

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13 First Sunday after the Epiphany

- 9:15 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. Worship - *Traditional & Contemporary*
- 11:30 A.M. Coffee Hour and Fellowship
- 12:00 P.M. Indonesian Language Service
- 5:00 P.M. Love of Jesus Indian Family Church

Tuesday, January 15

- 6:45 P.M. Bible Study
- 7:30 P.M. Zumba (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 16

- 6:00 P.M. International Choir - contemporary & traditional hymns (Meeting in the Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Intercessory & Healing Prayer Service (Chapel)

Thursday, January 17

- 7:30 P.M. Zumba (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 18

- 8:00 P.M. **Young Adult Praise & Worship**
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 20 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 9:15 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. Worship - *Traditional & Contemporary* - Communion
- 11:30 A.M. Coffee Hour and Fellowship
- 12:00 P.M. Indonesian Language Service
- 3:30 P.M. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at**
New Hope Baptist Church,
45 Hampton St., Metuchen
- 5:00 P.M. Love of Jesus Indian Family Church

Looking Ahead:

Saturday, Jan. 26 Consistory One-Day Retreat

Sunday, Feb. 3

- 12:00 noon **Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Luncheon** (Fellowship Hall)

Welcome to the Reformed Church of Metuchen. We hope that your spirit is nourished by our worship service. **Larger print bulletins, Hymnals, and Bibles are available in the narthex. Wireless hearing devices are also available. Please ask a deacon for assistance.**

Rev. Dr. Peter Sanfilippo, Pastor is leading the service.

Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for conversation and refreshments.

Prayers for Intercession and Healing: Please call (732-548-2463) or email the church (rcmetuchen@msn.com) to request prayers to be read at the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and/or at the Sunday morning worship service and/or to be listed on the bulletin prayer list insert.

Child Care is offered for ages infant - 6-years-old downstairs in the Edgar Child Care area (preschool classroom) from 10:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. A deacon can help you if you are not familiar with the downstairs.

Bulletin Cover Art: El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos) - Christ Blessing ('The Saviour of the World') about 1600

NOTES

Sunday School Meets 9:15 - 10:00 A.M. (2nd - 5th Sundays)

Children 3-years and older are invited to Sunday School. The children meet for 45 minutes (9:15 - 10:00 A.M.) on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday (in months that include 5 Sundays). On the first Sunday of the month when we hold our United Combined Worship Service, Sunday School meets during worship following the Children's Message. For more information, please speak to Donna Dingle, Director of Faith Formation for Children and Youth.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service (New Hope Baptist Church)

The Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association will lead the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at **New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen on Sunday, January 20 at 3:30 P.M.** Theme: "What is the future of America?" All are welcome.

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Feb. 3 following Worship

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon will be held Sunday, February 3 immediately following our United Combined worship service. **Please bring a luncheon dish to share.** Following lunch, we will begin our Congregational Meeting: a time to review our 2018 accomplishments, to share church vision and upcoming events, and to announce and vote on 2019 elder and deacon nominations. After the business portion of our meeting, we invite the congregation to stay for music and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Offering Envelopes and Financial Commitment Cards for 2019

Offering Envelopes, labeled by individual or family, and financial commitment cards for 2019 are available in the narthex. If you wish to provide an estimate of your planned giving for the coming year, please fill out a financial commitment card. These estimates help the Finance Committee with planning the 2019 budget. A Financial Commitment card is not a legal contract but a statement of your faithful intentions. You may drop your completed Financial Commitment Card in the offering basket or return by mail.

International Choir Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

The congregation is invited to join the International Choir Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. in the Choir Room (downstairs). Contemporary and traditional Christian music is rehearsed for the Sunday morning service. All are invited and very welcome!

Prayer: Intercessory, Healing & Meditation; Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Prayer: Intercessory, Healing & Meditation is offered every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. This service is held downstairs in the chapel unless noted.

Young Adult Praise & Worship - Friday at 8:00 P.M.

Praise, Prayer and Christian Rock! Our young adult fellowship, led by Pastor Fransisca, is a joyful, compassionate group of young adults devoted to sharing the Gospel and praising the Lord. All young adults are invited and welcomed. The meeting is held in Fellowship Hall every Friday, unless announced.

Lake Avenue Parking Near the Ramp

We kindly ask that congregants who are able to walk without physically struggling to please leave the area on Lake Avenue that is near the ramp available for those who may be recovering from surgery or have difficulty walking short distances. Cones to mark off the area are placed on the curb each Sunday. We thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Complimentary 2019 Calendars Available in the Narthex

You are invited to take a complimentary wall calendar for 2019 provided by Costello-Runyon Funeral Homes. The calendars can be found in the narthex.

We Pray

Note: This prayer list is reviewed each week by the Pastor. Generally, names remain on the list for two or three weeks and may be added back later to reflect changes in circumstances. To request that a name be added or removed, please call or email the church office at 732-548-2463 or rcmetchen@msn.com.

For Intercession and Healing for:

- o **Chrissy Tarrant**
- o **Ryan Tarrant**
- o **Carolyn** for a safe delivery
- o **Paul Matyas** who was recently diagnosed with cancer; we pray for Paul's healing and recovery
- o **Betty Zak**, Eleanor Fentiman's daughter, who is recovering from surgery; we pray for continued recovery
- o **Mary Beth Boyle**
- o **Stacy**, friend of Tom Huber
- o **Tina Tropila** who is has been diagnosed with heart failure, lung disease and kidney problems; we pray for God's loving comfort
- o **Jim Markey**, Tom Huber's uncle, for healing of his ankle and foot
- o the **families of victims of school shootings and other shootings** throughout the country; we pray that this tragic and senseless violence end.
- o **Diane Tropila** as she recovers from an injury
- o **Bertha D'Amico**
- o **Terry**
- o **Bea Reynolds and Eleanor Fentiman** who reside at the Reformed Church Home, 1990 Rt. 18 North, Old Bridge, NJ 08857; we pray for **Bea who has resumed rehab; may Bea find continued healing and renewed physical strength.**
- o **Evelyn & Allen Levan** who are now residing at a care facility: AristaCare at Norwood Terrace, 40 Norwood Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060 - Room 225
- o **the Lee family** - living in South Korea
- o **George Chin**
- o **Ellie Berrey**
- o **Lynn** who is dealing with cancer
- o **Allen Tropila** and **Olga Tropila** for health concerns
- o **David**, nephew of Carol Sudol

To Continue to Intercede for:

- o **Wendy**, Carol & Michael Sudol's daughter, who has back problems
- o **For all who need prayers but are not listed**

Men and Women Who Serve in the Military and Their Families

- o We pray for our **soldiers** as they serve and protect.
- o **Andy Goodberlet** (Marines)

In the World

- o We pray for **the victims of the tsunami in Indonesia**
- o We pray for **the innocent and vulnerable children who have been separated from their parents at the border.**
- o We pray for this world and **for all whom suffering, loss, homelessness, hunger, and lack of basic freedoms are unrelenting.**
- o We pray for **refugees throughout the world.**
- o We pray for the **immigrants and the Dreamers.**
- o We pray for **all who seek sanctuary.** We pray for **peace.**
- o **We pray that we treat one another with respect and kindness.**

Suggested Scripture Readings for the Coming Week:

Sun., Jan. 13 Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Mon. Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17

Tues. Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21

Wed. Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36

Thurs. Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24

Fri. Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Sat. Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23

Sun., Jan. 20 Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11