

**W**elcome to the Reformed Church of Metuchen. We hope that your spirit is nourished by our worship service.

**The sanctuary is open for worship. This service is also streaming live through our Facebook page.**

*For the live-stream, please go to [www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed](http://www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed).*

**Rev. Ancela Fransisca Rumokoy, Pastor is leading the service.**

#### NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 2, 2021

#### **Donations to the Church through PayPal Giving Fund Website Link and PayPal App**

Donations to the church can be made through the church website ([www.rcmetuchen.org](http://www.rcmetuchen.org)) using the **Give** link found on the homepage footer and at the drop-down menu under Connect. The **Give** link takes you directly to the church's PayPal Giving Fund account. This is a free account; no fees are charged to the person making the donation or to the church. Using this link, you may donate using your own personal PayPal account, a credit card or a bank debit card.

You may also make your **weekly donation using the PayPal App displayed in the narthex and church lobby**. The PayPal Scan. Pay. Go. App is displayed on the table as you enter the narthex and on the table in the lobby.

#### **North Sulawesi, Indonesia Flooding Emergency**

Torrential rains fell in northeastern Indonesia for four days beginning January 14, causing floods that have devastated houses, claimed lives, and destroyed livelihood. The National disaster Mitigation Agency reports that there are 6 people dead. The disaster occurred again after the rain flooded the city of Manado again on January 21, claiming 3 more lives, one missing, and approximately 2000 displaced. The Indonesian province of North Sulawesi is home to many Christian and Catholic communities, much higher in proportion to the rest of the Muslim majority nation.

A monetary collection to aid the victims of the flood is being received by The Reformed Church of Metuchen. If you wish to make a donation towards the North Sulawesi Flood Victims, please note on your offering envelope and on the memo line of your check.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 2**      **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 A.M.**      **United Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
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- 12:00 P.M.**      **Memorial Service for Albert Kotel**
- 2:00 P.M.**      **Consistory**
- 5:00 P.M.**      Love of Jesus Family Indian Church (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
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- Sunday, May 9**      **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 A.M.**      **Worship Service in the Sanctuary - English Language**  
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- 12:00 P.M.**      **Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Indonesian Language**  
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For online viewing: [www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed](http://www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed)
- 5:00 P.M.**      Love of Jesus Family Indian Church (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
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- Looking Ahead:  
**Tuesday, May 11**      **Cooking for Ozanam Family Shelter**

## ***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 [rmetuchen@msn.com](mailto:rmetuchen@msn.com).

### In Sorrow with:

- o **Marcel Aseng**, on the **passing of his mother, Maritje Mongilala**, on April 28 in Sonder, North Sulawesi, Indonesia; our deep sympathy goes out to Marcel and his family.
- o **Vera Kotel and Billy Lasut**, on the **passing of Albert Kotel, Vera's father**, on April 16; our deep sympathy goes out to Vera and Billy and all of Albert's family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at the church on May 2.

*We know that nothing in life or death will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

### For Intercession and Healing for:

- o **Marie**
- o **Peggy**, a friend of the Washuta family, who suffered a major stroke; we pray for Peggy's recovery, and for her daughters and family as they help Peggy to recover.
- o **Steven Mandagi and family** as they mourn the loss of Yohan Mandagi, father of Steven, on January 27, 2021
- o **Karen León**
- o **All COVID-19 victims here and around the world**
- o **Brian Beam**
- o **Marge Viquerat**
- o **Allen Levan** who resides at: AristaCare at Norwood Terrace, 40 Norwood Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060 - Room 225.
- o **Rose's father-in-law** who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- o **Chrissy Tarrant**
- o **Ryan Tarrant**
- o **Paul Matyas** who was diagnosed with cancer; we pray for Paul's healing and recovery
- o **Mary Beth Boyle**
- o **Diane Tropila**
- o **Allen Tropila and Olga Tropila** for health concerns

### 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.

### In the World

- o **the family of George Floyd and that the cruelty of his death be a call to all of us**
- o the **victims** of the violence in **Syria and the Mid-East**

- o We pray for the **families of victims of mass shootings** throughout the world; we pray that this tragic and senseless violence ends.
- o We pray for **the victims of natural & manmade disasters**
- 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.**

In Thanksgiving for:

- o **All the Essential Workers: Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Police, Fire and Safety Officers, Warehouse and Delivery Workers, Supermarket Workers, Public Works Workers, and the Many Workers who have provided services to their communities during the pandemic; We also give thanks for the many volunteers who give their time at food pantries, delivering groceries to the homebound and the many other volunteers who are available and willing to help. God bless them all.**

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

— **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,**

**Suggested Scripture Readings for the Coming Week:**

**Sun., May 2 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8**  
 Mon. Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26  
 Tues. Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18  
 Wed. Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31  
 Thurs. Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34  
 Fri. Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43  
 Sat. Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45  
**Sun., May 9 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17**