

The Blawenburg Beacon

March, 2013

A newsletter for the members and friends
of *The Blawenburg Reformed Church*

ALPHA IS HERE!

Friday nights starting March 8th. Cook Hall @ 6:30.
Bring your questions, bring your doubts...and bring a friend.
Dinner by *Lucy's Ravioli!*

The *ALPHA* course is an opportunity...to wonder, to ask, to discuss.
It's also a dinner party.

ALPHA begins Friday evening, March 8th, and goes for ten weeks. It starts at 6:30 and goes til about 9:00, in Cook Hall. Mark your calendars, and come prepared to enjoy a great pasta dinner by *Lucy's Ravioli*. And bring a friend...perhaps that friend you've been nervous about inviting to a church service (they'll feel right at home).

There's no charge for the Alpha course, though you may be asked for a donation to help offset the cost of the dinner. And there's no obligation to come back every week. You can try it out...it's free.

Register online @ www.BlawenburgChurch.org . Or fill out the form in the bulletin. It's easy.

Have questions? Talk to one of those helping to organize the course:
Alan Taback, Wendy Herbert, Ethel Terhune, Barbara Pavlicek, Dave Cochran, Bob Bradsell or Pastor Bob Sharman.

The Blawenburg Reformed Church is a covenant community of God's people united in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We commit our gifts to worship, hospitality, life-long learning, serving those in need, and proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Worship Team

We gather as a community to celebrate God's presence among us!

Boy Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 24th, we invited Troop 46 to come and worship with us. Michael Urbanski, a leader of Troop 46 and liaison to BRC, opened the worship service and welcomed the Boy Scouts. After the service, most of the young men and their families went to Cook Hall for cake.



Max (far right) with friends



Wendy Herbert & Scout Master Rich Epp



Boardwalk Architect Shailen Shah



What would Boy Scouts be without Moms?

Hospitality Team

“... care for those in our congregation and the greater church community. . .”

Covered in Prayers

By Bernice Van Nostrand
(Reprinted from March 2012)

Some members of our fellowship--Sunday worshippers, Tuesday Morning Study Group, Mary's and Martha's, and individual prayer warriors-- have been interested in a more tangible expression of "We are praying for you". A group called *Prayer Quilt Ministries---Prayers and Squares* [www.prayerquilt.org] does just that. Quilts are made and tied as people pray for those who are in special need of prayer.

The group has 3 rules:

1. The purpose is prayer, not admiration for the quilt.
2. The quilt recipient must give permission to be prayed for and to receive the quilt. The recipient states his/her prayer request(s).
3. No one may buy a prayer quilt.

Please consider ways you may want to be involved in this ministry of caring:

- Are you good at choosing colors and patterns?
- Can you hand sew a binding?
- Can you quilt?
- Can you sew the ties into the quilt?
- Can you donate fabric?
- Can you be the person who explains our program to a possible recipient and gets his/her permission?
- Can you pray?

All are needed and invited to be part of our Covered in Prayers Ministry.

(Bernice can be reached at 908-359-6579 or at vns206@aol.com.)



Our first prayer quilt



Life-Long Learning Team

“We commit our gifts to... life-long learning...”

Mary’s and Martha’s—

The Mary and Martha Prayer/Study Group will meet on March 9, 2013, at 7:45 a.m., in Cook Hall. They will continue their discussion on Does This Church Make Me Look Fat?: A Mennonite Finds Faith, Meets Mr. Right, and Solves Her Lady Problems by Rhoda Janzen. Sound interesting? Join us on Saturday, March 9th.

RCA Today from Winter 2013 has an article entitled “Mary-Martha” on page 44. Both Women **and** Men can be Mary’s and Martha’s!

The Tuesday Morning Study Group meets in Cook Hall lounge from 10 to 11:30. They are reading and discussing The Gospel for the World (Selected Studies in Romans) by David Bast. Over the next two weeks they will have come full circle with the book’s title by reading the chapters entitled “Overflowing with Hope” and “A Gospel for the World.” Come and share your ideas and questions. Alan Taback and Barbara Pavlicek facilitate the discussion.

Sunday Morning Adult Group meets in Cook Hall lounge from 11:30—12:30 with Pastor Sharman. Bring your coffee refill with you as well as a pen, paper, and Bible (NRSV, if possible). The following topics will be looked at over the next several weeks:

What has Heidelberg to do with Blawenburg?

Why is the number 450 important to the reformed church?

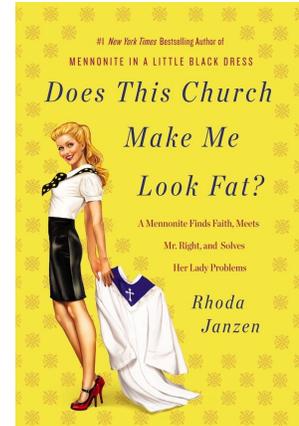
Why does Heidelberg appear in the annual reporting papers of BRC every year without fail?

Why is there a charge to our leadership involving Heidelberg?

What is so important about the technique of Q&A to the learning of the reformed faith?

Can my faith be restored or regenerated through the study of an old but living document?

Study will include video segments by the President of Princeton Seminary. Class will utilize group reading, group memorization, and there will be opportunity for individual work between class meetings. An option for individual memorization will be offered (Oh, yes, you can!). Copies of the catechism will be available for purchase for a small fee. Join us for a study of the gospel in this important document of our faith. Join us for a time of foundation strengthening





Blawenburg Village School

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Karen Hill, Director

March is a very busy month at BVS! Our students will start off the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday. We will participate in Read Across America the week of March 4th, with a visit from the Children's Librarian from Mary Jacobs Library. We are also looking forward to a visit from the leprechaun as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and we eagerly await the first day of spring! We will end the month with lots of Easter projects.

Our Mom's Morning Out Program has the following activities planned for March:

March 7th: Fun with Dr. Seuss

March 14th: St. Patrick's Day Fun

March 21st: Make Spring Flowers

Children ages 2-6 are welcome to join us! They do not need to be registered students to attend. All sessions include arts and crafts, dramatics and pretend play, music, stories, snack and outdoor time. Sessions are 9:00-12:00, and the cost is \$30.00/session. Please call or email the school if interested.

Our Summer Camp program will run for 4 weeks, July 8th - August 2nd, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

July 8th-12th Under the Big Top - The circus is coming to town!

July 15th- 19th Kids in the Kitchen - Chefs in training, make your own chef's hat and apron

July 22nd-26th Pirates and Princesses - All pirates and princesses will be creating special crafts to take to their castle!

July 29th-Aug. 2nd Wet and Wild - We will be exploring all aspects of water this week.

We are currently enrolling students for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested in a placement, please contact the school so we can be sure church members receive priority placement. The school will be offering classes for students 2 - 5 years old.

BVS is on Facebook, so please take a minute to like our page!





Afternoon Enrichment



Board of Health Healthy Kidz program, Valentine parties



Missions Team

We commit our gifts to. . .serving those in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing



By sharing in this annual event you are joining with seven other denominations to respond to many needs domestically and around the world.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, RCA congregations raise money that allows Reformed Church World Service (RCWS) and RCA congregations to make a difference and fight hunger in their own communities. The 2012 offering meant that RCWS could provide grants for 88 food pantries, 20 more than in 2011 and 32 more than in 2010. The need was simply greater --nearly every grant application described more people in need and fewer resources to meet those needs. Your offering matters.

This year's theme, "Sharing Brings Joy," is based on 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Coin collection boxes and Sharing Calendars are available now in the Sanctuary and in Cook Hall. This "sacrifice calendar" is for making daily offerings during Lent, to be given at a "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering on Easter Sunday. Using the calendar can be an excellent family activity, and also become a daily reminder of blessings we so often take for granted, as well as a daily opportunity for sharing with others. *[If you choose to send in an offering, make checks payable to BRC, noting OGHS on the memo line.]*

Reformed Church World Service is a ministry of the Reformed Church in America that connects congregations and individuals with ways to help people in North America and around the world who are poor, hungry, or impacted by injustice or disaster.

Montgomery Township Food Pantry

The Montgomery Township Food Pantry is beginning its Spring Holiday Program. Since many in the Township have expressed an interest in helping the Food Pantry, please consider sponsoring a family for a holiday meal. You may do this as an individual family project or partner with another church or neighborhood family of your choosing.

Ingredients for this meal are listed on the lavender flyer below. Details for delivery are also there. **If you would like to participate in this program, send an email to: foodpantry@twp.montgomery.nj.us**. You will receive a confirmation and sponsor number. Food items can be delivered to the Food Pantry on Wednesday, March 20th and Thursday, March 21st.

For further information, please contact Denise Crowley, Community Resource Manager:
Office~~609-466-0846, Fax~~609-466-6411
Pantry~~609-466-1054
foodpantry@twp.montgomery.nj.us
dcrowley@twp.montgomery.nj.us

Montgomery Township
Food Pantry

Please label all bags with
the Sponsor # you receive at sign up.

March 2013
Spring Holiday Meal Shopping List
(quantities below are based on Family of 6)

- Boxed Potato Mix (16 oz size)—(Mashed, Au Gratin or Scalloped)
- Boxed Pasta/Noodle Mix (large)—(Alfredo, Parmesan, other)
- Canned Green Beans (3 or 4 cans)
- 2 Cans Cream of Mushroom Soup (10 3/4 oz each)
- Can of French Fried Onions (large can)
- Canned Corn or Carrots (3 or 4 cans)
- Pie Filling (2 cans)—Apple, Blueberry, other
- Evaporated Milk
- Pie Crust Mix
- Biscuit Mix
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Canned Pineapple or canned pears
- Candy
- Jar of Mayonnaise
- Tea, Coffee, Juice, or Milk boxes—optional
- Other canned fruit and/or canned vegetables optional

Thank you!

Bags should be delivered to Montgomery Recreation
On Wednesday March 20th & Thursday March 21th between 8:30am &
7:30pm. Or call to schedule an appointment.

Please remember to label all bags with the Sponsor # you receive at sign up. Thank You.

Call or Email Denise Crowley with questions
FoodPantry@twp.montgomery.nj.us 609/466-1054

Proclaiming Team

... and proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Outreach Lunch Menus

March, 2013

by Nancy Curtis

Every Tuesday, from 11:30 to 1:00, we serve lunch in Cook Hall. Lunch is served buffet style and a free-will donation is accepted (anonymously). This lunch has become a great outreach to the community. We average 25 people but occasionally have 40. I can always use extra help either during the morning hours setting up the dining room or later for kitchen clean-up.

(Perk of helping—leftovers!)

Lunches will always have salad, bread and beverages

March 5

Vegetable soup, ground beef stroganoff, pumpkin pie

March 12

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Tomato soup, corned beef & cabbage with all the fixings

March 19

Clam chowder, grilled cheese, fruit & cookies

March 26

Broccoli soup, lemon chicken, ice cream & brownies

New Way to Donate to BRC

The members and friends of BRC have the opportunity to donate to the church, through 2013, by donating their IRA distribution directly to Blawenburg Reformed Church.

New Fiscal Cliff Legislation Brings Back Charitable IRA Rollover Benefit.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extends through December 31, 2013 the ability for individuals age 70½ and older to make distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts directly to qualified non-profit organizations without having to include those distributions in their income for federal tax purposes. Blawenburg Reformed Church welcomes IRA transfer gifts from donors.

IRA transfers for 2013 must be made to a qualified charity by December 31, 2013.

To be eligible for an IRA charitable transfer, a donor must:

- Want to make a charitable gift to a nonprofit
- Have an Individual Retirement Account
- Be at least 70 ½ on the date of the gift
- Direct an IRA administrator to make a gift to a 501(c)(3) charity..
- Charitable distributions under the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 must be distributed as outright gifts - they may not go to donor advised funds or for a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity.
- Gifts for 2013 cannot exceed \$100,000 each year in order to be transferred tax-free. Donors can make a gift up to \$100,000 for each calendar year. Donors have until December 31, 2013 to make a 2013 transfer.

Note: A gift must come directly from an IRA in order to be a tax-free transfer.

To take advantage of this opportunity for a tax-wise gift to Blawenburg Reformed Church, contact the financial institution that manages your IRA account and direct them to make a gift to Blawenburg Reformed Church, using the tax ID number 22-1723299.

As many of you know, the Church does a lot of work with Crawford House. Many of you will also know that there is a historical grave site on the property. Lambert Janse Dorlandt was a very early settler of Montgomery Township. In fact, he once owned 9,000 acres which may have been most of Montgomery. There is much to be said and much still to learn about the Dorlandts. Below is a short segment that was forwarded to me by Judy Cassidy of Blue Belle, PA. She is a descendent of the Dorlandt family and has also written a book [The Dorlandt Enigma](#) which is probably the best historical detail about the family. I am working with the Crawford house, The Van Harlingen Association and hopefully the Boy Scouts of America to clean up the grave site and establish a recurring event to maintain the site. Enjoy the reading and if you'd like to read the whole story, there is a book at the Van Harlingen Association, or you can purchase it through Amazon. *Mike Vande Woude*

Lambert Janse & Hermina Janse (Peters) Dorlandt

Lambert Janse Dorlandt was born in Amsterdam, Holland in 1639. He was the son of Johan Dorlandt; his mother's name is unknown. In 1663, eleven years after his brother (or cousin) Jan Gerretse Dorlandt had arrived in America, Lambert sailed for America on the "Bontekoe" (Spotted Cow)- a vessel of the Dutch West India Company. The captain of this ship was Jan Bergen. No formal list of passengers on that trip has been preserved, but in the New York State Library at Albany there is still to be seen the original book of accounts, in Dutch script between the Dutch West India Co. and the passengers. Within a year or two of arriving in Brooklyn, New York he was married to Hermina Janse Peters, the daughter of Jans Peters in 1665. No birth or death dates have been handed down for her. She is mentioned in baptismal records as Hermia Janse and as Hermina Peters. Lambert first settled in Brooklyn and owned 40 acres of land which he farmed. Lambert also served as a Constable of Brooklyn in 1671 and later in 1673 as a Magistrate in Brooklyn. In 1675 we find him as the defendant in a civil suit brought by one Robert Hollis, and set for trial at Gravesend, June 15. The nature of the trial is unknown, and the case was withdrawn without a trial. On April 4, 1677, we find him signing his name Lambert Dorlandt as a witness to a disposition of two Indians, drawn up by Michil Hainelle, clerk of Brooklyn, attesting to the limits of a tract of land sold in 1686 by Sachem Ka to Jacques Bentyn and William Adriese (Bar)nett; and the incident is noteworthy from the fact that original transaction in 1686 is accounted the first purchase of property looking to a settlement within the present limits of Brooklyn. In 1680 he made an application for a grant of land on Staten Island to Governor Andros of the Colony, and he received it. I quote: "An estate most improved and fenced, and had on it a dwelling house, most comfortable as it had been the residence of the late Governor Lovelace; there was a gristmill and support for many cattle and sheep." This was "A Patent for a Parcel of Land on the North East side of Staten Island Granted unto Lambert Janse Durland." By looking at a map of Staten Island, one may locate the place at a point between the towns of New Brighton and Thompkinsville. Here they lived for eighteen years, and he seems to have attained and occupied a place of high standing in a very short time in his new country. For a number of years after their move in 1683, they still attended the Dutch Church in Brooklyn and did not sell their plantation there until 1696 when it was bought by Jacobus Van Deventer. In September 1691 at a special meeting, Lambert was elected as representative of Richmond County to the Colonial Assembly which met in the city of New York; it was the first Assembly in which the popular representatives of the province convened under the direct authority of the English Crown. Lambert served several terms with other well-known Dutchmen such as Ressalaer and Cortlandt who were patroons with vast estates along the Hudson River. He was also a signer of the Protestant Freeholders of the Colony expressing their loyalty the Crown. His name appears many times among the old records of the government of New York. In 1715 Lambert moved his family to Somerset County, New Jersey (near Harlington) where he purchased into the Great Lot 12 with Peter Cowenhoven whom he eventually bought out; this was a 9,000 acre tract of land owned by 17 Dutchmen mostly as an investment, but Lambert did build his home here and farmed the land, adding many more acres as they came up for sale. Here too is the burying place for 40 members of the Dorland family, and Lambert's grave was marked by a "flat fieldstone projecting above the sod about 16 inches and carved with the outline of a ship (perhaps the Spotted Cow?) with masts and riggings; on the highest part of the mast is a flag with the initials "L.D." and the figures "79". The house is still standing, and there is a picture and description of it; in 1980 Judy Cassidy sent snap shots of it to John E. Darland after she visited Harlingen. That fall boy Scouts helped a Dorland descendant erect a fence around the burial grounds (John E. Darland was one who contributed money to pay for the materials they used). Dorlands occupied the house until 1772 when they followed other Dutchmen from their area to Kentucky or Pennsylvania. There is no record of Hermina's death, but Lambert died at age 79 in 1720. Lambert was unquestionably a man of culture and education, and of much more than the average force of character. He bore himself well in all the relations of life in his day and generation; he filled worthily several posts of trust and responsibility confided to him by his fellow pioneers, and his name is honorably identified with the early history of King's and Richmond Counties and the infant colony of New York

Children of Lambert Janse & Hermina Janse Dorlandt
Gerret Janse b:1666Marritje (Mary) b:1672
Elsje (Elsie) b:1677
Jan (John) Dorlandt

Tear out or print this page . Put it on your frig.
 Make someone's day! Wish them a happy birthday!



March 12	Colby White
March 18	Byron Gurzo
March 19	Joe Pavlicek
March 24	Cheryl Soos
March 26	Mac Harris
March 28	Pat Wengel
March 29	Dot Dorey
	Pam Wanner

Summary of Dates

See earlier articles for more details.

March 3	10 AM	Worship with Communion Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
March 24	10 AM	Palm Sunday Worship
March 25		Beacon Deadline
March 28	7 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
March 31	10 AM	Easter Worship One Great Hour of Sharing due (See page 7.)

Sundays	8:45 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Worship with Dr. Sharman unless otherwise posted
	11:30 AM	Adult Sunday School - Cook Hall lounge
Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Cook Hall lounge
	11:30 to 1:00	Outreach Lunch (See p. 8 for menus.)
Fridays	6:30-9 PM	Alpha (See page 1.)

We have a tradition of filling our sanctuary with an assortment and abundance of potted flowers on Easter Sunday – daffodils, lilies, hydrangeas, hyacinths, tulips, etc. If you would like to purchase plants, which you may take home with you after the service, please fill in the form below. You may mail it to or leave it in the church office or on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary through March 25. As with Christmas, we will have a page dedicating the flowers however you wish.



Easter Flower Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Flowers _____ x \$15 = _____

Check Enclosed \$ _____ Cash \$ _____
(payable to Blawenburg Reformed Church)

Dedication – From: _____

In honor or memory of: _____
(circle one)

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