

# News From the Pews

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REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD  
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S RECONCILING LOVE

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## Community Arts Center of Freehold

The CACF has been busy! On January 26, the STEM program officially began. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs and activities teach science and mathematics concepts. Additionally, they help your child discover real-world applications, spark their creativity, and develop 21st-century skills, including media and technology literacy, productivity, social skills, communication, flexibility, and much more. Families have been treated to dinner and activities on Friday evenings. We welcome Mallory Kilroy, an Edison Township Public Schools special education teacher, and Charles Rotunno. Charles has been a Technology/STEM/Robotics Teacher for eight years and works with middle school students in grades 6-8 in Jackson. The STEM program continues through March 1.

February 18 brought a special treat to Freehold. The Princeton University Chapel Choir performed for members and friends from the Freehold community.

Looking ahead, Tieisha Thomas and Toni Field return on April 1 for our Spring Break Arts Camp. Students aged ten and older can spend a week learning theater techniques and unique art projects. If you know a child in the Freehold area who might benefit from any of our tuition-free programs, please enroll them.

Finally, the Community Arts Center is seeking volunteers! Do you have a particular skill that you can share with our program? As the Community Arts Center continues to grow, anyone willing to help is needed. Whether it is data entry, social media promotion, working with kids, marketing, advertising, or grant writing, we need YOU! Please get in touch with Lee Ann and John if you want to be involved.



## Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Today I am grateful for our consistory and all the time they give to ensure that their areas of ministries keep working. As Wilfred Ojo rotates off of the Consistory I am grateful for all he has done to help us stay on top of our Financial and Human resources. Lorraine Yoncak will be assuming responsibility for Financial and Human resources. Sharon Sanicola continues to make sure our Christian Education program is staffed and our youth trained in their faith. Gabrielle Uchno works on our coffee hour and fellowship events to promote connection and community. Bill Barth keeps us plugged into mission needs that we can connect to and support. Barb Lyon attends to hospitality and congregational care with special attention to our seniors. Helen faithfully cares for our building and grounds with support from John Lambert. Lee Ann Newland attends to our worship needs. We are happy Lorraine Yoncak will be sharing her skills and wisdom with us as she comes back onto consistory. I am grateful for every one of them. None of us can do this work on our own. It is only by bringing a team together that we can begin to attend to all the work we are called to do as the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4 says it this way, "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." All the members of Christ's body are gifted and called to build up the body. I am also grateful for all the ways each of you ministers to one another and the many ways you contribute to the body of Christ.

Please continue to pray actively for our church so that we might find more and more meaningful ways to minister to our community and draw others into relationship with Jesus.

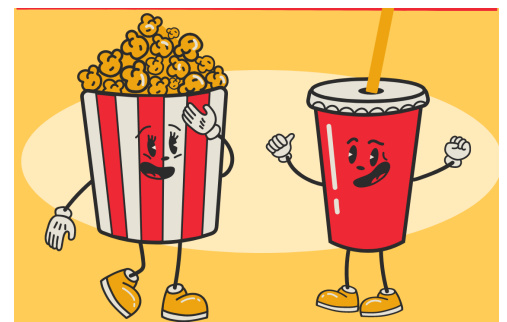
Peace,  
Pastor David

## RCW Seniors

A Valentine's Day party was held for the seniors on February 15 in Fellowship Hall. Valentines were exchanged and devotions were given with a prayer by Pastor. A few lovely memories were shared followed by a delicious roast beef dinner. Everyone also enjoyed watching the musical, "Singing in The Rain".

## Movie Night

There will be a family movie night on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 6:30 PM with snacks provided. Join us for the animated story of a beautifully animated fable about the immigrant experience in a city where fire-, water-, earth- and air-residents live together. Bring your blankets and pillows and come out for a fun movie night with snacks and friends.



## Lenten Prayer Services



### *GREATER FREEHOLD LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES*

*Lunch at 12 PM, Prayer at 12:30 PM, Lunch at 1PM*

<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided</b>	<b>Rev. Matthew Jones First Assembly of God</b>
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First United Methodist Lunch will be provided</b>	<b>Rev. Dirk Reinken St. Peters Episcopal</b>
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Assembly of God Lunch will be provided</b>	<b>Rev. Alan Olson First Presbyterian</b>
<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided</b>	<b>Bishop Fred Rubin Community Refuge Church of Christ</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reformed Church of Freehold Lunch will be provided</b>	<b>Msgr. Sam Sirianni Co-Cathedral St. Robert</b>
<b>Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Service at 12:00 PM First Baptist Church Lunch will not be provided</b>	<b>Rev. Ruth Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries</b>



CACF Camp



**2024**  
**Spring Break**  
**Arts Camp**



**Join us for a week of**  
**Theater and Art Classes**  
**Ages 10+ Theater: Tieisha Thomas**  
**Ages 10+ Art: Toni Field**

**April 1-5, 2024**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**



**Register**  
**Here**

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## Missions

The Mission of the Month for March is Camp Fowler, located at 152 Pelcher Road in Lake Pleasant, New York. Camp Fowler is a non-profit summer children's camp, owned and operated by the Reformed Church in America, through the Regional Synod of Albany. In the off season they offer on-site retreats and private rentals. All income goes toward ensuring that any child who wants to, can come to camp. They offer overnight camp sessions for campers coming out of 3rd through 12th grade. Campers who choose a Residential Camp week will stay in cabins on a 245 acre campus on the shores of Sacandaga Lake. Donations can be made to our March Mission project by using your "mission" offering envelope, marked: "Camp Fowler;" TITHE.LY online account, or delivering it to the church office.



The Mission of the Month for April is be a special community event organized by the Greater Freehold Clergy Association. Local houses of worship will come together for a community-wide Meal Packing Event through RISE Against Hunger ([riseagainsthunger.org](http://riseagainsthunger.org)). Volunteers from Freehold Area houses of worship will gather on May 5 at 2 pm at The United Methodist

Church of Freehold (91 W Main St., Freehold, NJ) to back 10,000 meals to be distributed to the neediest parts of the world. Each congregation has been asked to contribute to the purchase of the supplies to be packed.

Rise Against Hunger leads to resilience and self-sufficiency for people across the globe. Their Meal Packing Events combine an assembly line process with an educational experience to make a huge impact worldwide and to touch the lives of volunteers. Donations can be made to our mission project by using your mission envelope, your TITHE.LY account, or by delivering it to the church office. Please note the donation is for GFCA/RISE.

## Fellowship

We are happy to continue hosting coffee hour twice a month. Please consider hosting or if you would like to help by donating a baked item, it is also greatly appreciated. Specifically, we are looking for hosts for the dates of April 14 and 28, May 5, June 5 and 16.

On Easter we will be hosting a brunch following the service in Fellowship Hall. It was a great time last year. Come join us again and bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby for coffee hour and Easter brunch or you can let Gabrielle Uchno know how you are able to help. As always, many thanks to our hosts, bakers, attendees, and clean-up crew who make these times of fellowship an enjoyable time.



## Court Street School

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 12 p.m.-2 p.m. the Reformed Church of Freehold will host the Court Street Scholl presentation of African Americans & The Arts: A Black History Celebration. For information call 908-670-8398.



Court Street  
School presents:

**AFRICAN AMERICANS & THE ARTS**

**A BLACK HISTORY  
CELEBRATION**

LIFT EVERY VOICE, YOU HAVE A CHOICE

Theater, painting, sculpture, jazz saxophonist, violinist,  
Caribbean steel pan drum, poets, singers, authors

**Saturday March 16, 2024  
12 - 2**

**Reformed Church of Freehold  
67 West Main Street  
Freehold, NJ  
Rev. David Groeneveld**

[www.courtstreetschool.com](http://www.courtstreetschool.com)

For more information call:

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## CONSISTORY 2024

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Helen McKenzie–Buildings & Grounds  
Lee Ann Newland–Worship & Music  
Lorraine Yoncak–Human & Financial Resources

Bill Barth–Missions & Benevolences  
Gabrielle Uchno–Fellowship  
Sharon Sanicola–Education  
John Lambert–Building & Grounds

## 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.

## Education

The children’s Lenten project this spring is supporting Open Door’s Birthday Box program. We will be collecting donations of cake mix, frosting, gift bags, children birthday cards, balloons, candles and small bottles of vegetable oil. These items may seem small, but help parents significantly in making their child a birthday celebration. Please help the children gather these items so they can put together as many “Birthday Boxes” as possible. Details on specific types of items on flyer which will be posted in the narthex and the Sunday School room. Thank you!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**MARCH:** 2 Louise Beams, 7 Janet Murphy, 9 Lynne Morano, 10 Lois Furlong, 12 Lauren Redmond, 21 Brian Ringwald, 21 Michael Polifka, 23 Sharon Sanicola, 29 Lee Ann Newland

**APRIL:** 1 Susan Frank, 1 Donna Ringwald, 8 Rebecca Barth, 20 Joanne Antal, 24 The Krohns, 28 The Moranos, 30 The Moores



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## Dates to Remember

### MARCH

- 3 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
- 10 Sunday Worship, 10 AM  
Daylight Savings
- 15 Friday Movie Night, 6:30  
Fellowship Hall
- 16 Saturday African Americans in the Arts  
12 PM-2 PM, Sanctuary
- 17 Sunday Worship, 10 AM  
St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Tuesday Consistory ZOOM Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Sunday Palm Sunday Worship, 10 AM,  
Coffee Hour
- 28 Thursday Maundy Thursday,  
7 PM, Sanctuary
- 31 Sunday Easter Sunday Worship, 10 AM,  
Covered Dish Brunch

### APRIL

- 1-5 CACF Arts Camp, 10 AM-1 PM
- 7 Sunday Communion Worship, 10 AM
- 14 Sunday Worship, 10 AM,  
Coffee Hour
- 16 Tuesday Consistory ZOOM Meeting, 7 PM
- 21 Sunday Worship, 10 AM
- 28 Sunday Worship, 10 AM,  
Coffee Hour