



The Blawenburg Beacon

April, 2015

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

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Dear Friends,

As the chill of Winter gives way to the warmth of Spring, the promise of resurrection almost lingers in the air. The poet A.E. Housman writes,

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.
(A Shropshire Lad, 1896)

Easter is not only a special Sunday, it is a season. It is not only a special worship service, it is a *way of being*. Resurrection is not only a promise for after death, but is also a call to cultivate life around us here and now. In Easter we celebrate the victory of God's gift of new life won for the world in the resurrected Christ. The awesome mystery of the empty tomb leads us to consider what God wants to resurrect in our own lives and environments today.

This Eastertide I invite you to celebrate the potential for new life being born in our midst at Blawenburg Reformed Church. We thank God for increased worship attendance and participation, a new and vital small group (Bagels and Bibles) meeting for Bible study and spiritual formation on Tuesdays, and the 10 high school kids that gathered for "Pizza at the Parsonage" a few months ago. Taken together these signify to me *the warm spirit of the resurrected Christ moving in our midst*.

And that is just the beginning...

We have a Family Fun Day in the works for May 2, a time to gather church and Blawenburg Village School families for a day of community, fun, and games. A group of local artists and musicians are getting together May 20 to celebrate the creative spirit and cultivate relationships through the arts. In June members of Consistory, and anyone else hungry for more of the Spirit, are invited to join me for a one-day spiritual retreat. On April 14 a new "care team" is convening to enhance our caring ministry to the church and surrounding community. If you are passionate about:

Supporting the lives of families and children,
Enjoying and cultivating the visual arts and music,
Deepening your spiritual life with God and others,
Caring for those in spiritual need,

I hope you will participate in any or all of these new endeavors this Spring.

The ancient acclamation that "Christ is risen!" rings in our ears Easter morning. Through hearts refreshed and renewed in the power of this promise, let us continue to bear witness with our lives that "Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

A joyful and blessed Eastertide to you and yours,

Travis

Consistory Highlights Monday, March 16, 2015

The Rev. Travis B. Winckler and all Elders and Deacon were in attendance..

Devotions were given by Rev. Travis Winckler from the Gospel of Matthew focusing on kairos moments—significant moments—milestones--referring to Grace Terhune and Mait Van Nostrand and how they lived their lives and how they served the church. How do we give thanks for their lives? Pastor Travis opened the meeting with prayer.

Our church received a thank-you note from Heifer International for our donation.

Pastor Travis encouraged the Worship Team to use imagination, not just logistics, in presenting a meaningful worship space. He encourages more participation in worship services from the congregation.

There was approval of Building Use Guidelines presented by the Properties Team. M/S/P concerning the need to streamline building use and the calendar. Gutters will be fixed on Memorial Hall.

M/S/P to approve the budget—Congregational Meeting on April 19th at 11:00 AM.

Tuesday Bible study is going very well with positive, forward motion.

It was reported that the musical individuals met with Alan Taback and Pastor Travis to plan worship music.

The Communications Team reported that Nancy is working with Eva from RCA to better post and archive the blogs. Pastor Travis, our BVS Director, and a BVS mother will meet regarding our websites and using social media. We are investigating purchasing a sound system from another church. The sound person from MCC will come to assess the situation with our current, problematic sound system.

Nancy Meyer and Barb Van Liew of the Family Life/Hospitality Team will host an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on April 5.

Discussion/Updates

Pastor Travis would like the Consistory to go on a retreat.

Pastor Travis said that there will be a Care Team soon. The first meeting is April 14.

For the new church administrator position, job descriptions will be emailed to Consistory. There is a secretarial and a financial part to the job. Jean Beachell has agreed to take the financial part of the job.

Considering the number of teams that we have, can any of them be consolidated?

We need a nominating team and three nominations for new Consistory members for 2015—2016.

In a letter, Gracie Johnson expressed her disappointment with Consistory's decision to let BVS use the whole upper, center room in Cook Hall for the BVS program of Moms Morning Out. Peggy Querec will speak with Karen Hill, BVS Director, to find out how much space this program needs. The walls can be reconfigured in this room to accommodate both BVS and BRC. This way the church could maintain some meeting space .

Reflection: Consistory reflected on this meeting and its significance for our church.

Next meeting – Monday, April 20, 2015

Closing prayer and adjournment

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!*

Maundy Thursday Service

7:30 PM at Griggstown Reformed Church
1065 Canal Road, Princeton 08540 (Franklin Township)

Good Friday – 12:00 to 3:00 PM – in the Blawenburg Sanctuary

A dramatic reading of the Passion story at 12:00 noon
Followed by a time of silence, prayer and reflection

Easter Sunday Join us for a Joyous Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM

Followed by a festive coffee hour and Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th—Worship with Communion

(N.B. Second Sunday rather than first this month.)



Procession of Palms
on Palm Sunday 2015



Life-Long Learning Team

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

Nursery – 9:45—11:30 – Noah's Ark Room – Cook Hall, upper level, east end

Our own Emma Murphy, a Junior at Montgomery High School will be our regular caregiver in the Nursery. Emma is Red Cross Babysitting certified as well as certified in Red Cross First Aid, CPR and AED. She worked at GSHNJ resident camp, Camp Lou Henry Hoover, as a summer camp counselor as well as an off-season supervisor. Emma will be there every Sunday from 9:45 AM until 11:30 AM. On rare Sundays when needed, our own Morgan Van Liew, certified as a lifeguard, will sub for Emma. They look forward to playing with and caring for your children on Sunday mornings! Feel free to contact Emma about any special nursery needs or questions you may have. Call or email the church office for her contact information.

High Schoolers: You are needed! Little kids like big kids. Let Pastor Travis know if you can help with Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 2nd. TIA if you can!

Again, **High Schoolers:** What would you like a youth group to look like and be? What would you like to do? In addition to making pizza, does a service/mission project interest you, an overnight retreat, getting together with other youth groups, creating a musical and/or dramatic offering for worship, etc., etc.??? The next time you get together with Pastor Travis, talk up what the best youth group would be like. You provide the ideas. The church will provide the space!

Vacation Bible School can happen again at BRC! Pastor Travis is already coming up with ideas, but he needs your (adults and youth) help in planning. Let him know if you can help in the planning stages and/or actually be available in August to offer VBS again on our church campus.



Adult Education

Tuesday Mornings: For those interested in brushing up on their **Bible study**, join Pastor Travis for Bibles and Bagels, a small group Bible study, on Tuesdays at 10 am in Cook Hall. Please sign up at the back table of the sanctuary. The group is growing in positive, forward motion.

The Mary and Martha Prayer/Study Group will meet on April 13, 2015, at 5:45 p.m., at the home of Bernice Van Nostrand. They will continue their conversation on *Waiting for Our Souls to Catch Up* by Sister Carol Perry from Marble Collegiate Church, focusing on the last two chapters.



Blawenburg Village School

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Karen Hill, Director

The students at BVS are very excited to finally have a snow free playground. Although warm clothing has still been needed, many smiling faces can now be found on the playground. As we welcome the month of April, we are excited to participate in classroom Easter Egg Hunts and parties. Our school is full of many Easter crafts which we've been creating the last few weeks.

BVS students will also be busy creating art work, which will be displayed on a bulletin board at Princeton Public Library, from April 27th - May 8th. Please stop by and see their fabulous crafts.

Our Mom's Morning Out Program is available to children ages 2-6. 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 6th - July 31st, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

July 6 - July 10 Garden Week

July 13 - July 17 Camping and the Great Outdoors

July 20 - July 24 Art Expo

July 27 - July 31 Festival of Fun

We are currently enrolling students for the 2015-2016 school year. Classes will be offered for students ages 2-5.



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

Children and Worship

By Barb Reid

On Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, Bernice Van Nostrand related the story of Palm Sunday to our preschool children. They were given the unique opportunity to each place clothing and palms on the road to Jerusalem. As Jesus entered the city Bernice asked the kids “what would Jesus do now?” One child piped up and suggested “clean up the road?” Needless to say, we laughed a bit.

Once the story was completed they paraded while waving real palms. Thank you Jean Beachell, when on a day’s notice you came up with the palms.

Following are pictures of our children who were delighted to parade waving those palms.



Missions Team

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

[Editorial Note: On February 23, 2015, Consistory voted to move our global missionary support from the Chiapas, Mexico Mission to Ken and Marcia Bradsell who have started their missionary work in Oman. Our former missionaries in Chiapas, the Schreuders, are retiring in June.]

Supporters and Friends,

I apologize for not sending an update sooner. Marcia and I arrived in Oman on January 23rd after a final very full weeks in west Michigan and New York. Some of you heard that the day before departing from Michigan Marcia was involved in a car accident in Holland when another driver failed to stop at red light. Thankfully, there were no injuries and cars can be replaced. While our car was a total loss the other driver was at fault so our insurance company waived our deductible. We'll figure out transportation when we get back to the USA for General Synod in June. As one friend pointed out, "just look on the bright side, you don't have to think about storing the car until June and you don't have to pay for car insurance." Hmm. I'm pondering that one.

Our first weeks in Oman have been incredibly full and now-and-then complicated by the issues typical of "getting settled and acclimated" in a new country. Here's a sample of some early encounters:

- "I have to reload my cell phone account with a card with a scratch-off code I buy at the petrol station?"
- "Wait a minute, what's petrol?"
- "Thanks for the gas, I mean petrol, but I asked that you fill the tank. You did fill it? And it only cost RO 5.5 (\$14.29 US)? I've been driving this car for a week and a half."
- "Why do I need a second blood test to get a driver's license? I just had a blood test to get a residence card. Maybe you should be more concerned that I can't read those Arabic road signs."
- "You only want RO 1.5 (\$3.90 US) for that haircut, shave, upper body massage, etc, etc.? I'm going to bring all my friends here!"

We are settling and adjusting well to our new home and to the return after many years to life as a parish minister. I am enjoying worship leadership again -- doing what I set out to do when I was called to ministry! The parishioners in all of the congregations have been gracious, hospitable, and helpful. My two ordained colleagues, Rev. Chris Howitz and Rev. Michael Peppen are relieved that the new RCA guy has finally arrived to join the preaching and worship rotation. We alternate preaching and worship leadership (liturgist) responsibility. We have four English language services on weekends in Muscat, three on Friday on our campus in the Ghala district of Muscat, and one on Sunday evening on our campus in the Ruwi district of Muscat. Friday is sabbath in Oman. We worship on Sunday evening at the Ruwi church because Sunday is the first day of the work/school week and our parishioners can't attend until evening. Attendance averages 700-900 weekly. Another 75-100 worship on Thursday evening in an Arabic service. And, 400 worship weekly on our campus 2-hours north of Muscat in the city of Sohar. Our Muscat based pastoral team currently rotates through the Sohar church (one English language and four Indian language group congregations). We have just called a new Indian pastor to be based in Sohar. We anticipate his arrival sometime after Easter. We have also just retained a new pastor from Egypt to serve the Arabic congregation. He also will begin sometime in April.

Our congregations include Christians from Oman and across the globe. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the nations of northern Africa, Western Europe, Canada, the USA, the nations of South America, and of course, south and southeast Asia. You would not be able to find a more diverse RCA church anywhere on earth. The diversity is not limited to nationality. We are made up of professionals from many disciplines with a number of engineers assigned to the petroleum companies. We have lawyers, bankers, many teachers, a large number of medical personnel (many trained at the hospital and medical school in Vellore, India), and diplomats. We also have non-professional workers from the various trades with construction being a major industry in this rapidly expanding nation.

While worship is mostly done in English or with translation (Sohar and our Arabic ministry) Marcia and I intend to begin learning Arabic sometime after Easter. We believe it is essential to learn sufficient Arabic so we are able to communicate in the first language of the country even though English is widely spoken everywhere. Our colleagues and partners in ministry here in Muscat at the RCA's Al Amana Center, Rev Doug Leonard and Rev Justin Meyers, have also allowed me to audit a course being taught to their semester abroad students on Omani history and culture. This has provided a terrific orientation to our new home.

Oman is a neutral, peaceful, relatively crime free, and very forward looking nation. It prides itself on the quality and accessibility of education through college for all of its citizens. It has one of the best medical systems in the world with 56 hospitals throughout the capital district alone (where about 50% of the 4.1 national population live). Other cities and the interior rural areas have numerous walk-in clinics and pharmacies. Well designed (and landscaped!) highways are numerous, well maintained, spotlessly clean and speed is monitored electronically at all times. Of course, speed monitoring doesn't seem to hinder the Omani drivers from exercising their right to go as fast as they want! Fines are assessed annually when auto registration is renewed. One never knows until renewal time how steep the cost for the previous year's aggression behind the wheel might be.

Oman is, of course, a Muslim nation and the Muslim faith dominates all aspects of culture and life. My days of waking to NPR's "Morning Edition" have been transformed by the wake-up call to prayer at sunrise -- frankly, a refreshing and excellent discipline to begin the day with praise and thanksgiving rather than the morning's news! All levels of the government and all the Omanis we have met have been welcoming and hospitable to us. The Sultanate continues to be supportive of the work of the Protestant Church and has assisted in helping us improve and build new facilities at our Ruwi location (dedicated just one year ago). With 124 years of continuous ministry in Oman the RCA is highly regarded and a trusted presence here.

I will close out this brief and initial update with a very simple but heartfelt thank you to all of you, and all of the RCA congregations, who have provided the financial commitments that have allowed us to serve the church here. And thanks to all of you who provided those great days of interim housing after we sold our home in New Jersey just before Thanksgiving! We began our fund raising efforts in mid-October and by the second week in January we were just over 80% funded with a few other commitments in the "maybe" column. We are deeply grateful to each and all of you. We will try to connect with some of our supporting churches and friends when we are on home assignment after the RCA's June General Synod meeting. Marcia and I will also be making a brief one-week journey back to the USA on March 9-17 to pursue a couple of continuing funding opportunities. While in New York City I will also be concluding a lingering project with the RCA's Board of Benefits Services in the RCA's New York City office.

I have attached a copy of my first "annual report" just prepared for the Protestant Church in Oman Annual General Meeting which will be held at the end of March. It offers some of my first observations and impressions of my new congregations and the overall ministry of the PCO.

Blessing,
Rev. Ken (and Marcia) Bradsell

[Editorial Note: The "Annual Report" noted above is not included in this newsletter.]

The Month of March in Pictures



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March 8, 2015, Dr. Michael Brown (L) with Jotham Johnson and Rev. Travis Winckler (R) did a pulpit swap.



Ethel, Ginny and Peg

March 2, 2015
Pot Luck
Luncheon



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Nancy, Emily, Barbara & Morgan

Evelyn & Travis



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Bernice & Mimi



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Peg, Barbara & Catherine

Ethel, Don,
Diana & Joe



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Rick and Alan

In Memorium . . .



Lisa
And
Lisa



A table of teachers



Mait's life, behind the wheel, in review



Mait Van Nostrand's Memorial Service on 3/21/2015 was well attended (upward of 200 people) by community members, family, and church. After a beautiful memorial service, led by Pastor Travis, the community gathered for lunch and more remembrances.

To misquote the Apostle Paul, "To the church of God in Blawenburg. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

You have surrounded our family with your love and grace for years. But, it's impossible to list the many ways you showed your love and care at this time. You cared for us in practical ways: parking cars, making soup, providing music that soared, befriending newcomers at the reception, baking, washing dishes, visiting, praying, calling, and so much more. Through your words and actions you made March 21 a celebration of Mait's life. Thank you, each and everyone. Bernice and family.



Proclaiming Team

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

St. Patrick's Day Festivities

By Barb Reid

On Tuesday, March 17, a St. Patrick's Day lunch was in Cook Hall to over 60 community and church friends—45 pounds of corned beef!

Our guests enjoyed a nice lunch, yet perhaps they experienced more than that. The sense of community and camaraderie was evident throughout the meal. A number of people indicated that this was their first visit to Blawenburg and that meeting new people was a bonus. Everything about the day was nothing but positive.

Nancy and I are grateful to those who gave us such willing hands. We had a baker (Caitlyn), people that sliced corned beef, and those that never got their hands out of dishwater.

A woman named Ellen ran into us in the grocery store as Nancy and I shopped. We indicated that we were preparing a St. Patrick's day lunch the following day and she suggested that she wanted to help. She was an amazing woman, a total stranger to me, and one who worked relentlessly in the kitchen.

Without the help that we received, this occasion would not have been the success that it was, and Nancy and I thank those from the bottoms of our hearts.

We both feel so privileged to be given the opportunity to bring our church friends as well as those who

are our neighbors together for a wonderful communal afternoon.



Don, Peg, Nancy, & Dave

Is Terhune an Irish name? Of course, on March 17th everyone is Irish.

A table full of "Irish" guests



Jean and Ginny

Montgomery News Editor to be Special Guest at Blawenburg Church Men's Breakfast

On Wednesday morning, April 29th, Cliff Moore, Editor of the Montgomery News, will be a special guest at Blawenburg Church's *Men's Breakfast*. The breakfast, at 7:30 in the morning, caters to men who may have to get to work – but no one is excluded. All are welcome. Mr. Moore is expected to talk about some of the interesting aspects of running a local newspaper in today's rapidly changing news environment.

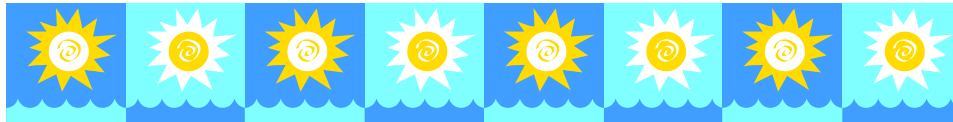
"I'm looking forward to it," Mr. Moore said. "It's an opportunity to talk with some of our readers, and answer some questions about how we do what we do. And if they want to feed me a good breakfast while I'm at it, well that's even better."

There is no charge for the breakfast, though donations are welcome. A full meal is served, featuring all of the usual breakfast choices. Given Cliff Moore's participation, it would be wise to let the church office know if you plan to attend so they have enough food. You can call the church office at 609-466-1832 – or email to BRC1832@verizon.net.

For more information, visit Blawenburg Church at www.BlawenburgChurch.org.

Blawenburg Church is located on Route 518 in the historic village of Blawenburg. Sunday worship is at 10am, and is led by Rev. Travis Winckler. Nursery is provided for very young children.

Blawenburg Church's partner, **Marble Collegiate Church**, is located at 5th Avenue and 29th Street in Manhattan. Under the leadership of Senior Minister, Dr. Michael B. Brown, it provides dynamic, positive spiritual direction to a diverse and embracing congregation in the heart of New York City and to the world via its media ministry. To learn more about all Marble has to offer, visit the church at www.MarbleChurch.org.



Blawenburg Bling is ON!!

Evelyn Cochran and Jean Beachell want to thank everyone who participated in our Premier Jewelry Show on March 8. We were happy to have all the ladies attend our presentation, eat some treats, and find lots of BLING to help them look more beautiful!

The profit from the sale amounted to \$345.00, and we were able to share some of that with BVS. Thank you, Ladies!!



BLAWENBURG RUMMAGE SALE!!!

April 24, 2015 - 9 to 5

April 25, 2015 - 9 to 12 (1/2 Price Sale)

IT IS RUMMAGE SALE TIME AGAIN!!

Mark your calendars for the week of April 20th to the 25th. Jean Beachell has scheduled AN-OTHER rummage sale for Friday and Saturday the 24th and 25th. Jean and Barb Reid are chairing the sale this year, and we would appreciate any help that you can give us. This year we will have a large number of items to sell and are locating in the warehouse section of Memorial Hall which will give us time to begin getting ready after Easter in April.

Help is needed in the advertising department, donations, setting up, displaying the items, supervising a section, working behind the tables the days of the sale and/or help breaking down and cleaning up. As always, we cannot accept books, electronics or large furniture.

This sale always helps with many projects around the church and stretching our tight budget a little farther.

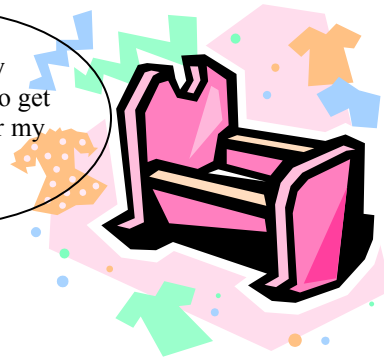
The rummage sale, also, gives us another great opportunity to donate to a mission project. People tell us how wonderful our rummage sale is, and they look forward to coming. So let's take this opportunity to reach out to our community.

Please contact Jean Beachell, 609-924-7637 or Barb Reid and tell us how you can help. In the meantime, start saving the items you don't need anymore! Be sure to tell your friends who want to clean their closets. We need "stuff".

Drop off of your "stuff" begins on Monday, April 13th in Memorial Hall.



And don't forget to schedule time to come shop for "new-to-you" treasures.



SMALL furniture only



Ways to Help your Church Community (And responses to past requests)

Read through the Consistory Highlights for ways to contribute to the life and work of our church, or see the list below for additional ideas. Turn a mundane task into a labor of love.

- Jean Beachell is giving up scheduling fellowship-hour servers on June 1. Please let Jean or Nancy know if you would like to take over this responsibility. This is an at-home task with no monthly meetings! **A sub-team of the Family Life Team will be taking on this responsibility.**
- Running to Sam's Club? Check the shopping list in Cook Hall kitchen. You may submit a receipt to the church office for reimbursement.
- Sound system—we need people to operate the sound system on Sundays and special occasions. See Gracie Johnson, Chair of the Worship Team, if you are interested. **The memorial funds from Mait Van Nostrand will be used to help upgrade the system—you can get in on the ground floor!!**
- Pick Up Truck—Are you willing to lend your pick up truck to help move large items and signs? Very sporadic commitment.
- Most of our Teams need members. Isn't the old saying—“many hands make light work”? Please consider your talent, interest, and time availability. Then think about joining a team.
- St. Patrick's Day Lunch—help us prepare lunch or a dessert (cookies and bars you can make from home) and, of course, eating lunch. Let Nancy Curtis in the church office know your availability. **See the article on page 12 for how many people made light work out of a fun lunch.**

Properties Team

Crawford House Garden

April—Date to be Determined

Then once a month

Give Ethel a call (908-359-6027)

Church Clean-Up Day

April 11th from 9 to noon

Yard clean up and rut fill-ins



Annual Used Book Sale
Princeton Theological Seminary
April 16—18

Annual Used Book Sale - Donations

Spring cleaning? Have old books? Donate them to the 2015 annual used book sale!

Book donations will be accepted Monday, March 30–Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6–Friday, April 10 ONLY! Please do not drop-off books outside of these dates because it will cause undue risk for those entering and exiting Whiteley Gym.

Time: 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Location: Whiteley Gym, 36 Hibben Road, at the corner of Stockton Street (Route 206) in Princeton. .

Donations may also be mailed to the Stewardship and Missions Committee Book Sale, Princeton Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 821, Princeton, New Jersey 08542.

Dates for Used Book Sale

9 AM – 5 PM April 16th

9 AM – 8 PM April 17th

9 AM – 5 PM April 18th

All proceeds will benefit theological seminaries around the world. Sponsored by the Seminary's Stewardship and Missions Committee.

Stewards of the Earth – Earth Day Fair


Help celebrate the 10th fair on April 19th, from noon to 4 p.m. at Montgomery High School, 1016 Rt. 601, Skillman, NJ 08558.

"The fair, its exhibits and activities are free. Come, rain or shine, and recycle hard-to-get-rid-of items!

Rx, Electronics & Metals Recycling, Paper Shredding & More Available

- NewTech Recycling will be recycling unwanted cell phones, computers, cables, speakers and printers.
- Klein Recycling will be collecting metal, including file cabinet, tools, pots and pans and yard furniture.
- Old prescription and over-the-counter drugs drop-off at the Fair. supervised by the Somerset County Sheriff's office. Please remove any personal information from containers. No needles or sharps will be accepted.
- Residents of Montgomery Township with proof of residence can bring recyclable paper to a shredder at the high school and securely dispose of documents, check stubs, medical records and other sensitive materials - no need to remove staples or paper clips. NexCut will shred the paper but won't accept binders.
- Mary Jacobs Library will be hosting a paperback book swap - bring one, take one.
- Girl Scout Troop 61279 will be collecting USED (playable) video games, DVD movies, & teen books to create a Positive Exchange Store at the Carrier Clinic East Mountain Youth Lodge

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



April 1—LaFerne Keller
 April 17—Mike Vande Woude



Happy Belated Birthday to Katie Connolly

Birth of our church—1832
 Email address: BRC1832@verizon.net
 New phone number: 609-466-1832

Summary of Dates

See earlier articles for more details.

April 2	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service at Griggstown Reformed Church (page 3)
April 3	12—3 PM	At BRC, dramatic reading and meditation (See page 3.)
April 5	10 AM	Joyous Easter worship followed by fellowship and egg hunt
April 11	9 —Noon	Church Yard Work Day
April 12	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
April 13	5:45 PM	Mary & Martha book group at Bernice VN's (See page 4.)
April 14	4:00 PM	Care Team
	4:00 PM	Properties Team
	5:30 PM	Cemetery Team
April 16-18	9 AM	PTS Used Book Sale (See page 16.)
April 19	11 AM	Congregational Meeting to approve budget
April 20		May Beacon Deadline
	7:30 PM	Consistory - Cook Hall
April 24	9AM--5PM	Rummage Sale (See page 14.)
April 25	9AM—Noon	Rummage Sale
April 26	7 PM	Consistory "dreams-for-our-church" conversation—parsonage
April 29	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast (Note change of day.) (See page 13.)

Unless otherwise noted, worship is at 10:00 AM with Pastor Travis

Plan Ahead

May 2	TBD	Family Fun Day
May 10	10:00 AM	Mother's Day—Worship with Nancy Curtis Preaching
August	TBD	Vacation Bible School (See page 4.)

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