- 9/10 Breakfast Worship, 8:32am, Worship & Communion, 10am in the Sanctuary
- 9/10 Fun Fest, 12 – 5 pm, Princeton Airport
- 9/11 BVS First Day
BVS Board, 7pm
Cemetery, 10am
- 9/12 Mission Team, 3pm
Worship Team, 4:15pm
Mary & Martha, 6:15pm, Bernice’s
- 9/13 Wed. Eve Bible Study 6:30, Parsonage
- 9/14 Moms’ Club, 10am, Fellowship Hall
- 9/17 CWS Kit Assembly, 11:00am
- 9/18 Consistory Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9/20 Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am, Star Diner
Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 6:30pm
- 9/21 Blue Pomegranate, 7:00pm
- 9/23 Hopewell Harvest Fair, 10-4pm
- 9/24 Worship/Mission Focus, 10:00am
BRC Kickoff Picnic, 12:00pm
- 9/25 Pastor Jeff away, returning 10/2
- 10/1 World Communion Sunday, 10am
- 10/2 Comm Team Meeting, 1pm
- 10/4 Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 6:30pm
- 10/5 Moms’ Club, 10am, Fellowship Hall
- 10/6 Game Night , 7:00pm
- 10/7 Sanctuary Cleaning, 9-3pm
- 10/8 Breakfast Worship, 8:32am
- 10/9 **Beacon Deadline**
- 10/10 Worship Team Meeting, 4:15pm
Mary & Martha, 6:15pm, Bernice’s
- 10/14 Journey Through Past, 10-5:00pm
- 10/15 Journey Through Past 12-4:00pm
- 10/16 **Autumn Beacon Published**
- 10/18 Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am, Blawenburg Café
- 10/22 CROP Walk, 1:30pm, Harlingen Reformed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

- 2 Mark Meyer
- 9 Peggy Querec
- 15 Ginny Doremus
- 15 Jotham Johnson
- 16 Cal Urbanski
- 16 Mary Beth Sharman
- 21 Karen Larsen
- 22 Sarah Hong
- 25 David Curtis
- 26 Bob Bradsell
- 28 Jean Beachell

October

- 1 Jean Skillman
- 9 Bob Sharman
- 12 Eva Rose Maestriperieri
- 14 Mimi Coffey
- 15 Max Urbanski
- 16 Rich VanDoren
- 23 Evelyn Cochran
- 25 Jeff Knol
- 28 Marc Hong

ANNIVERSARIES!

- Sept 11 Brian & Barb
VanLiew
- Sept 23 Doug & Pat
Wengel
- Oct 31 John & Cheryl
Soos

If you don't see your name listed and it should be, please let Karen know so we can celebrate with you!

BRC Mission Statement

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