

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17 Second Sunday in Lent
10:30 A.M. Worship and Communion
11:30 A.M. Coffee Hour and Fellowship
12:00 P.M. Indonesian Language Service
12:30 P.M. Sunday School
5:00 P.M. Love of Jesus Indian Family Church

Tuesday, March 19
6:45 P.M. Bible Study (chapel)
7:30 P.M. Zumba (Fellowship Hall)

Wed., March 20
6:00 P.M. International Choir (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M. Intercessory & Healing Prayer (chapel)

Thursday, March 21
7:30 P.M. Zumba (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 22
8:00 P.M. **Young Adult Praise & Worship**
 (Meeting in the sanctuary)

Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday in Lent
10:30 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Coffee Hour and Fellowship
12:00 P.M. Indonesian Language Service
12:30 P.M. Sunday School
5:00 P.M. Love of Jesus Indian Family Church

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 and Rev. Ancela Rumokoy are leading the service.

Following worship this morning, 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 12:30 - 1:15 P.M. (2nd - 5th Sundays)

Children 3-years and older are invited to Sunday School. The children meet for 45 minutes (12:30 - 1:15 P.M.) on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday (in months that include 5 Sundays). For more information, please speak to Donna Dingle, Director of Faith Formation for Children and Youth.

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

Praise, Prayer and Christian Rock! Our young adult fellowship, led by Pastor Fransisca and Leo Poluan, 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 the

sanctuary every Friday, unless announced. Assemble in the Lake Ave. lobby between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M.

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.

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.

Art with Heart: Art Auction to Support Dina's Dwellings - March 31

Dina's Dwellings, located in New Brunswick at The First Reformed Church, houses survivors of domestic violence. **On Sunday, March 31 at 2:00 P.M. an art auction to raise funds for Dina's Dwellings will be held at Sophie's Bistro, 700 Hamilton St., Somerset, NJ.** Tickets: \$20.00 Light refreshments are included. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to townclockcdc.org. Auction proceeds will support Town Clock CDC, which provides permanent, supportive and affordable homes to survivors of domestic violence and their children at Dina's Dwellings.

Reformed Church in America Volunteer Opportunities

For short-term or long-term volunteer work throughout the U.S. and world-wide, visit www.rca.org/volunteers. Many opportunities within the US and longer global needs and locations are listed in detail.

Camp Warwick Summer Camp for Grades 3 - 12

Camp Warwick, owned and operated by the Synods of the Mid-Atlantics and New York of the Reformed Church in America, announces its 2019 summer overnight camp weeks: June 23 through July 21. Brochures are available in the church office or you may go to www.campwarwick.org for detailed information and to print registration forms.

Creative Dramatics/Comedy Camp Summer 2019

All Children's Theatre announces their summer program at The Reformed Church of Metuchen July 29 - August 9, 2019. This year's Creative Dramatics/Comedy Camp is geared for children ages 6-17 who want to create, develop, write and perform in their own show and create the scenery as well. Times are as follows: Drop-off: 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.; Camp Program: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.; Pick Up: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. Total Camp Fee: \$645.00 (Reformed Church members eligible for a 10% discount - use PROMO CODE: MET19). For additional information and to download a summer camp registration form, please visit All Children's Theatre web site at www.allchildrenstheatre.org.

Classical Assessment per Confessing Member: \$118.75

The 2019 Classical Assessment per Confessing Member is \$118.75. Four envelopes for quarterly payments of the Classical Assessment are included in each Offering box. The Classical Assessment supports the operation and benevolences of the wider Reformed Church in America. The church is required to pay the assessment whether or not individual members contribute. The total assessment for 2019 for The Reformed Church of Metuchen is \$8,906.25.

Computation of 2019 Assessment

General Synod	54.22
Regional Synod of Mid-Atlantics	22.73
Classis of New Brunswick	<u>41.80</u>
	\$118.75

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 **Yurike Ransun and Reinhard Lolong** as they mourn the loss of Yurike's mother, **Lilly Liando Kalengkongan, SE** on February 19.
- o **Mary Ann**, 6-year-old, recovering from heart surgery
- o **Chrissy Tarrant**
- o **Ryan Tarrant**
- 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 **Tina Tropila** who is has been diagnosed with heart failure, lung disease and kidney problems; we pray for God's loving comfort
- 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., Mar. 17 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

Mon. Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

Tues. Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed. Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31

Thurs. Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11

Fri. Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6

Sat. Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45

Sun., Mar. 24 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9