



The Blawenburg Beacon

Newsletter for the members and friends of the Blawenburg Reformed Church

November 2015

The Pastor's Pen

Dear members and friends of Blawenburg Reformed Church,

Last year in October I began my tenure among you as your pastor. It has been a joy sharing life and faith with you in this season of ministry at Blawenburg Church. In my interview with the search committee I expressed an equal commitment to being both a pastor and supportive spouse as Emily neared the completion of her PhD program and the start of her job search. Recently, we have learned that the next step for her teaching vocation will call us to move to South Bend, Indiana where she will begin a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Notre Dame in January. Though we are grateful for this opportunity, both of us grieve having to say goodbye to this wonderful community so soon. I am so thankful for the welcome and hospitality you have shown me and my family in our time among you. Emily joins me in expressing our gratitude for the way you have embraced us and our children as part of your church family. This was a really hard decision for us to make.

As many of you have heard me say this past year, the first phase of revitalizing a local church is "preparing the soil." Before embarking on large plans or big outreach efforts, I have sought to center and focus BRC in a shared practice of worship, study, prayer, pastoral care, and healthy communication. Thank you for affording me the privilege of shepherding your spiritual lives.

I Corinthians 3:5-7 says, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

This past year I have tried my best to water the seeds of faith others have planted before me. Even in just one year it has been a joy to witness some new sprouts of revitalized vision and mission grow. And now as I prepare to depart, I pray the Lord of the harvest grant each of you and BRC a fruitful and abundant future.

I will continue serving as your pastor through Christmas before we make our way to South Bend to begin the New Year. Until then feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

In Christ,
Travis

Please also read the letter from Consistory on the following page.



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Letter from Consistory

Dear Members and Friends,

Consistory was surprised and saddened when we learned of Travis's decision to move on. In his year with us, he helped us focus on what a church should be and how we need to proceed to carry out God's will in our lives and in the community. We will miss Travis, Emily, Gabe, and Silas and wish them success in this new venture in their lives.

I've had a couple of weeks to think about this, and perhaps like you, I initially had feelings of disappointment and uncertainty. As time has gone on, I have realized that our church is more than its spiritual leader. We are a community of people who gather to support each other and try to gain insight about how God wants us to use our talents. This mission will continue no matter who God chooses to guide us.

We have been in touch with our partners at Marble Collegiate Church and have been assured verbally and in writing that they will support us in our transition to a new pastor. The partnership is intact.

Consistory will meet in the coming weeks to discuss how we will tackle the task of calling a new pastor. We will hold a Congregational Meeting to share our plans with everyone and have an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about our future.

As we enter a season of transition in 2016, we will do everything we can to keep our programs and mission going and growing. If we all pitch in spiritually and supportively, we can keep our church vital, just as it has been for the past 183 years.

For the Consistory,

David Cochran
Vice President

With a Grateful Heart

At its regular meeting on September 21st, Consistory met with two representatives of our classis. (In case you're wondering, classis is a group of Reformed Church in America congregations within a specific region. Classis consists of minister and elder representatives from its member congregations for the purpose of supervising the churches within its bounds.) The meeting was a time for self-reflection and assessment. We considered two questions posed by the Classis representatives and wanted to share with you a summary of our Consistory's responses:

What things are we most joyous and pleased about?

What is uplifting in the life of the church?

We are delighted to have our minister and his family with us. Travis is enthusiastic about us; and that gives us a heightened feeling of 'YES, we can do the work of the Lord'

We are more grounded spiritually, thanks to Dave Cochran's leadership and that of our interim pastors, Bob Sharman and Carlos Corro.

We are an historic church, but we are looking toward the future. It's an exciting time.

Travis has brought an even-temper and calm spirit.

Travis has emphasized getting our house in order. He's felt what we're about, not tried to change us.

We have been trying again to empower committees; give power to the people.

We're more caring and sharing with each other, both among consistory and the congregation.

BVS is maintaining its enrollment and offering new programs to attract new families.

What is troubling at this time?

How can classis be praying for us?

Continuing to feel financial pressures, including difficulty of paying RCA assessments.

Wondering how to create new opportunities to reach families with young children? Sadly, we do not have preschool families in our congregation.

Wondering how to reach our fairly affluent, diverse community?

Wondering how we encourage families/teens to fit church into their priorities?

Wondering how to live into our strengths and partner with others in the community? Specifically: Teens Young Families, Elderly, Outreach to those in need

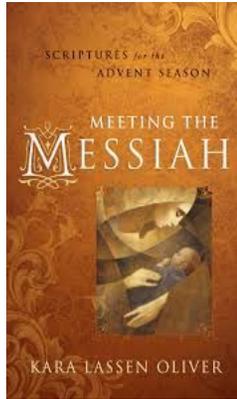
BOTTOM LINE: We are committed to focus not on our numbers, but how we can change to reach others.

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

Our Journey through Advent

Sign up to be an Advent reader! Speak with Pastor Travis or Gracie to participate in readings and lighting the Advent wreath during these special services.

Meeting the Messiah—Want to deepen your faith this Advent season? Read and blog along with Pastor Travis as he reads and reflects on Kara Lassen Oliver's Advent devotional guide *Meeting the Messiah*. [Available on Amazon](#).



Christmas at Blawenburg

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Thursday, Dec 24 @ 5PM

Caroling and Cocoa—Let's share some holiday cheer with our neighbors at Foothill Acres. Date and time TBA in late November.

Christmas Poinsettias

We will be placing Poinsettias in the church sanctuary again this year. Anyone wishing to order a Poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of the Season can do so. The cost will be **\$15 per plant**. Please print and fill out the form below, and return it with payment to the church office (or the secretary's box) by **November 22**. If you have any questions please call Sarah at the church office (609-466-1832) or Jean Beachell (609-924-7637). Additional order forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary or at the church office. Please make checks payable to Jean Beachell.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Quantity (all flowers are red) _____ x \$15 = _____

Check Enclosed _____ (payable to Jean Beachell)

Cash Enclosed _____

Dedication — From: _____

In honor or memory of (please circle one): _____

November Schedule

- Nov. 1**—Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Inaugural Family Worship & Breakfast @8:32 AM
Communion Sunday @10 AM
- Nov. 8**—Mark 12:38-44,
A Widow's Mite
Education Hour—Faith in the Life Cycle: Caring for Young Children
- Nov. 15**—Mark 13:1-8,
When It All Falls Down
- Nov. 22**—John 18:33-37
Jesus the King?
Christ the King Sunday (white)
- Nov. 29**—Luke 21:25-36, **Signs**
First Sunday of Advent (purple)

WORSHIP cont.

With a Voice of Singing... And Ringing!

Choir rehearsals for Advent and Christmas have begun. We rehearse **8:25 – 9:45 am** upstairs in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings before the 10 am service. Do feel free to bring your juice, coffee, bagel, etc. The early choir rehearsal makes it a long morning.

Any tenors & basses you know still welcome.....

From the first rehearsals we'll work on music for Christmas Eve so please don't withhold your attendance until later. We will sing in services throughout November and especially December as we are able, though not every week.

Please let me know specific dates you cannot be present (Sunday mornings, Christmas Eve.)

Katie Connolly, Organist/Music Director

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*“On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,
Christ our King, born on earth to save us! Him the Father gave us!”*



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

In Memoriam

We give thanks to God for the life of Dorothy “Dot” Hunt. She went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 18. A memorial service and luncheon were held at the church on October 31. Dorothy was the mother of four sons: Raymond Douglas, Gregory, Thomas, and Mark. She was blessed with 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Dot lived most of her life in the Princeton and Skillman area and she was a member of Blawenburg church when her sons were being raised.



Fall Clean-Up!

Scouts of Troop 46 will again be dedicating their time to rake and help with fall clean-up at the church. All members and friends of BRC are invited to join them.

Saturdays, November 14
and December 12.

9 AM to 12 NOON

Watch for more details!



Open Doors

After the Weekend Journey on October 10, Katie Connolly and Barb Reid were in the Sanctuary rehearsing for worship the next morning. A mother and son stopped by and asked if they could come inside to pray. They spent time meditating in front of the cross. What a blessing that we were able to provide that space just because we had open doors.

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

All Women Are Welcome!

The **Mary and Martha** group is growing and focusing on some concerns for our society and Christians.

- On **Tuesday, November 3**, the group will meet at Bernice Van Nostrand's at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy food and fellowship, share joys & concerns in our lives, and discuss Orange Is the New Black: My Year In a Women's Prison, a memoir by Piper Kerman. The book shows the result of one bad decision and how it can affect one's life, and the lives of others, forever.
- In **January** the group will focus on Homelessness and the book, Breakfast at Sally's by Richard Lemieux.
- **February and March** discussions will focus on Pathway of Peace: Living in a Growing Relationship with Christ by Cheryl Eton.
- **April and May** will close the year with Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

All women are welcome, even if it's to discuss only one book. Just let Bernice know (vns206@aol.com) and she will keep you informed. The Somerset County Library System usually has multiple copies of books, or Gracie Johnson is willing to order them for the group from Amazon.



Mary and Martha at Wendy Herbert's home on September 29.



Diving into the Word

Weekly Bible Study continues on **Tuesdays at 10 AM** in Cook Hall. Join us as we discuss the scripture for the upcoming Sunday, and share joys & concerns.



Faith and Families — Worship and Education Hour

On Sunday, November 1 we hosted our first family worship service, featuring child-friendly songs, scripture and prayer. Worship was led by Pastor Travis and Jennifer Lizzi, the music teacher for Blawenburg Village School. Breakfast was served to all families who attended, free of charge. Thank you to Ethel for preparing the meal, and to all those who helped to make the event a success. We pray that the families who attended felt welcomed by our church family at this "front-porch" event.



All families who attended were invited to return for a special **Education Hour on November 8**. This event will kick-off a series of four Sunday Education Hours this year focusing on Faith in the Life Cycle. This first discussion will emphasize how to keep the faith as a parent and balance life with small children. ALL are encouraged to attend, even if you no longer have small children; if you've been a parent, come share your insight and experience!



Blawenburg Village School

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Busy Month at BVS

October at BVS was very busy. We began our weekly Bible Stories, Soccer classes and Music and Movement Program. We visited Norz Hill Farm where we learned about many farm animals, took a hayride and picked our own pumpkins and gourds. The Montgomery Fire Dept shared their fire truck and equipment with our students, and we ended the month with our annual trunk or treat. Many families joined together as our students in parade fashion visited each car in the parking lot. We are looking forward to November as we learn about food, nutrition and Thanksgiving.

School pictures will be taken on Monday, Nov 2nd. BVS is participating in Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are due on November 13th.

Kid's Night Out will be held November 20th (5:30-8:30pm). This event is made especially for children ages 2-11. It is hosted and staffed by BVS teachers. During each 3 hour event children are served dinner and dessert. They participate in crafts, watch a movie and play games. Children do not need to be registered students of BVS. All are welcome!

Save the Date: The Christmas Concert – A Journey to Bethlehem will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 3:00 in the Church.

There are limited openings available in some programs for the 2015-2016 school year. If interested please call the school office at 609-466-6600 or send an email to info@blawenburgvillageschool.com.

Miss your grandchildren? Like kids? We warmly welcome anyone interested in volunteering at BVS. Reading a story, assisting with a craft, or just "playing" is always a fun way to spend an hour. Give a call or send an email if you'd like to join us!



Like us on facebook to view more photos!



Saying hello to the animals at Norz Hill Farm on October 16



New Afternoon Enrichment provided by Soccer Shots!



Future firefighter! The Montgomery Fire Dept visited on October 23



Enjoying pizza at Kids Night Out on October 16

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



Time to Fill Boxes! November 15

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children in our country and around the world and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please join us in filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, treats and other items suitable for children who are 2-14 years old in countries suffering from natural disasters, wars and endemic poverty. We will be packing extra shoeboxes on **November 15th**. The Mission Team hopes you can support this outreach effort by packing a shoebox or two or buying bulk items for several shoeboxes, and by joining us at Fellowship/coffee hour on November 15! Flat, scored, red/green boxes are available and do not have to be wrapped. All you need to do is fold and fill! If you wish to cover your own shoebox with Christmas paper, please do so. Be sure to wrap the box and lid separately. Secure the lid of your box with a rubber band only. For packing instructions, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or pick up a flyer at church.

To cover shipping costs, please include a \$7 donation with your box. You can write a check made out to BRC or put cash in an envelope. This donation also covers the cost of a tracking label so you will know where your box ends up!

If you are unable to join us on the 15th, bring filled shoeboxes (or any variety of gifts that can be used to fill shoeboxes) to the Mission Table in Cook Hall the week of November 8.

If you cannot shop yourself, please consider giving a financial donation, and someone else will shop for you. Make checks payable to Blawenburg Reformed Church with OCC on the memo line. You may also use the Mission Envelopes in the pew or on the back table in the sanctuary for a cash contribution.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and manual sharpener, crayons or markers, rubber stamps and ink pad sets, small writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, wash cloth, etc.

OTHER - Hard candy and lollipops (Please double bag all candy.), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

A PERSONAL NOTE - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Thank you for your contributions!

MISSIONS cont.



A Bite Out of Hunger

The Church's Mission Team gives a huge thank you to our Walkers and Sponsors for helping to take a bite out of hunger with this year's Walk. Our Walkers were (left to right) Gracie Johnson, Mimi Coffey, Clare Schmidt, and Barb Pavlicek. Our generous Sponsors contributed over \$1675.00 and 22 jars of peanut butter. The peanut butter has been given to our local food bank; and 25% of the money raised will be split between the Somerset County Food Bank Network and SHIP, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program. Many thanks to Gracie Johnson for chairing the Walk.

Give the Gift of Giving through Heifer

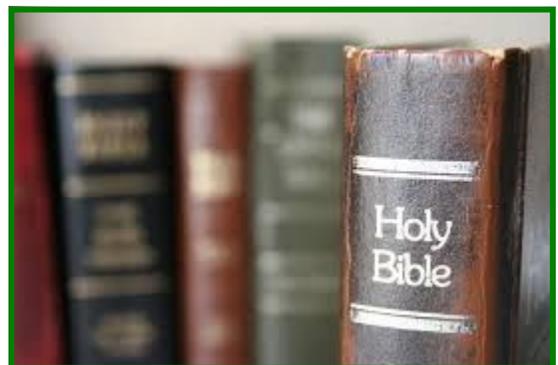
Remember Heifer International when planning your Christmas gift giving. This mission project will commence again at Sinterklaas (see next page) and go through the holidays.



Have Old Bibles or Religious Books?

Craig Gillhaus, a friend of David Ruisard of the Delaware-Raritan Classis, is looking to collect unused bibles and other liturgical/religious material, to send to contacts in Nigeria and the Philippines. Craig is very happy to come and pick up whatever materials you would like to donate. He would LOVE to hear from you, if you have any materials you no longer use, but are hesitant to simply recycle. You can reach out to him directly or contact Sarah in the church office and we can schedule a pick-up here at the church. Thank you for helping to put those valuable resources to a better use than taking up shelf space!

Craig Gillhaus
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gillhac@gmail.com
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We commit our gifts to **PROCLAMATION** spreading the good news of salvation in Christ.

Come Join the Party at Blue Pomegranate!

On **November 19** we will be hosting the **7th Third Thursday Blue Pomegranate!** This month's event will feature the music and art of Chris Harford, a Princeton local who is now playing at venues across the country. He has agreed to come give this special house concert at our very own Memorial Hall as a gift to his hometown. Music will be provided by Band of Changes, led by Chris Harford with Matt Kohut, Stephanie Sanders, Matt Trowbridge, and Ian Everett. Special guests will include the group I Have Been Floated and DJ Michael Piccoli. Visual Art will include paintings, photography, and pottery by Harford and several colleagues including Ian Everett, Kelsey Lee Bohlinger, Johanna Furst, Debbie Reichard, Brian McLendon & Chris DuBois.

Doors open at 7 PM.

Snacks and soft drinks are provided.

BYOB, wine only.

Artwork will be for sale and proceeds go to the artists. The event is free but donations to BRC are accepted.

Band of Changes, painting by Chris Harford



Invite your friends, and join the party! Our monthly Blue Pomegranate events are “front-porch” activities that we hope will introduce members of our community to BRC in a healthy, not-too-churchy environment. After spending time on our front porch, we pray that our guests will want to come inside our home and learn more.

Sinterklaas Is Coming! Saturday, December 5—9 AM to 2 PM



The frosts and changing leaves make us think of celebrating winter holidays, of gift-giving, and **SINTERKLAAS DAY**. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 5 (the actual holiday is December 6). Plan to join us to celebrate that day and think about how you can help make this event a day of fun and fellowship for our church and our community. We will once again be giving a significant percentage of our profits to missions.

Are you a crafter? Donations for the **SEWING/CRAFT TABLE** will be greatly appreciated by **Bernice Van Nostrand**, Chair. She and her quilting friends have found time to keep up their quilting and sewing this year. Bibs, potholders, knitted dish cloths, baby hats and sweaters, scarves, crazy socks... what can you think of to make? Hand-made cards, tags and Christmas ornaments and decor? Please put a suggested sale price on your item.

Do you like to cook? Talk to **Evelyn Cochran** about the **BAKE TABLE**. She could use cookies, candies, breads (like pumpkin and zucchini), cakes and pies, as well as jams and jellies. Please package cookies 6/pkg. All kinds of creative culinary treats are welcome. Please make sure to label everything with all ingredients and your initials.

Have a treasure to pass on? **Peggy Querec** is looking for treasures for the **WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE**. Holiday décor, ornaments and china are appreciated, as well as collectibles and new or gently used items appropriate for gift giving. This will be the spot for any toys this year. Because of our limited space, this is the time and place for your 'treasures', not rummage. Boxes may be left anytime on the floor in the big closet in Cook Hall, clearly marked “White Elephant”. (article continues on the next page)

PROCLAMATION cont.

Like to serve and help in the **KITCHEN**? **Lisa White** will once again chair Lunch preparation and clean-up. Please let her know if you can help.

And don't forget to count on our mission table for **HEIFER INT'L** for your gift-giving needs again this year. If you happen upon small stuffed animals or inexpensive books about the animals we buy for the Ark, we would love to have them to sell along with the donation for the animal. It makes a nice gift package for young children learning about the mission of Heifer. [Cows, sheep, camels, oxen, water buffalo, pigs, honeybees, goats, donkeys, ducks, rabbits, guinea pigs, geese, chicks, and llamas.]

Any suggestions about other things we could do or offer? Let us know!

We can also use help with parking, signage, publicity, set-up, and break-down after 2 PM. Please sign up in Cook Hall if you can staff the event, or call/email Gracie Johnson [609-466-1862, gtuckerbj@gmail.com].

Think about making a day of it with us: work, shop and invite friends to join us for Sinterklaas!

Soup for Sinterklaas

It's that time of year when we will be building up our soup supply for the big sale. Soup sales have been a big hit at previous Sinterklaas events and we would like to continue the tradition this year. We are looking for at least 150 containers of soup (in pints and quarts). The good news is that if many of us fill just a few containers, we will reach our goal.

The process is straightforward:

1. Find your favorite recipe.
2. Get soup containers in the basement of Cook Hall. We have both pints and quarts to accommodate different family sizes.
3. Make the soup at your convenience.
4. **IMPORTANT:** Tape a label on the LID of the soup container that lists the name of the soup and its ingredients.
5. Put the soup in the freezer in the kitchen in Cook Hall anytime. Be sure to print your name and the name and quantities of your soups in the blue folder near the freezer.



That's it! When you've made your soup, sit down and relax knowing that you've helped the church raise money for God's work in our church and community.

Thanks in advance for your help. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask Dave Cochran, Soup Booth Chair. (davidc99@aol.com)

Weekend Journey a Success

Seventeen BRC volunteers helped tell the BRC story to 71 guests at Weekend Journey through the Past on October 10 and 11. This was the first time we participated in this annual Somerset County Cultural Heritage event. In addition to enthusiastic explanations about the history of our church, two special events were held. On Saturday, Dave Cochran presented a slide show called "Since 1832," and on Sunday, Katie Connolly presented "About 1832," an organ recital featuring music from the time our church was built.

Thanks to all who participated in the Weekend Journey. We have been asked if we will do it again, and we will make that decision closer to the date next year.



Consistory Highlights

Meeting of Monday, October 19, 2015 @7:30 PM in Cook Hall

1. **Attendance**— All Consistory members were present; also recording secretary, Sarah Hong and guest, Barbara Reid.
2. **Welcome/Call to Order/Devotions** – Reading of Psalm 139 about the mystery and holiness of God.
3. **Personnel Matter** – Pastor Travis announced his difficult decision to leave Blawenburg. Emily accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, that will begin in January. (see more on pages 1-2)
4. **Team Reports**
 - Properties*
 - With new gutters on the schoolhouse, there is now no water in the basement.
 - Bacteria was found in our water even after chlorination. (see insert below)
 - Clean-up days have been scheduled. (see page 4)
 - Building Use Requests have been approved.
 - Finance* – There was a meeting with Rick White on October 21 to discuss trusts and wills.
 - Motion was approved to lease a new copier for \$135/mo.
 - Mission* – CROP Hunger Walk raised over \$1450 from four walkers. (see page 8)
 - Supplies have been ordered for November's mission focus of Samaritan's Purse. (see page 7)
 - Communications* – Consistory approved up to \$3400 for an improved sound system which will be installed by the holidays.
 - We continue to look for ways to communicate with our neighbors and larger community such as online news & calendars, facebook pages, other websites, fliers, and newspapers.
 - Worship* – Alan Taback will be the guest preacher on October 25.
 - Family worship will be on November 1 at 8:32 AM. Travis and Jenn Lizzi, BVS music instructor, will lead the worship in Cook Hall. Ethel will chair the breakfast team.
 - Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 AM worship on November 1.
 - Welcoming our neighbors: How can we welcome neighbors and guests with less churchy language? How can they experience God in a relationship with us?
5. **Nuts & Bolts Workshop** – Barb Pavlicek attended the Classis workshop and learned about a mission organization that helps support inmates who are re-entering society. She also learned about helpful resources to improve communication, and discovered that the Rev. Phil Bakelaar is our Regional Synod media resource person; part of our assessment fee goes to pay for his services.
6. **Weekend Journey Re-cap** – Received positive feedback and lots of enthusiasm for doing it again in the future. (see page 10)
7. **Youth** – Allison Clancy wants to do ministry alongside St. Charles Borromeo. She has also reached out to Harlingen Church. St. Charles invited us to participate in their leadership retreat each fall for anyone who wants to be equipped to do youth ministry. Allison and Travis will reassess where we are and create realistic expectations.
8. **Open Doors** – Could we leave our doors open more often, or at least have our phone number on the door? (see page 4)
9. **Next Consistory Meeting** – Monday, November 16.

On Thursday, November 5 an ultra-violet purification system will be installed on the water pipe coming from our well. At a recent routine water testing coliform bacteria (NOT e-coli) was found just over the amounts allowed by the state of NJ. Whereupon we placed signs of notice at all our sinks and provided bottled water. Super chlorination of the well and lines did not remedy the situation so we had to seek other solutions. Thank you to ALL members, teachers, and visitors who have been so cooperative during this drawn out period of testing, treating, purging and waiting. If you have any questions please contact Ethel Terhune, 908.359.6027



SARAH'S OFFICE HOURS

MON 8:30 to 12
TUES 8:30 to 4:30
WED OFF
THUR 8:30 to 1:30
FRI 8:30 to 12

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Summary of Dates

(see articles for more details)

Sunday, Nov 1

8:32 AM—Family Worship & Breakfast (page 5)
10 AM—Communion Sunday

Tuesday, Nov 3

6:30 PM—Mary & Martha (page 5)

Sunday, Nov 8

11 AM—Faith and Family Education Hour (page 5)

Monday, Nov 9

5:00 PM—Cemetery Board Meeting
7:30 PM—Consistory Meeting

Saturday, Nov 14

9 AM to 12 noon—Church Clean Up (page 4)

Sunday, Nov 15

Packing Shoeboxes for OCC (page 7)

Monday, Nov 16

7:30 PM—Consistory Meeting

Thursday, Nov 19

7 PM—Blue Pomegranate (page 9)

Friday, Nov 20

5:30 to 8:30 PM—Kids Night Out (page 6)

Deadline for December Beacon Materials!

Tuesday, Nov 24

1:30 PM—Communications Team Meeting

Thursday, Nov 26 and Friday, Nov 27

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

More events and meetings online!
www.blawenburgchurch.org/calendar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 22 Grace Johnson
Nov 24 Wendy Herbert

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 3 Todd Quackenbush
& Pamela Wanner
Nov 27 Barbara & Bob
Bradsell

WEEKLY EVENTS

Worship Sundays @10AM
Bible Study Tuesdays
@10AM in CH Library
AA Meeting Tuesdays
@6:30PM in CH Basement



PLAN AHEAD

December 5—Sinterklaas
(see page 9)

December 12—Church
Clean-Up with Troop 46

December 12—BVS
Christmas Concert @ 3PM

BLAWENBURG REFORMED CHURCH

In Service to the Risen Christ since 1832

BRC is a ministry partner of Marble Collegiate Church in NYC.

To learn more, visit www.marblechurch.org/blawenburgchurch.

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.