

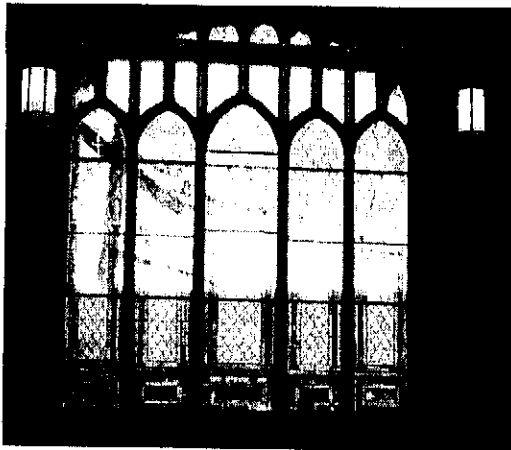
Newsletter of the First Reformed Church
Nyack, NY
"A Community Church in Spirit and in Action
Welcoming all in Worship, Fellowship and Service"

April 2011

Easter Memorial Lilies

Orders are being taken now.
Send the enclosed form with donation
by Monday, April 18th
to church office or
place in church plate.

An Easter offering envelope is included with this mailing. These gifts to our church support our annual budget enabling our congregation to grow and be a witness to God's Love as we witness the Resurrection.



The miracle of the sun casting a shadow of the cross in our window.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

ALLELUIA

Christ is Risen!

Services to Celebrate the Resurrection

Palm Sunday Service

April 17, 10:30

Note: This a Street Fair Sunday, be sure and pick up a "windshield notice-parking pass"

Celebrate the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, Church Sanctuary 10:30 am

With the sanctuary decorated with memorial lilies, church members and friends will gather together for this glorious day.

Easter Egg Hunt outside in front of the sanctuary following service.

Journey to Jerusalem—Sunday May 1, 10:30

Communion Sunday. We welcome the talents of Ginny and Steve Borton to guide us along this Holy journey.

Egg Bopping Contest—Sunday May 1, 11:45

Other important dates in our Church Life to note:

Church Spring Clean Up

Saturday April 16, 9-6 pm

Come help spring clean our building. All hands welcome to spruce up our sanctuary, polish our Pitkin Room and make our rooms more user friendly for kids.

Please sign up for a time slot (9-12, 12-3, 3-6) or email the church of your availability.



Spring Plant Sale Pick-up

Friday, April 22nd, 9am-9pm

All plants ordered from the Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser, will be available for pick-up in the Pitkin Room this one day only.



Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm

Spring Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 12-4 each day

Clean out your Basement, Attic & Garage. Look in your closets, under the bed, cupboards and bring all those unwanted items to church for a spring rummage sale.

Workers needed to help set up, sell items and clean up.

NO CLOTHING! See Bonnie Williams for sign-up.



Dear Nyack Friends,

I am the Rev. John VandenOever, pastor of your sister church in Piermont. Rockland-Westchester Classis has appointed me as supervisor of your congregation while you are without an installed pastor. This is standard procedure, and this is what it means.

1. I am here to oversee and advise your Consistory. I am happy to say that your Consistory is doing an excellent job of organizing and tackling the many tasks that running a church involves. Thank you for giving them all the support you can. This past month they have moved steadily and prudently forward in the process of installing an interim minister, he will play a major part in helping you make a smooth transition to your next chapter in ministry.

2. Now that an interim minister has been hired, I will continue to work with him and Consistory, to help develop a clear vision of your church's mission in the community. I will also work with the Pastoral Search Committee throughout the process of seeking new leadership.

3. Along with an interim minister, I am available to provide pastoral services such as hospital calls, visits to homebound members and those in nursing facilities, and if needed, weddings or funerals. Needs for such services can be communicated to me through your church office, or you may contact me directly at 845-359-4637 (h) or 845-548-5234 (cell, daytime hours), or email at pierrefch@aol.com.

I see every reason to feel excited about the future of FRC in Nyack, if each of you will dedicate yourselves anew to the mission given us by Jesus Christ, to carry the good news of God's love to the world he loves so much.

Rev. John VandenOever

The First Reformed Church of Nyack houses and supports Soup Angels Soup kitchen--serving a meal every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm to anyone who needs a meal, no questions asked in our Pitkin Room. We served 55 meals the past 2 Wednesdays, and are sending our guests home with 50 bag lunches. We number among our guests several families with young children, a number of teens, veterans, the working poor and the disabled.

The volunteer base consists of approximately 300 enthusiastic teen through retired persons from the Rockland and Bergen county areas. There are 8 teams of 14-16 people per team, shopping, cooking and dessert teams and 4 professional chefs who help out with the cooking. There are at present 2 people from FRC congregation who volunteer at Soup Angels. First Reformed also has congregants on a team at our sister soup kitchen, Sunday Supper. Soup Angels would like to invite you to see what happens here on Wednesday nights, or check out our website, www.soupangels.com. If you would like to know more or wish to volunteer please contact Kathie Rife or email us at soupangels@gmail.com.



Food for Thought

Answer: "The first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox will be Easter."

I love a late-April Easter on the Hudson. It takes me back more than sixty-five years to Washington, D.C., where my boyhood memory of Easter brings to mind putting on go-to-church clothes--the quiet, dazzling beauty of cherry blossoms--of a Sunday drive around the Tidal Basin, stopping to climb on the lowest branches of the timeless willows at Hains Point--of a mariner's platter at Hogan's on Maine Avenue by the river.

Easter meant fresh, light green leaves and flourishing spring flowers, symbols I now see of life overcoming death.

So far in Nyack forsythia, magnolias, and some bulbs are blooming. I hope the weather catches up to my childhood memories.

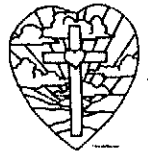
When the sun crossed the celestial equator this year, the moon was one day past full, so Easter would wait a while.

The moon has a twenty-eight day cycle. There will always be a full moon during Holy Week. Always. This month the moon reaches its fullness late on Palm Sunday, calling at night from heaven for resurrection to dawn at week's end.

The heavens and the earth are telling the glory of God!

Betty and I are delighted to join you in a new and promising adventure. Help us to get to know you. Please welcome us, and we will meet you with enthusiasm.

Exploring the Easter road,



Pastor Bill

Check out our new website!

www.nyackreformed.org



Check out our page on *Facebook* and like us to get updates on what's going on in the church.

Thanks to Brian Jennings for our website and Jon Biavati for our Facebook page.

April Coffee Hours

April 17 Carolyn & Chuck Travers
(Palm Sunday)

April 24 Jean & Jim Rensink
(Easter)



See Sign-up Sheet in the Pitkin Room to sign up for May.

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