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Community Arts Center of Freehold

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The Community Arts Center celebrated Spring Break by organizing a week-long camp that included both Theater and Art. The students collaborated with Toni Field to create a butterfly mini-mural, which is now displayed in the fellowship hall, along with some other small projects completed throughout the week. Tieisha Thomas worked with the Theater students to help them develop their monologues and small skits. Both Tieisha and Toni have been instrumental in providing educational and social activities to our students during our art camp focus areas. Despite an earthquake, the demonstration at the end of the camp week was a great success! Our partnership with Open Door Food Pantry provided our local students with an exciting week of arts.

We want to invite you to join us on May 19, 2024, for Freehold's Porchfest, where Andrew Rosenkilde and friends will perform on the steps of the church for an outdoor concert.



Fellowship

We are continuing to look for coffee hour hosts and bakers. We are specifically looking for hosts for May 5th, June 2nd and 16th. Lee Ann and John are hosting May 19th. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. Your help in making this time of fellowship a welcoming and enjoyable time is greatly appreciated.



Springtime is here and so is garden planning. Please join us for our planting day to lend a hand or come offer your support. We will meet by the garden after worship on Sunday, May 26th. We will have some garden trowels and gloves available, but feel free to bring your own. We look forward to another year of the garden being a blessing to us and our community and look forward to sharing with Freehold Area Open Door. Once the garden is planted, we will be looking for help to keep the plants going and growing. Please let Gabrielle Uchno know, if you are able to help with watering.

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

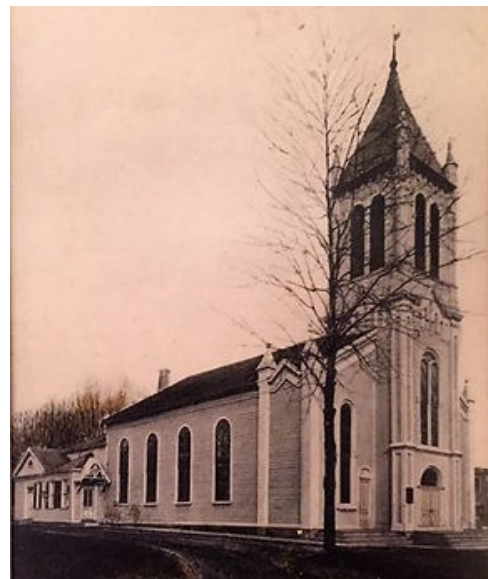
I introduced myself to someone this week as the Pastor of The Reformed Church. They said, "That's the old church on Main Street, right?" I replied, "Yes, the old one across from Wells Fargo. There are a few old churches along Main Street right there."

The brief interaction started me thinking about, "What do our neighbors think as they drive by our church?". "Nice old building." "Wow, that's been there a while." "I like the new front doors." "Wonder if they'll have another Roast Beed Dinner?"

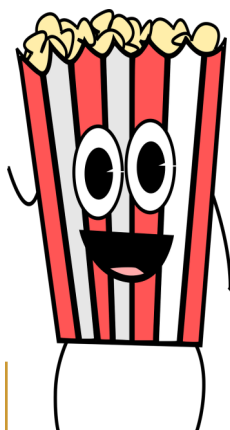
Do they know we care about them? Would anyone say, "We know they are Christian, by their love, by their love," like the old camp song says? I believe those who know us are aware that we care about our neighbors and community. We want to be sure. So, consistory has developed a new committee, Freehold Reformed Cares. We want to be faithful to Jesus' call to love our neighbors, and we want our neighbors to know we care.

The committee has done a lot of brainstorming. They've had conversations with Open Door about the needs of our neighbors/community and how our Church might be able to respond. They are still praying and discerning where God is leading us at this time. There was a great response to the Community Art Center of Freehold's Dinner and STEM program. Families were happy to find a safe space for kids to come together make friends, share a meal, and experience community. Building on that Freehold Reformed Cares has organized a bowling outing for April 28 and an Outdoor Hot Dog and Movie night for May 31. The Committee asks you to pray that we find vital ways to connect to our community and share God's love.

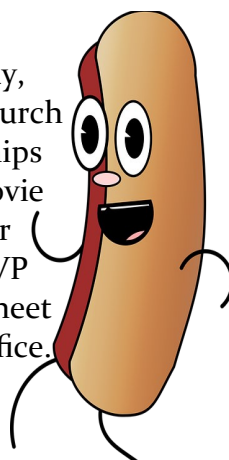
Peace,
Pastor David



Movie Night



Freehold Reformed Cares is hosting a movie night on Friday, May 31. Meet up behind the church in the yard for hot dogs and chips at 7:30 PM and an outdoor movie at 8:00 PM. Bring along a chair and dress for the weather. RSVP on the bulletin board signup sheet or by contacting the church office.



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Odds and Ends

Communion Offering

On the first Sunday of the month we collect items for **Open Door** which can be left in the church Narthex. Monetary gifts are accepted at any time and can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark “Open Door” on your envelope.

Flowers

If you would like to have flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one or event, please contact the church office. The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to: “Reformed Church of Freehold” and write “flowers” in the memo.

Secretary’s Hours

Our secretary will be in the office from 8:15–11:45am on Fridays. She will continue to check and answer emails during the week. In case of emergency, Lauren’s cell number is 732-766-5147.

Missions

Our Mission of the Month for May is the Reformed Church Center at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. This oldest seminary in North America is a rich and diverse learning community, with roots in the RCA. The Reformed Church Center at NBTS is a place where future Reformed Church ministers are formed. The Center offers a broad range of programs for a wide audience, including scholars, RCA members, and everyone concerned about the Reformed tradition and its continued renewal. All of the events announced there are open to the public. For more information, contact James Hart Brumm, director of the Reformed Church Center, at jbrumm@nbts.edu.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY: 1 Paul Yoncak, 6 Casey Moore, 7 John Carrig, 17 Candi Weinberg, 21 Tom Moore, 24 The Polifkas, 24 Aidan Seifert, 28 The Batemans

JUNE: 10 Donna Jacobus, 13 Glenn Jacobus, 14 Lori Starsinic, 16 Addison Seifert, 26 Joshua Weinberg



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Dates to Remember

MAY

5 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
12 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Happy Mother's Day!
19 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
FBAC PorchFEST
21 Tuesday Consistory ZOOM Meeting, 7 PM
26 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Planting Day
27 Monday Memorial Day
31 Friday **Hot Dog & Movie Night**, 7:30 PM

JUNE

2 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
9 Sunday Worship, 10 AM,
16 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
Happy Father's Day!
18 Tuesday Consistory ZOOM Meeting, 7 PM
23 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
30 Sunday Worship, 10 AM